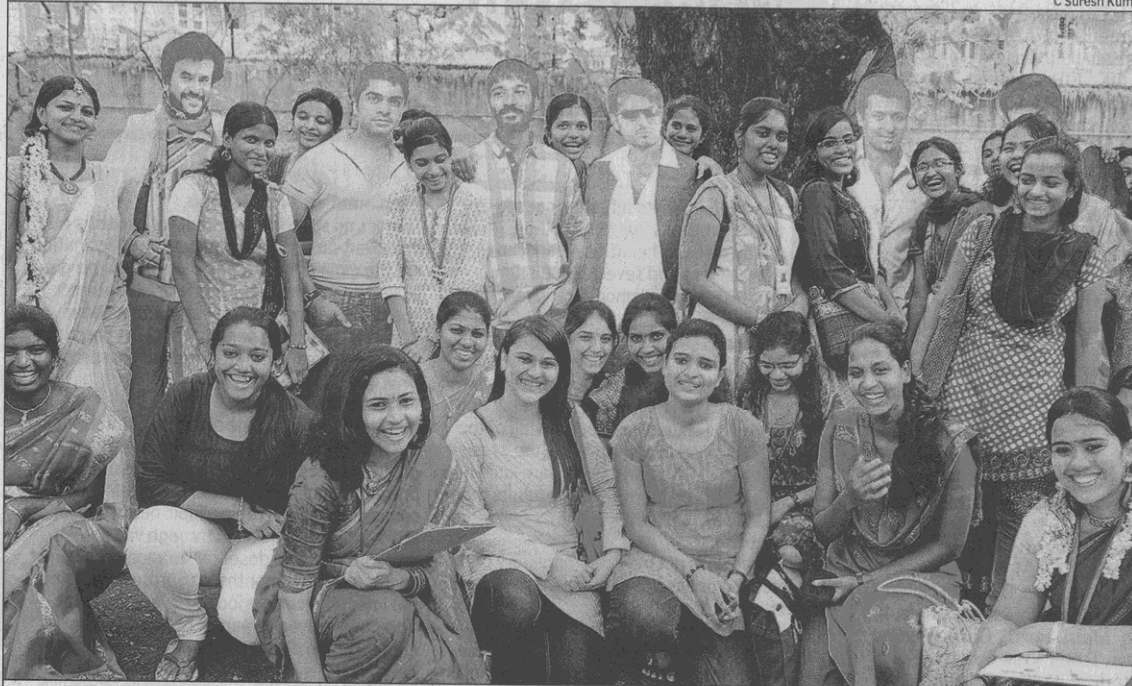


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RUBBING SHOULDERS WITH STARS

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FUN-FILLED DAY: Students of Stella Maris College pose with cutouts of Tamil actors during the freshers talent hunt event, 'Madrasapattinam', held in the college on Wednesday

City colleges welcome freshers with talent hunts

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Chennai: Students draped in colourful saris, 'pattu pavadai' and bright glass bangles created a vibrant atmosphere at the annual freshers' talent hunt in Stella Maris College. The theme, 'Madrasapattinam', was an effort to capture the charm of Madras.

Other colleges in the city, too, are adopting the practice of organising events for first year students to welcome them and reduce the friction between seniors and newcomers. Recently, an anti-ragging committee was also set up following orders from the Supreme Court.

At Shree Chandraprabhu Jain College in Minjur, freshers' day was celebrated on Wednesday with heads of departments taking newcomers around the campus.

The event at Stella Maris College kick started with an ice-breaker, 'Madras Marina', where freshers' were free to perform anything from dance and drama to music. While 'Theru Koothu', a street play based on social issues saw some fine performances, the biggest round of applause was drawn by 'Nataraja', a dance event which showcased movements in classical, western and folk dance.

Student union president Sukanya said: "We were worried about participation from freshers' but the participation this year has been phenomenal."

This year 1,200 freshers have been admitted in the college. "I was hesitant in the beginning, but I still participated in the events," said Maria Joseph, a fresher.