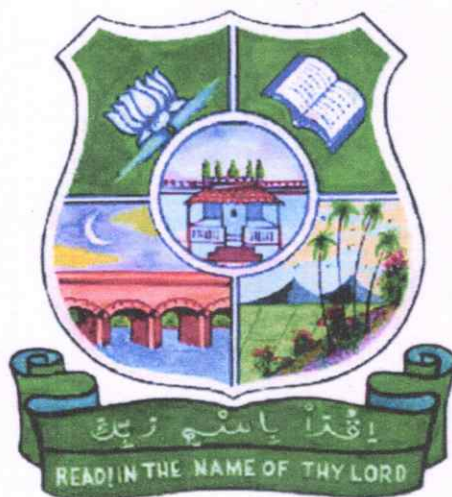


# **HAJEE KARUTHA ROWTHER HOWDIA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)**

Affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai,  
Re-Accredited with A++ Grade by NAAC (3rd Cycle), ISO 9001:2015,  
Uthamapalayam (Post), Theni (District), Tamil Nadu.



## **EXTERNAL ACADEMIC AUDIT REPORT**

**2022-2023**

**05<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

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We the external academic auditors are very much pleased to make the following observations.

### **Qualitative initiatives of IQAC**

- Enhanced the salary of unaided Teaching and Non-teaching staff members.
- Non-teaching staff members had been appointed in the Dean's office, common computer lab, and various departments.
- The main building's ground floor has been fully renovated.
- The existing computers in the Founder's Memorial Auditorium and Smart Classroom have been upgraded with high-configured computers with an uninterrupted power supply.
- The personal counsellor's and IGNOU Office had been renovated.
- Periodical efforts are made to submit reports for NIRF and AISHE.

### **Functions of COE Office**

'FLAIR', software developed by a company called 'CLAIR VOYANT' was used by the office of the Controller of Examinations for the course assigning to programmes, class-wise strength, communication address, attendance percentage collection, and tracking of examination fees, preparation of examinations time table, entry of internal and external marks and retrieving the examination results in the required formats such as pass percentage, result analysis, part wise result analysis, consolidated mark statements, results of the students up to a particular semester and the department copy of examinations result. The students can access their portal by using a unique username and password. The accounts management in the software facilitates fee collection and related reports. The results of the semester examinations are published online within 10 days from the last date of the examination.

### **Status of Curriculum Design and Development**

- The 9th Academic Council Meeting approved the Implementation of Outcome Based Education (OBE).
- OBE, was introduced to assess the learning output of the students from the academic year 2020-2021.



- Relevant to the Local, National, Regional, and Global developmental needs, the structure and curricula were reworked for achieving Programme Educational Outcomes (PEOs), Programme Outcomes (POs), Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs), and Course Outcomes (COs) and the ideal combination of all these outcomes are offered in all programmes.
- Educational tours were organized in various departments as an integral part of the curriculum for the knowledge enrichment and experimental learning of the students.
- The students of Zoology, Computer Science, and B.Com CA took part in an Internship programme.

### **Status of Teaching and Learning**

- All 82 Classrooms, Seminar Halls and Smart Classrooms had been equipped with LCD Projectors.
- The entire campus had been networked with above 50 Mbps Wi-fi connectivity speed.
- To promote Blended learning ICT tools such as LED Projectors, Laptops, LMS, DELNET, E-Library, and Google Apps like Google Meet for online classes, Google Classroom, and Google Forms for internal tests were used.
- 3 Computer Labs, an English Language Lab and a Common Lab with Internet connectivity, and a fully Automated Library are available.
- A fully equipped Media Centre had been functioning to create and develop E-content.
- The E- contents prepared by the Teaching staff were published on the college website.
- SWAYAM and MOOCs online courses are completed by Teaching staff and students were encouraged to enroll themselves in online courses.
- The institution collected feedback from stakeholders such as Students, Faculty, Parents, and Alumni. The received feedback from the stakeholders enabled to design the curriculum effectively.
- A faculty member from the Department of Tamil has qualified NET and 4 faculty members had completed SWAYAM/NPTEL courses during this academic year.
- 17 faculty members attended Refresher Courses and 14 faculty members completed Short Term Courses in various universities.

