SHRIMATHI DEVKUNVAR NANALAL BHATT VAISHNAV COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (Autonomous)

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COLLEGE

2024-2025

The college was established in 1968 through the generous contributions of our visionary Late Founder Chairman, **Shri Nanalal Bhatt**, who donated 10 acres of land, and with a financial contribution of ₹6 lakhs from the **Cork Industries Charities Trust**. The institution is named in honor of his wife, **Shrimathi Devkunvar**, a dedicated woman who rendered exemplary service towards women's education.With a deep commitment to educating the girl child, our founder began **Shrimathi Devkunvar Nanalal Bhatt Vaishnav College** with just 300 girls enrolled in the Pre-University Course (P.U.C.) at its inception. A true philanthropist, he devoted his life to the upliftment and empowerment of women through education.

Our management today envisions a forward-looking approach to women's education, embracing modern technologies and fostering global competencies. We aim to place our students on the world stage, equipping them to excel in a wide range of fields. This transformative journey is led by our **Honorable Secretary Shri Chandrakant M. Tolia**, our esteemed **Chairperson Smt. Mamta D. Bhatt**, and our respected **Secretary-Academics Shri Nimish C. Tolia**, who are collectively steering the institution toward academic excellence and innovation.

Shrimathi Devkunvar Nanalal Bhatt Vaishnav College for Women began its journey with just 240 students in the Pre-University Course (PUC) and 20 dedicated faculty members. Over the course of 55 years, the institution has witnessed remarkable growth and transformation. Today, it proudly serves student strength of 6698 with the support of 333 faculty members. Among these students, **27%** are part of the aided stream, while **73%** belong to the Self-financing stream.

In accordance with UGC guidelines, the College has established various academic bodies including the Governing Body, Academic Research Advisory Committee, Ethics Committee, and other non-statutory committees such as the Student Welfare Committee, Library Committee, Alumni Association, and Grievance Appeal Committee to ensure smooth functioning of the institution. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) plays a significant role in enhancing the institution's effectiveness by actively initiating reforms and improvements in academics. The Peer Team Visit (PTV) of the NAAC- 4th cycle of accreditation held on 18th & 19th JULY 2024 and accredited the institution with A+. The Annual Quality Assurance Reports, All India Higher Education Survey Reports, UGC-SERO Report, Annual Reports, and

National Institutional Ranking Framework data are submitted every year to the relevant regulatory bodies. Our College is ranked in the band of 101-150 in the NIRF and is listed as a band performer in the ATAL RANKING 2024.

The College provides 10 undergraduate programs in the aided stream, 20 undergraduate and 14 postgraduate programs in the self-financing stream and 10 PhD programs. Departments such as English, History, Statistics, Physics, Chemistry, Plant Biology & Biotechnology, Computer Science, and Commerce under the aided stream are recognized as research departments by the University of Madras, offering part-time and full-time Ph.D. programs. Part-time research opportunities are available in the Departments of Mathematics, Tamil, and Economics. At present, 165 scholars are pursuing their Ph.D. under the guidance of 38 supervisors across various disciplines.

The overall pass percentages for the End Semester Examinations held in April 2025 stand at 91.16% for UG and 97.14% for PG, demonstrating the strong academic performance of our programs. This year 11 research scholars were awarded Ph.D. degrees. Additionally, 120 commerce students successfully cleared professional examinations such as CA Foundation, CA Inter, and CMA Foundation. Our students have benefitted from Government scholarships, along with other private scholarships. The Management has further extended scholarships to support sports and other meritorious students. Four students also gained admission under the FREE Education Scheme provided by the University of Madras.

The College has organized International and National Seminars, Guest Lectures, and Workshops to stay current with developments in the academic domain. Furthermore, comprehensive Training and Faculty Development Programs were conducted. A total of 21 student clubs and societies under the Student Progression Bodies facilitated more than 116 activities that promote holistic development and enrich the student experience. These clubs, ranging from creative pursuits to community service, help students nurture their passions and develop vital life skills.

