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

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H.H. The Rajah's College (Autonomous), Pudukkottai, Tamil Nadu, established in 1880, is one of the oldest higher education institutions in India, with a rich academic heritage and a distinguished record of producing eminent political leaders, administrators, writers, scientists and educationists. During the academic year 2025–2026, the college had a total enrolment of 5,114 students. Under the leadership of the Principal, Dr. P. Bhuvaneswari, the institution continued to promote academic excellence, research, inclusive education and holistic student development. The college offered a wide range of undergraduate programmes in Arts, Science, Commerce, Management, Computer Applications, Physical Education and other disciplines. Postgraduate and doctoral research programmes were also offered in several subjects, reflecting the institution's commitment to advanced learning, academic development and research activities.

The college continued to strengthen its human resources and academic administration during the reporting period. Faculty members participated in seminars, conferences, research paper presentations and academic training programmes, contributing to professional development and the enhancement of teaching and research quality. The institution also recognised faculty members who had completed 25 years of service and recorded transfers, promotions, new appointments and retirements during the year. These activities reflected the college's efforts to promote academic engagement, recognise faculty contributions and strengthen institutional administration.

The institution made significant efforts to improve its learning resources and educational infrastructure. Books worth ₹3,70,000 were purchased for the central library and departmental libraries using State Government funds. The college also received ₹26,68,340 from the Government of Tamil Nadu under the TANSCHE SAP laboratory development initiative for the procurement of scientific laboratory equipment. In addition, 120 computers were provided under the Learning Management System initiative. As part of the State Government's laptop distribution scheme, 1,397 laptops were distributed to second-year students and 1,375 laptops to third-year students. These initiatives strengthened digital learning facilities, improved access to educational resources and supported students in their academic activities.

Student welfare, community engagement and social responsibility remained important areas of institutional activity. The Youth Red Cross had 200 student volunteers, while the Consumer Forum had 100 student members. The Consumer Forum organised awareness competitions and distributed prizes to students in connection with World Consumer Rights Day. The National Service Scheme comprised 500 student volunteers under the guidance of faculty programme officers. A seven-day special camp was conducted from 2 to 8 February 2026 in Thiruvengaivasal and neighbouring villages, with the participation of 250 students from five NSS units. The Women's Centre also continued its activities under the leadership of the Principal and the coordination of the Head of the Department of Commerce. These programmes provided opportunities for students to develop social awareness, civic responsibility, leadership qualities and a spirit of community service.

The college recorded notable achievements in sports and physical education during the academic year. In the State-Level Chief Minister's Trophy Silambam competition held in Chennai in October 2025, a third-year B.Com. student secured first place and received a cash award of ₹1,00,000. At the inter-collegiate competitions conducted by Bharathidasan University, the college secured first position in women's cross-country, third position in men's cross-country, third position in women's boxing and fourth position in men's hockey. Fourteen students were selected to represent Bharathidasan University in All India Inter-University competitions in disciplines including kickboxing, table tennis, football, hockey, athletics, weightlifting and cross-country. These accomplishments demonstrated the institution's commitment to promoting physical fitness, sporting excellence, discipline and the overall development of students.

The National Cadet Corps unit also brought recognition to the institution through its achievements at national-level events. A third-year History student participated in the Guard of Honour ceremony representing Tamil Nadu during the Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi on 26 January. A second-year Computer Applications student represented Tamil Nadu in the Republic Day parade at Kartavya Path, New Delhi. A third-year Chemistry student secured second place in a national-level hurdle race competition. In addition, the NCC officer received the Best NCC Officer Award at the All India EBSB-II Camp held at OTA Kamptee, Maharashtra. These achievements reflected the contribution of the NCC in developing discipline, leadership, physical fitness, national integration and a sense of patriotism among students.

The college continued to encourage students' artistic, literary and cultural talents through the activities of the Fine Arts Forum and various departmental associations. With financial assistance from the Government of Tamil Nadu, the institution organised a cultural festival and distributed prizes to participating students. Activities associated with the silver jubilee celebrations of the Thiruvalluvar statue at Kanniyakumari were also conducted with government financial support. Students secured prizes in district-level competitions organised by the Forest Department and the Tamil Development Department, including awards in poetry, essay writing, literary activities and public speaking. The College Tamil Forum Festival was held on 3 February 2026, with poet Thangam Moorthy, President of the Pudukkottai Tamil Sangam, delivering the special address. These activities promoted Tamil language and literature while providing opportunities for students to demonstrate their creativity, communication skills and cultural awareness.

The college reported varied results in undergraduate and postgraduate examinations during the reporting period. At the undergraduate level, the pass percentages were 64% in Mathematics, 62% in Physics, 50% in Chemistry, 82% in Botany, 77% in Zoology, 96% in Computer Science, 98% in Computer Applications, 76% in Physical Education, 40% in English, 84% in Economics, 58% in Commerce, 58% in Business Administration, 80% in History, 84% in Tamil and 50% in Tourism and Travel Management. At the postgraduate level, the pass percentages were 88% in Tamil, 84% in English, 100% in Economics, 100% in Commerce, 66% in Mathematics, 67% in Physics, 96% in Chemistry, 95% in Botany, 97% in Computer Science, 100% in History and 100% in Zoology. The report also recorded notable achievements in Bharathidasan University examinations, with

undergraduate students securing university ranks ranging from second to thirtieth position. Postgraduate students also secured ranks in History, Tamil, Botany, English, Economics, Zoology and Commerce. These achievements reflected the academic efforts of students and faculty members and the institution's continuing commitment to academic progress.

The college continued to promote inclusive and equitable access to higher education through government scholarships and financial assistance schemes. During 2024-2025, a total of 3,343 students received Backward Class and Most Backward Class scholarships amounting to ₹74,71,305, while 1,053 students received Scheduled Caste scholarships amounting to ₹66,41,525. In addition, 1,122 students benefited from Tamil-medium scholarships totalling ₹10,09,800. Under the Tamil Pudhalvan Scheme, 2,238 students received financial assistance amounting to ₹22,38,000, while 902 students benefited from the Pudhumai Penn Scheme, receiving ₹9,02,000. The total financial assistance reported under these categories amounted to ₹1,82,62,630. These schemes helped support students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds and contributed to educational access, continuity and inclusion.

Overall, the Annual Report for 2025-2026 highlights the college's continued efforts to strengthen academic programmes, faculty development, research opportunities, infrastructure, digital learning, student welfare, sports, cultural activities and community engagement. Investments in library resources, laboratory equipment and digital devices enhanced the institution's learning environment, while NSS, NCC, cultural and sporting activities promoted leadership, social responsibility and holistic development. The implementation of government scholarship schemes further demonstrated the college's commitment to inclusive higher education. The institution acknowledges the contributions of faculty members, administrative staff and students in carrying out its academic and developmental initiatives and remains committed to providing quality education, encouraging academic excellence and supporting the comprehensive development of its student community.

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