

## Annual Report for the Academic Year 2017 - 18

The South Indian Welfare Society (S.I.W.S.) is dedicated to the cause of education and is committed to the national endeavour for human resource development through academic empowerment. 'Vidya Dhanam Sarva Dhanat Pradhanam' is the basic philosophy of the society. The institute has been harnessing its efforts to take education to all sections of the society.

Our Academic performance for the year 2017-18 has shown outstanding results from the aided as well as the self-financing sections.

### **Curricular Activities:**

The college is always dedicated for achieving academic excellence. It is always necessary to teach the tutors to harness better results at students end. The college thus conducted revised syllabus workshops in this academic year in the subjects of Physics, Commerce and Advertising, Foundation Course, Accountancy and M.Com. (Accountancy, Business Management and Banking and Finance). Each of these workshops were conducted in collaboration with the respective Board of Studies, University of Mumbai. Eminent resource persons, stalwarts in the respective field were invited for the benefit of participants. All the workshops showed overwhelming response with participants coming from colleges located as far as Ratnagiri, Dapoli Mandangad, Kinhavali, Murud – Janjira, Dahanu, Palghar and Kalyan. All participants appreciated the resource persons, subject knowledge delivered as well as hospitality.

To continue to reach new heights in academic excellence, the Department of Physics and Department of Chemistry in association with National centre for Nanosciences and Nanotechnology, University of Mumbai, organized National Workshop on Electron Microscopy of Nanoparticles. Renowned personalities from academic and industrial establishments were invited as resource persons. A visit was arranged to state-of-the-art laboratory of National Centre for Nanosciences and Nanotechnology, University of Mumbai, Kalina Campus. The Director of Nanoscience centre, Dr. Santosh Haram appreciated the efforts of college. In all, 75 faculty and research students, participated in the workshop. The participants and organising committee of the workshop thanked Principal Dr. Usha Iyer for her invaluable guidance and untiring support at each and every stage of the workshop.

The remarkable achievement this academic year was Continuation of recognition of M.Sc. - By Research in Organic Chemistry. Local Inquiry Committee for visited the college on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2018. The members visited the entire college by minutely attending to each statutory requirement prescribed by University. They talked with teachers, students, non-teaching staff members and library staff. The members in their meeting congratulated the members of S.I.W.S. management society for extending a whole hearted support for the progress of this institution.

Internal Quality Assurance Cell with the assistance of Department of Computer Science conducted a Faculty Development Program on Research Process Analysis using SPSS 25.0. Mr Mithin D.J., Assistant Manager, Predictive Analysis Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru was the Resource Person for the entire program. Hands on training with sample data was given and the participants were encouraged to raise questions and clarify their doubts. In all, 45 faculty and research students participated in the program.

Department of Information Technology and Computer Science organized inter college technical fest “Resonance”. The fest executed with a total of 30 events planned and organized at its best of quality which resulted in more than 500 students from across 25 colleges all over Mumbai.

Commerce Association in association with City Bank organised Soft Skills and Personality development workshop in collaboration with Techno serve. The students were given training on how to improve their communication skills, prepare Bio-data, code of conduct during interviews, make Group presentations, participate in group discussions, Team work, and Time Management. Thirty students from the college across all the courses were selected to take part in it.

Chemistry Department organized a lecture on Career Opportunities in Clinical Research on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 to inspire students and to give them a glimpse of clinical research industry.

The Department of Business Communication conducted a six-day certificate course titled, ‘Essential Communication Skills’ at which thirty four students from diverse streams enrolled. Experts from varied fields engaged sessions and convinced students about the importance of effective communication. Student feedback was positive and encouraging.

Staff Colloquium this year organized presentations of research work of four teaching staff members. Principal Dr. Usha Iyer was present for the entire duration of the colloquium, which was an extremely encouraging factor for the presenters as well as for the audience. Teachers from various departments attended the colloquium.

Focussing on the career prospects, 42 students participated in the Indo - Global Skills summit and Expo – 2017 organized by Indus Foundation in association with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), tv9 Network and Beardsell Limited. Career guidance was given to the students by leading Universities and Institutes from U.S.A., Russia, Canada and India.

### **Statutory Associations:**

All university level statutory associations NSS, NCC, WDC as well as Students council put their best efforts to organize student beneficial activities.

National Service Scheme (N.S.S.) is part of our academic, social and personal life as it is the third dimension of education. It allows the students to actively contribute their services for the cause of community and the nation, thus helping them develop their personality. The unit enthusiastically arranged a number of student centric activities such as International Yoga Day celebration, blood donations, tree plantations, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Thalassemia detection drive, Best Out Of waste Competition, Poster Making Competition, Jagrut Mumbaikar Citizen Awareness Programme, Waste Compost Project, etc.

The unit organized a pollution free festival event in association with The Times of India along with MPCB [Maharashtra Pollution Control Board] for which the unit was awarded by State Environment Minister in a grand event.

The National Cadet Corps (N.C.C.) unit of our college helps to build leadership, personality and encourages social activities among the cadets. Along with regular parades and participation in camps a number of innovative activities like Running, Martial arts, Drill, International Yoga Day celebrations, cultural programmes, Rappelling etc. are arranged.

