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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD						
S.No	Department	Name	Year Of Study	Programme Of Study	Current Position	Photo
1	Rural Sociology and Community Development.	Shri.G.Ramakrishnan	1967	Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Sociology and Community Development.	Retired IAS Officer	
2	Political Science And Development Administration	Dr.B.S.Thirumeni	2017	Ph.D	Retd. Collector	

3	Biology	Dr. Thilagavathy Daniel	1992	Ph.D.	Retd. Professor & Head, ,	
4	Department Of Political Science And Development Administration	Dr.V.Ragupathy	1999	Ph.D	Retd. Professor President In Gandhi Niketan Ashram T.Kallupatti-Madurai	
5	School Of English And Foreign Languages	Dr. A. Joseph Dorairaj	1999	Ph D	Retired Senior Professor Of English, Gri	
6	Department Of Cooperation	Dr.P.Sivaprakasam	1992	Ph.D. In Cooperation	Retired Professor In Cooperation	
7	School of Agriculture And Animal Sciences	Dr.M.Seethalakshmi	2002	Ph.D	Professor Of Dairying (Rtd.,) (Service Period 1983 To 2024) School Of Agriculture	

8	Department of Political Science & Development Administration	A.Sundramahalingam	1982	M.A In Rural Service	Retd. Nyk	
9	Department of Economics	Mr.S.Baskar	1989	M.A Rural Economics & Extension Education	High Performance Coach And High Performance Director, National Chief Coach For Indian Women's Team, Chennai	
10	Department of Hindi	Dr.Sheik Abdul Wahab	2008	Ph.D.	Associate Professor	
11	Centre For Applied Research	Dr. Arokiaraj Varaprasadam	2016	Ph.D	Expert Development Consultant	

12	Political Science And Development Administration	Mr.A.Thanapal	1999	M.A Development Administration And Panchayat Raj System	Tamilnadu Fire Service	
13	Department Of Home Science	Dr.Thiripurasundari Thiagarajan	1994	M.Sc. Home Science Extension	Program Advisor Development Sector Consultant ,Honorary Professor Of Practice, Gri (2026) , Equal Measures 2030 Fellow (2025)	
14	Computer Science And Applications	Dr.Thamizhiniyan Natarajan	1998	Mca	Postdoctoral Researcher In University Of Limerick In Ireland	
15	Tamil	Dr. S. Laksham	1986	Tamil And Indian Literature	Librarian (Retd.) Mgr Medical University, Chennai	

16	Rural Health & Sanitation	Dr.P.Santhana Gopal	1976 & 2019	Certificate Course in Sanitary Inspector & Ph.D from Gandhigram Rural Institute	Rtd.Divisional Health Officer, Southern Railway	
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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

S.NO	DEPARTMENT	NAME	YEAR OF STUDY	PROGRAMME OF STUDY	CURRENT POSITION	PHOTO
17	Tamil	Dr.P.Velmurugan	2000	Ph.D	Professor and Head, Dept. of Tamil, Central University of Tamil Nadu.	
18	Hindi	Mrs.A.Maheswary	2011	PG	Assistant Professor & Head	

19	Hindi	Mrs.S.Prasanna devi	2012	PG	Assistant Professor & Head	
20	School of English and Foreign Languages	Dr. P. Jeyappriya	2005	Ph D	Registrar i/c	
21	Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	Dr.Fr.Arcokiam	2005	B.A Rural Reconstruction & Ph.D	Correspondent in a School	
22	Rural Industries and Management	Dr. P.Uma	2010	Ph.D in Rural Industries and Management	Director, Unique Research & Consultancy Services	
23	Cooperation	Dr. Selvam Jesiah	1994	M.A. Cooperative Management	Professor & Principal, Faculty of Management Sciences, SRIHER, Chennai	
24	Cooperation	Dr.G.Veerakumaran	1986	M.A. Cooperative Management	Rtd. Professor & Former Dean, KAU, Thrissur, Kerala, Honorary Emeritus Professor of GRI.	

25	Mathematics	Dr. D. Ashok Kumar	2008	Ph.D	Associate Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science, Government Arts and Science College, Kumulur, Lalgudi, Trichirappalli.	
26	Physics	Dr. R. Ajaya Mohan	1991	M.Sc. Applied Physics	Senior Research Scientist New York University Abu Dhabi	
27	Chemistry	Dr. L Cindrella	1986	M.Sc.Chemistry	Professor in Chemistry NIT, Trichy.	
28	Home Science	A.Mumtaj	2000	M.Sc Home Science Extension	Professor	
29	Biology	V. Pradeepa	2014	Ph.D.(Zoology)	Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Seethalakshmi Achi College for Women, Pallathur, Sivagangai District, Tamil Nadu, India.	
30	Computer Science and Applications	Dr. P. Sriramakrishnan	2014	Master of Computer Applications	Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Amrita VishwaVidyapeetham, Coimbatore	