## **Status of Research and Innovations**

- One faculty member received the D.Litt award during the current academic year.
- Six faculty members were awarded Ph. Ds during this academic year.
- Six faculty members have submitted their Ph.D. dissertations, and five faculty members have registered for Ph.D. programs in the current academic year.
- A total of 16 books, 6 edited books, and 4 book chapters with ISBNs were published.
- A noteworthy total of 72 research articles were published in journals listed under Referred/ SCOPUS/ Web of Science/ UGC CARE.

## **Status of Infrastructure of the College**

- The college provides modern technologies and amenities for the benefit of the Staff and students to enhance their teaching and learning efficiency.
- Ramps were built at the entrance of all buildings.
- Renovated the dining hall for men students.
- Toilets for the differently abled were constructed.
- The college canteen was renovated.
- Fire extinguishers were installed in proper places in all the buildings.
- Banisters are provided in all the staircases for the safety of differently abled students.
- The Campus is Green, Eco-friendly, Tobacco Free and Plastic Free.
- A digital display board was installed in the college.
- E-Service, a student self-service facility, was established.
- Bio-Gas Plant had been installed.
- The Ground Floor of Administrative Block had been fully renovated.
- The CIAE and Deans offices had been renovated and equipped.
- The Personal Counsellor's and IGNOU Office had been renovated.
- The existing computers in the Founder's Memorial Auditorium and Smart Classroom had been upgraded.



### **Status of Student's Support and Progression**

- A separate mentor had been assigned for each class.
- The mentor monitors the student's Academic progress periodically.
- The students were provided with proper guidelines from the mentors of their respective classes.
- The slow learners were given special attention through remedial classes.
- Student Induction Programme (SIP) was conducted for the freshers and given orientation in their department and informed about the Mission and Vision, Code of Conduct, Student- Support Services, and Part — V activities of the college.
- Funds through Baithulmal and the Students Welfare Fund were provided to the financially weaker students.
- The student council had been functioning in the institution providing powerful leadership skills and learning opportunities to the students.

### **Status of Library**

- The college General Library has a total number of more than 56, 741 books.
- The college has an Integrated Library Management system which is extensively used to keep track of the inventory of books, footfalls, purchases, and subject/author-wise availability.
- Issuance and receipt of the books are done through barcode readers.
- DELNET, N-LIST, and INFLIBNET facilities had been provided in the Library.
- A total of 53 Journals and 42 Magazines were subscribed.
- Faculty and students were given remote access to E-resources of the Library.

### **Activities of the National Service Scheme**

- The National Service Schemes units of the college had been rendering commendable service by involving the volunteers in many social supporting activities.
- The NSS units in accordance with the state-wide initiative launched by the Government of Tamil Nadu conducted an Awareness Programme with the title Drive and Pledge – Drug Free Tamil Nadu on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022. More than 100 volunteers took the pledge against drug abuse.

- The NSS units celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day by conducting Street Play with the volunteers.
- The NSS units organized a Book Donation Camp and 120 units of blood were donated to the Periyakulam Blood Bank and another 50 units to Government Hospital Cumbum.
- The NSS units conducted National Nutrition Programme – Poshan Abhiyan on 27<sup>th</sup> September in it the director of ICDS delivered a lecture on consuming nutritious food for a healthy lifestyle.
- The NSS units commemorated World Rabies Day on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in coordination with the Department of Public and Health, Tamil Nadu, and in the program Dr. Gopalakrishnan, Government Primary Health Centre, Kombai highlighted the significance of Rabies Vaccination.
- The NSS units from 12<sup>th</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 organized various programs such as Voters' Awareness, Fire Accident, Free Deepavali, Orientation Programme, Clean India 2.0, OLD Age Home visit, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Rally, Pongal Celebration, Vehicle Emission Testing Camp, Nature walk, etc and the volunteers were the beneficiary.
- The NSS units adopted three villages – Karukodai, Ambasamuthiram, Pudur. The TANGEDCO TNEB Aadhar linking Campaign was conducted at Karukodai on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022.
- The NSS units in association with the Postal department, the Aadhar Enrollment, Correction, and Updation camp were organized on 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The students, Staff, and the Public were beneficial.
- The NSS units organized a rally on Voters' Day in the presence of Mr. R. Palpandi, RDO, and Mr. K. Chandrasekaran, Thasildar, Uthamapalayam on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- The NSS units organized an awareness programme entitled 'NLEP – SPARSH 2023', in it Dr. G. Ruban Raj, DDVL, and Dr. M. Gopalakrishnan Medical Officer, Kombai informed the students to spread awareness on Leprosy among the public on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
- The NSS volunteer G. Dhanuskodi of II B.A (English), participated in the State Republic Day Parade in Chennai.
- Four of our NSS volunteers have undergone training in Disaster Management held at Bharath Niketan Engineering College, Aundipatty from 19<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
- Twenty-four NSS volunteers participated in Tamil Valarchi Satta Vaara Vizha at Theni.