Women Development Cell (WDC) works on gender sensitization programs for women empowerment and gender equality. A number of activities for betterment of girl students and female staff members of the college are organized. This year WDC in collaboration with 'Stree Mukti Sanghatana' organized a number of events like, guest lectures, personal hygiene, health and nutrition, beti bachao beti padhao, sanitation, plays like Mulgi Zali Ho were arranged.

The student council helps share students' ideas, interests, and concerns with teachers and college administration. Council arranged a number of activities like Gurupournima Celebrations, Friendship Day celebrations through the event Yariyan, traditional day, Saree & Tie day and Rose day were organized.

Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension [DLLE] thrives to promote a meaningful and sustained rapport between the Universities and the community. The DLLE offers flexible continuing education opportunities for the people. This year, the students undertook diverse projects like Career Project, Anna Poorna Yojana, Information Technology Project, Industry Orientation Project, Population Education Club and Survey of Women's Status.

The 71<sup>st</sup> Independence Day this year was celebrated in the august presence of Mr. D. Shivanandan (Director General of Police, Maharashtra state). He is one of India's most well-known and highly regarded IPS officer and is known for his use of strategy & intelligence to uphold the rule of law. . This was followed by presentation of patriotic songs and dance by Principal, teachers and students. The program was telecast on news in Marathi television channel DD Sahyadri.

Maintaining a connection with the culture of southern India, the college enthusiastically celebrates Pongal and onam. The Southern Cultural Association celebrated Onam with much efforts and zeal. Pookalam making, cultural dance and music program, Thirukural recitation, debate competition, fashion show were organized. A lot of events were clustered for celebrating Pongal festival. The theme of celebrations was cleanliness and Charity, wherein donations of ingredients of Pongal was brought by students and staff members. Pongal was made and distributed to the gathering and the remaining grains were donated to Ahobili Mutt Temple, Chembur. Pongal celebrations started with Rangoli and Kolam competitions followed by dances like kottatam, samukhaattam, BharathNatyam and rural dances based on folk culture.

Swastika 2K17 was this year's cultural week. Intercollegiate competitions like open cricket, box cricket, volleyball, carom, selfie, spot photography, eating competition, cooking without fire, rangoli, mehendi, singing, solo dance, group dance, tug-of war and DJ were conducted during this event. The Chief Guest inaugurated the cultural program Shri. V. N. Sangle, officer in-charge of the Wadala Fire Brigade Training Centre emphasized the importance of safety and security of our lives.

The alumni meet for the year 2017 was organized on 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2017. A total of 150 alumni, a few as old as from 1992 batch participated in the meet. It was a very memorable day. The alumni iterated memories of their college days.

The college students are not only excellent academically but also on the field. They have been taking part in indoor as well as outdoor sports competitions and bagging prizes at local, university, state and national levels. The Annual Athletic meet of the college was conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at the G. N. Khalsa College Ground, Matunga. The inauguration function of the Sports day was graced by Commodore G.S. Rajashekar Rao from the Indian Navy as Chief Guest. Both junior college and degree college students actively participated in sports competitions like Run Relay, Long Jump, Discus throw and Shot put. The valedictory and Prize distribution function was graced by Principal Dr. Usha Iyer, Management Trustees Mr. Ramachandran, Mr. Anandasubramaniam (Joint Secretary) and Mr. P Kumar. The Chief Guest for Prize distribution ceremony was Dr. Jayawant Mane from K.M.C. College, Khopoli. He has been awarded Maharashtra Vibhushan for his contribution in the field of sports and has worked as Technical Official at various sports events at the National and International level including the Commonwealth Games Delhi (2010). Championship Trophy was won by Mr. Sohail Khan (Boys) and Ms. Pooja Devendra (Girls).

As a part of Community Service, we at S.I.W.S., believe that giving is a great way of living. Events conducted by N.S.S. and S.C.A. conduct theme based events and the income from these events are contributed to the NGOs.

Students and teachers of our college whole heartedly contributed towards [Armed Forces Flag Day Fund](#) collection. On 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 the college received an award and recognition for the same in a grand event conducted by Kendriya Sainik Board Secretariat, Department of Ex-serviceman welfare, Ministry of Defence, Government of India.

Vigilance Awareness Programme on Anti-corruption measures and Integrity was held in association with M/S. Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 2017. A quiz competition was also held and students were awarded prizes.

The forest department of state government of Maharashtra in association with Mangrove foundation initiated the 'Save Mangrove, Save Mumbai' campaign. The theme was used to sensitize students about mangroves

destruction and an urgent need to protect these valued forests. As much as 200 students in four batches contributed in this activity of environmental sensitization and clean-up. The activity was covered in the Marathi daily Lokmat.

The college teachers have always worked towards academic excellence and upgradation of their subject knowledge. This includes attending talks on premier topics by well-known personalities like lecture on 'Macro-economic development and challenges' was delivered by Dr. Viral V. Acharya, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India. Three teachers this academic year received their doctoral degrees. Teachers have been presenting their research in national and international conferences and seminars as well as winning prizes in Inter-University Avishkar competition.

Teachers , non-teaching staff members and students through a number of academic , co-curricular and extra-curricular activities like nature club, hiking club, placement cell, English literary association, hindi sahitya mandal, Marathi wangmay mandal, gujarati sahitya mandal, cultural association, counselling cell, science association, commerce association, planning forum, fine arts circle are continuously making efforts to take S.I.W.S. to new heights.

