

# Periyar University, Salem

Reaccredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC & 87<sup>th</sup> NIRF Ranking

## Vision

Imparting knowledge to the society through formal and informal modes and contributing to nation building.

## Mission

- To establish teaching and research departments in the frontier areas of Humanities, Science and Technology.
- To institute specialised Research Centres of Excellence.
- To design courses and to train teachers to improve academic excellence.
- To enhance academic – industry interaction to make the students employable.
- To involve in extension and outreach programmes to achieve the goal of eradicating illiteracy among the people of the jurisdictional area of the University.
- To evolve Periyar University as a globally known academic and research institution.
- To inculcate values, ethics, scientific temper and environmental awareness.

## About the University

The Government of Tamil Nadu established the Periyar University at Salem on 17th September 1997 as per the provisions of the Periyar University Act, 1997. The University covers the area comprising the districts of Salem, Namakkal, Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri. The University got the 12(B) and 2f status from the University Grants Commission and has been reaccredited by NAAC with 'A' grade in 2015. The University is named after the Great Social Reformer E.V.Ramasamy affectionally called 'Thanthai Periyar'. The University aims at developing knowledge in various fields to realize the maxim inscribed in the logo "Arival Vilayum Ulagu" (Wisdom Maketh World). "Holistic development of the students" is the primary objective of the esteemed Periyar University. The University is located on the National Highway (NH7) towards Bangalore at about 8 Kms from New Bus Stand, Salem. It is well connected by frequent city bus services linking Salem and other places like, Omalur, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri and Mettur.

Periyar University imparts higher education at three levels, i.e., through its Departments of Study and Research, Periyar Institute of Distance Education (PRIDE) and the affiliated colleges. The University has twenty five departments of study offering Post Graduate & Research Programmes and eighty one affiliated colleges, five Constituent Colleges and one PG Extension Centres . The Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) has been introduced for the various courses offered by the University from 2008-09 onwards. Periyar University is offering four Certificate Courses from 2009-2010 onwards. The Certificate Courses are designed in order to cater to the current needs of the public. The Student Support Services of Periyar University are available through Library system, National Service Scheme, Youth Red Cross Society, Women's Welfare Centre and avenues for Sports and Games. The University has established the following Constituent Colleges (1) Periyar University Arts and Science College (PRUCAS) in 2006 at Mettur Dam, Salem District (2) Periyar University Arts and Science College in 2010 at Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District. Thanthai Periyar had been advocating throughout his life the importance of being rational and created a stir by his self respect movement. He incessantly toiled for social justice among people, fought to liberate the down trodden women and insisted on the priority of one's mother tongue. The Periyar Chair was created in 1998 to inculcate these ideas in the minds of students.

Periyar Institute of Administrative Studies (PERIAS) started functioning from March 2009. Apart from training students for preliminary and main examinations for the Civil Services, the institute plans to conduct various coaching classes for examinations conducted by different organisations like Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC) and Staff Selection Commission (SSC) in the near future. To make a significant mark during the centenary celebrations of Perarignar Anna, a chair has been established after his name as "Anna Chair" in May 2009. It crystallizes the greatest thought provoking ideas of Anna for the development of children, youth and women in the country. It proposes to focus on the social issues and upliftment of the poor. Centre for Nano Science and Technology has been established recently in the Department of Physics. The Government of Tamil Nadu has generously sanctioned One Crore rupees for the academic and research activities of the Centre. Department of Geology proposes to establish a Centre for Geoinformatics and Planetary Studies in the current academic year. Periyar Institute of Distance Education (PRIDE) is imbuing knowledge into the veins of the students who could not take up the regular academic studies due to their economic

condition. PRIDE has three hundred and eighty three study centres throughout India and six abroad.

The established Departments, Centres, Institutes and Chair are contributing their best through academic, research and extension activities. The University is playing a paramount role in bringing multi-faceted development for the country. The University is consistently organising various academic activities to bring researchers, scholars, activists under one umbrella to discuss, deliberate and carve out time-demanding solutions to social problems. The University stands apart with its unique “Village Adoption” activity. The University tie-ups with various academic, research institutes and universities across the world bring laurels to the academia. The University proudly celebrates days that have International significance like National Human Rights Day, Science Day, Women’s Day, Environmental Day, World Mother Tongue Day to mention a few.

### Students Strength

Degree	Univ. Dept.	Constituent College & PG Centre	Govt. College	Aided College	Self Finance College	Total
UG	98	4886	24753	4909	106790	141338
PG	888	811	4390	781	13816	19768
M.Phil	192	43	211	99	1945	2298
Ph.D.	848	8	119	27	33	187
<b>Total</b>	2026	5748	29473	5816	122584	165647

### University Departments & Faculty Strength

S.No.	Schools & Departments	Faculty Strength
	<b>School of Biosciences</b>	
1.	Biochemistry	5
2.	Biotechnology	6

3.	Microbiology	6
	<b>School of Mathematics</b>	
4.	Computer Science	6
5.	Library and Information Science	6
6.	Mathematics	7
7.	Statistics	5
	<b>School of Physical Sciences</b>	
8.	Physics	7
9.	Chemistry	7
10.	Geology	7
11.	Energy Studies	4
	<b>School of Business Studies</b>	
12.	Commerce	5
13.	Economics	5
14.	Periyar Institute of Management Studies	9
	<b>School of Languages</b>	
15.	English	5
16.	Tamil	7
	<b>School of Professional Studies</b>	
17.	Education	7
18.	Food Science and Nutrition	7
19.	Textiles and Apparel Design	5
	<b>School of Social Sciences</b>	
20.	Sociology	6
21.	Psychology	6
22.	Journalism and Mass Communication	6
23.	History	3
	<b>School of Life Sciences</b>	

24.	Botany	5
25.	Zoology	6
26.	Environmental Science	6
27.	Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics	6
28.	Physical Education	1
29.	Librarian	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>

**University Departments Supported by UGC-SAP/ DST-FIST**

S.No.	Departments	SAP/FIST
1.	Biotechnology	FIST
2.	Computer Science	SAP
3.	Mathematics	SAP & FIST
4.	Physics	FIST
5.	Chemistry	SAP
6.	Microbiology	FIST
7.	Geology	FIST
8.	Food Science and Nutrition	FIST
9.	Journalism and Mass Communication	SAP

**Non-Teaching Details**

Category	Strength
Regular Staff	62
Consolidated Staff	264
NMR	152
<b>Total</b>	<b>478</b>

### Affiliated Colleges

<b>Category</b>	<b>Nos.</b>
PG Extension Centre	01
Constituent Colleges	06
Govt. Colleges	14
Aided Colleges	04
Self Financing Colleges	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>

### Research Projects

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Total no. of sponsored projects	25	18	20
Total no. of Funding Agencies	20	15	17
Total Amount Received (In Rs.)	4,14,53,720	3,48,37,180	2,68,89,254

### Consultancy Projects

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Total no. of Consultancy Projects	4	18	20
Total no. of Client Organizations	4	15	17
Total Amount Received (In Rs.)	4,18,400	3,61,170	4,10,910