



MARIS STELLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), VIJAYAWADA
A College with Potential for Excellence
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Principal's Annual Report: 2024-25

The academic year commenced with great enthusiasm. The second and third-year UG students returned to campus on the 6th June, 2024. The PG students joined the college on the 10th June. To ensure a smooth transition for the new UG students, the college conducted a comprehensive Student Induction Programme on the 19th June. Additionally, an orientation programme was organized on the 3rd June to welcome and familiarize the new faculty members with the ethos and values of our institution.

1. Administrative Changes

The college has welcomed new appointments, bringing about notable changes in leadership and administrative roles.

- Dr. Sr. Innyasamma, Dept. of English has been appointed as the IQAC Coordinator.
- Ms. Syed M. Parveen, Dept. of Statistics, was appointed as the Additional Controller of Examinations.
- Ms. P. Padmalatha, Dept. of Physics, has been appointed as the Dean of Student Affairs.
- Dr. P. V. Rekha Devi, Dept. of Biotechnology, has been appointed as the Coordinator of the R&D Cell.
- Dr. G. Ponni has been appointed as the Environment Consultant.
- Mr. J. Suraiah, Political Science, Dr. N. Satyavedam, Economics, and Ms. P. Padmalatha, Physics, have been appointed as Heads of their respective departments.

2. Promotions

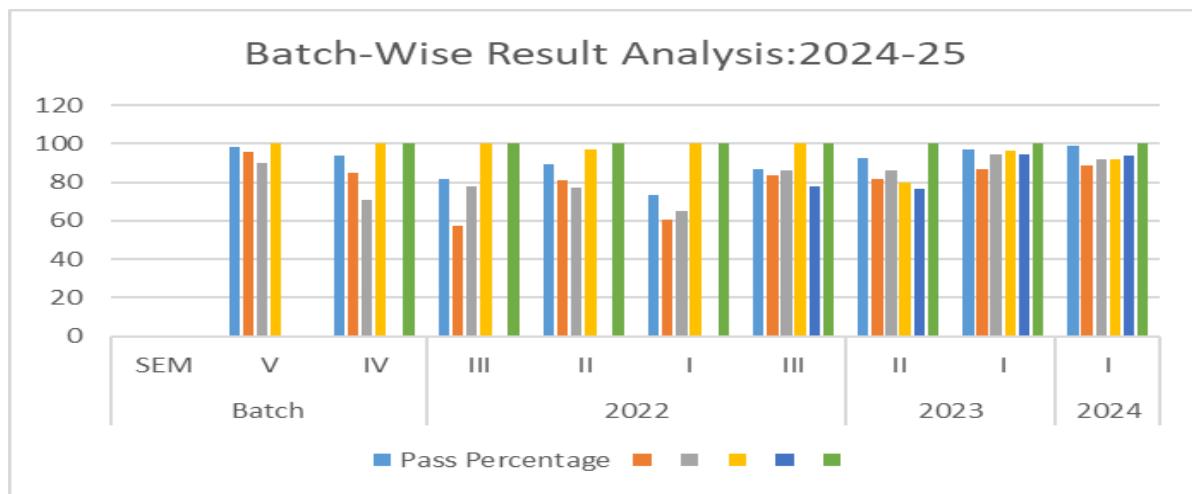
Ms. K. V. L. Prasuna has been promoted as Office Superintendent and Mr. A. Ravi Chandra as Junior Assistant.

3. Results

The Intermediate achieved a 70% result.

The following results were recorded by UG programmes & MBA:

Batch	SEM	Pass Percentage					
		BA	BCom	BSc	A&R	BBA	MBA
2022	V	98.46	95.83	90.18	100	-	-
	IV	94.03	85.11	71.03	100	-	100
	III	81.43	57.14	77.78	100	-	100
	II	89.39	81.25	77.39	96.88	-	100
	I	73.53	60.78	64.8	100	-	100
2023	III	87.10	83.67	86.14	100	77.78	100
	II	92.31	82	86.41	80	76.47	100
	I	97	86.79	94.50	96.67	94.44	100
2024	I	98.86	88.64	92.07	91.67	93.75	100



4. Infrastructure

To improve student involvement and support services, the college built a 'Lounge' to provide a comfortable place for relaxation, peer interaction and collaborative learning and 'Information Corner' which offers access to academic, administrative and career-related resources. 35 laptops, a high-end workstation, a multipurpose photo copier, a professional mirrorless camera, five interactive panels, and a UV-visible spectrophotometer have been added to the labs and IT infrastructure to improve learning and event documentation. As part of environmentally sustainable practices, four more bore wells and rainwater gathering percolation pits were created.

