

# **LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-2025**

The Fr. J. Santiago Library at St. Xavier's College has significantly expanded its collection, now housing 132,174 volumes, including the FRRC department library and 4,315 back volumes. Additionally, the library has integrated 110 journals and magazines across various disciplines into its collection. To ensure seamless access to digital resources, we have maintained memberships with DELNET, INFLIBNET, and N-List, providing access to 164,309 e-books and 6,500 e-journals for the current academic year.

## **Library Orientation Program**

To familiarize first-year students of the 2024 batch with the library's resources and services, we organized the Library Introduction Program from June 26 to July 10, 2024. This initiative helped students navigate the library effectively and make optimal use of its vast resources.



## **Visit to Kalaingar Centenary Library, Madurai**

On August 10, 2024, ten library staff members visited the Kalaingar Centenary Library in Madurai. The visit provided valuable insights into its infrastructure, collections, digital resources, and community programs. The team explored spacious reading rooms, multimedia sections, and advanced digital services. They were particularly impressed by the rich Tamil literature collection and automated cataloging systems. The visit facilitated a knowledge-sharing session with the library authorities, highlighting modern library management practices and inspiring future initiatives at St. Xavier's College.

### **Workshop on Tamil Literature and Research**

The Department of Library and the Department of Tamil jointly organized a two-day workshop on August 13-14, 2024, focusing on the role of libraries in promoting Tamil literature and research. Eminent speakers shared insights on digital resources, manuscript preservation, and research techniques. Faculty and students actively participated in discussions and hands-on training sessions. The event concluded with a panel discussion, emphasizing the importance of collaboration in academic growth.



### **Art and Literature Festival**

The Department of Library, Reader's Club, and Students Council organized the Art and Literature Festival on September 18, 2024. A total of 140 students from 11 colleges participated in Essay Writing, Drawing, and Speech competitions. The event encouraged creativity and critical thinking, with participants presenting insightful essays, expressive artwork, and inspiring speeches. Winners were awarded certificates and prizes. The program concluded with a vote of thanks, highlighting the significance of literature and arts in both academic and personal growth.



### Workshop on Bibliometrics Using VoS & R Studio

The Department of Library, in collaboration with the Dean of Research & UGC Affairs, conducted a workshop on Bibliometrics Using VoS & R Studio on September 20, 2024. The workshop aimed to introduce research scholars to bibliometric analysis techniques using VoSviewer and R Studio. A total of 75 research scholars participated, gaining hands-on experience in analyzing research impact and citation networks. Experts guided participants through various bibliometric tools, demonstrating their applications in academic research. The session was well-received, enhancing participants' skills in research evaluation and data visualization.

The Fr. J. Santiago Library continues to evolve, expanding its resources and embracing modern technology to support the academic and research pursuits of students and faculty. We remain committed to fostering knowledge-sharing, innovation, and academic excellence in the years to come.