### **Programmes of Youth Red Cross (YRC)**

- The Youth Red Cross conducted a Poster Making Competition to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022, intending to create awareness of Drug Abuse.
- The YRC organized a motivational speech on “Swami Vivekananda: The Eternal Youth Icon of India” to commemorate National Youth Day on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
- The YRC conducted a Mime Show to create Environmental Awareness on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and the YRC volunteers showcased their performance.

### **Programmes of Red Ribbon Club (RRC)**

- RRC conducted a Poetry Writing Competition to create awareness on “Drug Abuse - A Social Evil” on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022.
- RRC observed World AIDS Day by conducting a Group Discussion on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
- RRC commemorated Environmental Awareness on 25<sup>th</sup> January and 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 by conducting Essay Writing Competition and Pencil Writing Competition respectively.

### **Citizen Consumer Club**

- Citizen Consumer Club conducted Logo designing, Slogan Writing, and Tag Line Competitions on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022 to create awareness of Drug Addiction.
- Citizen Consumer Club organized an awareness programme entitled “Recent Trends in Consumerism” for the volunteers on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### **Health and Fitness Club**

- Health and Fitness club organized a National Level Seminar entitled “The Role of Immunity Enhancers through Natural Medicines during Pandemic” on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and commemorated the "International Day of Epilepsy" the Chief guests were Dr. Rajendra Kumar and Dr. Rathnamala, Siddha Research Institute, Puducherry, and Dr. A. Swaminathan M.D., Assistant Medical Officer, Government Hospital, Uthamapalayam addressed the volunteers.
- Health and Fitness Club organized a Workshop on “Health and Wellness through AYUSH” on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023, Dr. Sirajudeen, Siddha Medical Officer, Cumbum addressed the students.

### **Activities of Eco Club**

- Eco Club conducted Online Slogan Contest and Online Quiz Programme from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.
- Eco Club showcased a Documentary Short Film on Plastic Pollution to the volunteers on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022.
- The eco club organized a 'Saplings Plantation Programme' on the theme of "Protect Our Environment" at Hajee Karutha Rowther Howdia College Uthamapalayam on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

### **Activities of Science and Communication Club**

- Science Communication Club organized a science awareness programme to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022, and various competitions were conducted.
- Science Communication Club conducted a workshop on "Green Technology / Green Products for Remediation of Waste Water" on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The volunteers benefited.

### **Programmes of Fine Arts Club**

- Fine Arts Club in accordance with the instruction of the Tamil Nadu State Government conducted Oratorical Competition for creating awareness on Drug Abuse on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022.
- Fine Arts Club conducted Rangoli Competition on the eve of Onam to the volunteers on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
- Fine Arts Club in association with "Andril Illakkiya Suttram", conducted Literary Competition for Higher Secondary School students, in Cumbum.

### **Programmes of Youth Welfare Wing**

- Youth Welfare Wing in association with "Andril Illakkiya Suttram" organized an Intercollegiate Literary Competition for the college students of Theni District on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
- The students of the Youth Welfare Wing Participated and bagged prizes in the District level Literary Competition conducted as a part of the Independence Day celebrations by Bharathi Illakkiya Peravai, Cumbum on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022.



## **General suggestions of the external auditors for the further development**

- The number of MoUs with professional bodies shall be increased.
- Staff members may be encouraged to apply for Major/ Minor projects sponsored by UGC/ other agencies.
- Staff members should be motivated to publish articles/ research papers in UGC CARE/Peer- reviewed/SCOPUS/Web of Science journals.
- Faculties may be encouraged to become members of various Professional/Academic bodies.
- Allocation of the seed money shall be increased to facilitate research and administrative activities.
- Staff members shall be motivated to undergo online courses available in SWAYAM and MOOCS.
- Skill development programmes shall be increased.

We express our gratitude to the Management, Principal and the IQAC of the College for allowing us to access the academic performance of the college. Similarly, we are grateful to all the members of the staff both teaching and non-teaching for their kind cooperation.

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