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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 – 21

The academic year 2020-2021 has been an unprecedented year in the history of S.I.W.S. due to Covid-19 pandemic. The challenges, restrictions and ongoing uncertainties resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic had to be addressed with substantial re-alignment of academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities in an ever-evolving environment. A digital transformation evolved in the conduct of all academic activities in this year. The administration, teachers, students, office staff and website service provider worked hand in hand so that the education process shall continue without cessation even during these adverse times.

I. A) CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

The focus has always been to enhance academic quality, the departments organized a series of student centric activities.

- 1) Admissions :** Due to the pandemic situation, this year the admission process was designed completely online. The entire process i.e. from the sale of digital admission forms, online filling up of College form and University form, submission of documents, checking by teaching and office staff, corrections / modifications, fees allotment, fees payment, receipt generation, allotment of Google classroom, login ID and password and finalization of admission were all completely online for all the courses. The College website was extensively used to guide students about steps in admission process. An admission Committee was formed and a helpdesk email was created on website to address technical doubts raised by students. FYJC admissions started on 12th August 2020.
- 2) Interview of Assistant Professors for Self-financing courses:** The SIW Society had advertised for the post of Assistant Professors for various programs under Self-financing courses in the Indian Express and Loksatta dated 29-7-2020. The applications were scrutinized based on qualification, experience and merit. A Selection Committee was formed comprising of three members of the Management, a Principal from another college, two to three subject experts, our College Principal and Vice Principals of the aided section. The interviews for Assistant Professors for the Commerce s Section of the self-financing courses were conducted on **21st and 27th August, 2020** through online mode.
- 3) Online lectures :** As per the University of Mumbai circular no. UG/01 of 2020-21 dated 2nd August, 2020 and REG/ICC/2020-21/08 dated 24th August, 2020, the online lectures for Second and Third year for all the streams started from 7th August, 2020. The first year lectures for all streams began from 16th September, 2020. The teachers used the lockdown period not only for organizing and attending webinars but also for development of e-content so that lecture delivery online becomes effective. The **‘Google classroom/Google meet’**

platform was made available for the online lectures. The students' response for online teaching is also very encouraging during the pandemic.

- 4) **Final Year University Examinations:** As per the guidelines issued by University of Mumbai in Circular No. Exam/DBOEE/ICC/2020-21-04 dated 13th September, 2020, the UG as well as PG final year examinations had to be planned to be conducted online. Our College being a Lead college in the Cluster 5, played instrumental role in stream lining the entire online examination process by taking regular meetings with representatives of other colleges in cluster, deciding examination pattern, finalization of time table and timely delivery of reports to the University. The teachers designed question bank for all subjects for the regular and backlog examinations for the Final Year students of 2019-20 batch. The objective type questions from same question bank were used for the Mock test. Questions for practice and guidance lectures were given before the final examinations.

For the first time in the history of the University of Mumbai exams are being conducted **online** and the University in its various meetings online instructed that the teachers should be student-friendly and communicate to students via email or whatsapp. The time table for all examinations were displayed on College website well in advance. The UG/PG ATKT examinations were successfully conducted from 25th to 30th September, 2020. The final year UG examinations have been successfully conducted from 1st to 9th October, 2020. The PG regular examinations will commence from 10th October 2020.

The report about the conduct of exams every day with details of statistics of all the 10 colleges under our cluster have been sent by our Principal to the University of Mumbai.

5) **Examinations:**

Semester II and Semester IV Backlog and ATKT Examination : As per the circular issued by University of Mumbai (Circular No. DBoEE/ICC/2020-21/11) dated 3rd November, 2020, the Colleges were told to conduct Semester II and Semester IV examination of those students who were not allowed to appear in the previous attempt of examination in October. Our College being a **Lead college in the Cluster 5**, played instrumental role in stream lining the entire online examination process, attending the University meetings, communicating the decisions of the University to the cluster colleges. Our Principal sent reports giving data of all colleges daily during the examinations.

The time table for all examinations were displayed on the College website well in advance and circulated in students' whats app groups. Google Meet was set up for the purpose of proctoring.

Semester II and Semester IV Regular Examination: The month of December was loaded with examination work. The ATKT Examinations of semester I, II, III and IV were conducted from 15th to 22nd December, 2020. The semester III Regular examination of second year of all courses was conducted from 23rd to 31st December, 2020. The semester V (Regular) and Semester VI (ATKT) examinations of T.Y. were conducted by college on behalf of University from 23rd to 31st December, 2020. The first year examinations of all courses were conducted from 2nd to 9th January, 2021.

