

# MARKED EVENTS

- 1950 St. Mary's College founded at St. Aloysius Girls Hr. Sec. School (1948) was relocated at the present campus
- 1953 Ethel Harvey Hostel, the first New Building in the campus was opened by Mrs. Ethel Harvey & Mr. Graig Harvey
- 1955 The life size statue of Our Lady of Fatima (15 ft.) on the chimney (90 ft.high) blessed
- 1957 Visit of Dr. C. P. Ramasamy Iyer, Advocate - General of Madras Presidency in connection with the local celebration of the Madras University
- ✧ Inauguration of Alumnae Association
  - ✧ Visit of the Honourable Minister Lourdammal Simonand Governor A.J. John and his wife
- 1958 Physics Laboratory blessed and opened
- ✧ Visit of Sri.B.Medhi,the Governor of Madras and Mrs.Medhi
- 1959 Botany and Zoology buildings blessed
- 1960 The new dining hall of the Hostel and the Chemistry block blessed Visit of Sri Ramaiah, Minister of Electricity and Transport
- 1960 Permanent affiliation granted
- 1961 Library extended with a reading room
- 1962 Hostel extended
- ✧ Auditorium, non-resident students' centre, office and the Physics Department constructed
  - ✧ Visit of Shri.Kamaraj, the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamilnadu.
- 1966 Nine lecture halls opened by the Vice-Chancellor of Madurai University.
- 1968 The beautiful Chapel of the College blessed.
- 1969 The new block of Botany and Zoology departments and the College office inaugurated by Fr. T.N. Sequeria S.J.
- 1970 Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee of Fr. B.S. Soosainather.

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- 1973 Silver Jubilee of the College. Hon. Gov. K. K. Shah, The Governor of Tamilnadu, Dr.M.Varadarasan, Vice Chancellor of MK University participated in the function  
\* The New Hostel blessed and opened
- 1974 The open-air auditorium blessed by Most Rev. Ambrose, Bishop of Thoothukud , as a memorial of the Silver Jubilee of the College
- 1975 Rev.Fr.B.S.Soosainather's departure to heavenly abode (10.3.1975)
- 1984 Soosainather Block for PG Departments blessed and opened
- 1990 Sacred Heart Marine Research Centre blessed and opened
- 1992 Valan Computer Block, Guest House and Fatima Hall blessed and opened
- 1993 Fr. B.S.Soosainather Birth Centenary Celebrations - BSS memorial fountain at the entrance - BSS Centenary Endowment Fund instituted
- 1994 Renovation of the library building BLOSSOM - Ford Foundation's Campus Diversity Initiative - Major Project grant of \$50,000. Our college is one of the 11 colleges in India To have received this exclusive credit
- 1995 College Day presided over by Hon'ble Minister Shri. A. Arunachalam MP  
\* BLOSSOM accepted by MS University for PartV
- 1998 Golden Jubilee Year
- 1998 'MARYGOLD'-competitions held, Mrs. Jenifer Chandran, Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Govt. of Taminadu was the Chief Guest  
\* Laying of the foundation stone of Golden Jubilee memorial building by Rt. Rev. Thomas Fernando, DDCL  
\* Golden Jubilee Celebrations Finale-President-Rev.Sr.Corona Mary, O.S.M. Superior General. Chief Guest - Her Excellency Justice M.Fathima Beevi, Governor of Tamilnadu.  
Distinguished Guests - Dr.K.P.Aravaanan, Vice Chancellor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University and Thiru Malik Feroze Khan, IAS, Thoothukudi District Collector
- 1999 Inauguration of the Veeranganai Unit by Thiru. George Fernandez, Honourable Minister for Defence, Govt. of India

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- 1999 Accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)
- 2000 Dolorosa Block -blessed and opened
- 2004 Internet Browsing Centre - blessed and opened
- 2005 Inauguration of Community Development Programme
- ✳ Re-Accredited with B++ Grade by NAAC
- 2006 Convocation-Addressed by Dr. P. Chellathurai, Registrar of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli
- ✳ UGC Minor Research Project-Economics
- 2007 College Day - Chief Guest Dr. Mrs. Cynthia Pandian, Vice-chancellor of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli
- 2007 Diamond Jubilee Year - Inauguration by Mr.Appadurai, MP
- ✳ ‘Dia-Dazzle’-Inter-CollegiateCulturalCompetitions-Inauguration by Tmt. P. Geetha Jeevan, Hon’ble Minister for Animal Husbandry and Social Welfare
  - ✳ UGC Minor Research Project-Economics
- 2008 Convocation-Addressed by Tamilnadu Assembly Speaker Thiru. Avudaiappan.
- ✳ July1<sup>st</sup>-Celebration of Founders’ Day
  - ✳ ‘MarianDia-Expo’-Grand Scale Arts and Science Exhibition inaugurated by Thiru Palaniyandi, Collector, Thoothukudi District
  - ✳ ‘MadonnaBlock’-blessed and opened by Rev.Fr.Oswald, Vicer General of Thoothukudi Diocese
  - ✳ Inauguration of Pearl Research Centre for History, Culture and Tourism
- 2008 DIAMOND JUBILEE - Grand Celebration
- ✳ InaugurationofDiamondJubileeMemorialHallbyRt.Rev.Bishop Dr.Yvon Ambroise .  
Chief Guests Dr. K. Ponmudi, Hon’ble Minister for Higher Education, Tmt. P. Geetha Jeevan, Hon’ble Minister for Animal Husbandry and Social Welfare, Tamilnadu Government. Dr. R. Palaniyandi, District Collector, Thoothukudi, Dr. Sabapathy Mohan, Vice-Chancellor,

