



# ANNAI VAILANKANNI ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE

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## GENDER CHAMPION CLUB INAUGURAL CEREMONY – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Purpose:

The purpose of the Gender Champion Club Inaugural Ceremony is to promote gender equality and create a platform where students and staff can work together to foster a gender-sensitive environment.

### Objectives:

- To raise awareness about gender-related issues among students and staff.
- To encourage the active participation of students in promoting gender equality.
- To empower individuals to become advocates for gender equity in their communities.

### Pedagogy:

- A special speech by an expert on gender issues.
- Interactive discussions and activities designed to engage participants in conversations about gender equality.

### Participation

- Academic staff and students of Science/Management/Commerce/Arts and Humanities.

### Beneficiaries:

- Students and academic staff from the Science, Management, Commerce, and Arts and Humanities departments.
- The broader institutional community, as the Gender Champions will serve as role models for gender equality.

### Outcomes:

- ✓ Participants will develop a better understanding of gender sensitivity and equality.
- ✓ Students will be equipped to act as Gender Champions, promoting fairness and inclusivity.
- ✓ The event will help build a more inclusive and respectful institutional culture.

### Duration

- 55 minute

# A REPORT ON GENDER CHAMPION CLUB INAUGURAL CEREMONY

**Venue :** Pope John Paul Hall, AVASC, Thanjavur.

**Date :** 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Time :** 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM

**Reporter's name:** Dr. C. Kanagadhurga, Coordinator of GCC, AVASC, Thanjavur.

The event commenced with an **Invocation**, featuring a prayer song and Bible reading, setting a reverent tone for the proceedings. The cultural team presented a **Welcome Dance** in the form of Bharatanatyam, which was an elegant and graceful start to the day's events. Following the dance, Dr. J. Selvam, Head of the Department of Computer Science, delivered the **Welcome Address**, warmly greeting all attendees and setting the stage for the day's activities.



**On 29th July 2024, Mrs. R. Kalaivani, CWC Officer, South Police Station, Thanjavur, lit the ceremonial lamp during the GCC Inaugural event**

The traditional **Lighting of the Lamp** ceremony was conducted, symbolizing the dispelling of darkness and the ushering in of knowledge and wisdom. Presidential Address was given by **Rev. Dr. A. John Zacharias, Correspondent and Secretary**. He spoke about the importance of gender equality and the significant role the Gender Champion Club which will play in promoting it. The Felicitation Addresses were delivered by **Dr. P. Philominathan, Principal**, and **Rev. Fr. M. Arone, Administrator**, both of whom praised the initiative and expressed their support for the Gender Champion Club.



**Honoured the chief guest Mrs. R. Kalaivani, CWC Officer, South Police Station, Thanjavur on 29th July 2024.**

Dr. N. Indhra, Coordinator of the MBA program, introduced the **Chief Guest**, giving an insightful overview of the chief guest's achievements and contributions. The Keynote Address was delivered by **Mr. M. Raja Raman, Assistant Director/Bursar at the Department of Higher Education in Thanjavur**, he emphasized the critical role of education in promoting gender equality. He underscored the importance of active participation in initiatives aimed at achieving gender equality, highlighting his own experiences in the field.

According to Mr. Raja Raman, higher education plays a pivotal role in shaping the society by empowering individuals with knowledge and skills. It serves as a catalyst for social change and inclusivity, particularly concerning gender equality. Through education, individuals gain awareness, critical thinking abilities, and the capacity to challenge stereotypes and discrimination.

His emphasis on active participation suggests a hands-on approach to addressing gender disparities, advocating for policies and practices that promote equal opportunities for all genders. By fostering a supportive environment within educational institutions, Mr. Raja Raman believes in nurturing future leaders who will drive societal changes towards greater equality.

In summary, Mr. M. Raja Raman's insights highlight the transformative power of education in advancing gender equality and the imperative for collective action to create inclusive educational environments and opportunities.

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**Mrs. R. Kalaivani, CWC officer delivered special address on the Gender Champion Club**

Dr. C. Kanagadhurga, Coordinator of the Gender Champion Club, introduced the club and highlighted its objectives. Following this, **Mrs. R. Kalaivani, CWC officer, South Police Station, Thanjavur**, delivered a **Special Address on the Gender Champion Club**, focusing on its role in addressing gender issues and promoting equality. She expressed a strong interest in working within the child welfare committee to protect children, emphasizing the value of gender and related issues in safeguarding their welfare.

Mrs. Kalaivani emphasized that addressing gender issues involves a multifaceted approach. She highlight the importance of awareness, education, and advocacy in tackling gender-based discrimination and violence. She underscores the role of the Gender Champion Club as a platform for promoting gender equality through community engagement, awareness programs, and policy advocacy.

In handling situations related to child welfare and protection, Mrs. Kalaivani stressed the significance of proactive measures. This includes establishing safe spaces for children, providing psychological and legal support to victims, and ensuring swift and fair justice for perpetrators. Education plays a crucial role in preventing abuse and empowering children with knowledge about their rights.

Furthermore, Mrs. Kalaivani emphasized the importance of collaboration among various stakeholders, including law enforcement, educational institutions, and community organizations, to create a protective environment for children. She encourages reporting incidents promptly and sensitively handling cases to ensure the well-being and safety of children.



### **100 students participated on 29th July 2024, the GCC Inaugural event**

In conclusion, Mrs. R. Kalaivani's address underscored the proactive role of the Gender Champion Club in promoting gender equality and protecting children from danger. Her insights highlighted the importance of community involvement, education, and effective policies in addressing gender-related issues and ensuring a safe environment for all children. In this event around 100 Student were participated and interestedly attended.

**Dr. P. Philominathan, Principal**, formally open **the Association of all Department**, marking the official start of the Gender Champion Club.

A Western Dance performance by the II MBA students added a vibrant and energetic touch to the event. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. D. Sarguna Sundari, Head of the Department of Mathematics, who expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries, guests, participants, and organizers for making the event a success.