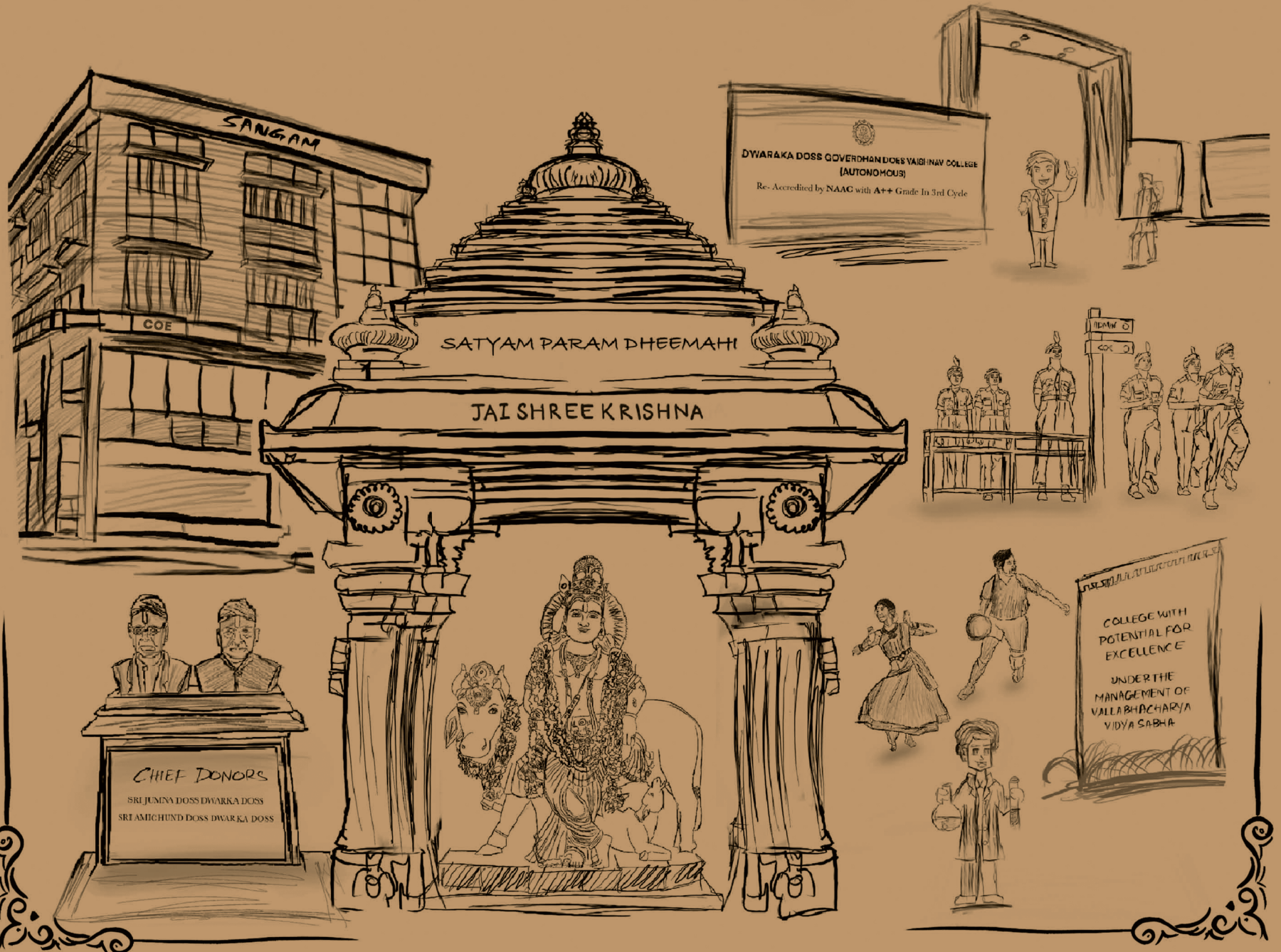




60 YEARS OF DWARAKA DOSS GOVERDHAN DOSS VAISHNAV COLLEGE



Thank You



Dear all,

As DG Vaishnav College celebrates 60 years of excellence, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have been part of this journey. We thank the Board of Directors for their vision and support, the Government for their steadfast contributions, our students and alumin for their enthusiasm and dedication, and our faculty and staff for their passion and commitment. We also express our appreciation to the parents for their trust and partnership, and to all our stakeholders whose collaboration has been invaluable to our achievements. Together, we will continue to strive for excellence and make a positive impact.

With gratitude,

Dr. S. Santhosh Baboo &
Principal

Shri. Ashok Kumar Mundhra
Secretary





UPCOMING EVENTS

- August** : Independence Day Celebration
- August** : Vaishnav bazaar
- August** : Gokulashtami
- September** : Acharya Devo Bhava



Vaishnavism
saves humanity
and equality
which makes
Nation Strong

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SHRI VALLABHACHARYA VIDYA SABHA: PIONEERS OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Founded in 1963 under the visionary guidance of H.H. 108 Gowsamy Mathureswarji Maharaj, Shri Vallabhacharya Vidya Sabha has been a stalwart in providing value-based education and community service in Chennai. Initiated by Shri Babulal M. Mehta and esteemed community members, the Sabha was officially registered on October 25, 1963, marking its commitment to holistic education. The Sabha fosters academic excellence, leadership qualities, civic responsibility, and pride in Indian heritage through the "guru-shishya" tradition, nurturing well-rounded individuals. Upon these ideals, was born the Vallabhacharya Vidya Sabha and subsequently the Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College (1963). In 1968, Shri Nanalal Bhatt's donation of 10 acres and Rs. 3 lakhs led to the establishment of Smt. Devkunvar Nandalal Bhatt Vaishnav College for Women in Chrompet.

In 1972, Shri Kola Perumal Chetty contributed Rs. 1.5 lakhs and land for a CBSE-affiliated model Senior Secondary School, expanding further in 1976 with Kola Saraswathi Amma Vaishnav Secondary School for Girls. During its silver jubilee in 1992, the Sabha, in collaboration with Dewan Bahadur M.O. Parthasarathy Iyengar Charities, established M.O.P. College for Women, supported by a donation of prime land worth Rs. 100 crores. This college offers courses in Commerce, Business Administration, and Mathematics. Beyond education, the Sabha's Swami Vivekananda Diagnostic Centre,



established in 1998 within D.G. Vaishnav College, serves over 15,000 individuals monthly, providing affordable diagnostic services. Shri Vallabhacharya Vidya Sabha's legacy of educational excellence and community service continues to enrich lives across Chennai, fostering holistic societal development with culture.



D. G. VAISHNAV COLLEGE: A JOURNEY OF GROWTH AND EXCELLENCE

Founded in 1963, D.G. Vaishnav College began its journey of educational excellence, guided by His Holiness Shri Mathureswarji Mahodhaya of Vadodara, inspired by the tenets of Vaishnavism, particularly the values expressed in the song "Vaishnav Janatho" by saint Narsinh Mehta, and was established by the Vallabhacharya Vidya Sabha. Generous donations from Seth Jumna Doss Dwaraka Doss and his brother, Seth Amichan Doss Dwaraka Doss, provided nearly 20 acres on Poonamallee High Road for the college. The college commenced on June 19, 1964, with affiliation from Madras University, becoming a "First Grade" college from the outset—a tribute to its first Principal, Adyapakaratna Shri T. Totadri Iyengar. By 1966, infrastructure expansion included the Eastern Wing and the Seth Purushotam Doss Gocool Doss Hostel, with a growing staff and new facilities like a tennis court. The first Founder's Day was celebrated on March 8, 1966.

In 1967, the college marked an international milestone with a visit from students of the University of California. French was introduced as a second language in 1968, and the North Block, housing the library and administrative sections, was constructed. That year also saw the launch of the campus journal "Gokul News." In 1969, new courses like B.Sc. Chemistry and B.Com were introduced, along with Botany as an ancillary subject. The library was significantly expanded

with nearly 2000 volumes, and facilities were extended to train first-year MBBS students. The 1970s saw further growth with the addition of gymnastics equipment, staff promotions, and the installation of a statue of Goddess Saraswathi. In 1973, a fund for providing mid-day meals for poor students was established. By 1975, the library collection grew to nearly 20,000 volumes, with a focus on sports admissions. The late 1970s and early 1980s saw the introduction of M.Com and B.Sc. Botany courses, a new auditorium, job-oriented courses, and the establishment of M.Phil. and Ph.D. programs. A significant boost came in 1987 with the start of the MCA course and the construction of new buildings, including a library and computer block. The 1990s were marked by the introduction of MBA and B.Sc. Biochemistry courses, AICTE approval for the MBA program, and the construction of an annexe to the main building. By the end of the decade, the college was recognized as a research center by the University of Madras.

In 2008, the college achieved autonomous status from the UGC and the University of Madras. The following decade saw the introduction of numerous undergraduate and postgraduate programs, expanding the college's offerings. Today, D.G. Vaishnav College stands as a beacon of knowledge and growth, with a diverse range of programs and a student body of over 12,000, dedicated to providing an exceptional educational environment.

