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AREA PROFILE

4.1 ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY

Annamalai University is a unitary, teaching, and residential university. It was founded by the munificence of the far-sighted and noble hearted philanthropist and patron of letters, the late Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad.

He started several colleges and ultimately this university in 1929. Since its inception, it has regressively tried to realize the aims of its noble founder Pro – chancellor.

After him, his illustrious son Padma Bhushan Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, was the Pro – Chancellor from 1948 to 1984 and he assiduously nurtured the growth and development of the University.

The university has had the unique fortune of having a succession of eminent Vice Chancellors to guide its destinies. During their periods, the university has grown rapidly and consolidated its position as a unitary and residential university with 52 departments of study and over 1984 member on its teaching staff.

The faculty of Medicine with the Dental college, Nursing and Pharmacy department was started in 1980, and the cherished desire
of Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar to set up a Medical College under the Umbrella of the faculty of medicine was fulfilled in 1985.

The university which started with only seven departments in 1929 has, over the last 75 years, developed into a mighty institution of higher learning with nearly 48 departments, in all the nine faculties. This is one of the very few institutions in India with all the faculties located on the same campus. The university has been re-accredited by NAAC with ‘A’ grade in 2014.

4.2 BHARATHIR UNIVERSITY

The inception of Bharathiar University at Coimbatore by the Government of Tamil Nadu was realised in February, 1982 under the provisions of the Bharathiar University Act, 1981 (Act 1 of 1982), with jurisdiction over the then districts of Coimbatore, Erode, The Nilgiris, and Tirupur. The Post Graduate Centre of the University of Madras, which was functioning in Coimbatore prior to 1982, formed the core of the Bharathiar University. In May 1985, the University Grants Commission (UGC) recognised the university for the purpose of grants.

The University, named after the great national poet Subramanya Bharathi, has its principles enshrined in the motto "Educate to Elevate". At the University, every effort is harnessed to realising his dream of creating temples out of educational institutions. Looking ahead in this direction, the University aims at
contributing immensely towards establishing an equitable, social and economic order and ascertaining the secular ideals of our nation. To ensure the same, the youth are motivated to imbibe the necessary Knowledge, Skills, Creative Thinking, Attitudes and Values.

**Mission**

The mission of this University is to provide quality higher education to all people. We aim at developing citizens with knowledge, skill and character and contributing to societal transformation and national development in consonance with our motto 'educate to elevate'. We strive to form students to be men and women for others offering their selfless services for the development of the people and country.

The bottom line of the University’s ideals is "To be an innovative, inclusive and reach out internationally; committed to excelling in teaching, research and knowledge transfer and to serve the social, cultural and economic needs of the Nation.

The University is situated against the backdrop of Maruthamalai Hills in the Western Ghat range on a sprawling campus of 1000 acres of land, 12 kms from the city of Coimbatore. The University is an affiliating type, recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC), a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU). At present 104 colleges are affiliated to the Bharathiar
University which includes 18 Autonomous Colleges, 12 Management Institutions, 92 Arts and Science Colleges (20 Women's colleges, 80 Co-educational colleges, and 4 men's colleges) including one Air Force Administrative College.

4.3 MEENAKSHI RAMASAMY ARTS & SCIENCE COLLEGE

Meenachi Ramasamy Educational Trust has been founded in the year 2000. Meenaakshi Ramasamy Arts and Science College has been established by the Trust.

GENESIS OF THE COLLEGE

The College, started from the academic year 2001-2002 is rendering service to the society through higher education. It aims to provide opportunities to rural students to lift them up from drifting conditions.

The College is situated on the Trichy - Chidambaram Highway in 24 acres of sylvan land. Having situated near the towns like Ariyalur, Udayarpalayam, Jayankondam, Andimadam and Sendurai the College enjoys accessibility to all rural areas.

The College has high ideals to make each individual student a gem to the society to form a better tomorrow. The facilities provided in the College will explain this in detail.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Giving Coaching and Training to almost all the major Games.
Karate & Silambattam Classes.
Body building and weight lifting coaching.
Organize several Inter-Collegiate and inter-school tournaments and sports meet.

4.4 SELVAM COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Selvam College of Physical Education is a self supporting, co-educational institution affiliated to the Tamilnadu Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai. It was started in the year 2006 by an industrial magnet and a great philanthropist Dr. P. Selvaraj with a noble mission to cater to sporting excellence.

The vision of the College is to produce leaders who will be agents of social change, primarily among the communities they live in and in the nation as whole; and to make the college serve national and global needs by providing quality human resource, by shaping intellectually sound, ethically sensitive and socially compassionate graduates.

The mission is to achieve the vision of the founder by establishing and managing educational institutions based on four principles of Discipline, Sound education. Sports and Service in order to raise leaders with rounded holistic personalities.

4.5 SRI RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYALAYA MARUTHI COLLEGE D PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya was started in the year 1930. It stands for the educational ideals preached and practised by Sri Ramakrishna, Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi. It cherishes a life of purity and discipline, simplicity and service and
nourishes the ideal that work is worship and labour is love. The Vidyalaya believes that the greatness of a man is not to be judged by the work he does, but by the attitude, outlook and devotion with which he does it. The youth of the nation should be trained to develop spiritual strength, intellectual independence and moral character. They must also learn discipline and capacity to work in cooperation with others. The student life in the Vidyalaya is organised with these ideals in view.

Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya Maruthi College of Physical Education is one of the institutions in the Vidyalaya which is situated at the 20th K.M. from Coimbatore on the Coimbatore-Mettupalayam Road. The particulars of the various campuses and institutions of the Vidyalaya are given at the end of this prospectus.

The concept of physical education has changed in recent time. It is now regarded as an integral part of a sound educational system, with the aim of the development of the whole individual through physical activity. The aim of physical education is to develop health, wholesome use of leisure, high character, social sense, self discipline and aesthetic appreciation. It has a large and fundamental part to play towards the evolution of a healthy, cheerful and purposeful living, physically wholesome, mentally stimulating and socially satisfying. Physical activities are the tools in the hands of teachers for the education of the whole man.
India is a land of pristine culture. Our yoga philosophy has a contribution to make towards physical education. The use of asanas, breathing exercise etc., are yet to be scientifically studied and adapted to suit the modern conditions of life. Our folk dance and music provide opportunities to develop our culture.

This institution has been named after the great Ramayana hero, Mahavir, also called Maruthi or Hanuman. Faith and devotion are essential factors in the development of strength in any individual. Personal purity and devotion to a great cause are the necessary requisites for a healthy living. Maruthi, who personified in himself, these great qualities, has stood as the ideal of manhood of millions of men in this country. And so it is only fitting that this institution is named after him.

4.6 SRI SARADHA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Sri Sarada College for Women, Salem was started in the year 1961 as an affiliated college of the University of Madras by Mrs. Seethalakshmi Ramaswamy under the benign grace and presidency of Srimath Swami Chidbhavananda of Sri Ramakrishna Tapovanam, Tirupparaithurai. Later, from 1998, Sri Sarada College is affiliated to the Periyar University, Salem, Tamilnadu, India. It is a Government aided college and recognized for receiving grants from University Grants Commission (UGC). It receives not only annual grants for the functioning of autonomy but also special plan grants. The progressive voice of the college trains
the mind and abilities of the students along with accumulating knowledge that enhances life. By catering to the students myriad-channeled interest, this educational institution warps out women of strong determination steeped in national culture and spirituality. All our activities have been moulded into one groove to produce positive virtues and energies directed towards socially beneficial purposes.

Sri Sarada College for Women (Autonomous), Salem 636 016 was started in the year 1961 with the Pre University course as an affiliated college to the Madras University. It is managed by Sri Sarada Educational Trust, run by Sanyasins of the holy order of Sri Sarada Samithi dedicated to the spread of education, specially that of women. The college caters to the needs of rural and semi urban population in and around Salem. The foundation stone of the college has been laid by former President Dr. S. Radhakrishnan on 6th January 1963. The donor of the College, Smt. Seethalakshmi Ramasamy who donated all her property and personally guided the management in planning and development of the Institution at the initial stages; has sown the seeds for development of women in the region.

The college became autonomous in 1988-89 and continued since then. By the year 2001 the college completed four decades of service in the cause of women's education. Aspiring for a wider recognition, the college volunteered to be assessed by the NAAC. The self study report was submitted by the college to the NAAC on 2nd
January 2002. A peer team constituted by NAAC consisting of Prof. P. Geervani, Chairperson, Prof. V. G. Bhamburkar and Prof. M. Ramachandra Kurup as members visited the institution for two days from 14th to 15th March 2002.

4.7 YMCA COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The college crest expresses its educational philosophy. The triangle in the crest symbolizes the aspects of the whole man. **ATMAN, MANAS, SARIRAM** (Spirit, Mind and Body). The triangle is enclosed by the circle representing harmonious blend of these aspects and union of the entire country to which the students commit to serve. The oil lamp in the centre is an expression of the idea that light is the kemal of life and growth.

From its founding in 1920 to the present, the YMCA College has pursued the goal of education of the complete man/woman and the service of all men and women.

The University Grants Commission and the University of Madras through the Government of Tamilnadu, Education Department conferred the status of **AUTONOMY** upon our college in the year 1986 by virtue of its reputed services to Humanity through Physical Education, Health Education, Recreation and its Allied Science.

Since then, the college has been introducing and popularising many new programmes by taking the lead in many pioneering
ventures. In order to turn out a creative and productive groups of leaders in physical education, sports and recreation, the college has now proposed a number of choices of subject majors and activity options. The combination of our past experiences and our future thrusts and new vision would enable us to carry on and continue the ideals of YMCA movement as a whole and thereby to stand first in serving the good cause of our nation.

To make use of the privilege of autonomy effectively, a team work is essential. This team consists of the College authorities, from National Council of YMCAs of India. Secretary, Correspondent, Principal, Staff. Students and Community representatives. The University Grants Commission. Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, NCTL: and Government of Tamil Nadu are strengthening our sources. The whole academic process in the college can be generated, designed and developed for the cause of students through an effective link between the above said partners. Autonomy means freedom. Here in our context most appropriately this freedom is used to suit to the learners need and to the "users" expectation, by offering courses of study designed by the academic team of the college. It need not be a rigid package but a flexible and innovative one to elevate the standard of the product and to upgrade their worthiness. The college has been accredited by NAAC with Grade 'A' in March 2003.