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Evolving to provide quality education

KSR College provides a spectrum of programs enabling the students to scale new heights

K S Rangasamy College of Technology is affiliated to Anna University of Technology and offers a wide range of courses in biotechnology. The college has been very proactive in securing funds for carrying out research in the recent past. Last year, various three-year research grants, worth more than 56 lakh have been secured by the faculty members from government agencies such as DST, ICMR and NTRF. The faculty members have published a total of ten books. Also two of its faculty members have received the 'Young Scientist Award' since 2011 from Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, Chennai. The faculty members have published 64 papers in international journals and 44 in national journals.

K S Rangasamy College of Technology has received 19.35 lakh through industry sponsored projects since 2009. It has filed for seven Indian patents and six international patents. Also, the college generates an income of 9.5 lakh through royalties obtained through the transfer of in-house developed technology involving waste water treatment and agri-related products. KSR College of Technology has also received projects, worth 3 lakh, from a Singapore-based company.

Last year, the college has improved its lab infrastructure by procuring new equipment worth 2 lakh. The

department has over 1,822 books related to biotechnology in the library along with various journals and magazines. It also publishes an in-house biannual magazine titled 'Biozoom'. There are four labs present exclusively for research purposes in addition to the 14 labs dedicated to biotech students.

The institute also organized an industry-institute interaction meeting, which was sponsored by government agencies in December last year, which saw 63 companies participate from all over the country.

A host of students was successful in applying for higher studies abroad after their graduation. Campus placements were also conducted successfully with over 30 job offers being made to the students by companies such as Biocon, Rasi Seeds, Progen Biotech, Medox Biotech, JSS Biosuccess, Salem Microbes, Brainwave Biosolutions, and Stann Biomedical Engineering.

Fact file

Name of the Department: Department of Biotechnology

Courses: BTech, MSc, MTech and Ph.D in Biotechnology.

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"We always encourage the students to take up mini projects from the third semester itself. In terms of placement the department is on par with other branches at the university, where 50% of the placed students have got their jobs in core companies."

Prof P. Ponmurugan *HoD, KSR College of Technology*
