



# VANAVARAYAR Institute of Agriculture Enriching India

Permanently Affiliated to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore  
Accredited by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi.



**EXCELLENCE  
ENRICHMENT  
EMPOWERMENT**

**B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture**





# VIA

## Growing minds and Nurturing talent

Vanavarayar Institute of Agriculture (VIA) was **founded in the year 2007 by Padma Bhusan Arutchelvar Dr. N. Mahalingam** whose commitment for agricultural and rural development is well known. His vision was to deliver quality education to the rural youths and lay a strong foundation for modernizing agricultural sector by adopting sustainable farming practices, innovative cost effective technologies, responsible utilization of natural resources and improving the livelihood of farmers and recognizing their contribution to the nation.

This institution functions under “**Nachimuthu Industrial Association (NIA)**” (Registration No. 3432 of 1956), a trust established in 1956 to fulfil his father Shri. P. Nachimuthu Gounder’ vision of providing education to aspiring rural youth. Under the guidance of the governing council, VIA has taken consistent efforts to fulfil the vision of the founder by empowering youth through education and entrepreneurship development programmes.

With the approval of Govt. of Tamil Nadu, VIA offers four year B.Sc. (Hons) Agriculture programme with the intake of 200 students per year. The institution has **permanent affiliation with Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU)**, Coimbatore. VIA is **accredited by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)**, New Delhi for a period of five years i.e., from 17.08.2021 to 16.08.2026 vide F. No. 1/40/2018-EQR.Edn. dt.03.09.2021. VIA has also obtained 2f status from University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi.

### Vision

To impart quality education, strategic research and extension for enhancing agricultural productivity and sustainability and to support rural empowerment through systems approach and resource conservation

### Mission

To develop knowledge, attitude and skill based agricultural professionals, capable of undertaking rural development and poverty alleviation with quality.



The college is located on the border of **Tamil Nadu and Kerala**. It has a sprawling campus spread over an **area of 97.42 ha of land** with the perennial Bharathapuzha river flowing alongside the land. **The annual rainfall received is 1027 mm in 67 rainy days** under bimodal distribution in both SW and NE monsoon.



## Academic Information

<b>54</b> faculties	<b>46</b> doctorates with NET / SLET	<b>1 : 11</b> Faculty Student Ratio	<b>16</b> ICT enabled smart class rooms	<b>14300+</b> books in Central Library with Digital Library
<b>18</b> laboratories	<b>01</b> B class meteorological observatory with automatic weather station	<b>14</b> Instructional units	<b>14</b> Production units	<b>01</b> Farm Machinery workshop
<b>04</b> Field laboratories (2 in Agronomy and 2 in Horticulture)	<b>360</b> seating Examination Hall	<b>600</b> seating Auditorium	<b>04</b> acres of sports ground	<b>Wi-Fi</b> enabled campus

## Student Amenities

- Boys hostel with 450 nos accommodation
- Girls hostel with 650 nos accommodation
- Modern Kitchen and Dining hall with 450 seating capacity
- Health Centre and Multi-Gym
- Separate Sports Complex
- Reprographic Centre & Students Cafeteria
- Transport facilities
- Day scholars' utility room
- 108 CCTVs and 24 x 7 security personal
- Central Farm Complex with Farmers Training Hall, Exhibition Hall and Input Stores

## Career Development & Higher Education assistance in VIA

Measures adopted for better performance of Undergraduate students are given below

- Enhancing student performance in university exams, co-curricular activities, and career growth.
- Preparing students for competitive exams.
- Partnering with TIME Institute for on-campus CAT and bank exam coaching.
- Offering specialized coaching for ICAR - JRF, and Post-graduate studies to improve national entrance exam performance.

## Scholarships and Awards for VIA Students

- **Rs. 20 Lakh** worth Government Scholarships and Rs. 2 Lakh worth VIA Scholarships per year
- "Merit - cum - Means" scholarship instituted by NIA Trust for educational institutions
- Medal and reward for **University Rank holder & Topper of the year**
- **Yuvasakti Award** for outstanding girl student bestowed every year on National Women's Day.
- Rewards for RAWE and Experiential Learning Programme





## VIA – Office of Students Affairs

"Vanavarayar Institute of Agriculture – Office of Students Affairs (VIAOSA)" unites academic and non-academic clubs under its deliberate authority. VIAOSA caters to student interests by representing their opinions, promoting academic, social, and cultural activities, facilitating student participation in decision-making processes, and evaluating yearly activities to plan for the next year strategically.

### Academic

- National Social Service
- National Cadet Corps
- Yoga Club
- Games and Sports Club
- Literary Club

### Non-Academic

- Research & Innovation Club
- Agripreneurship Club
- Extension & Out Reach Club
- Arts & Cultural Club
- Eco Club.



## Uniqueness of VIA

VIA operates tirelessly to achieve the vision of our founder on the below aspects.

### Faculty Development Program

- Financial support to faculty research and development programme
- Incentives for research publications
- Incentives for providing consultancy services and external funded projects

### Research activities

- Financial support from external funding agencies for staff research activities.

### Extension activities

- Farmers Training (On Campus & Off Campus)
- NABARD Sponsored training programme
- Farmers Thinking Forum ( UzhvarSinthanaiKalanjiyam)
- Nodal institute for Agri Clinics and Agri Business Centre (AC & ABC)
- Empowering farmers through Promotion and Nurturing of FPCs through financial assistance from NABARD, SFAC and NAFED
- Agri Business Incubation Centre
- VIA Campus Store

### Agri Clinics and Agri Business Centre (AC & ABC)

- 45-day training on Agri Clinic & Agri Business Centre program by VIA and MANAGE, Hyderabad.
- Agri and science graduates, agri diploma holders.
- Foster agri entrepreneurship skills.
- Three batches, 91 candidates, 67.78% success rate, top-ranked nationally.

## VIA FOODS

- Launched in December 2019 as an innovative venture of the college.
- To promote healthier, pure, and quality food products for health-conscious individuals.
- Expert faculty, assistants, and students combine nutrition and culinary skills.
- Source high-quality ingredients, ensuring that products are free from artificial additives and preservatives.

## ABIC

Established in 2016 spanning 4600 sq.ft, the Agri Business Incubation Centre collaborates with CPCRI, Kasaragod, and receives aid from ICRISAT, Hyderabad, under the NAIP project.

- Supports aspiring agri-entrepreneurs as incubatees for product development in coconut.
- Guides students in agro-based startups through incubation.
- Involves students in production, marketing, and selling products through Experiential Learning programme and sharing generated income among them.



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