H.H. THE RAJAH'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), PUDUKKOTTAI - 622 001.

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H.H. The Rajah's College (Autonomous), Pudukkottai, established in 1880, is one of the oldest higher education institutions in India, with a distinguished legacy of producing eminent political leaders, administrators, writers, scientists and educationists. During the academic year 2024-2025, the college served approximately 5,000 students through its undergraduate, postgraduate and research programmes. The institution offered courses in Tamil, English, History, Economics, Commerce, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Computer Science, Tourism and Travel Management, Business Administration, Physical Education and Computer Applications. Research programmes were also offered in several disciplines, reflecting the institution's commitment to academic advancement and research development.

Faculty members actively participated in seminars, conferences, research paper presentations and academic training programmes. Several faculty members served as resource persons, session chairs and external examiners, contributing to academic enrichment and research activities. The college also recorded faculty transfers, promotions and retirements during the reporting period. These activities reflected its continuing efforts to strengthen academic expertise, professional development and institutional administration.

During the academic year, books worth ₹3,99,278 were purchased for the college library and departmental libraries using funds provided by the State Government. The college inaugurated its e-library and video-viewing facility on 14 February 2025, by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. These initiatives strengthened access to learning resources and supported students' academic and research requirements.

The college implemented several student support and extension programmes to promote social responsibility, civic awareness, employability and community engagement. Approximately 100 students served as volunteers in the Youth Red Cross, while another 100 students were members of the Consumer Forum. The National Service Scheme comprised 400 male and 100 female student volunteers. During 4 - 10 February 2025, 250 NSS volunteers participated in campus cleanliness activities. The National Cadet Corps continued its activities, while the Placement and Career Guidance Cell organised a job fair and employment-oriented training camp to improve students' career readiness. The institution also maintained committees and initiatives relating to anti-ragging, prevention of sexual harassment and gender-based violence, digital library access and cooperative thrift and savings. These activities contributed to personality development, student welfare, community service and responsible citizenship.

The college recorded encouraging academic results in undergraduate and postgraduate examinations. At the undergraduate level, the pass percentage was 96.42% in Tamil, 75.92% in English, 94.28% in History, 77.65% in Economics, 83.67% in Tourism and Travel Management, 93.29% in Commerce, 95.28% in Business Administration, 87.69% in Mathematics, 90.14% in

Physics, 59.37% in Chemistry, 87.32% in Botany, 84.28% in Zoology, 92.00% in Physical Education, 89.36% in Computer Science and 95.57% in Computer Applications. At the postgraduate level, the pass percentage was 100% in Tamil, English, Commerce, Physics, Zoology and Computer Science; 91.30% in History; 94.44% in Economics; 91.89% in Applied Mathematics; 86.36% in Chemistry; and 95.45% in Botany. The report also recorded the award of postgraduate degrees to four students, comprising one in Tamil, one in Commerce and two in Mathematics.

Students actively participated in district-level and other academic, literary and cultural competitions, securing prizes and recognition in public speaking, essay writing, poetry, painting, Tamil literature, environmental awareness and general knowledge. Students received awards in competitions organised by the Kamban Kazhagam, the Tamil Development Department, the Forest Department and other educational institutions. They also participated in events commemorating Tamil literary personalities and promoting Tamil language and culture, as well as competitions relating to voter awareness and alcohol-abuse prevention. The college's cultural activities included speech, essay, poetry, quiz, light music, mime, rangoli and folk-dance competitions, providing opportunities for students to develop creativity, communication skills and cultural appreciation.

The institution achieved notable success in state-level sports competitions during 2024-2025. A second-year B.Sc. Physics student secured second place in the State-Level Chief Minister's Trophy Silambam competition for women held in Chennai in October 2024 and received a cash award of ₹75,000. A third-year B.A. Economics student secured third place in the 48–50 kg category of the State-Level Chief Minister's Trophy kickboxing competition for women and received ₹50,000. Another student, studying third-year B.Sc. Physical Education, secured third place in the 70–75 kg category of the same competition and received ₹50,000. These achievements reflected the institution's encouragement of sports participation, physical fitness, discipline and competitive excellence.

The college facilitated access to government scholarships and financial assistance schemes to support students from economically disadvantaged and socially marginalised communities. According to the scholarship details for 2023-2024 included in the annual report, 2,744 students received BC/BCM/MBC/DNC scholarships amounting to ₹52,31,879, while 898 students received SC/SCA/SCC/ST scholarships amounting to ₹51,68,737. A further 864 students benefited from Tamil-medium incentive scholarships totalling ₹7,77,600. Students also benefited from government welfare schemes, including Pudhumai Penn and Tamil Pudhalvan, which provide monthly financial assistance of ₹1,000 to eligible beneficiaries, along with Central and State Government educational assistance schemes. These initiatives supported inclusive access to higher education and helped students continue their studies.

Overall, the Annual Report for 2024-2025 highlights the college's continuing contribution to higher education through academic programmes, faculty development, library enhancement, student achievements, sports excellence, extension activities, career guidance and financial

assistance. The institution continued to encourage intellectual, cultural, physical and social development among its students while promoting community engagement and educational inclusion. The successful implementation of these activities was supported by the contributions of faculty members, administrative staff and students. The college remains committed to providing quality education, strengthening academic opportunities and promoting the holistic development of its student community.

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