All the examinations were conducted online using Google classroom – Google Meet – Google Forms format. Mock tests were conducted for all the students to familiarize them to the new mode of online examinations. The question paper pattern was set as per instructions

received from the University of Mumbai. The third year marks were immediately uploaded in the University portal for faster declaration of University results. It is important to note that Principal Dr. Usha Iyer took initiatives as a Lead College to urge all the colleges under cluster 5 for the smooth conduct of exams and speedy declaration of results. The lectures for second term resumed immediately from 11th January, 2021.

Examinations: The regular examinations of even semesters and ATKT examinations of both odd and even semesters of F.Y. and S.Y. for all courses were scheduled in the month of April, 2021. The time table for said examinations was displayed on the college website and circulated among the whatsapp groups of students well in advance. Using Google Classroom - Google Meet platform, the internal examinations were completed. For external examinations of MCQ type questions, the examination software by Biyani technology was used. Vice Principals, Examination Committee and officials from Biyani Technology trained teachers to use the software, set question papers, schedule examinations, etc. All the UG examinations of FY and SY were conducted smoothly.

I. B) NAAC RELATED ACTIVITIES:

1) NAAC Online meetings with staff members: The Principal and IQAC Coordinator organized online meeting with the committee members of **Criteria I and II on 15th December, 2020**. The allocation of work regarding collection of information and numerical data for the seven NAAC criteria was executed. Seven committees were apprised of the data collection for all the seven criteria. The teachers were explained about the information to be collected from the staff members and the college office. The format for the information to be provided by the teachers was emailed to all of them.

2) NAAC Committee meeting for website upgradation: College website is an indispensable component in NAAC review process. The Principal, IQAC Coordinator and NAAC committee members had a meeting with college website service provider Mr. Krishna Ramanujam of Datavista solutions on **20th December, 2020**. Mr. Krishna was told about the upgradation of website as per NAAC requirements.

3) NAAC Committee meeting for taking a review on current and upcoming courses of College: The Principal, Vice Principal and NAAC committee members had a meeting with the Hon. Joint Secretary of S.I.W.S. Mr. Ramamurthy on **18th January 2021**. In the meeting the current status of various courses run by college, the scope for future expansion of existing courses and starting of new courses were discussed.

4) As per the notice taken out by Principal dated 25th January, 2021, all the teachers were asked to come to college for the two days in a week for preparations with regard to NAAC documentation. The teachers were asked to adjust their schedule of lectures as per their convenience so that NAAC work will be done without disturbing the ongoing lectures.

5) The Principal called a meeting of the Science faculty on 27th January and the Commerce faculty on 28th January to discuss on the documentation of criteria 1 & 2 of the NAAC. The teachers have been geared for speedy documentation of the NAAC work.

7) Website Committee meeting on 11th February, 2021 : Website Committee meeting to upgrade website as per NAAC requirements was held on 11th February, 2021. Principal, Vice Principals and eight committee members were present for the meeting. Principal and IQAC Coordinator briefed the teachers about the various information to be collected from the college departments and to be sent to Mr. Krishna for uploading on the website.

7) NAAC Committee meeting to discuss the NAAC SSR Criteria 3 and 4 on 15th February, 2021 : A NAAC Committee meeting to discuss the information to be collected for SSR Criteria 3 and 4 was conducted on **15th February, 2021**. Principal, Vice Principals and teaching staff of the NAAC C& IQAC Committee were present for the meeting. Principal and IQAC Coordinator explained the committee members the qualitative and quantitative information to be collected and compiled for the criteria 3 & 4.

8) NAAC Committee meeting to discuss the NAAC SSR Criteria 5 on 27th February, 2021 : A NAAC Committee meeting to discuss the information to be collected for SSR Criteria 5 was conducted on **27th February, 2021**. Principal, Vice Principals and five teacher members were present for the meeting. Principal and IQAC Coordinator explained the committee members the qualitative and quantitative information to be collected and compiled for the said criteria.

9) Website Committee Meeting (2nd March, 2021) : A website committee meeting was held on 2nd March, 2021. Principal, Vice Principals, eight teaching staff members from different sections and website administrator Mr. Krishna were present for the meeting. A review of information uploaded as per the instructions from previous meetings was done. The information that is pending to be uploaded from NAAC point of view was discussed. The website administrator was told to be more proactive, take ideas by referring to other world class academic institutions and improve projection of information provided.