5. Major Events Held

New Programmes

Two new courses were introduced this academic year:

- (i) BA Honours (Public Policy)
- (ii) BSc Honours (Forensic Science)

Achievements & Recognition

- The college received membership in the international programme, Uniservitate, based in Argentina, aimed at promoting solidarity and service-learning in Catholic higher education in June 2024.
- The college was honoured with a Certificate of Appreciation for its active participation in the NIPAM in Feb 2025 by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
- The college received a prestigious award in Jan. 2025 from the Mahatma Jyothibai Phule AP Backward Classes Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society in recognition of its significant support in hosting the MJP-UNESCO MGIEP workshop.
- The Department of Agriculture & Rural Development established a ‘Value Addition Unit’ on 19 Dec. 2024 as part of the Agricultural Experiential Learning Programme, promoting the ‘Earn While You Learn’ initiative.
- Dr. K. Naga Sundari, and Dr. Sr. Ramana K, Dept. of Business Administration, were recognized as Ph.D. guides by Krishna University and were allotted two research scholars each in Dec. 2024.
- Dr. Sr. Innyasamma participated in the Uniservitate Regional Events held at Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan during 23 – 26 Sept. 2024 and presented a paper on Service-Learning Project.
- Several educational and cultural exchange programmes are being conducted in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State and facilitated by the U.S. Consulate in Hyderabad.
- Emilia Smith, Public Diplomacy Officer at the U.S. Consulate in Hyderabad, visited the college in 22 January 2025 and interacted with the Access alumnae and alumni of US State Department’s programmes.
- Dr. D. Ramakrishna, recorded 80 lectures of 16 hours’ duration, on verses from Kumāra Sambhava of Mahākavi Kālidāsa funded by the Indian Knowledge Systems Division, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.
- Maanya Kiran, II BSc Agriculture & Rural Development student, earned a place in the prestigious Community College Initiative Programme - a fully funded one-year non-degree programme, starting in July 2025.
- P. Greeshma Sindhu, an alumna of the English Access Microscholarship Programme, has been chosen to participate in the Young South Asian Leaders Initiative Workshop on Civic Engagement at Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 6 to 10 April, 2025.
- Students Bhoomika Jain, M. Annapurna, G. Swetha, Tarannum Fathema, G. Sushma Vardhan, and K. Grace Evangeline represented the college at the American Corner Model United

Nations Conference 2025, on 3-4 Feb. 2025 organized by St. Francis College for Women, Hyderabad.

- R. Divya Sri, III BSc MBYC, had the honour of representing Andhra Pradesh as a special guest at the Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi on 26 January 2025.
- Cadet M. Annapurna took part in *IDSSC TRG-I*, conducted at JNV, Kakinada. She also participated in the Special National Integration Camp (NER) during 11-22 Dec. 2024 on bringing immense pride to our institution by winning the Best Cadet Award.
- S. Kanaka Lakshmi of II BCom, and K. Chandana of II BSc Zoology received an Educational Fee Grant from the Wesley Zaidan Foundation, Tokyo, Japan in Dec. 2024.

Resource Mobilisation

The college campus served as a venue for key government workshops:

- UNESCO-MGIEP Workshop for the Government School teachers on 'Biodiversity and Climate Change' on 7-8 Jan. 2025.
- Workshop on Strengthening of School Education by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for 400 School Principals on 22 Jan. 2025 followed by a workshop for 800 school teachers in two batches during January and February 2025.
- The college accommodated the COWE India AP Chapter office on 12 Feb. 2025.
- The AP Red Cross Society, in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross, launched a 'Climate Action Campaign' raising awareness about environmental responsibility and sustainability on 28 Oct. 2024.

Collaborative Activities

As part of their CSR initiatives, some companies collaborated with Maris Stella to offer skill development programmes aimed at enhancing students' employability.

