



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (Autonomous), PALAYAMKOTTAI – 627 002.

(Recognized as “College with Potential for Excellence” by UGC & Accredited at A⁺ Grade with a CGPA of 3.66 out of 4 in IV Cycle by NAAC)

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ECONOMICS RESEARCH CENTRE (2017)

Research plays a crucial role in higher education, fostering critical thinking among students and research scholars. The Department of Economics Research Centre at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, was established in 2017 with the aim of encouraging and guiding scholars in exploring various socio-economic, cultural, industrial, technological, agricultural, and environmental issues. The centre provides a platform for in-depth study, discussion, and academic engagement, enhancing the overall quality of research. Equipped with essential facilities, the centre offers a dedicated 450 sq. ft. research cabin with three computers and internet access. Scholars have the flexibility to meet their supervisors during working hours, ensuring continuous academic support.

The centre attracts postgraduate students from both within the college and other institutions who aspire to pursue a Ph.D. in Economics. For the academic year 2024–2025, the department has enrolled four full-time and two part-time research scholars. Notably, one scholar (Mr. I. Thangamuthu) successfully obtained a Doctoral Degree in Economics in December 2024, while two others (Ms. R. Jency Antony Ramila & Mr. D. Antony Baskar) have submitted their Ph.D. theses and are awaiting their viva voce examinations. The remaining scholars are preparing for their Pre-Ph.D. presentations. With the continued support of the college management, the Department of Economics Research Centre remains committed to fostering a dynamic research environment, enhancing students' academic capabilities, and contributing to meaningful research advancements.