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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

REPORT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-20

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Youth Festival : S.I.W.S. College took the privilege to host 52nd Youth festival Zone – I in association with the University of Mumbai on 14th and 22nd August 2019. Department of Environmental Studies under the guidance and leadership of Mr. Ravindra Deodhar organized the programme in college. The Youth festival was a grand blend of Literary and Fine Arts events. The inauguration was done by University of Mumbai cultural coordinator Dr. Deepak Salve and co-coordinator Dr. Ganesh Joshi, Principal Dr. Usha Iyer and Vice Principal Mr. Vaibhav Banjan.

A total of sixteen events held were conducted in library, gymkhana hall, seminar hall, biology laboratory, physics junior college laboratory and few classrooms. Eminent judges as experts in their own fields were deployed by University. This was followed by prize distribution and valedictory function. Only 24 college students across various disciplines coordinated the entire event. The conveners of event would also like to thank Principal Dr. Usha Iyer for her constant support.

The Youth Festival Prize distribution at the University level was organized on 27th August 2019 at University of Mumbai Convocation Hall, Fort Campus. Since our college hosted Zone I of Youth Festival, our college was felicitated by University. The famous personalities on the stage were Smt. Anuradha Paudwal (Renowned singer), Smt. Varsha Usgaonkar (Renowned actress), Smt. Hemangi Kavi (Renowned actress), Smt. Snehlata Tawde (Renowned actress and dancer), Shri Harsh Rajput (Renowned actor and dancer) and Shri Adarsh Shinde (Renowned singer). On behalf of our college Principal Dr. Usha Iyer, Vice Principal Mr. Ayyappan Iyer and student volunteers received the certificate of appreciation from the august hands of Dr. Suhas Pednekar (Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai), Dr. Sunil Patil (Director, Department of Students' Development) and Mr. Niesh Sawe (Cultural Coordinator, University of Mumbai)

Hike to Matheran : Department in association with Nature Club / Hiking Club of the college organized a one day hike to Matheran on Saturday, 21st September 2019. Located in the state of Maharashtra, Matheran is a quaint hill station famous for its scenic beauty. An eco-sensitive destination, it is the only automobile-free hill station in the continent. The hike began at 7:00am in the morning. Teachers (Dr. Sunita Shirvalkar & Dr. Swapnesh Rangnekar) and 20 students participated in the hike. The students were enthralled by the beauty of mother earth. During the trek they saw a few spots of tourist interest like Echo point, Charlotte Lake and Monkey point. After a small refreshment break at Matheran station, both students and teachers walked to the pristine Charlotte Lake. The entire group was mesmerised by the peace and stillness

experienced during the visit. The elated group also trekked to a few spots of tourist interest like Echo point, Monkey point.

Visit to Indian Railway Workshop (Matunga) : The Department organized a visit to Indian Railway Workshop (Matunga) on 12th January 2020. Ten students accompanied by Mr. Ravindra Deodhar and Mr. Athang Joshi participated in this visit. The students learnt about importance of hard work, discipline, team work and coordination during railway maintenance work in this ISO certified workshop.

Educational Trip Mumbai Darshan : The department organized an educational trip – Mumbai Darshan on 8th February, 2020. The trip was planned and coordinated by Mr. Ravindra Deodhar and Dr. Swapnesh Rangnekar. Thirty three first year B.Com. students and four teachers became a part of this memorable journey of this thousands of year old city. The Mumbai Darshan bus took students to this city of dreams on a mesmerizing journey. The visit was interesting, fun filled and informative. The students were exposed to many features relevant to academics. This will help them to fare well in upcoming examinations. The visit was fulfilling in all aspects and students were glad that they had an opportunity to all the fascinating places. They thanked college for arranging such a kind of educational trip. They also wished to be a part of such trips in future. The department is thankful to the management and Principal Dr. Usha Iyer for her constant support and guidance in organizing such an educational trip.

Quiz Competition organized by University of Mumbai : Environmental Studies Quiz Competition was organized by Department of Geography, the University of Mumbai in association with Indian National Cartographic association (INCA) Mumbai Chapter on 14th and 15th February, 2020. Seven F.Y.B.Com. students participated in the competition. Ms. Sneha Rajbhar and Mr. Shaikh Altamas of F.Y.B.Com. secured 2nd rank prize in this competition.

Three Days Webinar cum Lecture Series on ‘Green Technologies & Environmental Sustainability’ : The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (I.Q.A.C.) and Department of Environmental Studies in collaboration with Vanashakti – N.G.O. organized a Three Days Webinar cum Lecture Series from 3rd to 5th June, 2020. The theme for the webinar was ‘Green Technologies & Environmental Sustainability’. Daily two guest speakers, stalwarts in their field enlightened the participants on the recent environmentally friendly technologies and sustainable practices for a healthy livelihood.

Mr. Ajay Kamble, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Geography, Bhavans’ College, Andheri, Ms. Mamata Tendulkar, Assistant Professor, K.J. Somaiya College, Vidyavihar, Mumbai, Dr. Prakash Dongre, Associate Professor, Nagindas Khandwala College, Mumbai, Dr. Reetesh Sah, Assistant Director, UGC – Human Resource Development Centre, Kumaun University, Nainital, Miss. Clara Correia, Vice-President of OREKA foundation – N.G.O, Mr. Stalin Dayanand, Director, Vanashakti N.G.O. were the eminent speakers. The webinar concluded on World Environment Day. The webinar was actively participated by 437 participants across the country. It included students, teachers, researchers and environmental enthusiasts. 1 participant was from Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

Webinar was rated as excellent by 68 % of the participants while 27.4% participants rated it as very good. 69.8% participants agreed that their level of knowledge improved excellently by participating in the webinar. Participation certificates were given to all the participants.



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