60 YEARS OF DGVC 1964 - 2024



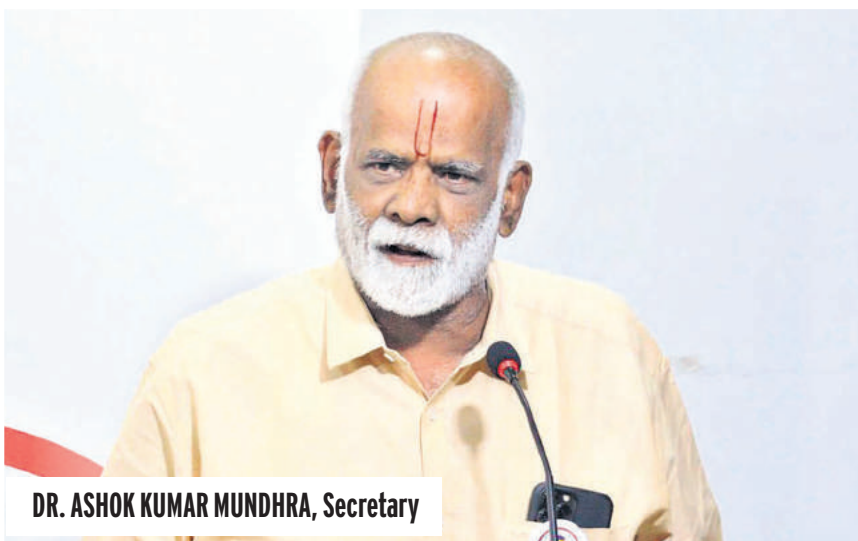
In a momentous celebration of its rich history and enduring legacy, Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College commemorated its Silver and Golden Jubilees with great fervor and pride. Managed by Shri Vallabhacharya Vidya Sabha, the institution has emerged as a beacon of excellence in education, marking significant milestones in its journey. Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College stands as a testament to perseverance, dedication, and vision in transforming lives through education. The combined celebration of the Silver and Golden Jubilees reaffirms the college's position as a cornerstone of educational excellence and a catalyst for positive change.

Silver Jubilee: A Foundation of Excellence the Silver Jubilee year, 1988-89, marked a pivotal chapter in the college's growth. Under the leadership of Shri P. Haridoss and Shri K.L. Nagarajan, the college expanded its infrastructure with new initiatives, including the library block, computer block, and a modern administrative setup. This period saw the inception of the MCA course, highlighting the institution's commitment to academic innovation. The silver jubilee celebrations were graced by the presence of His Holiness Goswami 108 Brijratanlalji Maharaj, underscoring the institution's spiritual and educational ethos.

Golden Jubilee: 50 Years of Excellence and Innovation Fast forward to its Golden Jubilee, the college stands tall as a paragon of knowledge in Chennai, offering 47 courses to over 6500 students. The year-long festivities of 'Swarnothsav' were a testament to half a century of dedicated efforts and unwavering commitment to educational excellence. The Golden Jubilee witnessed the inauguration of state-of-the-art facilities including the Admin Block, MCA Block, Library, Vis Com Block, and Sports Complex, reaffirming the college's commitment to fostering holistic development. Under visionary leadership, the college introduced the Vaishnav Professional Academy, Vaishnav Initiative for Excellence, and V-Band, while expanding research capabilities in Plant Biology, Plant Biotechnology, Microbiology, and Biochemistry. The presence of dignitaries like Shri Piyush Goyal and his Holiness Shri Dhurmi Kumar Mahoday at the inaugural ceremonies added grandeur to the celebrations. **Looking Ahead:** Embracing Change and Innovation

As the college looks to the future, the journey from Silver to Golden Jubilee has been one of continuous growth, propelled by the collective efforts of dedicated faculty, staff, and students. The college's success story serves as an inspiration to strive for even greater milestones in the years to come.

Celebrating Silver and Golden Jubilees, the institution marks milestones in educational excellence, fostering holistic development, innovation, and community impact

**DR. ASHOK KUMAR MUNDHRA, Secretary****DR. S. SANTHOSH BABOO, Principal**

As we celebrate the 60th anniversary of D.G. Vaishnav College, I reflect with pride on our journey since 1963. Founded on the principles of Vaishnavism by the Sri Vallabacharya Vidya Sabha, our institution has evolved from a modest start to a vibrant community of over 8000 students. Our growth, marked by state-of-the-art facilities and an expanding range of programs, underscores our commitment to excellence. We have continuously adapted to meet

societal needs, achieving milestones such as autonomous status and the establishment of research centers. Our students' and faculty's achievements highlight the effectiveness of our programs and our emphasis on holistic development. As we move forward, we remain dedicated to innovation and maintaining our values. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our success. Let us celebrate our past and look forward to future.

It is with immense pride that I write this foreword on the occasion of DG Vaishnav College's 60th anniversary. Over the past six decades, our institution has grown from humble beginnings into a beacon of learning, fostering intellectual curiosity, ethical values, and holistic development. Founded with the vision of providing quality education and nurturing future leaders, DG Vaishnav College has consistently achieved milestones through the dedication of our faculty, stu-

dents, alumni, and leadership. Together, we have built a vibrant academic environment conducive to learning and innovation. Emphasizing research, community engagement, and extracurricular activities has ensured our students' comprehensive development. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in our journey. Let us celebrate our achievements and look forward to a future of continued excellence and innovation.

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COLLEGE ACHIEVES A++ ACCREDITATION

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is a pivotal government organization in India, responsible for assessing and accrediting Higher Education Institutions. Established as an autonomous body funded by the University Grants Commission (UGC), NAAC plays a critical role in evaluating and ensuring the standard of education provided by institutions across the nation. In 2005, our college achieved a significant milestone by being accredited with an "A" Grade by the NAAC Committee, with a commendable score of 3.04. This distinguished

us as one of the top institutions, recognized for our excellence in education and infrastructure. During this period, Prof. B. Krishnan served as Principal, and Shri S.R. Damani was the Secretary. The college's pursuit of excellence continued, and in 2009, it was conferred the status of autonomy by the UGC, approved by the University of Madras, beginning with the Academic Year 2009-2010. This autonomy has allowed the college greater flexibility in curriculum design and implementation, fostering innovation and higher academic standards. At this time, Shri P. Haridas was the

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Secretary, and Dr. S. Narasimhan served as Principal. Our commitment to maintaining high standards was further recognized when the college was reaccredited with an "A" Grade by NAAC, achieving an impressive score of 3.57 on a 4.0 point scale. This reaccreditation affirmed our status as a leading institution committed to quality education. Additionally, the college was included in the prestigious Star College Scheme under the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, further highlighting our dedication to scientific education and research.

In 2022, the college reached new heights by being accredited with an "A++" Grade by NAAC, earning a remarkable score of 3.54 on a 4.0 point scale. This achievement reflects our continuous efforts to enhance educational standards and infrastructure, ensuring the best possible outcomes for our students. Our college's journey of excellence, marked by successive NAAC accreditations, underscores our unwavering commitment to providing top-tier education and fostering an environment of continuous improvement.

College with Potential for Excellence

The Star College Scheme, launched by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) in 2008, aimed to enhance undergraduate science teaching across India by promoting critical thinking and hands-on experimental learning. DBT identified colleges with potential for excellence, providing support to develop academic and laboratory infrastructure.



Our college was honored as a Star College under this scheme, receiving support from 2013 to 2016 to strengthen education in life sciences and biotechnology. This support extended to the Physics, Chemistry, and Botany departments, promoting comprehensive training at the undergraduate level. From 2016 to 2018, the scheme's support allowed the college to introduce job-oriented certificate programs in health, hospitality, and other emerging fields. The University Grants Commission (UGC) introduced the "Colleges with Potential for Excellence" (CPE) Scheme to help selected institutions achieve world-class standards. Our college was one of five in the city awarded CPE status by the UGC. This facilitated the development of state-of-the-art laboratories and worked towards ISO certification to ensure quality sustenance, reinforcing our commitment to top-tier education and infrastructure.

COLLEGE ACHIEVES AUTONOMY, PIONEERS INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM FOR STUDENT

Autonomy in higher education is a significant designation that allows institutions to design their curriculum, introduce new courses, and innovate teaching methods independently, without the constraints of external regulatory bodies. This status empowers colleges to tailor their educational offerings to better meet the needs of students and the demands of the job market, ensuring a more dynamic and relevant learning experience. Our college's journey towards autonomy began with a meticulously prepared proposal by Dr. S. Narasimhan, the then principal, and his dedicated team during the academic year 2007-2008. Their comprehensive proposal was submitted to the University Grants Commission (UGC) in New Delhi. Reflecting on this achievement, former Secretary Shri S.R. Damani (1991-2010) remarked, "It was a great moment for me and the college when we received the letter from UGC, New Delhi, conferring Autonomous status to our college." This milestone was realized in the academic year 2009-2010, marking a new era for our institution. Autonomy has since enabled our college to implement a more flexible and innovative curriculum, fostering an environment that encourages academic excellence and research. The autonomous status has

also allowed the college to introduce job-oriented programs and adapt quickly to educational trends, significantly benefiting our students' academic and professional growth.



DGVC School of Management: NBA-Accredited Excellence in Education



The School of Management (SOM) at Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College, established in 1995, continues to excel as a premier institution affiliated with the University of Madras and approved by AICTE. With an annual intake of 60 students, the MBA program offers dual specializations and a comprehensive curriculum covering Foundation, Functional, and Elective subjects. SOM is dedicated to imparting quality education in core business areas, fostering corporate values, and developing leaders with functional expertise and entrepreneurial perspectives. Boasting excellent infrastructure and a visionary management team, SOM supports students in research, entrepreneurship, and career placements. In 2023, SOM received NBA accreditation for three years, underscoring its commitment to academic excellence and continuous improvement. This recognition reaffirms SOM's status as a center of excellence in management education.