10) Meeting of Self-financing courses teachers with Principal (2nd March, 2021) : A meeting of teachers of self-financing courses with the Principal was held on 2nd March, 2021. Ten members including Principal and Vice Principals were present for the meeting. Principal briefed the teachers about the seven NAAC criteria and the information that needs to be collected for the same. The teachers put forth the academic difficulties they are facing in the pandemic situation in online teaching to which satisfactory solutions were given by the Principal.

NEP Webinar organized by Management for Faculty:

The South Indian Welfare Society organized an “Online Panel Discussion on NEP 2020 - Relevance to Teachers” on 14th May, 2021. The objective of the panel discussion was to enable teachers to understand the dimensions about National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and what teachers need to do proactively. Dr. V. Rangaraj, Chairman Advisory Board, S.I.W.S. was instrumental in organizing the event. Mr. R. Radhakrishnan Chairman, S.I.W.S, Mr. M. Ananthasubramanian, Honorary General Secretary, S.I.W.S, Mr. M.N. Ramamurthy, Honorary Joint Secretary, S.I.W.S and Mr. Muralidharan Srinivasan Trustee, S.I.W.S were present for the program.

Dr. A D Sawant - Former Vice Chancellor, Rajasthan University & Former Pro- VC- University of Mumbai, Dr Rajan Saxena - Former Vice Chancellor, NMIMIMS, Dr. Dinesh D Harsolekar – Director, IES Management College and Research Centre, Dr. Shobana Vasudevan – Principal, Podar College were the panellists for the program. Dr. Mohan B Rao - Professor & Associate Dean- IES Management College and Research Centre acted as a moderator. The panellists discussed NEP 2020 in three rounds as Helicopter view about the NEP-2020, Role of teachers in NEP-2020 and Challenges in implementing NEP-2020 followed by Question and Answer session. 97 teacher participants attended the program. SIWS Chairman Mr. R. Radhakrishnan gave his concluding remarks thanking the panelists for the great ideas in the implementation of NEP. He complimented Dr. V. Rangaraj for taking the lead to organize such an innovative program. He stated that the management always looks forward to empower teachers to bring out the best in them. Dr. V. Rangaraj proposed the vote of thanks and expressed his gratitude to the panellists for accepting the invitation and being a part of this very fruitful discussion.

I. C) DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES - COMMERCE

The focus has always been to enhance academic quality, the departments organized a series of student centric activities.

1) Department of Business Economics :

a) Webinar titled ‘Introduction to the Stock Market’ by the Department of Business Economics : Internal Quality Assurance Cell (I.Q.A.C.) & Department of Business Economics organized a webinar on “**Introduction to the Stock Market**” on 13th February 2021. Principal Dr Usha Iyer welcomed resource person Mr. Veeraraghavan Viswanathan Manager, Motilal Oswal Finance Services Ltd and the participants. Mr. Veeraraghavan Viswanathan gave an insightful presentation about the working of the stock market. He explained about the importance of portfolio management and how to diversify portfolio to maximize returns and minimize risks. He discussed about equities and their advantages. In a very simple manner, he explained about Initial Public Offering (IOP) and how companies raised interest free capital from the stock market. One hundred and fifty-nine students benefitted from the program.

b) Career Counselling Webinar on 25th March, 2021: Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Career Guidance and Placement Cell and **Department of Business Economics** in association with BSS Foundation and Garware Institute of Career Education and Development, University of Mumbai, Kalina, Mumbai - 400 098 organised a live webinar on the Topic ‘Career Guidance’ on Thursday, 25th, March, 2021. Mr. Murugan Essaki was the eminent speaker of the day. Mr. Murugan is a Manager, Admission and Career Analyst for Garware Institute of Career Education and Development. 95 students attended the webinar from different streams of our College. The overall feedback which covered the ratings for Selection of Topic, Delivery of Speaker, Content Coverage, Overall Impact of Webinar and Overall Organisation of Webinar for the session was Excellent.

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2) Department of Accountancy :

Investing in correct path to get desired returns is a crucial challenge in the current trend of pandemic driven inflation, post COVID times **Webinar on Investment Opportunities for Beginners on 10th April, 2021** : Internal Quality Assurance Cell and Department of Accountancy organized a webinar on the topic **Investment Opportunities for Beginners on 10th April, 2021**. The webinar was open to all the interested students of our college. Mr. Bhargav Mevawala, Manager (Sales), Mumbai Region, DSP Mutual funds was the resource person. He stressed in his speech the limitations in investing in traditional avenues of investment and how mutual funds are the most beneficial ways of creating wealth in the long term. The webinar was very successful with 723 participants attending the webinar.