The Students' Union plays an active role in supporting the welfare of the student community at SDNB Vaishnav College for Women. A Mental Health Wellness program for students, and the launch of an Anti-Drug Club to raise awareness about substance abuse and mobilize the community against addiction was conducted. The Union also hosts various celebrations such as Freshers Day, Colors Day, Food Sharing Day,

Ethnic Day, Independence Day, Onam Festival, Teachers Day, World Literacy Day, Krishna Jayanthi, Pongal, Republic Day, and Christmas.

SWAYAM-NPTEL certifications were acquired by 526 students and faculty members in 2024-25. Self-paced Environmental Science learning is available through the Digimat learning platform (http://sdnbvc.digimat.in). Students can access online content via intranet for credit based E-learning through NPTEL/SWAYAM MOOC and INFLIBNET/DELNET memberships, promoting hybrid learning. All students are provided with the Jeevan Kaushal Life Skills program at three levels: Personality Development and Verbal Reasoning for first-year students, Personality Development and Analytical Reasoning for second-year students, and Career Skills and Quantitative Aptitude for third-year students.The Skill Development Centre offers various skill programs designed to make students industry-ready from their first year, across all streams. A cutting-edge in-house Robotics Lab with dedicated instructors promotes excellence in Robotics Education. Coursera was introduced at SDNBVC in August 2023. This year more than 68,886 courses were completed covering both domain-specific and general skill development topics from top international universities. Continuous life skill interventions and career guidance help students secure their desired careers. The 'Earn and Learn' programs, supported by reputed companies, assist students with practical training and funding their education. Loan facilities are available for all skill and regular courses.

The College organized Industry-Academia Conclave 2025 on **Future skills for workforce development.** The Industry-Academia Conclave successfully brought the academicians and key stakeholders together to discuss and strategize actionable solutions for the outlined challenges in future skills and workforce development. Through insightful expert panel's discussion, and collaborative brainstorming sessions, participants arrived at meaningful resolutions aimed at driving sustainable progress in future skills. The event emphasized innovation, policy improvements and stronger partnerships to address pressing concerns while laying a guideline for future initiatives. The Conclave featured with lively sessions, keynote addresses and panel discussions by the distinguished speakers, moderators and leaders from academia, industry and research. The speakers shared their perspectives on emerging trends, skill up-gradation, collaboration, entrepreneurship for creating a sustainable inclusive future workforce.

The College's active Research Cell conducts diverse online and offline sessions, workshops, and awareness programs for students and scholars through the training initiative "Samzodhana Naipunyam". A

multidisciplinary research book, SPARKLES, is published every six months, featuring conceptual articles, technology-based research, findings, and innovative student ideas, complete with an ISBN number. Two E-journals "International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research in Arts, Science & Commerce (IJMRASC)" and "Svādhyāyā - International Journal of Transdisciplinary Research and Development (SIJTRD)" are published by the College. The College provides **Turnitin** and **eAarjav** plagiarism checker access for students and scholars to ensure original research work. The management has sanctioned Rs.27,45,696 for 160 student projects under the "Young Researcher Project 2024–2025" for both UG and PG students. Additionally, 18 Minor Research Projects for faculty were funded with Rs.11,14,035.

Faculty members, research scholars, and students have been actively publishing research papers and participating in conferences, seminars, and symposia. In the academic year 2024–2025, faculty members published over 33 research papers and more than 10 books and presented in 8 conferences. Research scholars published over 18 papers and filed 5 Patent and presented in 7 conferences. Students have published around 64 papers in UGC/Scopus/Web of Science journals and delivered 48 conference presentations. The College Management sanctioned incentives of Rs. 7, 28,301 for paper publications, Rs. 47,100 for conference presentations.

