



# V.O.CHIDAMBARAM COLLEGE

Reaccredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade- CGPA of 3.31/4

Ranked 30<sup>th</sup> Position at National Level in NIRF 2022

Thoothukudi – 628008, Tamilnadu, India

**Prospectus**

**Admission 2023-2024**

## About the College

V.O.Chidambaram College, a PG and Research centre, is one of the landmarks of Southern Tamilnadu and has been halls of knowledge in the pearl harbour of India, Tuticorin. V.O.Chidambaram College, instituted by the eminent scholar & philanthropist, Kulapathy A.P.C.Veerabahu in July 1951, is a remarkable tribute to the Indian freedom fighter & great Tamil scholar V.O.Chidambaram. This college was started with a missionary zeal of throwing open the portals of higher education to all, irrespective of caste, creed & gender. The college was started not as a commercial venture, for the glory of a particular family or community but to cater to the educational needs of the youth of Thoothukudi district particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. Many renowned Prime Ministers, Chief Ministers, Governors, vice chancellors, scientists and many state and central ministers have visited our institution since its inception.

Setup 70 years ago, as an intermediate college with just 18 teachers & 196 students, today the college has traversed a strenuous path growing into titanic heights to almost a mini university, offering meaningful education with about 14 UG & 12 PG courses, churning out 1,50,000 graduates till today. Ten departments have been elevated as research departments. Alumni have been occupying prestigious positions in various government and private sectors proud to mention the Vice chancellors, Dr. K. Pitchumani, Dr.Chandrasekar, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University and Dr.P.Manishankar, Bharathidasan University.



## About V.O.Chidambaram

Our college has been named after the great patriot and Tamil scholar V.O.Chidambaram. He was born on 5 September 1872 in Ottapidaram, then Tirunelveli District (now Thoothukudi District) of Tamilnadu. He was the eldest son of lawyer Olaganathan Pillai and Paramayee Ammal. He studied Law in Thiruchirapalli and passed his Pleadership exam in 1894. He practised law in Thoothukudi.

In 1892, V.O.Chidambaram was influenced by Tilak and became his disciple. Along with Subramanya Siva and Subramanya Bharathi, he became a prominent spokesperson for the cause in Madras Presidency. In 1905, he entered politics, joining the Indian National Congress and taking a hardliner stance. He also presided at the Salem District Congress session.

The college has been built on the strong platforms of the hardships encountered and accomplishments of the yesteryear principals. NAAC has accredited the college with “A” grade in the past continuous three cycles viz., 2004, 2011 and 2017. Further our college is marching towards greater heights under the vibrant leadership of the incumbent principal, Dr.C.Veerabahu, who is also a proud alumni of the college. Under his dynamic leadership the college had been accredited A grade ( CGPA 3.31 out of 4 ) in 2017 by NAAC and had been awarded 77th Rank in India Rankings 2019, 68th Rank in India Rankings 2020, 54<sup>th</sup> Rank in India Rankings 2021 and 30<sup>th</sup> Rank in India Rankings 2022.

Our college is selected as one of the Mentor Institutions under PARAMARSH Scheme launched by MHRD in 2019, among 167 colleges in India, to illumine 5 neighbouring mentee institutions on the importance of NAAC and its accredited process.

Our college is chosen by UGC among 18 colleges in India under STRIDE – Scheme for Trans Disciplinary Research for India’s Developing Economy to strengthen national and international collaborative trans-disciplinary research culture in colleges and universities.

The college has prospered under the dynamic leadership & exemplary vision of our present secretary Thiru. A.P.C.V. Chockalingam, who is taking up his father’s footsteps to transfer wisdom & knowledge to millions of youth in and around Tuticorin district.

### **About the Founder**

Kulapathy A.P.C.Veerabahu born in Thoothukudi on 05<sup>th</sup> May 1915. He graduated from Loyola College, Chennai in 1935 and subsequently entered into active service to the nation. In 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1941, he married Smt. Mahalakshmi Ammal.