3) Department of Commerce:

Department of Commerce in collaboration with Technoserve – N.G.O. organized Training and Counselling Session on 16th December, 2020 and 5th April, 2021. Thirty six students participated in the training program. The training covered personal effectiveness, communication readiness, presentation skills, career readiness and work readiness. Individual counselling was also done during the program to understand the strength of each student that helped them to choose their career path.

5) Department of Environmental Studies :

Under the leadership of Principal and Vice Principals, a webinar regarding admission procedure of all first year courses in S.I.W.S. College was organized on 24th August, 2020. The Department of Environmental Studies took a lead to explain to the students the procedure to register to the University of Mumbai admission portal and complete the pre-registration process followed by admission process on college website. Students were alerted about common mistakes done by them. A gist of academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities available in the college was also shown to the students. 138 students participated in the webinar. The queries raised by students were answered by authorities during the question and answer session.

6) Department of Business Law:

I.Q.A.C and Department of Business Law conducted two days webinar on “Impact of Force Majeure Clause during COVID-19 Pandemic” and “**Intellectual Property Rights**” on 11th & 12th June, 2020.

On Day 1 **Advocate Yatin Pandit**, delivered a talk on “Impact of Force Majeure Clause during COVID-19 Pandemic” enlightening the participants with crisp and lucid contents, receiving great applauses from the faculties and students. Though the subject was technical, the speaker made the topic very simple and made the participants to understand the concept of Force Majeure and its relevance and significance of its role in today’s scenario which deals with relief from contractual obligation and liabilities of the parties due to natural calamities and pandemics.

Advocate Suyash V. Pradhan, delivered a talk on “Intellectual Properties Rights” on day 2 covering concepts of Patent, Patentable Inventions, and Patent Filing with examples and case

laws. He explained the Copy Rights, the duration of rights, plagiarism, importance and significant of registration of Copyright and its process.

The Two Days Webinar was well received and attended by over 256 participants consisting of faculties, students and professionals from various states in India and abroad. All the participants were conferred with the certificate of participation.

7) Department of Mathematics:

The department of Mathematics organized a national webinar on “**COVID 19: Challenges in Mathematical Modelling**” on 8th June, 2020. **Professor Malay Banerjee** from **Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur**, a leading mathematical biologist in India, was the guest speaker for the webinar. **Dr Peeyush Chandra, Ex Head of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur** also graced the occasion with his presence. The webinar was focussed on the mathematical modelling of epidemiology with special emphasis on COVID 19. Dr Banerjee in his talk analysed the COVID data for various countries to build up the base for Kermack Mckendricks’s SIR model for epidemics. He discussed SEIJR and SEIQR models for the spread of COVID 19 which are basically ODE models besides touching upon various alternative approaches for the modelling of COVID 19. 330 participants attended the webinar.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES – SCIENCE

1) Department of Chemistry:

Rasashastra : The Department of Chemistry organized their annual intercollegiate event on February 12, 2021. The sole aim is to avoid rote learning approach, foster imagination and self-discovery of concepts. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was held online. A series of intellectual and fun events, virtually, to boost the knowledge of Chemistry in a lively and active way were organized such as CHEM–E-POSTER, CHEM –TALK, CHEM-CROSSWORD (Live), CHEM-O-AD (virtual) and CHEM-MASK (virtual). A total of 116 participants from various colleges of Mumbai participated in Rasashastra. The department thanked the student volunteers who played a major role in making the event successful.

2) Department of Microbiology:

Microbia 2021 : The Department of microbiology organized ‘Microbia 2021’, on 21st February, 2021 with the aim to impart learning with Fun opportunity among students, and also enhance their organizational skills. The Chief Guest for the Inauguration function was **Dr. Arvind Deshmukh**, President, Microbiologist Society, India. The various events organized were Flash card making, Bio-poetry, Microbiology Quiz, Meme Circle, Crossword

and Symbiotic pairs, Word search and Microbiological Antakshari. 55 students participated in the event. With an online platform this year, there were participants from different States of our country. The event also helped our volunteers to enhance their technical skills.

3) Department of Physics:

To trigger the curiosity of about the universe, the Physics department conducted a webinar on the topic “**Monitoring the Cosmic Dance of the Monster Black Hole**” on 8th July, 2020. Prof. Gopakumar Achamveedu, Associate Professor, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, from Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) was the resource person. The talk was well received by 311 participants and were given e-certificates.

