

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Rani Anna Government College for Women

(Accredited with NAAC A grade with a CGPA of 3.12 out of 4 in the third cycle)



Tirunelveli – 627 008



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About the Department

The Botany department was started as an allied department in 1983 with two teaching staff. It is elevated as a Major B.Sc. Botany department from June 2012. Master of Botany started in the subsequent academic year 2013 - 2014. Now the department has 9 teaching and 2 non-teaching faculty members. They are dynamic, highly resourceful and dedicated for the student community. All teaching staff is got their doctoral degree. Dr. A. Saravana Ganthi is the Head of the Department.

The department has infrastructure such as a Department library, a well equipped UG lab and PG Lab, a separate Microbiology and Plant Tissue culture lab. The new equipment such as PCR, Gel Doc, Refrigerated centrifuge, UV Visible spectrophotometer, Computer-aided microscope, etc., are available. The department housed a lot of museum specimens. The growth of the department is highly admirable.

The Department has admitted 48 students in UG and 20 students in PG every year. The admission process is purely merit based, according to the guidelines of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Teaching Staff

| Name | Designation | Area of specialization |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Dr. A. Saravana Ganthi | Assistant Professor | Taxonomy, Medicinal Botany |
| Dr. T. Hemalatha | Assistant Professor | Pharmacognosy |
| Dr. V. Murugiah | Assistant Professor | Plant Biotechnology, Plant Physiology |
| Dr. G.S. Rekha | Assistant Professor | Molecular Biology |
| Dr. P.S. Shajeela | Assistant Professor | Pharmacology |
| Dr. C. Filma Louis | Assistant Professor | Reproductive Biology |
| Dr. P. Leela | Assistant Professor | Plant Physiology |
| Dr. S. Subha | Guest Lecturer | Pharmacognosy |
| Dr. R. Manju | PTA Lecturer | Phytochemistry and Microbiology |

Student details

| Academic year | Course | Year | OC | BC | BCM | MBC | SC | ST | Total | Physically challenged |
|------------------|--------|--------|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|-------|-----------------------|
| 2019 - | UG | I TM | - | 10 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 26 | |
| 2020 | | I EM | 1 | 14 | - | 6 | 6 | - | 27 | |
| | | II | 1 | 12 | 1 | 7 | 6 | | 27 | - |
| | | III TM | - | 9 | 1 | 7 | 8 | | 25 | - |
| | | III EM | - | 9 | 1 | 6 | 7 | - | 23 | - |
| | | I TM | 1 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 26 | - |
| | PG | I | - | 11 | | 3 | 3 | | 17 | - |
| | | II | | 11 | | 4 | 4 | | 19 | |

Student progression

| Course | Number of student appear for final examination | Number of students passed | Percentage against enrolled | Number of students with 60% and above |
|--------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| UG | 49 | 46 | 94% | 46 |
| PG | 19 | 19 | 100 | 19 |

Student Scholarship

| Academic year | Course | ВС | SC | Bheedi | Tamil Medium fund | Any other | Merit |
|---------------|--------|----|----|--------|----------------------|-----------|-------|
| 2019 - 2020 | I UG | 26 | 11 | 1 | - | 7 Uzhawar | - |
| | II UG | 16 | 12 | 1 | - | | 1 |
| | III UG | 20 | 9 | 5 | | - | - |
| | I PG | 7 | 3 | 4 | | - | - |
| | II PG | 13 | 4 | 2 | | 4 Uzhawar | - |

Student Achievements (outside campus)

| Student Name | Programme | Organised by | Date | Achievement |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| Priyadharshini P. Priya | BIOWIZ – 2019 | St. Xavier's College | 25-09- | third prize in the |
| and Muthulakshmi E | | Palayamkottai | 2019 | foliar arrangement |
| V. Chelladurachi | Yoga | Vivekansra Kendra, | 23-11- | First Prize |
| | Competition | Kanyakumari | 2019 | |
| M. Malathi | Gloriosa – 2019 | Sri Parasakthi College, | 18-12- | II prize in flower |
| | | Courtallum | 2019 | arrangement |
| R. Anitha | | | | III prize in vegetable |
| | | | | carving |
| V. Revathi | | | | III B.Sc. won III prize |
| | | | | in Photography |
| H. Tamilarasi and M. | | | | II prize in Quiz |
| Abirami | | | | Competition |
| M. Malathi & E. | Palymyra Fest | Dept. of Plant Science, | | I st prize in flower |
| Muthulakshmi | | M.S. University | | arrangement |
| Tamilarasi M. | | | | third prize in Plant |
| | | | | Identification |
| M. Abirami | Essay writing | Tamil Nadu | 08-03- | III Prize |
| | competition | Archeological | 2020 | |
| | | Department and | | |
| | | Museum, Tirunelveli | | |
| I. Saraswathy | Drawing | Government Museum, | 11-03- | First prize |
| | competition | Tirunelveli | 2020 | |

