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Seven Tamil Nadu Colleges Figure in UGC's 'Potential for Excellence' List

Coimbatore: The University Grants Commission on Tuesday accorded the 'College with Potential for Excellence' status to seven colleges from Tamil Nadu, including five from Chennai and one each from Coimbatore and Madurai. Notable institutions include Madras Christian College, Stella Maris College and DG Vaishnav College. **P5**

Seven Colleges in TN Get CPE Status

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Coimbatore: Seven colleges from Tamil Nadu, including five from Chennai and one each from Coimbatore and Madurai, have managed to secure College with Potential for Excellence (CPE) status from the University Grants Commission (UGC). The decision has been taken at a meeting held

In Chennai, five colleges managed to secure College with Potential for Excellence status from University Grants Commission

on Tuesday.

In Chennai, Madras Christian College, Women's Christian College, Stella Maris College, DG Vaishnav College and Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women have been granted the CPE status, says a UGC source. Apart from this,

Vivekananda College in Madurai and CMS College of Science and Commerce in Coimbatore have also been granted the CPE status by the UGC. "Out of the seven colleges which have got the CPE status, ours is the only self-financing institution to get the CPE status, which shows the quality of education imparted here. We have got NAAC accreditation of 'A' grade during the last two cycles and are going for the third cycle of assessment," says S Sandhya Menon, principal of CMS College of Science and Commerce.

"Our college, which is 28-years-old, also maintains gender balance with 50 per cent of students being girls. We also have students from 20 countries. We would be getting ₹1.5 crores funding from the UGC under this CPE scheme," she adds.

The CPE scheme identifies colleges that has attained high standards of teaching, research and extension activities and hold promise of excellence.