SELF FINANCING COURSES:

Departments of Computer Science & Information Technology:

a) Webinar on “Goal Setting and Mind Management” on 22nd March, 2021: The Department of Computer Science organized a Webinar on “Goal Setting and Mind Management” on March 22nd, 2021. The resource person was Asst. Professor Dr. Shobha Mathew from K.J. Somaiya College of Arts & Commerce. ‘Stay Positive Think Positive and You are the creator of your own destiny’, was the motto of the webinar generating positive vibes and a motivating booster to all the participants. There was an enthusiastic response with 188 participants including Faculty, Students and Professionals. The Overall Impact as rated by majority of the participants for the webinar was Excellent.

b) “Cloud Computing: Platforms, Development and Applications” webinar by Department of Computer Science on 23rd March, 2021: The Department of Computer Science organized a Webinar on “Cloud Computing: Platforms, Development and Applications” on March 23rd, 2021. The speaker was Mr. Asif Rampurawala, Vice Principal, Vidyalankar Institute of Science & Technology. He shared insights on Cloud Computing, making participants familiar with its applications and provided knowledge on improvising their skills. The program received a good response with 118 participants including Faculty, Students and Professionals. The Overall Impact as rated by majority of the participants for the webinar was excellent.

II. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

1) Planning Forum :

I.Q.A.C. & Planning Forum in association with Forum of Free Enterprise & M.R. Pai Foundation organised four days online “Leadership Training Program” from 15th to 18th of June 2020.

Mr Vivek Patki, Organizational Development Consultant, corporate trainer, personal counsellor, researcher and management educator over past 15 years conducted sessions on

“Sharpening vital skills”. Through different activities and examples, he explained how important it is to sharpen our vital skills. He convinced students that it is important to enhance our skills, so that when opportunities come one can utilize it to achieve success in life.

Second day session was on “the power of habit” by Mr. Rajiv Kumar Luv - a Trainer, Motivational speaker, Online Coach, Author, Podcaster and YouTuber. He discussed on what is habit, why habits are important and how do we form habits.

Madam Clarissa Jattanna, a Certified Learning & Development Consultant, discussed on “Understanding yourself and others” on the third day of the leadership training camp. She explained all the four quadrants of ‘Johari window’, which is used to enhance individual’s perception on others.

Last day session on entrepreneurship skills was taken by Mr. Sachin Kamath, a professional trainer with 18 years of experience; Founder of Incubator of Excellence; Director of Interarch Innovations Pvt. Ltd. He discussed about adaptability quotient and also explained how important planning, relationship building and personal power is to achieve success in life.

Sixty nine student participants attended the camp. All of them took keen interest and raised several queries related to leadership qualities and personality development. All the sessions were highly interactive and was helpful to ignite young minds.

2) Women Development Cell (WDC)

Women Empowerment and Gender Equality are the most important requirements for the upliftment and progress of our nation. In the effort to make S.I.W.S. College a strong kernel of gender sensitization, the Women Development Cell (WDC) undertook a couple of activities.

a) A talk on the topic ‘CHED-CHAD’ organized by Women Development Cell in collaboration with ‘Stree Mukti Sanghatana’ on February 27, 2021: WDC organized a talk ‘CHED-CHAD’ in collaboration with ‘Stree Mukti Sanghatana’ on Saturday, February 27, 2021. The speaker was advocate Ujjwala Kadrekar, a Socio-Legal Consultant with Bombay High Court, presently working as an Independent Consultant with UNFPA and OXFAM India. Ms. Aruna Soni, a senior counsellor & other members of Stree Mukti Sanghatana were also present.

Advocate Ujjwala Kadrekar, addressed the gathering of students and teachers sharing all her experiences. A total of 87 (Boys-24 & Girls-63) students were present for the talk. The students were enthralled by her narration of a few real life experiences. She shared with them about how the girls had to face eve-teasing and molestation in their day to day life. She also cautioned them about the do’s and dont’s. The girls were given guidance as to what they should do when faced with such problems. She advised the girls to report such incidences immediately and not to keep quiet.

b) A talk on ‘Gender Equality’ in collaboration with Stree Mukti Sanghatana a NGO, on March 27, 2021 : Women Development Cell (WDC) organized its second talk on ‘Gender Equality’ in collaboration with Stree Mukti Sanghatana a NGO, on March 27, 2021 at 11am. The speaker for the talk was Mrs Pragnya Saraf associated with Stree Mukti Sanghatana since 1984 who is also an engineer by profession having a master degree certificate from S.P. Jain management Institute and currently working as executive engineer with BMC. Being an active member of ‘Stree Mukti Sanghatana’ she has performed Street plays ‘Mulgi Zali Ho’, ‘Hunda Nako Ga bai’ and Stree Mukti Sanghatana’s Kalapathak since 1985. She has worked as a Communicator of ‘Jidnyasa’ Programme for Adolescents since 1996. She is also a Communicator of ‘Pre Marital counselling’ workshops. Mrs. Pragnya Saraf began her talk by first explaining what Gender Equality is. She cited the major examples of social inequality: income gap, gender inequality, health care, and social class. She also showed a few videos based on the examples which made her talk very interesting and sensitized the students on gender issues. Total Number of students present: 72 (28 boys & 34 girls)