The Vaishnav Centre for Innovation, Incubation, and Entrepreneurship Development (VCIIED) fosters emerging technological and knowledge-driven ventures. Students actively engage with various incubation centers and maker spaces to embrace entrepreneurial culture. To facilitate idea submissions via the YUKTI-Innovation Repository and conduct evaluation and mentoring sessions with experts, 'Smart India Hackathon 2024-25' was conducted on 9th September 2024. The Idea "Inter Colligiate Hackathon 2024-25" was organized on 22nd January 2025 to identify students' problem solving approaches with a focus on creativity. Many Special lectures on Marketing, Waste Management and Entrepreneurial development, Problem solving, Innovation, Planning were conducted in the college campus with notable resource persons. Field visits, Poster presentations, National Science Day, Workshops are the marked activities. Every third Saturday of the month, student entrepreneurs display their products for sale in stalls.

Sandhai, a grand showcase of Talents exhibited by the students and alumni of SDNB Vaishnav College for women on 15th March 2025 with 66 stalls put up under different categories, attracted visitors from various parts of Chennai. The Vaishnav campus was filled with stalls which included almost everything from accessories to food. It's an initiative to promote entrepreneurship among students. These stalls were totally

for the students, by the students, of the students. There were also fun activities such as games and performances by the students and also live RJ throughout the day which kept the campus lively.

Since October 2023, the alumni outlet 'Foodies gram' has been successfully operating on the campus. Additionally, the Bakery Unit, Aavin Outlet, jute bag production, block printing, and napkin production units are thriving, enabling students to earn while they learn. VCIIED also provides consultancy services for various government e-services like ID cards and passport applications.

SDNB organizes SMRTI, a grand annual intercollegiate cultural festival, in honor of our founder chairman Shri Nanalal Bhatt and his wife Shrimathi Devkunvar Nanalal Bhatt. SMRTI '24-25, celebrated the theme of **Navarasa,** the nine emotions on 9th October 2024. This theme provided a unique and immersive experience for all participants, bringing to life a spectrum of emotions through a vibrant series of events and performances. The inaugural guests were the acclaimed singer Ajay Krishnan and the celebrity actor Darshan. Various on-stage and off-stage events were organized to showcase the skills and talents of students from different colleges in and around Chennai. The valedictory guests were actor Mahat, Gautham Raj, a talented mimicry artist, and actor Bobby Simha,

DIVA'24-25, a grand interdepartmental fest, celebrated the theme of **Kanavu Kaanungal** on September 12th and 13th, 2024. This theme provided a unique and thought provoking experience for all participants, bringing to life range of dreams. The event featured 14 competitions on the first day and 3 on the second. Each competition was judged by a panel of esteemed judges, ensuring fairness and equal evaluation. Participants competed fiercely across various categories, showcasing their skills and talents. DIVA' Trade Gala - was organized by the VCIIED and EDII cell of our college on the same days, beneficial to the budding entrepreneurs of our institution.

Sports play an integral role in Vaishnav's curriculum, with strong management support providing free accommodation and fee waivers for athletes, resulting in numerous achievements. It is a matter of great pride that our college has excelled across various sports during the academic year 2024–2025. Our football team won top honours at A-zone, university, state, and national levels, earning trophies and significant recognition. Notably, seven football players received a cash award of ₹75,000 each totaling in ₹5,25,000 for winning the State CM Trophy Championship. Our students also brought laurels in badminton, table tennis, chess, kabaddi, hockey, volleyball, and handball, with consistent wins at inter-collegiate, district, university,

state, and national events. Individual athletes achieved remarkable feats in Silambam, carrom, floorball, Atya-Patya, and athletics, showcasing versatility and dedication. Inter-year matches and staff vs. student competitions enhanced team spirit and healthy participation. We organised a successful Fit India Walkathon and wellness sessions, promoting physical fitness for all. Altogether, our students secured 23 gold, 37 silver, and 54 bronze medals at different levels. Many also proudly represented the university, district, state, and nation at prestigious meets. These achievements reflect our students' hard work, unwavering support from the management, and the commitment of our faculty and coaches, inspiring us to aim even higher in the coming years.

The NSS Unit of SDNB Vaishnav College for Women actively contributed to social welfare and community development in the academic year 2024-2025, organizing nearly 40 impactful programs and conducting a 7-day special camp to foster awareness, service, and leadership among students.