Various Blocks of the College

Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College, commonly known as DG Vaishnav College, stands as one of the premier institutions of higher learning in Chennai. Renowned for its commitment to delivering value-based, quality education, the college has consistently fostered a learning environment that nurtures academic excellence and moral integrity. The vision of DG Vaishnav College is centered around empowering students to recognize their innate skills and potentials while instilling a strong sense of ethics and values. By refining their attitudes and character, the college aims to contribute to the development of well-rounded, civic-minded individuals who will serve the nation with dedication and integrity. A distinctive feature of the college is its picturesque pond, which enhances the serene and tranquil ambiance of the campus. The pond, adorned with blooming lotus flowers, is a central element in the college's landscape. Surrounded by lush

greenery and equipped with seating areas, it provides a peaceful retreat for students amidst their busy academic schedules. This serene setting promotes relaxation and well-being, offering a harmonious balance to the bustling campus life. The college's infrastructure is meticulously designed, comprising several blocks dedicated to academic and administrative functions. These blocks are named after the college's presiding deity, its founder, and prominent rivers of the nation, reflecting a deep connection to cultural and historical heritage. Each block is purposefully structured to meet the needs of the respective departments, featuring modern classrooms, well-equipped laboratories, comprehensive libraries, and efficient administrative offices. The architectural design of the blocks integrates traditional Indian plants. The beautifully landscaped campus, with its radiant greenery and thoughtful design, enriches the overall educational experience at DG Vaishnav College.

SRG Auditorium: Enhanced Legacy Continues



△ Shri Mathureshwari Maharaj declares open S.R.G. Auditorium. Seated: P. Haridas, Prof. S. R. Govinda Rajan and P. R. Ramasubramanya Raja look on.

Built in 1978-79 in honor of beloved former principal Prof. S. R. Govindarajan, the SRG Auditorium at DG Vaishnav College has undergone a stunning transformation. Recently reopened in October 2023 with expanded capacity and state-of-the-art amenities, this cherished venue, affectionately known as SRG, stands as a beacon of the college's commitment to excellence. As we celebrate our Diamond Jubilee, the SRG Auditorium continues to radiate its historic charm, fostering unforgettable experiences in academia and the arts.



Vallabacharya Auditorium

Located in the Goverdhan Block, Vallabacharya Auditorium was inaugurated in 2006 by his Holiness 108, Shri. Mathureshwari Maharajshri during the college's 40th-year celebrations. This spacious venue accommodates up to 250 attendees and serves as a hub for diverse association activities. Situated at the heart of our campus, it plays a vital role in fostering community engagement and cultural events, enriching the college experience for students and faculty alike.

Dwaraka Auditorium

In collaboration with The Lions Club International District 324A-1, DG Vaishnav College has established the "Edifice for Service." The foundation stone was laid in 1988 by Lion N.C. Krishnan, Governor of District 324-A1. This structure houses the Vivekananda Diagnostic Centre, Purushothaman Doss Nethra Sevak, and a Homeopathy Centre. The highlight is the air-conditioned, state-of-the-art auditorium with a seating capacity of 550, enhancing the college's facilities for both students and the community.



Hostel Milestone

To a heartfelt tribute to its founding benefactors, Seth Purushotham Doss Gocoola Doss Hostel recently marked a significant milestone. Established through a generous donation of two and a half acres of land and Rs. 50,000, the hostel stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of Seth Purushotham Doss Gocoola Doss. Formally inaugurated amidst great ceremony, the hostel's opening was graced by Shri. Babubhai Maneklal Chinai, M.P., who unveiled a vibrant portrait of the esteemed donor. Dr. P. Rajamannar, Former Chief Justice of the High Court of Madras and Ex-Chairman of the Finance Commission, presided over the auspicious occasion, underscoring the historical significance of the event. Continuing the tradition of celebration, Hostel Day on 27th March 1966 was a jubilant affair, presided over by Sri. S. Chellapandian, Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly. The occasion not only honored the hostel's past but also celebrated its vibrant present and promising future in nurturing students within a supportive and enriching environment.



COE - Leads Exam Excellence

Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College achieved a major milestone with its April 2024 End Semester Examination (ESE), highlighting strides in academic excellence. Approximately 12,000 students from undergraduate and postgraduate courses participated in the exams held over 19 days. The college's efficient academic governance was evident with a well-organized automated examination system, ensuring effective evaluation of program-specific outcomes. Led by mindful and skilled Controllers of Examinations, the process was overseen by a dedicated team ensuring fairness and integrity. Results were promptly declared within 7 working days, providing timely feedback for students to plan their academic paths effectively. This achievement underscores the college's commitment to academic excellence and high standards, setting benchmarks.



Old Library - (1964-1990)

Established in 1964 within a small hall, the Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College Library initially catered to basic academic needs with a collection of books and journals. Over its formative years, it expanded its offerings to support diverse departmental requirements. By 1990, recognizing the need for growth, plans were set in motion to relocate and enhance facilities, setting the stage for future advancements in academic resource accessibility and support.



New Library - (1990-present)

Since its relocation and renovation in 1990 and subsequent upgrades in 2021, the Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College Library has evolved into a beacon of modern academic resources. Equipped with cutting-edge facilities and a comprehensive collection spanning e-books, journals, and digital databases like INFLIBNET and EBSCO, the library serves as a hub for scholarly pursuit. It fosters a conducive environment for learning, research, and personal growth, ensuring students and faculty have access to top-tier educational tools and support.



NCC'S IMPACT: BEYOND PARADE GROUNDS

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) at DG Vaishnav College has a storied history, with cadets regularly participating in the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi. Significant achievements include the launch of the Cadofest, a major inter-collegiate event, and various social service initiatives like blood donation camps and environmental awareness drives. The cadets have also excelled in leadership camps, adventure activities, and awareness campaigns, consistently demonstrating their commitment to discipline, patriotism, and community service.



2018 - 2019 Vaishnav Bazaar

Vaishnav Bazaar 2018, organized by DG Vaishnav College's Entrepreneurship Development Cell, was held on February 9-10. It featured 103 stalls, with 80 run by student entrepreneurs, attracting around 10,000 visitors.

2019 - 2020



Vaishnav Bazaar 2019, held on February 22-23, had 150 stalls, including 135 student-run and 15 sponsored by alumni and NGOs. The event saw 15,550 visitors. Student stalls made a turnover of Rs. 15,00,000, with a profit of Rs. 2,96,000, of which Rs. 1,00,000 was pledged to social causes.

2021 - 2022



Vaishnav Bazaar 2022, conducted on February 10 and 11, was a flagship event hosted by the UDYAMITA - ED Cell of DG Vaishnav College. Featuring 200 stalls and 15 celebrity walk-ins, the event attracted a footfall of 15,500. Notable celebrities included Bobby Simha, Harish Kalyan, Athulya Ravi, and S.G. Chandrasekar. The event provided a dynamic platform for young entrepreneurs to showcase and develop their business skills, reinforcing the college's commitment to fostering entrepreneurial talent among students.



VIE

The Vaishnav Initiative for Excellence organized Artistics 2024 on 15th February, 2024. The chief guests of the event were Actor Saran and Singer M. M. Manasi. A total number of 1500 students participated in various events such as group dance, shipwreck, debate and quiz. The Department of BBA won the overall championship and the departments of B.Com General Shift I and B.Com Accounting & Finance shared the second position.



NSS

Established in 1974 with just 100 members, the NSS unit at DG Vaishnav College has grown to 500 members. Under its first officer, Mr. Varadharajan, the unit has led impactful initiatives such as slum adoption, flood relief, and family planning programs. Highlights include the National Integration Camp in 2001 and consistent mega blood donation camps. Recognized with four National Awards and three State Awards, NSS exemplifies a commitment to social responsibility and community service.



Citizen Consumer Club

The Citizen Consumer Club at D.G. Vaishnav College achieved accolades by winning the "Best Club Award" for the second consecutive year in Chennai. Recognized by the Government of Tamil Nadu, the club's initiatives in consumer education and social outreach were praised. Principal S. Narasimhan commended the club's commitment to community service and noted their consistent performance over the years. This marks another milestone in the club's ongoing efforts to promote consumer awareness and civic responsibility among students.

Garden Club



SNEO

The Special Need and Equal Opportunity Cell at our college promotes equal opportunity by eliminating discrimination and fostering inclusivity. It empowers students with disabilities and supports marginalized groups with scholarships and guidance. The Cell ensures policies are effectively implemented for equitable access and disseminates welfare schemes information. It aims to create a congenial atmosphere for all to participate fully in academic, social, and cultural life.



ROTARACT

The Rotaract Club has been actively engaging in numerous impactful events, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to community service. Recently, they organized a successful road safety awareness campaign named "GAVANAM," which reached out to commoners as well as delivery executives of Swiggy and Uber. This initiative aimed to educate and promote safe driving practices, significantly impacting the daily lives of many. Additionally, the club conducted a vibrant magic show for children at Ajay Deaf and Dumb School, bringing joy and entertainment to the young audience. Furthermore, they launched the "WORLD ROTARACT WEEK" with inspiring speeches from notable changemakers, fostering a spirit of motivation and action within the community.



A YEAR OF FIRSTS

The 2023-24 academic year marked a significant milestone for the department, as the college secured the prestigious Sivanthi Aditanar Rolling Trophy for the first time, awarded by the University of Madras. This remarkable achievement stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication and hard work of both the students and the sports department. The department takes immense pride in its illustrious alumni, who have achieved national and international recognition in various sporting disciplines. Notably, Mohan, a former student, etched his name in the college's history by securing its first Olympic medal in athletics in 2016. His success has served as an inspiration for current and future students, highlighting the potential for greatness within the college's sports program. Over the years, there has been a steady rise in student participation in national and international sporting events, with many representing the college and making a mark on significant platforms. This upward trend reflects the department's unwavering commitment to nurturing talent and providing ample opportunities for students to compete at the highest levels of their respective sports. The department also actively participates in the University of Madras Chairman's Trophy annually, which provides a platform to showcase the college's athletic talent alongside other esteemed institutions. This participation underscores the department's commitment to excellence and competitive spirit. Furthermore, for the past two years, the department has successfully organized intercollegiate events in basketball, volleyball, and hockey for both men and women. These events have involved eight different teams, fostering healthy competition and camaraderie among students from various colleges. Through these initiatives, the department has not only enhanced the sporting prowess of its students but also contributed to the overall development of teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship. The continuous efforts to organize and participate in such events signify the department's dedication to promoting a vibrant and dynamic sports culture within the college.