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- M.S.University Tirunelveli, and Mrs. R.Kasthuri Thangam, Mayor,  
Thoothukudi Corporation
- \* Alumnae Day President - Rev. Mother Ladisca Mary OSM.
  - \* Grand Finale- Presided by Dr. Sr. Corona Mary OSM, Superior General, Chief Guest Dr. N. Markandan, former Vice-Chancellor of Gandhigram University
- 2009 Feb-11 - Language Lab inaugurated in Madonna Block
- \* July 1<sup>st</sup> -Inauguration of Autonomy
- 2010 New Arch at the entrance blessed and opened
- \* Renovation of Principal Office, Secretary Office, Staff Office and Departments of History, Botany, Zoology and Commerce
  - \* Renovated Auditorium blessed and opened
  - \* CDPOUCH-Inaugurated by Hon. Minister for Social Welfare Tmt. P. Geetha Jeevan
  - \* UGC-Major Research Project-Botany
- 2011 Graduation Day addressed by Dr. Tmt. Aruna Sivakami Ananthakrishnan, Vice Chancellor, Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal
- \* Language lab shifted to New Hostel
  - \* New Canteen and Equal Opportunity Centre blessed
  - \* Marian Aquarium and Snows Gymnasium blessed
  - \* Pavement road laid in the campus
  - \* New Eresa Hostel opened by Dr. G. Srinivas, Joint Secretary, UGC- SERO, Hyderabad
  - \* Renovation of Department of Mathematics
  - \* Renovation of College Portico
  - \* Renovation of IIM.Com.classroom
  - \* Foundation laid for Indoor Stadium with UGC grant
  - \* UGC - Major Research Project - History
- 2012 New Class rooms for MHRM
- \* Conference Hall opened by Sr. Eustacia Mary, General Councillor, Servite Generalate (20.1.2012)
  - \* Release of Research Journal "Marian Quest"
  - \* Graduation Day addressed by Dr. K. Muthuchelian, Vice Chancellor, Periyar University, Salem
  - \* Release of IQAC Newsletter
  - \* Recognised as DST-FIST funded College by DST, New Delhi with a grant of Rs. 46 lakhs
  - \* Release of French Magazine 'DES PERLES FRANCOPHONES'

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- ✧ UGC sponsored Foundation Course 'Human Rights Education' inaugurated by the Department of History and Tourism.
- ✧ Renovation of Library, Student Centre, Departments of English, Botany, Zoology, Controller's Office and Arockiya Mary Block (SSC)
- ✧ Foundation laid for Women's Study Centre
- ✧ Xavier Indoor Stadium-Blessed
- ✧ NAAC-Peeream Visit-third cycle(6to8December2012)
- ✧ Release of Pearl Review-ABI-annual Research Journal by Pearl Research Centre
- 2013 College Re-accredited with 'A' Grade (05.01.2013)
  - ✧ 'A' Grade Award Ceremony at Bangalore(24.03.2013)
  - ✧ New Computer lab for MHRM
  - ✧ UGC-Major Research Project-Zoology, Botany
- 2014 DST-FIST funded New Centralised Computer Lab
  - ✧ Established College Band & Orchestra.
  - ✧ UGC-Minor Research Project-Economics, Botany
- 2015 College Day Celebration : Chief Guests - Hon. Tmt. L. Sasikala Pushpa Member of Parliament, Dr. John De Britto, Registrar, M.S. University Dr. Emmanuel S.J. AICUF National Advisor
  - ✧ Community Development Programme-12 Villages were adopted
  - ✧ Visit of Autonomy Extension Committee. Autonomous status extended upto 2021
  - ✧ Curriculum revision-Innovations introduced in the 3rd Cycle of Course Pattern
- 2016 Graduation Day Address by Dr. H. Devaraj, Vice Chairman, UGC, New Delhi
- 2017 Foundation laid for UGC sponsored 100 Bedded Women's Hostel
  - ✧ Minor Research Projects-Chemistry & Tamil

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- ✧ In-Service training to the Secondary Grade Science teachers in Government Schools of Thoothukudi District- Sponsored by Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology (TNSCST), Chennai from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017
- ✧ Valan Computer Block was blessed and opened by Most . Rev.Yvon Ambroise, Bishop of Thoothukudi Diocese.
- 2018 Overall Trophy in Intercollegiate Sports conducted by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University
  - ✧ NSCST-Research project-Department of Zoology
  - ✧ Intercollegiate Cultural Competition'Jubilo'2018
  - ✧ Women's Day Celebration-Special Invitee, Mrs.Irom Sharmila, the Iron Lady of India
  - ✧ 70<sup>th</sup> College Day Celebration- Dr.D.Saralathembavani, Joint Director of Collegiate Education
  - ✧ Graduation Day Addressed by Dr.G.Srinivas, Joint Secretary, Sero, Hyderabad.
  - ✧ Chennai Chapter of Alumnae Association commenced.
  - ✧ UGC Sponsored hundred bedded Sports Hostel- blessed by Rev.Fr.Julians  
and opened by Dr. G. Srinivas, Joint Secretary, Sero, Hyderabad.
  - ✧ Star Hall blessed and opened
  - ✧ Language Lab renovated and updated.