Student Paper presentation in Seminars/ Conferences/Workshops (outside campus)

| Student Name | Title of the paper | Title of the | Organised by | Date |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------|
| | | seminar | | |
| A. Indhumathy | Tree Diversity on Campus of | National Seminar | Sadakathullah | 19-06- |
| II M. Sc. | District Collector Office, | on | Appa College, | 2020 |
| | Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu | "Environmental | Palayamkottai | |
| P. Essakki | Diversity of tree species in the | Protection and | | |
| Revathy | District Science Centre campus, | sustainability | | |
| I M. Sc | Tirunelveli | | | |
| A. Indhumathy | The roadside tree diversity and its | Gloriosa – 2019 | Sri Parasakthi | 18 – 12 |
| II M. Sc | importance in Tirunelveli | | College, | - 2019 |
| | corporation area, Tamil Nadu | | Courtallum | |

Awards received by students

| Name of the student | Name of Award | Year | Awarding agency |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| R. Priyadharshini of III | Kavithai Kaviyarasu Virudhu – | 15 - 08 - | Kaviyarasar Kalai Tamil |
| B.Sc. | 2019 | 2019 | Sangam Namakkal. |
| | Illakiya Ezilarasu Virudhu – 2019 | | |
| Abirami - of III B.Sc. | Kavithai Kaviyarasu Virudhu – | 15 - 08 - | Kaviyarasar Kalai Tamil |
| | 2019 | 2019 | Sangam Namakkal |
| | Mani Murasu Viridhu - 2019 | | |
| | Illakiya Ezilarasu Virudhu – 2019 | | |
| Abirami A | Best Essay writer award | 26-02-2020 | Rani Anna Govt. College |
| V. Chelladurachi of III | Vivekananda Award – 2020 | 12 - 01 - | 158 th Vivekananda Birth |
| B.Sc | | 2020 | celebration – 2020 |

Ph.D. scholars awarded doctorate

| Name of the Guide | Name of the Scholar | O | Year of Completion | Name of the University |
|------------------------|---------------------|------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Dr. A. Saravana Ganthi | P. Rajasekar | 9439 | 20-12-2019 | M. S. University Tirunelveli |

Refresher course attended

| Name | Institution | Level / | Date |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| | | sponsor | |
| Dr. G.S. Rekha | Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai | UGC | 18 - 12-2018 to 07-01-2019. |
| Dr. P. Leela | Human Resource development centre, | UGC | 16-11-2018 to 06-12-2018. |
| | Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai. | | |

Botany Association Activities



Campus Cleaning

On 06 – 02 – 2020, Botany Association meeting was organized. Dr. Kandasamy, Botanist, Nellai wildlife sanctuary, district forest and wildlife warden, Tirunelveli was the chief guest. Topic –Conservation of Biodiversity in Western Ghats.

Extension activities

| Name of the Faculty | Title of the talk | Date | Institute |
|---------------------------|---|----------------|--|
| Dr. A. Saravana Ganthi | Entrepreneurship programme | 04 - 08 - 2019 | Bodhi Tree Centre, Sivalingapuram Village, Tirunelveli |
| | Home-made useful products product preparation | 05-12-2019 | Aayyan Kulam village, Tirunelveli |

Medicinal Plants Exhibition organized



18 – 02 – 2020 to 20 – 02 – 2020 Medicinal plants exhibition organized in the Department. Students from 5 schools and 4 colleges and public also visited the exhibition.









Educational tour



On 03 – 09- 2019 – I M. Sc. Botany students went for educational tour to Tuticorin coast for the Algal Collection.



04 I M.Sc. and II M.Sc. students' research institute visit to Coimbatore on 06 – 03 – 2020.



on 09 – 08 – 2019 – II M.Sc. students went for taxonomy field study to Vasudevanallor and Courtallum.

University rank holders

| Student | Course | Position | student | Course | Position | | |
|---------------|--------|------------------|-------------------|--------|-----------------|--|--|
| SANTHINI | B.SC | 1 st | K.VELLANKANNI | M.Sc., | 2^{nd} | | |
| ESAKKIREVATHY | B.SC | 5 th | A.MANIKANDESHWARI | M.Sc. | 5 th | | |
| PYARI JAN | B.SC | 18 th | P.SANGEETHA | M.Sc., | 7^{th} | | |

Outreach Program



On 15 - 02 - 2020, II B. Sc. Botany students went for outreach program to Tamil Nadu Government Social welfare department. Children Home, Rediyarpatti, Tenkasi District.





Pongal Festival