31	Rural Energy	Prasanakumaran KM	2020	M.Tec Renewable Energy	Research Scholar, IIT Delhi	
32	Rural Energy	Jayabharathi G	2022	B.Voc Renewable Energy	Renewable Energy Professional	
33	Applied Geology	Dr. N K Libeesh	2024	Ph.D	Assistant Professor	
34	Applied Geology	Dr. Varsha Prem	2022	Ph.D	Research Associate	
35	Applied Geology	Dr. Karung Phaisonreng Kom	2023	Ph.D	Assistant Professor	
36	B.Voc (Dairy Production and Technology)	Ms. S. Harini	2021	B.Voc Dairy Production & Technology	Junior Assistant India	

37	Rural Health and Sanitation	R.Karanthamalai Kannan	2013	Ph.D in Sociology of Health from GRI	Assistant Professor (Temporary) Department of Rural Health and Sanitation,GRI	
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PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD						
S.NO	DEPARTMENT	NAME	YEAR OF STUDY	PROGRAMME OF STUDY	CURRENT POSITION	PHOTO
38	Tamil	Dr.R.Manikandan	1986	M.A.(Tamil and Indian Literature)	Freelance Writer & Journalist	
39	School of English and Foreign Languages	Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus	2021	Ph D	Principal	
40	Centre for Geoinformatics	Ms. K. Priyadharshini	2012	M.Sc. Geo Informatics	Director, Geoid Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., Chennai.	
41	Centre for Applied Research	Dr.A.Uma Maheswari	2015	Ph.D	Assistant Professor	

42	Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	Mr.Sarine Dominic	2010	B.A Gandhian Social Work	Clinical Psychologist (Government of Kerala)	
43	Sociology	Dr.M. Meenakumari	2001	M.Phil.	Associate Professor of Sociology and Head of WEAT, Fatima College	
44	Education	Dr.M.Deivam	2012	Ph.D	Assistant Professor	
45	Physics	Dr. R. S. Maheskumar	1992	M.Sc. Applied Physics	Scientist G Indian Institute Of Tropical Meteorology, Pune Ministry Of Earth	
46	Physics	Dr.Geetha Gopakumar	1994	M.Sc., Physics	Head, Data Science Oil And Gas Company, Houston	
47	Chemistry	Dr.P. Sivakumar	1995	B.Sc. Chemistry	Superintendent, Reconversion Operation Plant and Reconversion Operations Division, Reprocessing Group, IGCAR, Kalpakkam.	

48	Home Science	Dr.R.Dharmalingam	2006	M.Sc. Food Science and Nutrition	Manager	
49	Biology	DR.P.Pandia Vadivu	1995	M.Sc., Applied Biology	Associate Professor - SOE, Director MP&DD, Chairperson i/c	
50	Computer Science and Applications	Mr.Sreekanth Raghuvaram	2004	Master of Computer Applications	Digital Delivery Manager	
51	Rural Technology	B.Gokul	2009	B.Tech Civil Engineering	Naaval Properties and Developers LLP - Head Operation	
52	Rural Energy	M.Shivasankari	2018	M.Tech Renewable Energy	Junior Engineer, Southern Railway	
53	Rural Energy	A. Arif Ahamed	2022	B.Voc Renewable Energy	Remote Service Operations Engineer	

54	B.Voc (FEOM)	K.Gowthaman	2018	B.Voc	Mahindra Farm Implement Service Officer, Tamil Nadu and Kerala	
55	B.Voc(DPT)	Mr. A. Muthukarthikeyan	2014	M.Sc. Dairy Science	Assistant General Manager	
56	Rural Health and Sanitation	A.Elango	1993	Certificate Course in Sanitary Inspector	Sanitary officer in Hosur City Municipal Corporation	

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY AWARD						
S.NO	DEPARTMENT	NAME	YEAR OF STUDY	PROGRAMME OF STUDY	CURRENT POSITION	PHOTO
57	Centre for Applied Research	Dr.A.Sahaya Sangeetha	2015	Ph.D	Secretary of Sarwodeep Society Theni and Secretary of Kaimpengal Nalasangam Tamilnadu	
58	Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	Nanmaran.C	2007	B.A GSW	Teacher	
59	Education	S. Sivanesh Kumaran	2012	M.Ed	National Kabaddi Technical Official	
60	Rural Industries and Management	Dr.E.Perumal	1985	Ph.D	Pensioner	
61	Economics	Shanthi Maduresan	1988	M.A. Economics	CEO, DHAN Panchayat Development Foundation, Madurai.	

62	Chemistry	Dr.P.Ravichandran	1994	B.Sc. Chemistry	Joint Director / Laboratory Division - Head, Textiles Committee, Govt. of India.	
63	Biology	Dr. R.Srinivasan	2023	Ph.D.(Zoology)	Vice President - Biological Products, Tropical Agrosystem (India) Private Limited, Chennai.	
64	Computer Science and Applications	Suganya Rajapriyan	2004	M.Sc.(Information Technology)	Entrepreneur	
65	Rural Technology	C.M.Divya	2010	B.Tech Civil Engineering	State Working Chairman	
66	B.Voc (FEOM)	T. Kabilan	2018	B.Voc	District Field Officer at TAFE	

