

**KUNTHAVAI NAACCHIYAAR GOVERNMENT ARTS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
(AUTONOMOUS), THANJAVUR**
(Affiliated to Bharathidasan University - Tiruchirappalli)



INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

Kunthavai Naacchiyaar Government Arts College for Women, situated in the vibrant heart of Thanjavur, stands out for its commitment to providing value-based education to women, particularly those from rural backgrounds. Our institution, a beacon of higher education, is distinguished by its inclusive approach and innovative educational initiatives, reflecting a deep dedication to empowering first-generation learners and nurturing holistic development.

Core Distinctive Features

1. Empowering Rural Students

- Our college's strategic location in Thanjavur's Cauvery Delta Region allows us to serve students from rural areas effectively. We prioritize delivering quality education at an affordable cost, aiming to uplift first-generation learners and those from economically backward communities. The institution's commitment to making education accessible and impactful is central to its mission.
- Even though there are many colleges located in other districts, students from more than 15 districts seek admission every year in the institution is a testament to the quality of education provided in the college. The presence of college hostel and welfare hostel inside the campus ensures safety to the girl students. Nearly 800 students stay in the hostels inside the campus.

2. Innovative Educational Programs

- **ISRO-IIRS Distance Learning Programme:** Since June 2021, we have been a pivotal hub for the ISRO-IIRS Distance Learning Programme. This initiative aims to enhance geospatial awareness among students across disciplines. By offering comprehensive courses in Remote Sensing, Geographical Information Systems (GIS), and Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS), we have empowered students with advanced technological skills. Since its inception, the ISRO-IIRS Distance Learning Programme has seen enthusiastic participation from students across diverse departments, such as Geography, History, Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, Physics, and Computer Science. Over the past three academic years, we have conducted a total of 18 courses, with significant participation and certificate attainment:

Academic Year 2021-2022: 7 courses, 50 participants, 35 certificates awarded
Academic Year 2022-2023: 6 courses, 79 participants, 43 certificates awarded
Academic Year 2023-2024: 5 courses, 65 participants, 30 certificates awarded

- **SWAYAM-NPTEL Online Courses:** As a nodal center for SWAYAM-NPTEL since 2021, our college has offered 121 online courses to 572 students, with 79 completing their courses successfully. This initiative provides access to high-quality education through digital platforms, bridging gaps for rural students and enhancing their learning experiences. The breakdown of participation and certificates awarded across the three academic years is as follows:

Academic Year 2021-2022: 25 courses, 113 participants, 20 certificates awarded
Academic Year 2022-2023: 72 courses, 357 participants, 39 certificates awarded
Academic Year 2023-2024: 24 courses, 102 participants, 20 certificates awarded

3. Commitment to Student Welfare and Safety

The college ensures the safety and well-being of its students through various measures:

- **Hostel Facilities:** Our on-campus College Hostels and Welfare Hostels accommodate nearly 800 students, ensuring a secure and supportive environment.
- **Safety Measures:** Regular police patrols, awareness programs on cybercrime, and the installation of the Kavalan App contribute to a safe campus atmosphere.

4. Career Development and Employability Enhancement

- **Career Counseling and Training:** The institution provides comprehensive career counseling, including skill training in soft skills, competitive exams, resume building, and interview preparation. External experts are frequently invited to enhance employability.
- **Entrepreneurial Development Cell:** This cell fosters innovation and entrepreneurial skills, encouraging students to develop and present their creative ideas.
- The District Employment and Career Guidance Centre in Thanjavur conducts classes for the students to attend competitive examinations. Study materials and references are provided to the students.

5. Academic Excellence and Industry Linkages

- **Qualified Faculty and ICT Integration:** Our faculty, with extensive experience and qualifications, utilize ICT tools to enhance the learning experience and foster higher-order thinking skills.
- **Industry Collaborations:** We maintain robust college-industry linkages through Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs). This collaboration includes hands-on training, industrial visits, and internships, aligning education with industry needs.

6. Community Engagement and Social Responsibility

- **The social skills** are nurtured through the extension activities at the college. The students are exposed to the diverse social structure and their issues, particularly in the neighboring areas. The students undertake activities of spreading social awareness about various burning topics such as cancer awareness, drug awareness, women health, Swatch Bharat, tree plantation etc. While doing so, they also become aware of the issues of the society and think on probable measures to solve them.
- **Extension Activities:** Through various clubs and programs such as NSS, Leo Club, Rotoract Club, and Exnora, students engage in community service activities. These initiatives focus on spreading awareness on critical social issues like cancer, drug abuse, women's health, and environmental sustainability.
- **Our alumni** have distinguished themselves as educators, professionals, politicians, civil servants, and entrepreneurs, making significant contributions to society and the nation. Many of them continue to serve within our institution, taking on dual roles as both teachers and technocrats, thereby playing a crucial part in the institution's development and success.

7. Support for Sports and Cultural Development

- Another important aspect of institutional distinctiveness is its support for sports and cultural activities. The college recognizes that students need platforms to develop their physical, social and cultural skills, along with their academic abilities. It provides a range of sports facilities and opportunities for students to participate in various cultural activities. Our students actively participate in district, state, and national-level competitions, achieving notable success and bringing pride to the institution.

Kunthavai Naacchiyaar Government Arts College for Women distinguishes itself through its unwavering commitment to inclusive education, innovative programs, and comprehensive student support. Our focus on academic excellence, career readiness, community service, and overall student development underscores our role as a leading institution dedicated to nurturing well-rounded, empowered women who are ready to make a significant impact in their communities and beyond.