DGVC WINS A.L. MUDALIAR



The students from Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College won the Over All Championship in Dr. Sir. A. Lakshmanasamy Mudaliar Golden Jubilee Commemoration 55th Athletic Meet 2023-2024, organized by the Department of Physical Education, University of Madras. The students of DDGD Vaishnav College set a record by winning 24 medals in the Meet which consisted of ten gold, ten silver, and four bronze. The Chief Guest of the Athletic Meet, J. X. Terrance, I.R.S., Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Chennai, inaugurated the event. Totally, 1264 participants including 674 male athletes and 590 female athletes participated from 66 affiliated colleges, along with various department students from the University of Madras. The Meet includes 22 events for men and 22 events for women. At the end of the event, Dr. M. Sunder, Vice-chancellor, Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University presented the prize and trophies to the winners in the presence of Prof. Dr. V. Mahadevan, Director, Physical Education, University of Madras, Shri. Dr. Ashok Kumar Mundhra, Secretary and Dr. S. Santhosh Baboo, Principal, Dr. M. Karthikeyan (Shift-I), Dr. E. Vasandha Kumar (Shift-II) Physical Education Directors, Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Vaishnav College.

The Annual Sports Day held on March 22, 2024, stood as a pinnacle of achievement for our college community, embodying a harmonious blend of athleticism, camaraderie, and sportsmanship. The prestigious presence of Tmt. Mercy Regina, General Manager of the Sports Development Authority of India, as the chief guest, lent an aura of distinction to the occasion, underscoring the significance of the event. Months of meticulous planning and rigorous preparation paved the way for a vibrant celebration that united students from both the morning and evening shifts. Under the steadfast guidance of the Director of Physical Education and the expertise of skilled coaches, our college's sports fields brimmed with activity as team members dedicated themselves to three months of intensive training leading up to the commencement of the sports season. This concerted effort ensured that participants were not only physically prepared but also mentally equipped to excel on the grand stage of the Sports Day. At the heart of the event lay the inter-departmental tournaments, serving as catalysts for nurturing a competitive spirit while fostering meaningful friendships among students. With unwavering support from department heads and teaching staff, these tournaments witnessed enthusiastic participation, further amplified by the disciplined leadership of student representatives from each academic department. Such initiatives not only instilled a sense of healthy rivalry but also cultivated collaboration and teamwork among students representing diverse academic disciplines. The comprehensive spectrum of sporting events catered to the varied interests of our student body, ensuring an inclusive and equitable sports program for both male and female students attending both day and evening college sessions. Tailored with precision, the sports program featured 10 games and 14 athletic events for male students, alongside an additional 7 games and 10 athletic events tailored for female students, providing ample opportunities for participation and engagement. The seamless coordination between students, departmental leaders, and the Physical Education department imbued these sporting endeavors with a professional edge, enhancing the overall experience for participants and spectators alike. The remarkable turnout of approximately 2,300 male students and 900 female students underscored the widespread enthusiasm and engagement in the Sports Day festivities. Moreover, recognizing the importance of fostering a healthy lifestyle among all

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members of our college community, sports and games were also organized for Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff, reinforcing the ethos of inclusivity and holistic development. In essence, the Annual Sports Day epitomized our college's unwavering commitment to promoting physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship among students and staff alike. It served as a platform for personal growth, friendly competition, and the cultivation of enduring bonds within our vibrant college community, echoing the values of excellence, inclusivity, and holistic development that define our institution.

DGVC STUDENTS ACHIEVE HISTORIC WINS AT ASIAN GAMES 2023



On the 12th of October, 2023, DDGD Vaishnav College organized an extraordinary felicitation event to honor two exceptional students, Mr. Praveen Chitravel, a BA Tamil student, and Mr. Rajesh Ramesh, an alumnus with a BA in Economics, for their phenomenal performances in the 19th Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China. The Principal, Dr. S. Santhosh Baboo, welcomed the distinguished gathering and assured the college's unwavering support for the students in their future sporting endeavors. The highlight of the event was when Dr. Ashok Kumar Mundhra, the Secretary, awarded significant cash prizes to the deserving athletes. Praveen Chitravel received a cash prize of 1.5 lakhs for his remarkable achievement in winning the bronze medal in the Triple Jump event. Meanwhile, Rajesh Ramesh was awarded 1 lakh for his outstanding performance, securing a gold medal in the 4x400 meters relay and a silver medal in the 4x400 meters mixed relay. Adding to the accolades, the MLA of the Anna Nagar Constituency, Mr. M. K. Mohan, announced a generous cash prize of 25,000 rupees for each student, funded by the government. This gesture was in recognition of their hard work, dedication, and the pride they brought to the institution and the nation. The event was a grand celebration of athletic excellence and a testament to the college's commitment to supporting and nurturing sporting talent. The entire college community, including faculty, students, and staff, gathered to applaud and celebrate the achievements of these remarkable athletes. The Principal, Dr. S. Santhosh Baboo, reiterated the college's commitment to providing comprehensive support and resources to help students excel in both academics and sports. He emphasized the importance of holistic development and the role of sports in shaping character and discipline. Dr. Ashok Kumar Mundhra's awarding of cash prizes symbolized the college's recognition and appreciation of the hard work and dedication demonstrated by the athletes. His words of encouragement and commitment to continued support further motivated the students. The announcement by MLA Mr. M. K. Mohan was met with enthusiastic applause, highlighting the importance of community and governmental support in promoting sports and recognizing young talent.

IMPORTANT MOMENTS

DGVC TIMES

● AUGUST 2024

● 1967

Community Service Initiative: On 25th October 1967, 50 students, led by General Secretary Shri. K. Kadirvelu, laid a road and cleaned the environment in West Mambalam.

International Student Visit: On 4th August 1967, seven students from the University of California visited under Project India

● 1968

THE GOKUL: Former Principal SRG visualized "Gokul News" to teach students the basics of Journalism

Medical Training Agreement: The College agreed to train one batch of 1 Year M.B.B.S. students for May 1968 exams.

● 1969

Bridge Course Success: Our college conducted a Bridge Course in English for Pre-University students with British Council's help.

● 1972

Global Unity Representation: "Bupesh C. Bhagat represented Tamil Nadu at the World Scout Jamboree in Japan, fostering global unity

● 1980

N.C.C. Cadet Aslam Salaam earned distinction in India-Canada Youth Exchange, participating in special training in Canada

● 1981

Radio Club: Radio club expands with transmitter import, Prof. R. Ananthan secures license, initiating HAM activities."

● 1984

CADOFEST-84: The NCC cadets hosted 'CADOFEST-84', an inter-collegiate festival, which was a grand success this year

● 1986

ISKCON College Union: ISKCON trained College Union Council members and now manages the campus canteen, enhancing its divine ambience.

Youth Delegation to China: Rajesh Sivaramakrishnan Joins India International's Youth Delegation to China

● 1987

IV to ISRO Bangalore: Eighteen final year Physics students toured Bangalore, visiting ISRO and the Visvesvaraya Museum, observing final IRS-IA satellite preparations.

● 1988

Study-Tour Revival: Exploration : Revival of 'Study-Tour' Expands Student Perspectives: Northern India, Nepal Exploration

SPIC MACAY Cultural Events: SPIC MACAY Events at Our College Cultural Programs with Renowned "Artists"

● 1996

Blood Donation Excellence: DG Vaishnav College won the Ashok Leyland Rolling Trophy in 1996 for recording the highest blood donation units.

● 1997

Inaugural Music Festival: Saint ThyagarajaAradhana: Inaugural Celebration with Renowned Maestros, Universally Appreciated

● 1998

Celebrating Musical Excellence: ThyagarajaAradhana: Celebrating Maestros Srinivasalyer, Balamurali Krishna, and UmayalpuramSivaraman with Honors

● 2022

V- Bazaar: ThyagarajaAradhana: Celebrating Maestros Srinivasalyer, Balamurali Krishna, and UmayalpuramSivaraman with Honors

● 2023

Asian Games: SPIC MACAY Events at Our College Cultural Programs with Renowned "Artists"

● 2024

Mega Job Fair witnessed 46 esteemed companies, which placed 814 students. Indeed a first and best of its kind.



Our Secretary Shri. Ashok Kumar Mundhra and Principal Dr. S. Santhosh Baboo Celebrating Marghashi Mahotsav with Srinath Fine Arts.



Our Secretary, Shri. Ashok Kumar Mundhra felicitating Dr. Nirmala Sitharaman



A group of teachers and students had the privilege of visiting the, then Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi at her residential lawns, creating a memorable moment



Our College Partnered with the Nanyang Institute of Management, Singapore for an International student exchange program.



Valediction of Farm Fest 98 conducted by the Department of Economics.



AIDS Awareness Rally being flagged off by Dr. S.P. Rajagopalan, Principal.



Padma Shri R. Krishnan addressing the audience on Hostel Day



Valediction of Farm Fest 98 conducted by the Department of Economics



Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar delivering the Founder's Day Address



Prof. Ramanujam guiding journalism students during a visit to the Express office.



Shri. P. Haridas, Secretary, Receives H.H. 108 Goswami Shri Brijratnalaji Maharaj



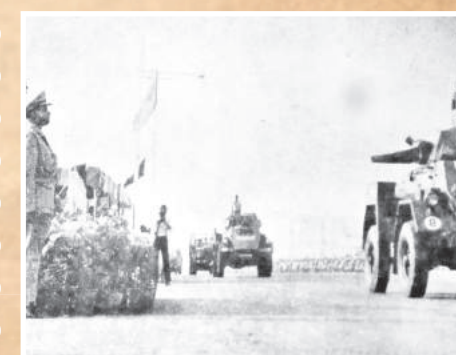
Inframe: Our Secretary, Shri. Ashok Kumar Mundhra with Late Actor and Comedian Padma Shri Vivek.