- Bajaj Finserv, for the seventh consecutive year, provided III & II year UG students with the Certificate Programme in Banking, Finance, and Insurance, equipping them with industry-relevant skills.
- Infosys Foundation, under its Finishing School for Employability initiative, conducted the Premier Banker Training Programme from 25 Nov to 12 Dec. 2024 for 58 non-IT students from BA, BCom, and BSc Life Sciences.
- Magic Bus Foundation, India, organized a Seven-Day Employability Training Programme separately for III BA and II MBA students, focusing on career readiness from 17-24 Oct. 2024.
- Care to Action, India, for the second consecutive year, conducted the Power Skills Programme, a subject-specific training initiative for III year UG students to enhance their professional competencies.

- The Association of Lady Entrepreneurs of India, in association with the Entrepreneurship Development Cell of Maris Stella hosted a Hackathon on 13-14 Aug. 2024.
- The Forum for Child Rights, in association with the Women Empowerment Cell of Maris Stella conducted a programme on World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on 30 July 2024.
- The Red Cross Society, in association with the Red Ribbon Club of Maris Stella conducted a grocery distribution drive for the transgender community in Ajith Singh Nagar, Vijayawada on 11 Sept. 2024.

6. Research & Consultancy

The college takes immense pride in the academic and research accomplishments of its faculty members. Several faculty members are actively engaged in research and academic pursuits.

Patents

- Dr. N. Baratha Jyothi published a patent titled ‘GSM-GPS Based Wildlife Animal Tracking System’.
- Ms. T. Kiranmai received a patent for her invention, ‘Clinical Centrifuge Machine with Timer’.
- Dr. N. Satyavedam published a patent titled ‘Automatic Detection and Classification of Plant Diseases Using Deep Learning Techniques’.
- Dr. K. Naga Sundari and Dr. Sr. Ramana K published a patent on a ‘Mobile Charging Station for Vehicles, Dr. I. Naga Sumalatha, Dr. N. Anupama, Ch. Lakshmi Hyma and Dr. Sr. G. Innyasamma and students G. Viharika, T. S. L. Priyanka, J. Pooja Gifty, R. Deepthi Reddy published a patent titled ‘Navigating the Future : The Role of AI in Human Resource’.

Research

- Dr. D. Ramakrishna is currently undertaking a Minor Research Project on ‘Evolution of Creation: Taittiriyyopanishad’, sanctioned by the Ashok Singhal Vedic Research Institute, Gurugram.
- Ten other faculty members are pursuing their Ph.Ds at various universities.
- The college has also submitted 11 project proposals for funding from ANRF under ECRG & IRG schemes and ICSSR under the Major Project scheme.
- 44 papers have been published by faculty in national and international journals and 5 papers in Scopus-indexed journals.
- 22 faculty members have presented papers in conference proceedings.

Consultancy & Expertise

- Four faculty members, Dr. D. Ramakrishna, Dr. V. N. Mangadevi, Dr. Sr. Ramana K, and Ms. K. Swetha provided consultancy services to other organizations.

- Dr. D. Ramakrishna, a distinguished expert in Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), contributed to high-profile initiatives, including the Telugu Bhasha Dinotsavam (AP Govt.) and an IKS workshop at IIT Hyderabad. He co-prepared the 2024 Sahitya Academy Award Sanskrit book list and led IKS teacher training sessions. His scholarly contributions include serving as a peer-reviewer for National Sanskrit University's Mahasvini journal (2024–26) and being selected as a resource person in the Malaviya Mission's 12-day online teacher training program.
- Ten faculty members: Dr. G. Little Flower, Dr. V. N. Manga Devi, Dr. K. Naga Sundari, Mr. K. Sarath Chandra, Mr. V. Anjani Simha, Dr. N. Baratha Jyothi, Ms. T. Kiranmai, Ms. P. Bhavani, Ms. Sai Kalyani, and Dr. Sr. Ramana K served as resource persons.