Kulapathy A.P.C.Veerabahu had an undiminishing vision of making the labourers and ordinary human beings self-reliant and self-sufficient. Prompted by his vision, he established many co-operative societies in and around Tuticorin. The first co-operative society was established by him in the year 1964. This society was instrumental in supplying the major demands of civil supplies for Tamil Nadu when

V.O.Chidambaram established many institutions like Swadeshi Prachar Sabha, Dharmasanga Nesavu Salai, National Godown, Madras Agro-Industrial Society Ltd., and Desabimana Sangam. In response to the British India Steam Navigation Company's trade monopoly, he started the Indian-owned Swadeshi Shipping Company in October 1906. He managed to secure sufficient funds to purchase the company's first ship, the S.S.Galia. Shortly afterwards he was able to acquire the S.S.Lavo from France. The ships commenced regular service between Thoothukudi and Colombo (Srilanka), against opposition from British traders and the Imperial Government.

He rejoined the Congress party in 1927 and presided over the third political conference held at Salem. In 1932 he moved to Thoothukudi, where he spent his time in writing and publishing Tamil books: *Meyyaram* in 1914, *Meyyarivu* in 1915, *Anthology* in 1915, *Thirukural* with literary notes of Manakudavar in 1917 and *Tolkappiam* with literary notes of Ilampooranar in 1928.

V.O.Chidambaram passed away on 18 November, 1936. Posthumously, he is known as "Kappalottiya Thamizlan" and "Chekkiluththa Chemmal". The Indian Posts and Telegraphs department of India issued a special postage stamp on 5 September 1972, on the occasion of his birth centenary.

the government was facing the severe civil supply crisis. The efficient running of that co-operative society stands as a testimony to his administrative skill.

Kulapathi was known for his active participation in the Indian freedom struggle. Though an active member of Indian National Congress, he never aspired for leadership. However his untiring service to the society made him the Member of Legislative Assembly of Srivaikundam Constituency during the period from 1957 to 1967. He became the member of All India Congress Committee in the year 1967 and the president of Tamil Nadu Congress Committee for three years from 1971 to 1973.

Apart from being an educationist and a political leader, Kulapathi had proved his mettle in various other fields. He was the member of Tamil Nadu Planning Commission in 1958 and the Chairman of the South Indian Bank, Tirunelveli between 1965 and 1974.

Kulapathi was also the Vice President of Dhakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Chennai in 1981 and the President of Dhakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Tamil Nadu at Tiruchirapalli from 1981 to 1982.

A Gandhian by thought, Thiru A.P.C. Veerabahu had understood the fact that the independent of the nation alone will not raise the standard of the people. Having seen the condition of the socially and economically deprived section even after independence, Kulapathi realized that education alone would liberate them in the real sense. So in the year 1951, he founded V.O.Chidambaram College despite all financial hurdles. Starting from its inception till now, the college remains a temple of learning for all the deprived sections of people in the Southern Tamil Nadu.

The successful establishment of V.O.Chidambaram College led to the founding of V.O.Chidambaram College of Education in 1955 and A.P.C.Mahalaxmi College for Women in the year 1973.

Though Kulapathi attained heavenly abode on August 13<sup>th</sup> 1982, his vision and mission continues to liberate millions of youth by offering quality education for which the institution was founded.

The ideals of the Founder Secretary which are being fervently followed by the College under the guidance of the present Secretary, Thiru. A.P.C.V. Chockalingam is reminiscent of the words of Mahatma Gandhi who was certain about the continuance of legacy of non-violence by Jawaharlal Nehru.



### Message from Honorary Secretary A.P.C.V. Chockalingam

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to V.O.Chidambaram college for the new academic year 2021-2022. I cherish this time of the year with all. The new entrants bring in novel and innovative ideas to our campus and infuse a remarkable energy in each one of us. This helps us work with renewed passion and commitment towards realizing our vision-**Education for all**. The college is committed to its vision. We aim at extending a helping hand in the upliftment of the lower strata of the society through education.