Students celebrating victory of A.L. Mudaliar Trophy with our Principal Dr. S. Santhosh Baboo.



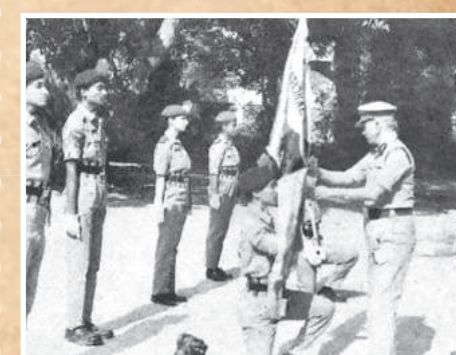
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Republic Day Parade - 1974 - I.T. N. Armd. Regt.

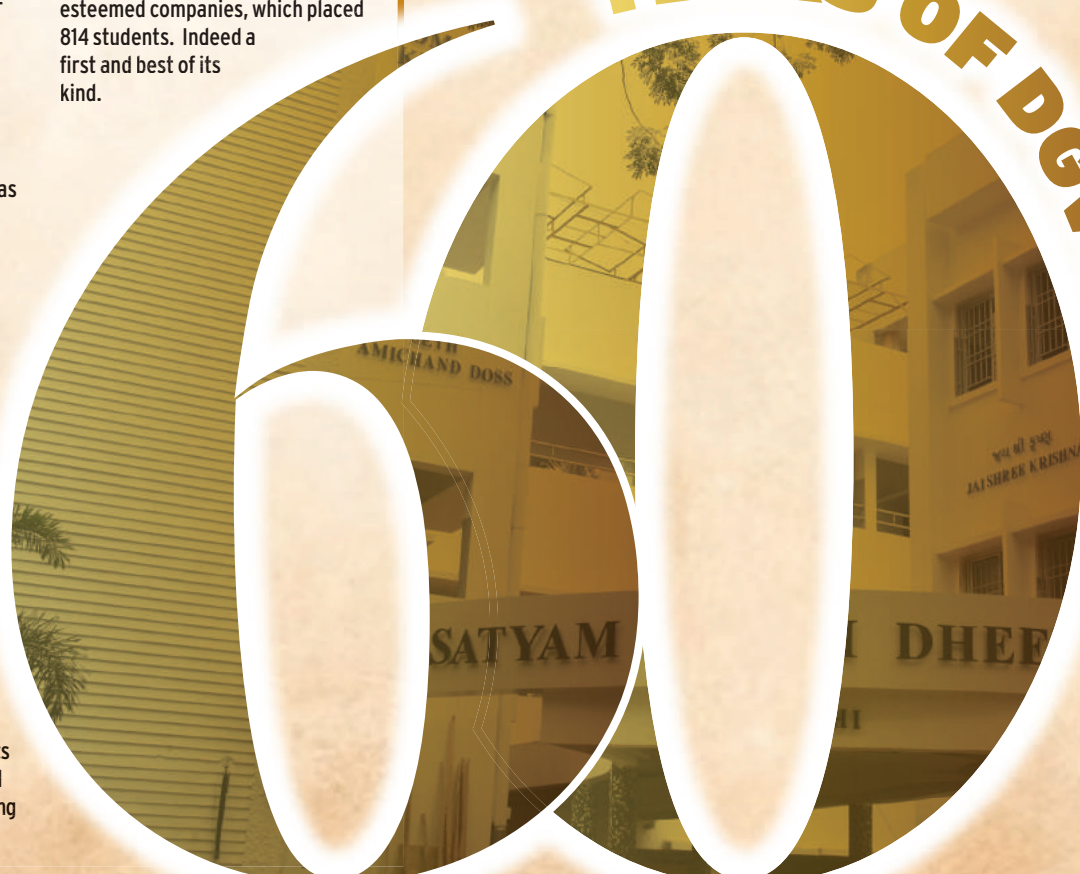


Prof. Dr. M. Krishnan, Vice Chancellor of Central University of Tamil Nadu, graces the 59th College Day as Chief Guest, alongside our Secretary Shri. Ashok Kumar Mundhra and Principal Dr. S. Santhosh Baboo and Treasurer Shri Ashok Kedia.



N.C.C. Day on 11-03-1992

YEARS OF DGVC



Lions teacher's day award

Our Principal, Dr. S. Santhosh Baboo received the Lion's Teachers Day Award on 10th September 2023 for his exceptional skills inspiring students.

IAPT Dinbandhu sahu memorial award

Dr. D. Uthra, Head of Physics at DGVC, received the IAPT Dinbandhu Sahu Memorial Award and will represent India at ICTP's Career Development Workshop for Women in Physics in November 2023.

Bharat Ratna Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Visionary of India 2020 Award

Dr. T. Umopathy received the "Bharat Ratna Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Visionary of India 2020 Award" and the Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Gold Medal Award for his contributions to education. He was also conferred with a Doctor of Letters (D.Lit) by International Economics University for SAARC Countries.

Excellence in Teaching

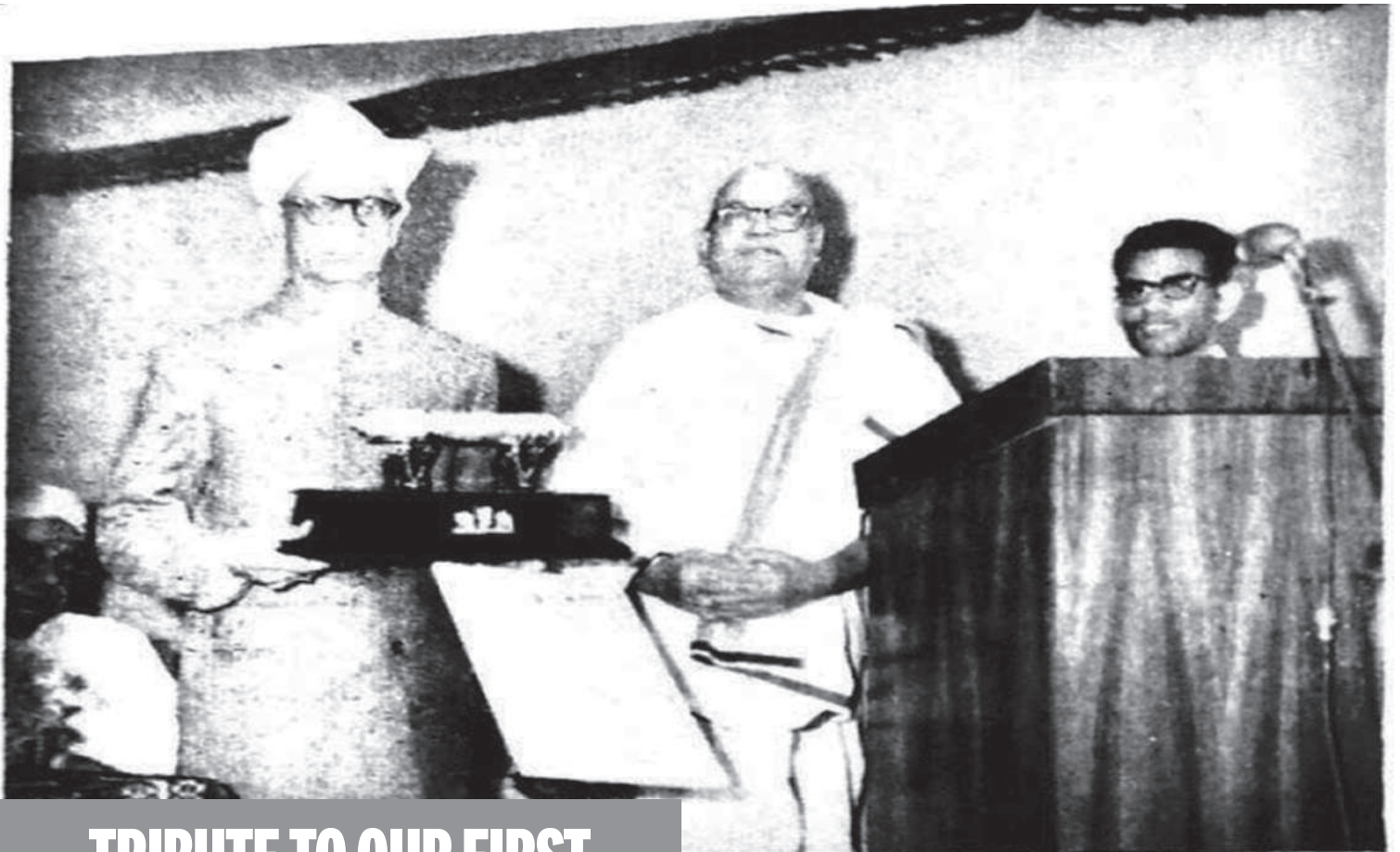
Dr. P. Vidya, Head of the Department of Microbiology, was honored with the Excellence in Teaching in Higher Education Award by Arunai International Research Foundation.

Eminent Young Scientist Award

Dr. D. Anandhi received the Eminent Young Scientist Award in Biochemistry from the International Foundation for Environmental Ecology.

SALIS Library Ambassador Award

Dr. K.K. Lakshmi, HOD of English at DDGVC, was honored with the SALIS Library Ambassador Award 2022 for her exceptional contributions to library services and NDLI Club activities.