7. Awards & Appreciation

- Dr. Sr. Jasintha Quadras, Principal, was honoured with the 'Principal Par Excellence Award', while Dr. G. Buelah, Dr. Sr. Ramana K, and Sub Lt. V. Swapna received the 'Teacher Par Excellence Award' from the International Institute of Hotel Management, Hyderabad.
- Ms. L.M.R. Swarupa Rani, received the Best Social Awareness Award by SIDVI Society for Research and Development. She was also awarded a Certificate of Merit on Republic Day 2025 for her exemplary service and dedication as NSS Coordinator by the Collector and District Magistrate, NTR District, Government of Andhra Pradesh and Outstanding Social Service Award from a division of SIDVI Foundation on 8 Mar. 2025.
- Sub Lt. V. Swapna, was honoured with the State Best Teacher Award by Bharath Yuvajana Samitee, Vijayawada. She also received the Best Achievers NCC Officers Award from Air Commodore & Deputy Director General, in Secunderabad, Telangana.
- Three faculty members, B. Karuna Harika, Dr. N. Baratha Jyothi, and Ms. T. Kiranmai were honoured with the 'Best Teacher Award' by the SIDVI Foundation.
- Dr. N. Baratha Jyothi was also awarded the 'Excellence in Inclusive Education Award', and Ms. T. Kiranmai received the 'Young Faculty Excellence Award' for her outstanding contributions to academia.
- Ms. S. Visalakshmi, was awarded a certificate of appreciation for her instrumental role as SPOC for the Swayam-NPTEL Local Chapter and for being an NPTEL brand ambassador.
- Ms. R. Aysha Sulfikkar, was awarded with Forensic Aptitude & Calibration Test, an all India Test for the subject Forensic Science Certification.
- Ms. J. Chandrika, was honoured with the 'International Film Festival Talent Award -2025' by Saumith Media & Moard Foundation in recognition of her exceptional talent in anchoring programmes.

8. Faculty Training

Workshops Conducted

- Two-day workshop on ‘NAAC Accreditation - Changing Scenarios’ on 4-5 June 2024 by Dr. Charles, Professor, Loyola College, Chennai.
- United Board sponsored Two-day Capacity Building Workshops for Faculty on ‘Assessment Criteria and Rubrics for Service-Learning’ on 30-31 Aug. 2024 and ‘Research Techniques and Manuscript Development for Service-Learning Programmes’ on 12-13 Dec 2024.

Conferences Organised

- A Two-day International Conference on Innovations in Life Science Research: Harnessing Transformative Technologies for a Sustainable Future was organised by the Department of Biotechnology on 11-12 March 2025.
- ICSSR-SRC Sponsored Two-day National Conference on ‘Vision India @ 2047: Transforming Smart Cities into Sustainable Societies-A Holistic Perspective’ was organised by the Department of Business Administration, on 20-21 March 2025.

Faculty Visits

Dr. G. Beulah, Dr. Sr. P. Japamalai, Dr. K. Naga Sundari, Dr. S. Vanilatha, and Dr. P. Rekha Devi, visited Madras Christian College and Loyola College, Chennai 28-29 Aug. 2024 to study the best practices.

Faculty Participation

Faculty have attended 23 workshops, 15 international and 6 national conferences, 15 seminars, 15 FDPs, and a Principals Conclave organised by other institutions.

Certifications

Ten faculty members successfully completed certificate courses from renowned national and international institutes.

9. Student Training

The college offered UG final year students a career guidance training programme sponsored by Sri Kesineni Sivanath, MP, Vijayawada from 15-30 April 2025 on ‘Career After Graduation’ that included 36 hours of Python instruction, 18 hours of Power BI instruction, 18 hours of Gen I instruction, and 24 hours of UIUX instruction in order to help them take advantage of new business and employment opportunities.

Programmes by Departments

Throughout the academic year, various departments organized enriching programmes aimed at enhancing students' knowledge, skills, and professional growth.

- The Dept. of English conducted a workshop on Soft Skills and Life Skills, equipping II and III year degree students on 27 Aug. 2024.
- The Dept. of Chemistry organized a workshop on 'Pathways to Research: Alumni Guidance' on 18 July 2024.
- The Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development arranged a Guest Lecture for IV BSc students on 'Post-Harvest Processing of Horticultural Crops' on 18 Dec. 2024.
- The Dept. of Business Administration conducted a Two-Day Workshop on 'Financial Education for Young Citizens' on 15-16 Nov. 2024.
- The Depts. of Commerce & Business Administration conducted a three-day workshop on 'Power BI Essentials: Transforming Data into Decisions' from 23-25 Jan 2025.
- The Dept. of Library Science hosted a guest lecture on 'The Evolving Role of Libraries in the Digital Age' on 21 Nov. 2024.
- In collaboration with the M.R. Pai Foundation, the Dept. of Economics conducted an Elocution Competition on 'Digital Infrastructure: A New Strategy to Integrate India', and an Essay Writing Competition on the theme 'Swarnandhra Vision 2047' on 7 Oct. 2024.
- The Dept. of Forensic Science held an orientation program on 'Introduction and Scope of Forensic Science' on 18 Dec. 2024.
- The Dept. of Mathematics organized a four-day National INMO Training Camp sponsored by the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, Mumbai from 18-21 Dec. 2024.
- The Dept. of Biochemistry organized a two-day workshop on 'Computer-Aided Drug Design and Spectroscopic Analysis' on 20-21 Jan. 2025.

