

# **GATEWAY TO GOVERNANCE: CIVIL SERVICE ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

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**Organized by:** Ms. Priyadharshini V.R., and Dr. E. Latha, Assistant Professor of English and YRC Coordinators.

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## **Report:**

Auxilium College's Youth Red Cross (YRC) chapter successfully hosted an event titled "Gateway to Governance: Civil Service Orientation" on September 18, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This programme aimed to enlighten students about the complexities of civil services and the essential role of governance in shaping society. The proceedings began with a YRC flag hoisting led by Mr. Saidai Sa. Durai Swamy, which set a patriotic tone for the day. The YRC volunteers delivered a stirring rendition of the YRC song, followed by the traditional "Tamil Thai Vazhthu," honoring Tamil Nadu's rich cultural heritage. The lighting of the kuthuvilaku by esteemed dignitaries symbolized the illumination of knowledge and service.

Ms. Priyadharshni V.R. extended a warm welcome to all attendees. This was followed by heartfelt felicitations from the management, staff, and students. Dr. (Sr.) Mary Josephine Rani A. delivered the presidential address, underscoring the necessity for youth engagement in governance and encouraging students to explore careers in civil services. The keynote address by Dr. (Sr.) Arokia Jayaceli A. highlighted the transformative power of public service. Guest of honour Mr. S.R.K. Appu shared valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities within public administration, offering practical guidance for students' future endeavors.

The highlight of the event was the **chief guest address** by Mr. Saidai Sa. Durai Swamy, who motivated the audience with his personal journey in shaping the society to the right path. His stories of resilience and determination resonated with the students, inspiring them to pursue their aspirations with dedication and perseverance.

Additionally, Dr. Sivakumar, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Presidency College, Chennai & Coordinator from Manidhaneyam IAS Academy, provided interactive civil service orientation sessions, enhancing students' understanding of the examination process and preparation strategies. The programme concluded with an engaging Q&A session, allowing students to directly interact with the speakers and gain further insights into civil service careers. Dr. Latha E. proposed a heartfelt vote of thanks, acknowledging the contributions of all involved and reinforcing the significance of the event. The gathering ended with the singing of the National Anthem, fostering a sense of patriotism and unity.