TRIBUTE TO OUR FIRST PRINCIPAL, SRI TOTADRI IYENGAR'S LEGACY

In a touching tribute, Adhyapaka Ratna Sri T. Totadri Iyengar was honored posthumously for his 44 years of exemplary service to education. Bestowed with the title by the 44th Jeer of Shri Ahobila Mutt, a portrait of Sri Totadri Iyengar was unveiled at Vaishnav College, Madras. Funds collected by staff, students, and management will endow prizes at University of Madras and scholarships at Dwaraka Doss Govardhan Doss Vaishnav College, recognizing academic excellence and exemplary conduct.



DGVC Wins Bhumi Awards

DG Vaishnav College has proudly received the Bhumi Award for its NeNe - Necessities for Needy People initiative, launched by the BBA Department in 2022. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding contributions to social welfare, particularly during challenging times, and celebrates the college's dedication to community support.

The award was presented to the college's principal and faculty for their significant efforts in providing essential aid during the pandemic. The Bhumi Award highlights the college's unwavering commitment to social service and the positive impact of its drives, reinforcing the importance of compassion and setting a benchmark for future initiatives.



NSS Award Indira Gandhi NSS National Award

DG Vaishnav College made a significant mark during its Golden Jubilee year by earning national recognition for its outstanding contributions to social service through the National Service Scheme. The college was honored with the highest social service award in India, the Indira Gandhi NSS National Award. This prestigious award was presented to Dr. T. Umopathy, who became the first NSS Programme Officer in the history of DDGVC to receive such an accolade. Dr. Umopathy was recognized for his leadership and dedication to the NSS, earning him the Best NSS Programme Officer award for the year 2014-15. Along with a certificate and a medal, he was also awarded a cash prize of Rs. 70,000.



DGVC Physics Student Vinay Kumar Won Best Cadet, honoured by Kalaighnar.

Sgt. B. Vinay Kumar, a dedicated II B.Sc. Physics student from the Armoured Wing, achieved the prestigious title of All India Best Cadet at the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi. Further recognizing his talents, he has been selected for the esteemed 2000 Youth Exchange Programme.



Luminaries on Campus



Dr. Kamal Haasan
Indian Actor and Film Director



Nirmala Sitharaman
Central Minister



Dr. K. Rosaiah
15th Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh



Ravindra Narayana Ravi
Governor of Tamil Nadu



Shashi Tharoor
Member of Parliament



Balu Mahendra
Cinematographer, Director



Prof. Dr. Krishnan Baskar
Director, IIT Madras



Prof. Dr. M. Bhaskaran
Pro Vice-Chancellor, VITAS



Prof. P. Duraisamy
Former Vice-Chancellor, UNDM



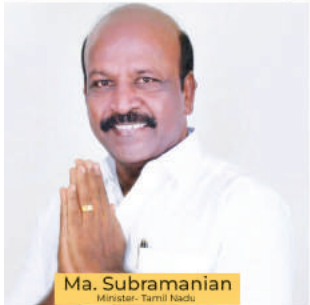
Prof. Dr. M. Krishnan
Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Tamil Nadu



Prof. S. Arumugam
Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University



Col. Dr. G. Thiruvassagam
Pro-Chancellor (Academic), AMET University



Ma. Subramanian
Minister, Tamil Nadu



K. Bhagyaraj
Indian Actor and Director



Prashanth
Indian Actor



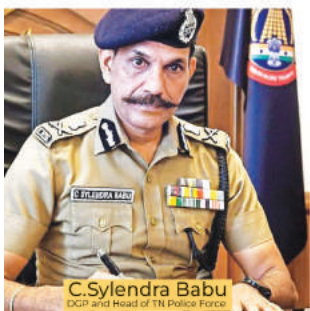
V. Shanmuganathan
Former Governor of Meghalaya & Manipur



Anbumani Ramadoss
Politician



Vivek
Indian Actor



C. Syendra Babu
DCP and Head of TN Police Force



Dr. S. R. Ramanan
Indian Meteorologist



Smt. Rajashree Birla
Director, Aditya Birla Group of Companies



Krishnamachari Srikanth
Former Indian Cricketer



Rangaraj Pandey
Indian Journalist and Actor



Dr. Ravi Muthusamy
Indian Police Service (IPS)



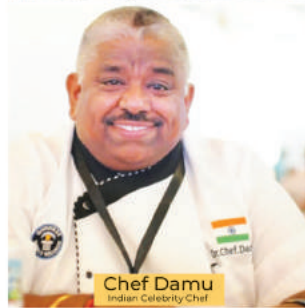
P. Unnikrishnan
Indian Playback Singer



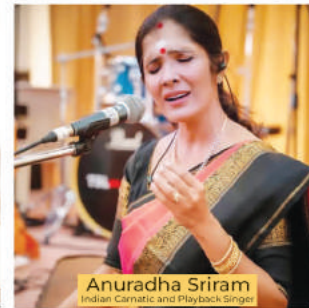
Keerthi Pandian
Indian Actress



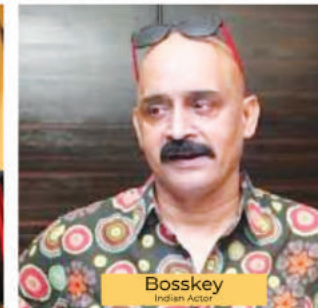
Sasikumar
Indian Actor, Film Director



Chef Damu
Indian Celebrity Chef



Anuradha Sriram
Indian Carnatic and Playback Singer



Bosskey
Indian Actor



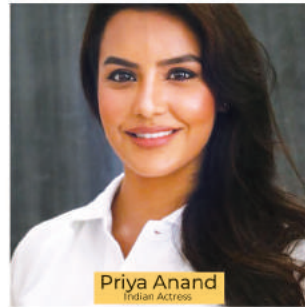
Jiiva
Indian Actor



D. Imman
Indian Film Composer and Playback Singer



Dhamu
Indian Actor, Comedian and Mimicry Artist



Priya Anand
Indian Actress



Shakthi Vasudevan
Indian Actor



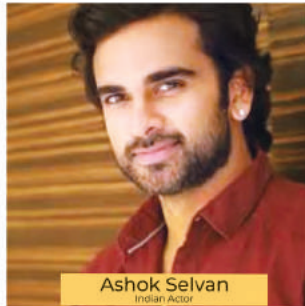
Mysskin
Indian Film Director, Artist



K.V. Anand
Indian Cinematographer, Film Director



Mahendran
Indian Actor



Ashok Selvan
Indian Actor



Dr. R. Suresh Kumar
Indian Anchor and News Presenter



Bobby Simha
Indian Actor



Ashwin Kakumanu
Indian Actor



CULTURE @ DGVC

Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College fosters cultural enrichment through a variety of initiatives. The college organized numerous cultural activities including Shri Ramar Thirumnamam and Perumal Thirukalyanam. Additionally, the college supported various cultural development programs and facilitated participation in conferences, workshops, and memberships in cultural bodies. These efforts aim to enhance students' cultural awareness and appreciation.

CSR ACTIVITIES



GoldenEye Donates TV to Hearing Impaired School

GOLDENEYE, an inter-college fund-raising event, successfully raised enough funds to donate a 42-inch Samsung smart TV to the Government School for Hearing Impairment in Tambaram. This generous act was part of a CSR activity conducted by the B.Com, Finance and Taxation, Shift II students, demonstrating their commitment to community service.



JOY OF SERVING HUMANITY - "JOSH"

JOSH viz "Joy of Serving Humanity," is a community outreach initiative launched by the PG & Research Department of Commerce in the academic year 2022-2023. The primary goal is to involve students in community service projects aimed at supporting marginalized groups in and around Chennai District. To date, the JOSH team has successfully completed seven projects, focusing on providing assistance to orphanages, individuals with disabilities, and old age homes.



Our Principal and Gen. Secy. distributing Food Packets to Flood Victims—815 D.



Our Students tending a dilapidated Well in a neighbourhood Village



DGVC College Distributes COVID Kits to Citywide Street Vendors

As part of the NENE initiative, DGVC's BBA Department extended crucial support to street vendors citywide amid the pandemic by distributing 500 COVID kits. These kits, meticulously assembled, included essential supplies such as masks, sanitizers, and hygiene items, crucial for maintaining their well-being and safety during the ongoing crisis. This proactive effort not only demonstrates the department's deep dedication to aiding vulnerable communities but also underscores their steadfast commitment to ensuring equitable access to necessary resources in times of adversity. By prioritizing the needs of street vendors, who often face heightened economic vulnerabilities, DGVC College exemplifies compassionate leadership and community solidarity. This recognition further highlights DGVC College's commitment to supporting individuals and families, fostering resilience and well-being across diverse neighborhoods in the city.

Bike Rally

On 26th June 2024, DG Vaishnav College hosted the Ride Safe India event, organized by Indian Express. The event saw active participation from 18 cadets of the 5 COY NCC Infantry, representing the ITN BN NCC unit. CSUO Premkumar G, CUO Harish S, CUO Niranjan S, CUO Narendra Kumar DM, CSM Elavarasu A, COSM Rangavittal S, SGT Khushal Suthar G, SGT Kishore Kumar K, SGT Sabir Ashat K, SGT Shruthi G, SGT Mukesh A, SGT Nalina, CDT Giridhar Kumar Mishra A, CDT Jai Prasad PK, CDT Karthikeyan, CDT Monishwar, CDT Roshan Kumar, CDT Vasudev D, and CDT Sadashivam S were present. The campaign educated participants about road safety, traffic rules, the importance of wearing helmets, and safe riding practices. Emphasizing the reduction of accidents through responsible behavior, the event aimed to foster a culture of safety and responsibility. The cadets not only gained valuable knowledge about road safety measures but also engaged in community activities and awareness drives to spread the message. The event was instrumental in enhancing their awareness and commitment to road safety. Overall, it was a wonderful and enriching experience, leaving a lasting impact on the cadets and promoting a safer community.





ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College Alumni Association (DGVCAA) was established in November 1988 by enthusiastic alumni, with permission and guidance from college authorities. A meeting on December 10, 1988, attended by 40 alumni from various batches and courses, led to the election of the first Managing Committee. The association was registered under the Societies Registration Act, and a bank account was opened in its name. Application forms and by-laws are available at the College Office. The association aims to maintain a strong connection between the college and its graduates. Notable alumni from the 2014-15 batch include Hon'ble Thiru Justice P.N. Prakash, musician Shri Rajkumar Bharathi, Justice Vaidyanathan of the Madras High Court, and Mr. Seshasayee, Joint Commissioner.

DGVCAA celebrated its Alumni Day on January 26, 2020, with 1122 alumni from across the country participating in it. The college, founded in 1963, saw enthusiastic participation from alumni dating back to 1966. Dr. R. Ganesan, Principal of D.G. Vaishnav College, welcomed the gathering and shared insights on the institution's growth. Shri Ashok Kumar Mundhra, Secretary of DGDGVC, presided over the event, which was graced by dignitaries such as Shri Gopal Agarwal, Vice Chairman of Shri Vallabhacharya Vidya Sabha; Mr. Ashok Kedia, Treasurer of D.G. Vaishnav College; Mr. L. V. Navaneeth, CEO of The Hindu Group; and Justice P.N. Prakash, a sitting judge at the Madras High Court. Retired faculty members were also present. Mr. P. Parthasarathy, President of DGVCAA, introduced the office bearers of

the Alumni Association. Mr. T.S. Rajagopalan, General Secretary, briefed the gathering on the association's activities and future plans. Mr. C.R. Ramanathan, Vice President, handed over a cheque for Rs. 15,000 on behalf of the 1978 B.Com batch to the Principal. Alumni enjoyed an audio-visual presentation highlighting the institution's growth since 1963 and shared nostalgic memories about friends, faculty, infrastructure, hostel, canteen, and exams. The college prayer song evoked fond memories of their college days. The event included a cultural program hosted by current students, and the celebration concluded with a networking lunch. From then on, it has become a tradition for the college to conduct Alumni Day, each year filled with lots of celebrations and memories.

Alumni Day 2024 was celebrated on February 3, 2024, with nearly 1000 alumni attending from batches dating back to 1966. The event was live-streamed on YouTube, allowing a wider audience to partake in the celebrations. Distinguished alumni, including Thiru Chief Justice S. Vaidyanathan, graced the occasion and advised alumni and students to choose the right path in life. Mr. K. E. Ranganathan, Board Member of Roca Products Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, spoke about the significant role of educational institutions in shaping youth and urged students to be resilient in the face of challenges. In addition to these inspiring speeches, alumni encouraged current students to focus on entrepreneurship, launching start-ups, and creating opportunities for others. They shared their experiences and insights to motivate and guide students in their future endeavors.

INTERVIEW



Interview with Alumni Major General, Mr. Rajiv Menon, Department of BA CS Batch 1987-1990

FROM COLLEGE REBEL TO MAJOR GENERAL: REFLECTIONS ON LEADERSHIP AND MEMORABLE DAYS

- How were your college days?**
Most of the time, I was out of college, but we had fun when I was there. Whenever I attended, I often got into trouble, usually for minor things like being late or skipping classes. The best part of those days was undoubtedly our excellent professors, who were always supportive and inspiring. I particularly looked up to Prof. Srinivasan, an amazing person who motivated us to do our best and stood by us even when we had attendance issues. He had a way of making every subject interesting and was always available to help students outside the classroom.
- What was your favorite spot in the college?**
I used to spend time with my NCC mates in the canteen, parade ground, and NCC store. The area behind the library, which looked like a forest, was also a favorite spot. We often hung out there, enjoying the tranquility and sharing stories. It was a place where we could unwind and connect with nature, away from the hustle and bustle of college life.
- What was the funniest moment during class hours?**
I used to come to class very late due to parade and cross-country practice. Within 10 minutes of arriving, I would often fall asleep. During college, my hobby was catching snakes and sometimes bringing them to class. I wasn't an ideal student; I was more of a rebel. I wasn't a topper, usually scoring around 60%. Captain Srinivasan, our ANO in the Physics Department, was an amazing person and a god-like figure for us. He used to call us the laziest persons. Prof. T.S. Padmanaban, who replaced Srinivasan sir as ANO, and our principal, Prof. Veeraragavan, along with Prof. Nagarajan, were also significant figures.
- What do you think about the news and media today?**
Journalism plays a crucial role in providing news to people. Unfortunately, journalism has taken a 360° turn today. Everything is available at a click, which changes the way news is consumed. The immediacy of news has led to a rise in sensationalism, often prioritizing speed over accuracy. It's important for consumers to critically evaluate the information they receive and seek out reliable sources.
- What advice would you give to the younger generation?**
Young people should sit and analyze things. They need to look at all sides of an issue before coming to a conclusion and finding the truth. Don't trust things blindly. Be critical thinkers and verify the information you receive. It's essential to develop a strong moral compass and stay grounded in your values. Embrace challenges as opportunities for growth and learning.



Interview with Alumni Major, Mr. Balanarayan, Department of B.Com Batch 1992-1995

FROM DG VAISHNAV COLLEGE TO ARMY SERVICE: MEMORIES OF DEDICATION AND GROWTH

- What are your best memories from your college days?**
I used to spend most of my time in the NCC store and college hostel, hanging out with my NCC batchmates, seniors, and juniors. My favorite spot was the circle construction in the center of the college, where we would often study during exam time.
- Why did you choose DGVC College?**
DDGDVC Vaishnav was well-known for its NCC program. I applied for B.Com at Loyola and MCC but didn't clear their cut-offs, so I chose DDGDVC due to its strong NCC reputation.
- Who inspired you to join the Army?**
My uncle, Colonel Bala, was in the Army and a significant inspiration for me. His dedication, bravery, and stories of service deeply influenced my decision. Additionally, my involvement in the National Cadet Corps (NCC) during my school and college years was a turning point that motivated me to join the Army. The discipline, camaraderie, and leadership skills I gained through NCC further fueled my passion and commitment to serve my country in the military. These experiences collectively guided me towards pursuing a career in the Army, shaping my aspirations and goals.
- What operations have you participate in the Indian Army?**
I was posted in the 17 Parachute Field Regiment at Agra and took part in North East Counter-insurgency operations and Operation Vijay. I received the gallantry award for successfully identifying six insurgents.
- What advice do you give to young people?**
Spend time with family and friends rather than being on mobile devices all the time. Building strong, real-life relationships is invaluable and contributes greatly to personal well-being. In today's world, media plays a vital role, and information is quickly shared through social media. It's important to double-check facts before sharing anything online, as misinformation can spread rapidly and cause harm. Additionally, focus on continuous learning and self-improvement, as the world is constantly changing and adapting is key to success.
- How did it feel to represent DG Vaishnav in the Youth Exchange Program (YEP)?**
It was a proud moment. My super seniors and I set a tradition of being the best cadets and bringing a good name to the college. I was named NCC Best Cadet in 1994 at RDC in Delhi, which led to my representation of our country in YEP in the UK and later joining OTA.



Interview with Alumni Actor Mr. Shakthi,
Department of MBA (Batch - 2004-2006)

JOURNEY FROM COLLEGE VICE PRESIDENT TO CINEMA STAR: INVALUABLE ADVICE FOR STUDENTS

1 Can you share your college journey and any memorable moments?

My college journey at DG Vaishnav College was incredible. I served as the vice president of DDGVC, and though they wanted me to become the president, no one took up the role after me. I had a great rapport with all the professors and was a top 10 rank holder at the University level. The turning point in my life came during my final year project when an external staff member praised my survey and called it the best project ever. He asked about my career plans, and I mentioned my interest in cinema. His comments about my weight and potential motivated me to apply MBA strategies in acting, marking a significant turning point in my life.

2 What has your experience in the cinema field been like?

Since childhood, I was an artist and often visited shooting spots with my father. My first movie, "Thottal Poo Malarum," was a super hit. I later worked with Prithviraj in "Ninaitale Inikkum" and starred in the Kannada blockbuster "Shivalinga." This role led Lawrence Master to approach me for the Tamil remake, solidifying my place in the cinema industry.

3 Do you have any advice for the younger generation?

My advice for the younger generation is to embrace independence and self-reliance as early as possible. If you encounter problems, especially personal or professional ones, don't stay with your parents. Moving out and handling things independently can teach you valuable life skills and help you grow as a person. It's important to start earning as soon as you can, even if it's through part-time jobs or internships, to develop financial responsibility and avoid being a burden on anyone. Additionally, learning to manage your own finances, make decisions, and solve problems on your own will prepare you for the complexities of adult life.

4 How do you feel about the initiatives taken by DG Vaishnav College, such as the DGVC Times?

I am thrilled to see these initiatives. During my college days, we didn't have such opportunities. The effort put into the DGVC Times and the journalism department is commendable and provides students with excellent platforms for growth and learning.

5 How do you feel about the initiatives taken by DG Vaishnav College, such as the DGVC Times?

After a long gap in the field, I learned several valuable lessons. One key takeaway was understanding how to handle situations when things don't go as planned. This period allowed me to analyze myself deeply and gain insights into my strengths and areas for improvement. It was also a time to be patient and wait for the right opportunities. I carefully evaluated scripts, seeking projects that resonated with me and matched my skills.



Interview with Alumni Actor Mr. Ajay Rathnam,
B.Com General (Batch - 1982-1985)

UNFORGETTABLE COLLEGE DAYS: ACTOR AJAY RATHNAM REFLECTS ON LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS

1 How did your journey into the film industry begin?

My journey started at MCC School, where I set a record by scoring full marks in Accounts. This achievement led to my admission to B.Com at your college from 1982 to 1985. Coming from a business background, I pursued B.Com as my family owned Portland Beach Resorts in Mahabalipuram since 1973. In 1985, an opportunity arose in the film industry with the movie "Oomai Vizhigal." The producers were looking for a tall character, and with the help of a friend who was a cameraman, I got the chance. The film was a hit, marking my entry into the industry.