2) Placement Cell :

Placement is a very big challenge post COVID-19 era. The Career Guidance and Placement Cell predicted this trend and organized webinars for the benefit of our college students.

a) Career Development Opportunities in Environment & Sustainability (Green Careers) by Department of Sustainable Development & Environmental Management, Garware Institute of Career Education & Development, University of Mumbai in Collaboration with S.I.W.S. N.R. Swamy College on 31st March, 2021 : The Department of M.Sc. in Sustainable Development & Environmental Management, Garware Institute of Career Education & Development, University of Mumbai in Collaboration with S.I.W.S. N.R. Swamy College organized a webinar on Career Development Opportunities in Environment & Sustainability (Green Careers) on 31st March, 2021. The resource person for the webinar was Mrs. Kanishka Goraksha, Course Coordinator, Department of M.Sc. in Sustainable Development & Environmental Management, Garware Institute. The resource person explained in detail about different career options available in this booming world of Environment & Sustainability. The response for the webinar was excellent.

b) I.Q.A.C., Career Guidance and Placement Cell and Department of Business Economics in association with BSS Foundation and Garware Institute of Career Education and Development, the University of Mumbai organised a live webinar on the Topic “Career Guidance” on 25th March, 2021. Mr. Murugan Essaki, Manager, Admission and Career Analyst for Garware Institute of Career Education and Development was the eminent speaker of the day. The webinar was actively attended by 95 participants from different streams of our College.

c) Live webinar on the Topic “Career Opportunities for Graduating students post Covid- 19 and Personality Transformation” on 8th April, 2021 : Internal Quality Assurance Cell and Career Guidance & Placement Cell in collaboration with IEIBS Akademia organised a live webinar on the Topic “Career Opportunities for Graduating

students post Covid-19 and Personality Transformation ” on Thursday, 8th April, 2021. Prof. Nilesh Sarawate, CEO of IEIBS Akademia was the eminent speaker of the day. The webinar was actively attended by 134 participants from different streams of our College. The overall feedback which covered the ratings for Selection of Topic, Delivery of Speaker, Content Coverage, Overall Impact of Webinar and Overall Organisation of Webinar for the session was Excellent.

3) N.S.S. :

➤ **Online Session on Innovation in Environment Conservation :** The NSS unit of S.I.W.S. College attended the online session on “Innovation in Environmental Conservation” organised by Hinduja College on 3rd March, 2021. Mr. Subhajit Mukherjee was the guest speaker. A total of 15 students attended the Session. In this session the volunteers were made aware the importance of environment and various innovative ways to conserve it.

➤ **Online Session on Importance of Personal and Public Hygiene in India:**

The NSS unit of S.I.W.S. College attended the online session on “Importance of Personal and Public Hygiene in India” organised by V. B. College of Commerce (Night) in association with NSS Cell University of Mumbai on 4th March, 2021. Dr. Dipak Kotkar (Dermatologist) was the guest speaker. A total of 12 students attended the Session. In this session the volunteers were briefed about the importance of health and hygiene in the times of Pandemic.

➤ **Webinar on Organ Donation:**

The NSS unit of S.I.W.S. College attended the webinar on “Organ donation” organised by the NSS Cell of the University of Mumbai on 6th April, 2021. Mr. Apte was the guest speaker. A total of 18 students attended the Session. In this session the volunteers were made aware about the importance of organ donation. The students enjoyed the session and took home some valuable lessons.

➤ **Online session on Stress Management:**

The NSS unit of S.I.W.S. College attended the online session on “Stress Management” organised by the N.S.S. Unit of Ramnarain Ruia Autonomus College on 12th April, 2021. Dr. Komal Singh Parihar, Rehabilitation Psychologist was the guest speaker. A total of 64 students attended the Session. In this session the students were made aware about the importance of keeping a tab on mental health.

N.S.S. of our college organized the activities to meet objective of Personality Development through community service and the N. S. S. Motto of "**Not me but you**". N.S.S. student volunteers participated in activities such as Online Session on Innovation in Environment Conservation, Online Session on Importance of Personal and Public Hygiene in India, Webinar on Organ Donation, Online session on Stress Management, Innovation in Environment Conservation and Importance of Personal and Public Hygiene in India.