ALUMNI ENTREPRENEURIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

S.NO	DEPARTMENT	NAME	YEAR OF STUDY	PROGRAMME OF STUDY	CURRENT POSITION	PHOTO
67	Centre for Geoinformatics	Mr. J.Anto Berchmans	2007	M.Sc. Geo Informatics	Director, Tetra Rays Pvt. Ltd.	
68	Lifelong Learning and Extension	Mr.B. Ulageshwaran	2023	Diploma in Two Wheeler Mechanism and Maintenance	Mathi Two Wheelers	
69	Lifelong Learning and Extension	Mr. P.Ram Kumar	2023	D.Voc. Refrigeration & Air Conditioning	PSR Home Appliance	
70	Education	K.Murali Gokulakrishnan	2009	M.Ed	BRTE	
71	Rural Industries and Management	Mr.S.Saravanan	2014	Diploma in Textile Technology	Senior Cutting Executive	

72	Economics	Mrs.B.Thenmozhi	2018	MBA	Entrepreneur, Thenmozhi Hollow & Paver Bricks, Batlagundu.	
73	Cooperation	Ashok Raj	1996	Bachelor of Cooperation	Co-Founder & CEO, ALGOMATIX Technology Private Limited, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	
74	Chemistry	Dr.U.Radhakrishnan	1988	B.Sc. Chemistry	Central Chemistry Lab Manager, Utah State Transportation, Salt Lake City, USA.	
75	Home Science	P. Julie Sasi Kumar	2009	M.Sc. Food Science and Nutrition	Nutritionist, Entrepreneur in Diet Kitchen	
76	Home Science	P.Kalpana	2006	M.Sc.	Proprietor	
77	Computer Science and Applications	J. Ashik Shah	2011	Master of Computer Applications	Managing Director	

78	Rural Technology	N.Vishwa Bharathi	2009	B.Tech Civil Engineering	Director and Founder, Valari Construction Pvt Ltd	
79	Rural Energy	Sowndharya J	2019	M.Tech Renewable Energy	CEO, SGR Green Solutions	
80	School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences	Mr.S.Atchayan	2010	M.Sc. Dairy Science	Dairy Business Entrepreneur	
81	B.Voc (FEOM)	K.Pasupathi	2018	B.Voc	Business & SK Fertilizer Shop	

ALUMNI AMBASSADOR AWARD						
S.NO	DEPARTMENT	NAME	YEAR OF STUDY	PROGRAMME OF STUDY	CURRENT POSITION	PHOTO
82	Centre for Geoinformatics	Mr. S.Senthilmani	2005	M.Sc. Geo Informatics	Senior GIS Specialist	

83	Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	M.Kannan	2001	B.A Rural Reconstruction	Counsellor - G.H, Authoor	
84	Education	M. Senthilkumar	2006	B.Ed	PG Assistant	
85	Rural Industries and Management	Mr.R.R.Kannan	2000	M.Phil	Advocate	
86	Cooperation	Mr.RathaKrishnan	2007	M.B.A. (Cooperative Management)	Assistant Manager in DCC Bank Ltd, Chinnalapatti	
87	Mathematics	P. Nalkamu	1993	B.Sc. Mathematics	Lower Division Clerk, The Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.	
88	B.Voc (Dairy Production and Technology)	Mr.S.Manoj	2022	B.Voc Dairy Production & Technology	Dairy Technologist, Saudi Arabia, UAE	

YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVER AWARD

S.NO	DEPARTMENT	NAME	YEAR OF STUDY	PROGRAMME OF STUDY	CURRENT POSITION	PHOTO
89	Tamil	Dr.A.Prabu	2013	Ph.D	Assistant Professor	
90	School of English and Foreign Languages	Dr. Blais Johny	2023	PDF	Assistant Professor	
91	Centre for Geoinformatics	Mr.A.Karnan	2018	P.G. Diploma in Spatial Technologies	Scientist C, CSIR, Bangalore	
92	Rural Health & Sanitation	L. Joseph Christopher	2015	Post Graduate Diploma in Sanitary Inspector	Sanitary Inspector, Madukkur Selection Grade Town Panchayat, Thanjavur District, Government of Tamil Nadu.	
93	Lifelong Learning and Extension	Dr. R. S. Hari	2021	Ph.D.	Assistant Professor & Director of the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension at Marian College Kuttikkanam Autonomous, Kerala.	

94	Lifelong Learning and Extension	S.Kannan	2024	Ph.D	Library Officer, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, ISRO	
95	Gandhian Thought and Peace Science	Rev. Sr. A. Arul Vinnarasi	2004	B.A Rural Reconstruction	Assistant Professor	
96	Rural Industries and Management	Mr.M. Sabarinath	2020	MBA	Business Analyst & Assistant Manager	
97	Mathematics	Mr.M.Pandidurai	2017	M.Sc. Mathematics	Block Educational Officer	
98	Physics	D V Manoraj	2020	B.Sc. Physics	Ph.D Student, Paul Scherrer Institute, Switzerland	
99	Biology	Dr.Manikandan Gurusamy	2016	Ph.D. (Botany)	Research Scientist, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa.	

100	School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences	M Saravanan	2016	Diploma in Agriculture	Assistant Agricultural Officer	
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