2 What are your views about your three years in college?

It was a very nice experience; it felt like an extension of my school days. I particularly remember Mr. P.V., one of our lecturers, who emphasized discipline and punctuality. My closest friend, Mr. Sathish, whom I met during those years, remains my best friend. We had a close-knit batch of about 45-50 students, and our alumni association remains active. We often return to the campus to engage in various activities, and Ajay sir, a motivational trainer, also visited our college to inspire the students.

3 Do you still reminisce about any old moments?

Absolutely! Those were some of the best and most memorable days of my life, and I often find myself reminiscing about them. I particularly remember the mango tree in front of our classroom, which was a favorite spot for us to gather and relax during breaks between classes. It became a symbol of our carefree days and the camaraderie we shared. The college has undergone significant development since then, with impressive new buildings and facilities. It's fascinating to see how much it has changed, yet those memories remain vivid and cherished in my mind.

4 How active is your alumni association, and do you hang out with your friends from college?

Yes, we do! Every month, we make it a point to catch up. I have fond memories with friends like Mr. Baskar, Mr. Saravanan, Mr. Madhivanan, Mr. Muralidharan, Mr. AnandKumar, and many others. Our alumni association is very active, and we often return to the campus to engage in various activities.

5 Who inspired you the most during your college days?

Every teacher was incredibly supportive and friendly. Mr. Santhanam stands out in my memory, along with other lecturers who joined during my time there. Their guidance and encouragement were invaluable.



Interview with Alumni Mr. Sundra Moorthy,
Department of BA CS (Shift II) (Batch 1987-1990)

HOSTEL HALLS AND AUDITORIUM ECHO: CHERISHED MEMORIES OF COLLEGE LIFE

1 What are some of the most challenging aspects of your role?

Adopting new technology and managing multiple stakeholders are among the most challenging aspects. Navigating the rapid pace of technological advancements while ensuring alignment among diverse stakeholders requires strategic planning and strong communication skills.

2 How did you manage your academics and NCC at the same time?

Effective time management and prioritization were crucial. Maintaining a structured schedule and a disciplined approach was essential to balance both academics and NCC activities successfully. This helped me stay on top of my studies while being actively involved in NCC.

3 What is your favorite spot in our college?

The hostel and the auditorium. These places hold fond memories of camaraderie and fun times with friends. The hostel was where we bonded over late-night chats and study sessions, while the auditorium was the venue for many memorable events and gatherings.

4 How were your college days?

College days were filled with unforgettable moments and thorough enjoyment. The experiences and friendships formed during this period were invaluable. We had a mix of academic challenges and extracurricular activities that made the time enriching and enjoyable.

5 What are your best memories with your college friends?

One of the best memories was when my friend was selected as the evening college chairman with the entire department's support, including my efficient contribution. This unopposed victory led to a fun and big celebration, marking a significant achievement and showcasing our strong sense of community. The unity and support we showed each other during this time were truly special and memorable.

6 What advice would you give to young people?

Set a clear objective and stay focused on it. It's essential to define what you want to achieve, as having a well-defined goal gives you direction and purpose. Along the way, maintain your determination and work hard, even when faced with challenges or setbacks. Sometimes progress is slow, but every step forward brings you closer to your aspirations. Stay positive, be adaptable, and never underestimate the power of a consistent effort.



Interview with Alumni Mr. Vidya Shankar Brigadier in North West border of India B.Com (Batch 1993-1996)



Interview with Alumni Mr. Sumeet Kharbanda, B.Com (Batch -1997-2000)



Interview with Alumni Captain. Mr. Shankar Srinivas Vice President Special Project BA Economics (Batch: 1983-1986)

MEDIA AND THE MILITARY: HOW HEADLINES SHAPE OUR VIEW OF ARMY LIFE

1 What role does media play in shaping the public perspective of the army?

Media plays a significant role by providing facts, figures, and opinions, but it can also shape narratives. I believe the media should remain unbiased, truthful, and focused, avoiding unnecessary narrative shaping. It's crucial for the media to present accurate and balanced information to help the public understand the realities of army life without distorting the truth.

2 As you are from the army, what are your thoughts on media and journalists?

Most people are unaware of real army life, often learning about it through movies. Media should focus on providing facts and analyses, not intruding excessively into personal lives. A balance is necessary to respect privacy while informing the public. Journalists should aim to educate and inform rather than sensationalize stories, ensuring a respectful and accurate portrayal of military life.

3 What advice would you give to young people?

Believe in yourself and build self-confidence. NCC provides a platform for this, helping cadets realize their potential. It's not just about joining the army; NCC fosters an all-rounded personality and decision-making skills. Developing self-confidence and a sense of responsibility through activities like NCC can greatly benefit young people in all walks of life.

4 How were your college days?

My first year of college was relatively smooth, with minimal involvement in extracurricular activities, including camps. However, in my second year, things changed significantly. I became more actively involved and ended up attending 8-9 camps, which resulted in having only about 19% attendance in my regular classes. Despite this, I was fortunate to have the support of my Head of Department and the principal. Additionally, my ANO, Mr. DS Parnaradhan, played a crucial role in my academic success. He went above and beyond by tutoring me at home, helping me catch up on missed coursework and preparing me for exams.

5 Do you have any memorable moments with your college friends?

We often went to the theater for action, comedy, and romance movies, as there were no mobile phones or OTT platforms. Bunking classes and doing prory were common. Our favorite hangouts were the canteen, known for its special parotta kurma, and the NCC store, where we brainstormed and bonded. I also discovered my ability to run during an NCC competition at Loyola College.

FROM NCC TO LIFE-CHANGING JOURNEYS AND LASTING FRIENDSHIPS

1 You spent five years at DGVC. How do you feel about it?

It is definitely a great milestone. I completed both my UG B.Com and PG MSW here. Who I am today is largely because of DGV. I have many memories, especially with my NCC mates. In my UG days, I rarely spent time in the classroom during my first year. My second year was mostly spent at camp, and I went to RDC in Delhi. In my third year, I spent a lot of time training my juniors.

2 Do you still reminisce about any old moments?

I still remember one of my seniors asking me to go on a long-distance run, covering about 6km. Initially, I found it very difficult as I had never run that far. I remember starting from college and not even reaching Anna Arch before I stopped. But over time, I gained confidence. Eventually, I completed the 6km run, and even today, I can run about 10km non-stop. During college, I often sat in the middle benches but spent most of my time with my NCC mates. I'm still in touch with many of them—Kowshik, Manikandan, Manoj, Swapnil, Dilip, Eswar, and Raja Gopal. Our ANO was Major M. Venkatramanan, who was also the HOD in the Economics Department, and our principal was Raja Gopal.

3 What was the turning point in your college life?

NCC was definitely the turning point for me. My NCC seniors helped me a lot and it changed me significantly. I didn't have any notable achievements or extracurricular activities before that, but NCC provided a great platform. I learned a lot, gained confidence, and developed an interest in joining the Army because of it.

4 What are your thoughts on media and journalism?

Journalism plays a crucial role in helping people understand what's happening around them. Today, with social media and digitalization, sharing information is fast and easy. Unfortunately, journalism has taken a 360° turn today. Everything is available at a click, which changes the way news is consumed. It's essential for people to analyze things critically and not trust information blindly.

5 What advice would you give to the current youngsters?

Learn as much as you can and seek diverse experiences. Don't limit yourself to a narrow path. Be open to exploring various opportunities. Young people should sit and analyze things. They need to look at all sides of an issue before coming to a conclusion and finding the truth.

DGVC AND MY UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY: FROM CAMPUS LIFE TO CAREER MILESTONES

1 How were your college days and your funniest moments with friends?

College was a significant milestone, and my memories are still fresh. I used to play table tennis and spent a lot of time in the old library, reading Scientific American magazines. I also enjoyed my time in the NCC office and loved the pond inside the college. Our principal, Mr. Venkatesan, was strict about punctuality and would often stand at the main gate. The college created a new award, "Gentleman of the Year," which I was proud to receive.

2 How was your Economics department?

The Economics department was headed by Mr. K. L. Ragavan. Our professors were fantastic, especially Mr. Sadagopan, who made history come alive beyond the textbooks. Their engaging teaching methods ensured we never wanted to bunk classes.

3 What was the turning point in your life?

A significant turning point in my life was when Vice Principal Mr. Veeraragavan encouraged me to join the NCC Infantry. This decision aligned perfectly with my passion for joining the Army. My dedication and hard work paid off when I was selected as the Best Cadet at the Republic Day Camp (RDC) in Delhi in 1984 and had the opportunity to participate in the Youth Exchange Program (YEP) in the UK. In 1985, I was honored with the Wisdom Magazine Award, which was presented to me by the Governor, marking a proud moment in my life. This achievement was made possible with significant support from Prof. Captain Srinivas, who mentored and guided me.

4 As someone in press relations, what advice would you give us?

Nowadays, everyone seeks sensational news, and the term "breaking news" has lost its meaning. During Operation Desert Storm, CNN started with "breakup news," but now everything is labeled as breaking news. Journalists must be willing listeners rather than driving agendas. Unfortunately, bad news travels faster and creates fear, which is why it gets more attention. This needs to change. True journalists should strive to provide accurate news. As young journalists, have the courage to report the truth with integrity.

5 Why did you choose DGVC?

It was a natural choice. I attended Kolaperumal Chetty School, next door to the college, which is part of the same management. I frequently visited the college during my school days and always wished to join DGVC.



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