Student Participation

The academic year 2024-25 has been a vibrant journey of growth for our students, marked by enriching training programmes, exhibitions, and the lively Talent Fiesta Week.

- Physics students attended an inspiring talk on 'ISRO and Space Missions' while first BCom and BBA students participated in a career counselling session on National Space Day observed on 23 Aug. 2024.
- Students attended an insightful talk on 'Anti-Narcotic and Anti-Ragging Awareness' on 4 Dec. 2024 by Smt. Gowthami Sali IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police.
- Students participated in sessions on 'Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and Women Empowerment', led by Smt. Rayapati Aruna, State Official Spokesperson on 10 Dec. 2024.

- Students also enjoyed a Book Discussion on ‘Exploring the Timeless Charm of Jane Austen’s Pride and Prejudice’ on 9 Dec. 2024.
- Journalism students enhanced their knowledge in media and visual arts through a workshop at Element School of Visual Arts on 16 Nov. 2024.
- I MBA students had a smooth academic transition through Student Induction Programme on 21-30 Oct. 2024. Students participated in 36th road safety awareness campaign organised by RTO department.

Inter-Collegiate Competitions

- The students of Agriculture & Rural Development showcased their innovative projects and models on the application of digital technology in agriculture at the Agri-Mela, organized by the Montfort Environmental Hub in Nuzvid on 25 Jan. 2025. K. Chinmai III BSc was appreciated for her speech on ‘Drug Abuse’ at Thummalapalli Kalakshetram organised by Police Department.
- Additionally, 230 students actively participated in academic and cultural inter-collegiate competitions organized by various colleges, private institutions, and government organizations.
- Many other students also earned first, second, and third positions in inter-collegiate literary and cultural competitions, further showcasing their diverse talents and achievements.

Skill Development

Skill development and leadership training remained a key focus this year.

- A total of 60 students successfully earned Swayam certificates.
- III BA students attended a two-day Leadership Training Programme in collaboration with the M.R. Pai Foundation, Mumbai on 23-24 Oct. 2024.
- III BSc Agriculture & Rural Development students set up a Poultry Unit, offering hands-on training and income-generating opportunities on 16 Dec. 2024. Their successful ‘Earn While You Learn’ programme on campus showcased their entrepreneurial spirit.

Days of National and International Significance

The days of national and international significance observed by various departments helped instil civic values, environmental consciousness, and cultural appreciation among students and provided platforms for creative and academic expression. Departments conducted seminars, poster presentations, debates, awareness rallies, role plays, exhibitions, and competitions, ensuring student engagement and meaningful discourse on the relevance of each day. The days celebrated include World Tourism Day, Population Day, Soil Day, Ozone Day, Environment Day, Rivers Day, Computer Day, Diabetes Awareness Month, International Yoga Day, National Space Day, Consumer Day, Nutrition Week, Farmer’s Day, Girl Child Day, Conservation Day, Voters Day, Handloom Day, Computer Literacy Day and Hindi Diwas.

Green Initiatives

- At the heart of our college's mission lies a deep passion for promoting ecological awareness and sustainable practices. Guided by this commitment, the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development spearheaded a 'Plantation Drive' on 29 July 2024.
- A second 'Plantation Drive' was inaugurated on 28 Nov. 2024.
- Adding to these efforts, the College Herbal Garden initiative was launched on 17 Dec. 2024 creating a greener, healthier campus.

Students' Club Activities

- The Inspire Club of Maris Stella organized the Inter-Collegiate Physics Meet-2024 to commemorate the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6-9 Aug. 2024.
- Lab to Schools Programme was organised by the Alchemi Club of Maris Stella on the occasion of National Science Day on 24 Feb. 2025.

Literary & Cultural Competitions

The Talent Fiesta Week, was a celebration of creativity and teamwork. Students enthusiastically took part in competitions like Singing, Debate, Mono Action, Fruit & Vegetable Carving, Culinary, Rangoli, Dance, and Drama.