We believe in the vision of our founder Secretary **Kulapathy A.P.C.Veerabahu** that education alone can liberate and emancipate the youth in the real sense. In the process of emancipation the students have an enormous responsibility to identify the available opportunities, collaborate and realize the vision of our college along with faculty members and non teaching who together make this institution. Let us remind ourselves that this year holds possibilities of new avenues and it is our chance to explore it and make it possible as a family.

Our college has been headed by the most dynamic Principal Dr.C.Veerabahu, from the year 2012 till date. The Principal has been elected unanimously by the Principal's association as a Member Syndicate, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. The Principal also has been endowed with the Best Principal Award 2019 by the Institute of Scholars (InSc Awards) an ISO 9001:2015 Certified Institute by International Accurate Certification, Accredited by UASL), Bengaluru, Karnataka for his significant contributions to the institution building process as his illustrious career and a role model. He has also been bestowed with the Iconic Award 2021 for excellence and leadership by FAMA- PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARDS designed to improve quality education. Recently the Prestigious International Distinguished Principal Award 2022 instituted by the International Institute of Organised Research (I2OR) which is a registered MSME, GoI.

The Principal recognized at National Level and appointed by Association of Indian College Principals (AICP) as South Zone Vice President for the period 2023 - 2026, for promoting academic and administrative excellence in the field of Higher Education.

Under his exemplary leadership the College had been re-accredited by NAAC with A grade, with CGPA score of 3.31 out of 4 in 2017.



# Course Offered- Aided

## UNDER GRADUATE DEGREES

1. B.A. - English
2. B.A. - History
3. B.A. - Economics
4. B.Sc. - Mathematics
5. B.Sc. - Physics
6. B.Sc. - Chemistry
7. B.Sc. - Botany
8. B.Sc. - Zoology
9. B.Sc. - Geology
10. B.Com. - Commerce
11. B.B.A. - Business Administration

## POST GRADUATE DEGREES

12. M.A. - English
13. M.A. - History
14. M.A. - Economics
15. M.Sc. - Mathematics
16. M.Sc. - Chemistry
17. M.Sc. - Botany
18. M.Sc. - Zoology
19. M.Sc. - Geology
20. M.Com. - Commerce

## RESEARCH DEGREES

22. Ph.D. - Mathematics
23. Ph.D. - Physics
24. Ph.D. - Chemistry
25. Ph.D. - Botany
26. Ph.D. - Zoology
27. Ph.D. - Geology
28. Ph.D. - History
29. Ph.D. - Economics
30. Ph.D. - English
31. Ph.D. - Commerce

# Course Offered- Unaided

## UNDER GRADUATE DEGREES

- 32. B.A. - English
- 33. B.Sc. - Computer Science
- 34. B.Com. - Commerce (3 Batches)

## POST GRADUATE DEGREES

- 35. M.Sc. - Computer Science
- 36. M.Sc. - Physics
- 37. M.Sc. - Chemistry

# Career Oriented Courses

I. V.O.Chidambaram College signed a MoU with Institute for Entrepreneurship and Career Development (IECD), Bharathidasan university, Tiruchirappalli to offer the following courses.

- Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Human Resource Management
- Tally.ERP9
- Sales And Marketing Management
- Entrepreneurship And Career Development
- Retail Management
- Food Processing and Preservation
- Herbal Cultivation
- Laboratory Techniques
- Software Application for Project Writing in Chemistry
- Desktop Publishing
- Animation and Graphics
- Basic Computer Operations

- Entrepreneurship Development
- Business Communication
- Journalism and Public Relations
- Environment and Climate Management
- Disaster Management
- Tourism and Hospitality Management
- Tourism and Travel Management
- Office Automation
- C - Programming
- Electrical Technician
- Electronic Equipments Servicing and Maintenance
- Medical Laboratory Technology
- Entrepreneurship in Organic Farming Techniques

## II. Women's counselling cell offered the following courses exclusive for girl's students.

- Art from waste
- Beautician
- Flower Vase Making
- Jewel / Jewel Box / Jute Pouch

- Patch work
- Bridal Make- Up and Mehandi
- Tailoring and Dress Making

## III. Multi Linguistic Programme

Our college tie-up with IN@WORD, Chennai to provide an opportunity to learn foreign languages such as French, German etc. using robust distance learning methodologies.