4) D.L.L.E

a) D.L.L.E. team of our college organized online workshop on “**Stress Management and Emotional Intelligence**” on 30th January, 2021. Dr. Kirti Nakhare, Assistant Professor in Business Communication from S.I.W.S. N.R Swamy College was the resource person. She highlighted on different ways of how to manage stress in day to day life and explained the concept of Emotional Intelligence. Forty students attended the workshop.

b) “First term training program” for D.L.L.E. students was organized on 13th February, 2021. Field co-ordinator Mrs. Rajinder Kaur, the University of Mumbai explained about the “Status of Women in Society” project and discussed few questions related to it; 51 students attended the Session. The team also organized online workshop on “How to make Google form” on 11th March, 2021 and Online Poster making competition on Social and current issues on 26th April 2021.

III. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES :

1) Cultural Association

Cultural association of SIWS College took the privilege of participation of five students by registering in the Inter – Collegiate Motivational Song Competition. Participating students had to compose the music on the given lyrics and send an audio –visual song clip

RYLA Contest – Rotary Club of Thane Garden City Ashayein - 2030 Inter Collegiate Competition on 15th and 16th January, 2021: 11 students of our college participated in various different events under the guidance from the Cultural Association. The students participated in various events such as PPT presentation - Competition on the theme ‘Water Conservation a Need of 2030 - Can Water be a Commodity to Trade’, Cricket Quiz Competition, Antakshari Competition, Digital Marketing Workshop, Candle Making Workshop and Soap Making Workshop. Mr. Nikhil N. Ugale, Mr. Aditya. M. Yejare and Mr. Gupta Aditya Rambhajan of F.Y.B.Sc. won First prize in Cricket Quiz Competition. Ms. Misbah Khan, Ms. Gayatri Shinde and Ms. Mitali Kengar secured second prize in Antakshari Competition.

2) Fine Arts Circle:

Digital Intra-collegiate Fest (The Art Week) from 15th of March 2021 to 22nd March 2021 by Fine Arts Circle:

- **“Splash of Colour”(Glass Painting) Competition :** Six students participated in this painting competition and showed their talent to make a piece of transparent glass into a beautiful, attractive piece of art.
- **“Let us Paint” (Hand Painting) Competition :** Eleven participants showed their talent in this painting competition. They were told to paint on their hand and they came out with unique ideas of painting on it, making their hand look like some animal like a snake or a bird. It was indeed a great show of art.
- **“Creativity with Paper” (Paper Design) Competition :** Nineteen students participated in this competition and using colourful papers and even newspapers they made models of vehicles, and home decorative pieces, ie. wall hangings.

- **“Mold and Fold” (Clay Modeling) Competition :** Ten students participated and made attractive art pieces like a Lotus flower, a Tree with Birds, and food items like Pizza, Burger, and a Hotdog. They all looked real.
- **“The Art of Coffee” (Coffee Painting) Competition :** In Coffee Painting Competition, ten students participated. The unique feature of this event was, that they had to use only coffee as the colouring agent. The outcome of this contest was amazing. Mesmerizing portraits were made of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Lord Sri Krishna.
- **“Diya Painting” Competition :** Nineteen students participated and decorated Diyas using different colours and decorating materials like moti, glass pieces, bindis, etc. Raw, dull mud diyas were transformed into colourful pieces of art.
- **“Poster Making” Competition :** In Poster Making Competition, Nineteen students of different streams participated. Posters were made artistically, using different colours and some of them conveyed valuable messages. In one of the posters it was depicted appropriately, the impact of digital role in human life and also the plight of Covid-19 lockdown.

3) **Southern Cultural Association :**

The Southern Cultural Association organised a literary event and held Short Story Writing and Poetry Writing Competition and invited entries from the teaching faculty and students. The objective of holding this online literary competition was to encourage participants to pen down their thoughts in the form of either a short story or a poem only in Tamil language.

The participants were given the following topics:-

Short Story Writing - “Veedenum Siraiyinile”

Poetry Competition - “Vaazha Pazhaginom”

Nineteen entries students participated in poetry writing and twenty two students participated for Short Story Writing Competition. E-Certificates were given to both winners as well as participants as a mark of appreciation from the College.

OTHER EVENTS:

Independence Day Celebration: The Independence Day was celebrated in school premises in the presence of Trustees, Heads of the Institution some teachers and non-teaching staff following social distancing norms. In spite of rains and Covid-19 pandemic the national spirit to salute the national flag on the very day was the over-riding objective of our management and our Chairman and Hon. Gen Secretary gave a motivating speech.

