THIRUTHANGAL NADAR COLLEGE

(Belongs to the Chennaivazh Thiruthangal Hindu Nadar Uravinmurai Dharmafund)

SPONSORING BODY

Thiruthangal, a Municipality in Virudhunagar District is located 68 kilometres south of Madurai, very close to Sivakasi, a town well known for safety matches, fireworks and printing units. On top of a small hill in Thiruthangal, there are three temples one for Lord Shiva and two others for Lord Muruga and Lord Vishnu. Vishnu is known here as Thirunindra Narayana Perumal and the Goddess as Sengamala Nachiar. This Vaishnavite temple was constructed in 994 A.D. by a native of Thiruthangal, who served as an important Minister to the then Pandya King is one among the 108 sacred places of worship for the vaishnavites. The village had once flourished in agriculture. Later on, the scanty rains in the area and the poor returns from agriculture made the people migrate to urban centres to earn their livelihood, by trade and business. At present, due to the proximity of Sivakasi, Thiruthangal has been witnessing a rapid growth of lucrative business like fire works, match works, printing and other industries.

Thiruthangal Hindu Nadar Uravinmurai Dharma Fund was founded in 1920 at Thiruthangal village by a few well-meaning and like-minded elders concerned in the development of the community. Thiruthangal Nadar Bungalow was built on 28th October 1929 by the laudable efforts of Sri. A. Vellaiappa Nadar, the President, Sri.Shanmuga Nadar, the Secretary and Sri. V. Hariharaputra Nadar, the Treasurer of Thiruthangal Hindu Nadar Uravinmurai Dharma Fund. On 9th October 1963 Kalaimagal Primary School was started. Later Girls Higher Secondary School in the name of Sivasubramania Nadar and Guruvammal was started on 21st June 1982. Karuman Karuppanna Nadar Ayyakannammal Matriculation School was founded on 3rd June 1991. More than 6100 students receive quality education and about 216 teachers are employed in these institutions.

Thiruthangal Hindu Nadars, settled in Chennai planned to form an organization for their welfare. They assembled at Backia Bhavanam (located in Tondiarpet, Chennai) of T.A.S. Rathinam & Brothers, on 14th September 1956. Fifty Two members attended the meeting and established the Chennaivazh Thiruthangal Hindu Nadar Uravinmurai Dharma Fund (a Charitable Fund of Thiruthangal Hindu Nadars living in Chennai). The First Anniversary was held on 15th September 1957. The said fund was registered in 1961 under the Societies Registration Act.

This organization was established owing to the arduous efforts of Thiru.S.Gurusamy Nadar of Thiruthangal,Thiru. P.S. Thangaiah Nadar of Rajapalayam, Thiru. M.S. Ramaiah Nadar of Thiruchirappalli and Thiru. T.A.S. Arumugam of Chennai. In the early periods of the establishment of the Uravinmurai Fund, Thiru. T.A.S. Chelliah served as President and Thiru. Raja K.S.P. Ganesan served as the Secretary. Thiru. S.M. Gurusamy Nadar , Thiru."Lathas" K.Thangappa Nadar, Thiru.S.Chinnadurai have collectively rendered yeomen service for the growth of the organization in the initial period of its establishment.

The next milestone was in 1968 when the organization purchased a site in G.A. Road,(Now P.A.N. Rajarathinam Road), Washermenpet, Chennai-21. In the said site, a magnificent building Door No.113, named as Thiruthangal Nadar Arangam an epitome of the members unity and solidarity was constructed with the great efforts of Thiru. M.G.Erulangudi Nadar, Treasurer of the Chennaivazh Thiruthangal Hindu Nadar Uravinmurai Dharma Fund who was fondly addressed as "Elam Hariharaputranar". The Arangam was inaugurated on 23rd May 1983 and the following office bearers were elected during the year 1980-1983.

Thiru. **S.M.Gurusamy Nadar-President**

Thiru. **Raja K.S.P.Ganesan – Vice-President**

Thiru. **P. Rajarathinam – Secretary**

Thiru. **S.K.A.Savarimalaiyan** B.Com.,-Asst. Secretary

Thiru. **M.G.Erulangudi Nadar-Treasurer**

On 3rd August, 1997 the "Thiruthangal Nadar College" for men was started as an Arts and Science College with Dr. A.P. Kamalakara Rao as the founder Principal. The college functions as a Self-Financing Institution without any grant or aid or subsidies from the Government for its maintenance. There is no collection of donation, capitation or other kinds of receipts from the parents. Compared to other self-financing colleges, the college faculty are paid a decent salary. Thiruthangal Nadar College has become a Co-educational Institution from the academic year 2002-2003. Additional facilities are provided for the women students.

Thiruthangal Educational Society was merged with Chennaivazh Thiruthangal Hindu Nadar Uravinmurai Dharma Fund on 3rd May 2007. The college has been functioning to cater to the needs of a backward area purely with an altruistic ideal of providing higher education at a moderate cost without any discrimination of caste or creed.

At this juncture it would be no exaggeration to state that the committed services of the Executive Committee Members of Chennaivazh Thiruthangal Hindu Nadar Uravinmurai Dharma Fund are in line with the dedication and dynamic leadership of the then Secretary Thiru. S.M. Subbiah, led to the incredible progress of Thiruthangal Nadar College to be engraved in golden letters.

TNC had a humble start with 5 Under Graduate Programs namely B.Com General, B.Com.(CS) BBA, B.Sc. Mathematics and B.Sc. Computer Science. Eventually the college identified the need for new degree programs and this was based on factors such as industry demand, student interest and emerging fields. The College ensures that the new programs align with their mission, goals, and resources to provide a quality educational experience for students. The BCA program was introduced in 1999 followed by M.Sc CST (5 year integrated PG Course) in 2001 and B.Com ISM in 2002. The UG programs B.Com (B.M.), B.Com (A/F) and B.Sc. (Software Application), were initiated in the year 2008. The PG Programs M.Sc., Computer Science was introduced in the year 2015 and M.Com General in 2016.

In addition B.Com (Computer Application), was launched in the year 2011 followed by B.Sc. (Physics), B.Sc. (Chemistry) and B.A (English Literature) programs in 2017. Keeping in mind the student's demand, UG Programs B.Com General, B.Sc., Mathematics and B.CA were established in Shift II also in the same year i.e. 2017. And, B.Com CS was introduced in Shift II in the following yearie2018 for the same reason.

Further, B.Sc. (Plant Biology & Plant Bio-Technology) and B.S.W (Social Work) programs were initiated in the year 2018. Adding to this, B.A. (Tamil Literature) and B.A. (Criminology & Police Administration) were started in the year 2019.

Currently, B.Sc. Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence and M.S.W are introduced this year 2024.