NCC unit has an Air wing and a sub-unit naval wing, with strength of 56 cadets. The NCC Directorate of Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, and Andaman and Nicobar Islands has never failed to appreciate, commend, and acknowledge the efforts and accomplishments of our cadets. The NCC students of the college observed International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking by hosting a poster-making event. International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June, 2024 with great enthusiasm and participation. This event not only highlighted the physical benefits of yoga but also emphasized the importance of discipline, a key value in both personal and professional life. NCC Petty Officer Cadet participated in the Flagging ceremony during the PM Rally Republic Day camp 2025 held in Delhi. Cadet Warrant Officer attended the Ek Bharat Sreshta Bharat held at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. Our cadets have attended Maharashtra Shivaji trekking camp held in Kolhapur. They have won the silver and gold in the boat pulling and seamanship competitions in the inter-unit competition.

PG Department of Social Work has conducted Baseline Household survey and rural camp in their adopted villages namely, Palur panchayat, Melmanapakkam Village, Nelvoy, Irumbuli and Melapattu villages in Kothimangalam panchayat, as a part of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. The survey data gathered duringthis period provided valuable insights into the community's needs and challenges. Issues like Borewell water installation, Women and children safety, Sanitation and cleanliness, Employment opportunities were addressed.

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The Graduation Day for the 2023 passed-out batch was celebrated on 7th March 2025 in the forenoon, with Professor Dr. S.Vincent, Member Secretary, TamilNadu State Council for Science and Technology, as the chief guest and the afternoon Graduation Day was conducted with the chief guest Col.Dr.G.Thiruvasagam, Provost, AMET University, who presided over the event and distributed degree certificates.

The Training & Placement Cell conducts focused training programs to improve employability, followed by on-campus placement drives for final-year students. The cell has consistently achieved 100% placement for the registered students each year. This year, over 51 companies visited the campus for recruitment, and 1,517 students secured placements. Some of the recruiters include: Accenture, Deloitte, Wipro, Cognizant, TCS, Infosys, Capgemini, Ford, Axis Bank, Muthoot Finance, Sutherland, Intellipaat, Omega Healthcare, Virtusa, Verizon.Zifo RnD Solutions, Mr. Cooper, Suryavanshi Source, State Street HCL, McKinsey, Zoho, Deloitte Digital, Medico Healthcare Services & Technology, Bank Bazaar, HDB Financial Services, Ques Corp, Altruist, Enoah Solution, Fitness One, Giri Trading Agency Pvt. Ltd., Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd., Nielsen IQ.

Our registered SNDBVC Alumni Trust has further strengthened our Alumni network. We invite our alumni as resource persons and guest speakers for college programs. They play a vital role in mentoring students through internships, projects, scholarships, and skill development initiatives. A dedicated alumni network platform was launched recently to facilitate effective communication and feedback. The Alumni Meet was conducted on 29th June 2024. Alumni from various fields attended the meeting and participated in various events.

The college hostel accommodates 234 students in 78 rooms. The hostel is located in an environmentally friendly setting with trees, medicinal plants, and facilities that promote a healthy lifestyle. Students enjoy eco-conscious amenities like computers with internet connectivity, solar lights, and purified drinking water. In addition to academic and recreational facilities, laundry services are offered through CHOTA DHOBY mobile laundry services (CDLS). Students from different states like Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh, as well as Union Territories like Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands, stay in the hostel. The hostel also hosts students from Sri Lanka and Bhutan. A modern dining hall and Well-rounded meals is provided to the students. A multipurpose cleaning solution, known as Bioenzyme, is being produced using fresh peels collected from the canteen and hostel kitchen.

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Through its innovative educational approach, SDNB Vaishnav College for Women continues to nurture academic excellence while empowering young women with the confidence, competencies and opportunities required, excelling in a competitive global environment. By fostering a vibrant ecosystem of innovation, entrepreneurship, and market-ready learning, the college stands as a beacon of transformative education one that nurtures leaders, changemakers, and trailblazers of tomorrow.

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