NEET Examination: The College was a centre for the all India level NEET examination conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) on 13th September, 2020. About 1200 students were allotted in our College centre. The classrooms from school as well as college were allotted with seating arrangements. The guidelines suggested by MHRD regarding social distancing and sanitization were strictly followed. The teachers from Junior / Degree (aided as well as unaided) under the guidance of Principal and Vice Principals successfully conducted the examination. The non-teaching staff efficiently assisted in smooth conduct of the examination.

IV. STUDENTS’ ACHIEVEMENTS :

- 1) Ms. Shraddha Surendra Parab of T.Y.B.Sc. IT passed the 'C' Certificate Examination with Grade A under the authority of Ministry of Defence, Government of India from Jai Hind Detachment, 1 MAH NAVAL Unit NCC dated 19th October, 2020
- 2) Mr. Manoj Sahu stood second in Rap competition organized by Cultural Committee on 5th August, 2020
- 3) Mr. Aman Pandey won the first prize in Intercollegiate 'Mimicry' Awaz Me Dum event conducted by Bunts Sangha College, held on 20th September 2020 on virtual platform
- 4) Mst. Nikhil N. Ugale, Mst. Aditya. M. Yejare, Mst. Gupta Aditya Rambhajan won the first prize in Intercollegiate 'Cricket Quiz Competition' event conducted by Ryla contest – Rotary club of thane garden city Ashayein -2030 held on 15th- 16th January 2021
- 5) Ms. Misbah Khan, Ms. Gayatri Shinde and Ms. Mitali Kengar won the second prize in Intercollegiate 'Antakshari competition' event conducted by Ryla contest – Rotary club of thane garden city Ashayein -2030 held on 15th – 16th January 2021.
- 6) Mr. Ravendkumar Upadhyay of S.Y.B.Sc. IT successfully passed the JavaScript Programming (Foundation) Exam conducted online by Study Section on 19th May, 2021.
- 7) Mr. Gupta Aditya Rambhajan of S.Y.B.Sc. IT secured First Prize in Sports Quiz in Aashayein 2030 – Rotary Youth Leadership Award on 16th January, 2021
- 8) Ms. Shaikh Samreen Mohd Altaf of S.Y.B.Sc. IT successfully completed Online Entrepreneurship Development Program for age group of 18-23 years old organized by Vala Foundation held on 16th May, 2020
- 9) Ms. Gayatri Gaikwad of T.Y.B.Sc. IT secured second prize in Poster Making Competition at the digital intercollegiate fest – The Art Week organized by the Fine Arts Circle of S.I.W.S. College on 22nd March, 2021

V. STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS :

- 1) Dr. Sandeep Vansutre from Department of Physics was awarded Ph.D. in the subject of Physics with the topic 'Investigation of Multiferroic Behaviour in Rare Earth Transition Metal Oxides (RTO₃) in Bulk and Nano Formulations from the University of Mumbai on 18th March, 2021
- 2) Ms. Subhashini Iyengar, Department of Commerce, received the First prize on National PPT Competition on the theme 'Banks in New Normal : Post COVID-19 Scenario' organized by V.E.S. College, Mumbai from 19th to 25th July, 2020
- 3) Ms. Subhashini Iyengar, Department of Commerce, received the Best Research Paper Award during Two Day Virtual International Conference organized by the Department of Commerce, the University of Mumbai on 12th and 13th March, 2021
- 4) Ms. Subhashini Iyengar, Department of Commerce, received the Best Research Paper Award during an Online One Day National Multi-Disciplinary conference on the theme 'Effects of COVID-19 and lockdown on Trade, Industries, Modern Business and different sectors of Economy' organized by Lala Lajpatrai College of Commerce and Economics and IDOL, the University of Mumbai on 13th February, 2021

- 5) Dr. Tanuja Parulekar, Department of Chemistry for her contribution in the field of education received 'Kartutvan Mahila Puraskar' (Efficient Women Award) by Matruseva Foundation, Thane, Shikshak Dhey, Maharashtra and Smile Team Yawatmal on International Womens' Day, 8th March, 2021
- 6) Ms. Preeti Kaushik of BMS Department successfully completed AICTE training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Online Elementary FDP on 'Design Thinking to Nurture Creativity and Innovation leading to Entrepreneurship' from 14th June to 18th June, 2021 at Dr. D.Y. Patil Institute of Management and Research

Teachers, non-teaching staff members and students through a number of academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are continuously making efforts to take S.I.W.S. to new heights.

Dr Usha S. Iyer

Principal

12 August 2021