

St. Joseph's College (SJC) is an Autonomous (1978) Institution affiliated to Bharathidasan University and dedicated to the cause of higher education since 1844. The College situated in Tiruchirappalli is run by the Jesuits and owned by the Society of St. Joseph's, registered under Societies Regulation Act (1860).

SJC is a private, aided, Christian minority institution serving the society with a motto of '*Pro Bono et Vero*' (for the Good and the True). It caters to the educational needs of wide and divergent sections through an inclusive approach with a marked emphasis on the poor and the downtrodden.

SJC is a premier institute of learning with the Five Star Status (2000), A⁺(901/1000) Grade (2006) and A (3.4/4.0) Grade (2012) awarded by NAAC. It is a pioneer in offering Outreach programmes since 1986 called SHEPHERD. It was recognized by UGC as a College with Potential for Excellence (2004,2014) and endowed with DST-FIST (2008,2014) and DBT-STAR (2014) status. SJC is the only college in the State of Tamil Nadu awarded with the Special Heritage Status (2015) by UGC.

The college has produced eminent personalities like Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam (Former President of India), Prof. G.N. Ramachandran (Renowned Physicist), Shri N. Gopalaswamy (Former Chief Election Commissioner), and Major M. Saravanan (Indian Army, Vir Chakra Awardee) and many more luminaries.

A sprawling campus with the state-of-the-art facilities, the College offers innovative curricula, opportunities for holistic development and a highly disciplined and diversified environment for students to surpass in scholastic, non-scholastic and research pursuits. SJC offers 15 Undergraduate, 18 Postgraduate, 13 M.Phil. and 14 Ph.D. programmes besides 2B.Voc. programmes. The college has Century old Museum, Herbarium and Band besides a library with 1,71,000 volumes of books and 200 journals. It has a strong staff strength with 272 teaching and 121 non-teaching staff.