

**Draft Report of the Peer Team on the  
Institutional Accreditation of the  
Virudhunagar Hindu Nadars' Senthikumara Nadar College,  
Virudhunagar-626001, Tamil Nadu**

**Section 1: Preamble**

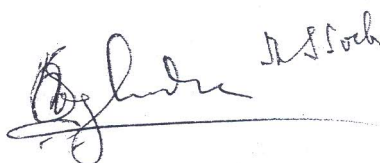
The Virudhunagar Hindu Nadars' Senthikumara Nadar College, Virudhunagar was established way back on August 11, 1947 in pursuance of the meeting of the Nadar Mahajana Sangam at Kovilpatti in June 1947 wherein Rao Bahadur M.S.P.Senthikumara Nadar of Virudhunagar donates Rs.2/- Lakhs for its establishment.

The purpose of the establishment of the college was felt on account of the realisation by the merchant community of Nadars to provide higher education to the backward children of this region especially the children of Nadar community for earlier they were unable to secure admission in the distant city colleges. It was also felt that this college needs to be constructed on a land in the rural vicinity so that students hailing from rural areas feel at home in the college premises. Another aim that could be drawn from the college motto is that "*good conduct is the seed of all virtues*". Summing up, the aim of education in this college is to provide value-based quality education to the poor and downtrodden children of this region especially the Nadar community, which is more than seventy per cent of the population of Virudhunagar.

The college was earlier housed in a thatched tenement of a factory viz., Madura Mills located near the railway station. However, it was shifted to the present site in November 1950 on a land comprising of 44 acres donated by Thiru. M. S. Periasamy Nadar, son of the founder of the college. This gave incentive to the community to continue to acquire and purchase the land in the nearby vicinity till 1970 by which time the total land of the college grew to 145.3 acres.

The college management till date has not faced any financial problem for the reason that they got money from 'Mahamai Tharappu'. This college is affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University. At this moment forty-two programmes are offered at the undergraduate, postgraduate, M.Phil., Ph.D. and PG Diploma level.

The college prepared the self-study report based on its data as it stood on March 2001 and submitted to the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore. NAAC constituted a peer team comprising of Dr. Harbhajan Singh Soch formerly Vice-Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab as Chairman, Dr. B. P. Waghmare, Dean, College Development Council, Karnataka University, Dharwad, Karnataka and Dr. V. K. Wagh, Principal, Fergusson College, Pune, Maharashtra as Members. Mr. B. S. Ponnudiraj, Academic Professional, NAAC ably coordinated the peer team visit. The peer team visited the college during October

  
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