10. Extension Activities

Certification

A total of 60 students successfully earned Swayam-NPTEL certificates.

Field Visits

As part of their curriculum, students actively participated in various industry visits and study tours.

- II BA History students visited sacred Pancharamas on 16 Nov. 2024.
- To commemorate Gandhi Jayanti, BA students visited Gandhi Hill, Vijayawada, and explored Amaravati and its surrounding sites of historical and cultural significance 30 Sept. 2024.
- I & II BSc Botany and Zoology students went on an educational visit to Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Live Stock Research Station and Uppalapadu Bird Sanctuary on 30 Jan. 2025.
- III BA Economics students visited Kakinada Sea Port and Uppada Weavers, gaining valuable insights into industrial and economic activities on 22-23 Aug. 2024
- III BA Journalism students explored the media studio at Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada on 19 Aug. 2024.
- Physics students undertook a field visit on 25 July 2024 to the Route Relay Interlocking section of the Railways, S&T Department, Vijayawada. They also visited the Super Specialty

Unit of NTR Government General Hospital, on 26 July 2024 gaining insights into medical technologies and hospital infrastructure.

- III BSc CBZ & MBYC visited the Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology, Surampally on 30 Sept. 2024.
- II BSc Microbiology and Biotechnology students went on an industrial visit to JC Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Ongole 1 Feb. 2025.
- I & II Commerce, BBA and MBA students visited Ramdas Paper Board Pvt. Ltd., Rajahmundry on 31 Jan. 2025.
- Students of Biochemistry and Chemistry visited ONGC - Onshore HPHT Asset Kakinada on 7 Feb. 2025.

Community Service

Community service is a vital component of the college curriculum, encouraging students to actively engage with society and contribute meaningfully to its development. This academic year, students participated in community service across several key areas: Health and Wellness, Women Empowerment, Education and Outreach, Cultural and Sports Promotion, Environmental Conservation, and Financial Awareness.

Internships

Internships are an integral part of the college curriculum, providing students with practical exposure and hands-on experience in their chosen fields.

- The III year UG students successfully completed their semester-long internship project interning with around 83 organizations, including companies, NGOs, labs, and hospitals.
- On 28 April 2025, the ‘In-house Internship Project’ for students studying ‘Food Science & Technology’ has been launched in partnership with the COWE to provide II year students with entrepreneur skills.

Exhibitions & Expo

Exhibitions provide students with practical learning experiences and opportunities to showcase their skills.

- Students actively participated in a Book Exhibition organized by the Department of Library Science on 21 Nov. 2024.
- Students of Agriculture & Rural Development showcased their expertise at the Horti Expo, including on National Farmers Day on 18 Dec. 2024 where they displayed innovative agricultural practices and products.

Outreach

- The five-day Outreach Programme focusing from 20-24 Dec. 2024 on ‘Fair and Responsible AI for Consumers’, encouraged them to reflect on the ethical use of technology.
- Students of BA contributed to the community by participating in the Swachhata Hi Seva – Cleanliness & Sustainability Drive on 21 Sept. 2024.
- The Department of Agriculture & Rural Development also organized a one-day training programme on 27 Aug. 2024 for local farmers on the Integrated Farming System–Rice-cum-Fish Culture (Koramenu).
- The annual Christmas fete’ and Christmas festivities for students and staff are key events, marked by a special tradition: Inviting a hundred underprivileged and elderly individuals as honoured guests to share in the Christmas joy.

11. Extra-Curricular Activities

NCC

The NCC students have made us proud through their exceptional participation in various prestigious NCC programmes and camps during the academic year.

- Cadet P. Jahnavi, has modelled ship as part of NCC and has won a bronze medal.
- SUO J. Priyanka participated in Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat-II, held at KLEF, Guntur.
- Cadet M. Annapurna won the First Prize in Classical Dance in Special National Integration Camp.
- Cadet T. Chaitanya participated in the All India Trekking Expedition organized by the NCC Directorate (Kerala & Lakshadweep) at JNV, Kulamavu, Kerala.
- SGT S. Ankitha represented the college at the Group Selection IGC RDC, held at Sir CRR Public School, Eluru.
- Cadet Md. Sabhina participated in Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (Haldighati), held at Udaipur.
- Cadet Captain K. Chinmai completed the All India Annual Training Camp 2024 at the Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala.
- P.O. Cadet G. Deeksha participated in the Combined Annual Training Camp 2024 in Rajpipla, Gujarat.
- Cadet Ch. Ruthwika attended All India Nau Sainik Camp in Lonavala, Maharashtra
- Cadet K. Jahnavi represented her unit at the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Camp-3 in Rajasthan.