## IV. IGNOU Study Centre

A study centre of IGNOU (2507) function in our college campus since 1998, offering various courses to our students and the general public.

## Publications

- **OUTREACH – A multidisciplinary refereed online and offline research journal for the benefit of faculty and research scholars.**
- **VOCC Times, an official newsletter of our college**
- **Cuckoo, an International Literary Magazine by the Department of English**
- **Chemlet, a newsletter from the Department of Chemistry**
- **Floret, a newsletter from the Department of Botany**
- **Math Myst, e-magazine from the Department of Mathematics**
- **Eco Chat, e-magazine from the Department of Economics**
- **DNA-Digest , e-magazine from the Department of Zoology**

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## **Facilities Available for the students**

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### **I. Physical Education**

- Physical Education Department of our college has produced number of blues over the years and has been placed always in top three levels of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Inter Collegiate Overall Championship in games.
- A fitness centre with latest equipment, 400 meter standard track and play field for all games.
- A state of art Indoor Stadium with wooden floors

### **II. Student Amenities Centre**

- Students can make use this centre to browse Internet, take photo copies, spiral binding and all other related works.

### **III. Co-curricular Activities**

- NCC Army
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- NSS Unit 68 (Exclusive for Girls)
- NSS Unit 69
- NSS Unit 70
- Red Ribbon Club
- Your Red Cross

### **IV. Student Support Services**

- **VOCC Academy**
  - UGC NET, SET and other competitive examinations classes are conducted.
- **Industry Tie-up Courses**
  - Skill Enhancement for improving Job Employability Courses
  - Logistics and Container Terminal Management Tie with IECD, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli and DBGT
  - Practical concepts of Income Tax and GST for individual and MSME-Tie with IECD, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli
  - Cardiac Care Assistant - IECD – Sundaram Arulrhaj Hospital, Thoothukudi
  - Emergency Care assistant - IECD – Sundaram Arulrhaj Hospital, Thoothukudi

- **CSR Projects**

- Industry 4.0 - for imparting the essential professional skills in industrial sector – Tie-up with IECD, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli and National Engineering College, Kovilpatti.
- Digital Education for improving digital literacy for Government and Government Aided School students.
- Breakfast scheme providing free of cost breakfast for nearly 150 girl students under CSR Scheme.

- **Academic Counselling Cell**

It monitors students personal and academic growth.

- **Career Guidance and Placement Cell**

It organizes Skill Development Programmes and Placement Camps.

- **Women's Counselling Cell**

It helps to empower the Female students by educating them.

- **Financial Support and Scholarship**

Besides Government Scholarship free concessions and endowment scholarships for socially and economically disadvantage meritorious students are given through

- KalviThanthaiA.P.C.Veerabahu Memorial Endowment Scholarship
- A.P.C.V. ChockalingamManivizha Scholarship

- **Youth Welfare**

It is an exclusive wing to bring out the hidden talents of our students participated in Government Programmes and all Inter Collegiate Cultural Competitions.

- **EDP Cell**

An Exclusive EDP Cell functioning in our campus for budding entrepreneurship

- **EDII**

Our college is a member of Entrepreneurship Development cell and Innovating Institute (EDII), Chennai, to promote prospective entrepreneur by encouraging, guiding, mentoring and assisting under MSME.

- **MIC - IIC**

It is an initiative by MHRD functioning in our college to promote innovations and entrepreneurship in students' aspiring minds.

- **Endowment for Science and Technology**

College has created an endowment in the name of Kulapathy A.P.C.Veerabahu Endowment for Science and Technology to organize seminar, special lecture etc. to bring the latest development in the field of science and technology.



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