



STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)
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Twin Celebrations at Stella Maris College of 75th Independence Day and College Birthday

Chennai, 15 August 2021: In the annals of the history of Stella Maris College, 15 August 2021, is particularly significant as it commences its 75 years of glorious existence together with Independent India. As a part of the jubilee festivities, this date also marks the beginning of year-long events and activities to celebrate our commitment to giving our country, women devoted to academic excellence and all-round development.

In this special occasion, women achiever, **Brig. (Dr.) G. Himashree, Brigadier Medical, Head Quarter Dakshin Bharat Area** hoisted the national flag and enthused the audience about the importance of commitment towards national integration and community development to become responsible citizens. She also highlighted the need for becoming proficiently competent, work hard in academics and becoming responsible citizens who eventually touch more lives.

During this momentous twin celebrations, **Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph fmm, Principal, Stella Maris College** stated, “As Stella Maris College celebrates its 75th year of academic and social empowerment of young women, we are still confronted with the challenges and difficulties brought on by the impact of Covid-19. Since then we have lived through “new normal” situations, times of extreme difficulty, hardship and suffering. But the most heartening part is that as a community, we have sought and found new opportunities to continue our work, develop our resources, especially technology, and thrive amidst the many obstacles facing us.”

Dr. Sr. Rosy further added, “I would like to make an announcement regarding some special initiatives we have lined up for the jubilee year. They are: Online Certificate and Diploma Programmes from the Digital Learning and Research Centre, moving towards zero waste campus, Cloud-based ERP and Learning Management Systems (LMS), a skills-enhancement programme for self-employment through outreach programmes, and year-long programmes planned by the Departments.”

Dr. C. Rangarajan, Former Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister | Former Governor, RBI | Chairman, Madras School of Economics, in his address stated the

need for forming a strong economy and society and to promote quality higher education. He also added accessibility, quality and equality in higher education helps shape good citizens.

Justice Prabha Sridevan (Retd.), Madras High Court and Former Chairperson of the IPAB in her uplifting and heartfelt address stated the importance of our country's Preamble. Justice, equality, liberty and fraternity are the key words used in our Preamble and as citizens we should act in full responsibility towards the nation. She also mentioned about enablement of equality between men and women and exercising the fundamental duties as citizens of India.

Ms. Aliya Fathima Sheriff, Students' Union 21-22 President expressed, "As a union, we have started to actively use the digital platform and are planning to conduct 75 events throughout the year to commemorate this Jubilee year. The celebrations come as a much needed enthusiasm, positivity and hope."

The milestones of the College over its 75 years of existence was presented. Sr. Françoise Massy fmm, Superior General, Most Rev. George Antonysamy, Bishop of Madras - Mylapore, and Dr. Sr. Francisco Nirmala fmm, Provincial, Chennai Province felicitated the role of the institution in women education and empowerment.

To ear-mark the commencement of the 75th year, the College is releasing Postcards of the iconic structures of our campus which will be available in both black and white and colour.

The inaugural programme of the jubilee celebrations culminated with a cultural programme.

Standard operating procedures will be adhered at all times and at all events conducted on campus.

About Stella Maris College:

Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai is a Catholic Minority College run and governed by the society of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. The College is affiliated to the University of Madras, Chennai and was founded in 1947. The College aims at empowering young women from all backgrounds through holistic education thereby promoting social change and responsible citizenship. The institution also aims at fostering an inclusive community by bringing together different cultures and making the learning vibrant and nourishing.

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