Along with these, the NCC cadets actively participated in many other events, bringing laurels to the college. We applaud them for their outstanding achievements.

NSS

The NSS units of the college actively engaged in a variety of impactful activities throughout the academic year.

- A workshop was conducted on International Yoga Day, 21 June 2024 to promote wellness, and the units organized a Peace Rally focusing on women's safety and security.
- The Swachhata Pakhwada programme and medical and eye camps were conducted on 13 Sept. 2024.
- This year, the NSS volunteers and coordinators went above and beyond by providing exceptional services during the recent floods in Vijayawada. They actively participated in flood relief emergency services in Singh Nagar, Payakapuram, and Bhavanipuram - alongside the Indian Red Cross Society. Their efforts also included food packing for flood victims, offering critical support during a time of crisis.
- Beyond flood relief, the NSS units observed NSS Day, 24 Sept. 2024 organized an AIDS Awareness Rally, and rendered valuable services during the Nava Raatrulu celebrations 3-12 Oct. 2024 of the Dasara festival.

Sports

The Department of Physical Education had a remarkable year.

- The Olympic Run on 25 July 2024, commemorated the Opening of the Olympic Games in Paris, while the Annual Sports Day on 18 January 2025, celebrated athletic excellence.
- Key tournaments hosted included the 1st Blessed Mary of the Passion Memorial City-Level Invitation Basketball Tournament on 20-22 Aug. 2024 and the Krishna University Inter-Collegiate Basketball Tournament on 12 Dec. 2024 where five students represented Krishna University at the South Zone Inter-University Championship in Kerala.
- Maris Stella also secured the fourth position in the Krishna University Inter-Collegiate Volleyball Tournament, and one student represented Krishna University in the South Zone Inter-University Kho-Kho Championship.
- The Department co-organized the first Andhra Pradesh Under-23 Inter-District Basketball Championship 2025, 28-31 Jan. 2025, with students representing both Krishna and East Godavari districts.
- In the 68th SGFI events, students excelled in Basketball, Volleyball, Netball, Chess, Athletics, Throwball, Swimming, and Shooting, earning district, state, and national recognition.
- Highlights include a gold and silver medal in Pistol and Rifle Shooting and national-level qualifications in Basketball and Swimming.

These accomplishments underscore the Department's dedication to promoting sportsmanship and excellence among students.

12. Job Placements

- The placement drive at our college successfully placed students in esteemed organizations, including TCS, Best Tax Filers, SBI, Muthoot Finance, Axis Bank, ASMR Technologies, and Speaking Tree.
- The workshop on 'Next Step: Building Your Career Roadmap' guided final-year students toward career opportunities, skill enhancement, and resume building.
- 172 students have been placed in 10 reputed companies as on 25.04.2025.

13. College Day

Maris Stella celebrated its 63rd 'College Day' on 22 Feb. 2025 with an inspiring blend of academic achievement, cultural expression and community spirit. Faculty and student achievers across academics, sports, and co-curricular and extra-curricular activities were felicitated, reflecting our commitment to holistic development. The cultural performances including classical and folk dances, choir presentations, and skit showcased the creativity and teamwork of our students. Sri. Bhaskara Rao Potluri, President, Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry Federation was the Chief Guest and Sri Gadde Rama Mohan, MLA, Vijayawada Constituency, and Smt Kanneganti Ramadevi, President, ALEAP and proud alumna of Maris Stella were the guests of honour for the College Day.

14. Conclusion

This year has been a testament to perseverance, learning, and the unwavering pursuit of excellence. The students have not only gained knowledge but have also cultivated the values and skills that will shape their future. May the lessons learned and milestones achieved this year ignite a passion for lifelong growth, service, and transformation.

The dedication, wisdom, and collaborative spirit of every faculty member have been the keystones of this institution's progress. Together, we have not merely shouldered the mantle of responsibility but elevated it, transforming challenges into stepping stones toward excellence.