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Annual Report for the Academic Year 2017 - 18

The Annual Report of SIWS College a portrays the wide spectrum of various academic and co-curricular activities capturing the vibrant academic environment, highlighting the activities of various Departments and Associations, including awards and honours. The institution has an effective learner-centric environment providing quality education and empowerment to the students to face the challenges of the competitive world.

‘**Vidya Dhanam Sarva Dhanat Pradhanam**’ being the basic philosophy of S.I.W.S. the College has been taking all efforts to provide inclusive education reaching out 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.

I. Curricular Activities:

- 1) The college is focussed to achieving academic excellence. The college 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) in collaboration with the respective Board of Studies of the University of Mumbai. Eminent resource persons, and stalwarts in the respective fields were invited for the benefit of the teacher participants. There has been an overwhelming response as participants came from colleges located as far as Ratnagiri, Dapoli Mandangad, Kinhavali, Murud – Janjira, Dahanu, Palghar and Kalyan. The feed back of the participants revealed the academic contribution of the organization.

- 2) The highlight of this academic year was the **International Multidisciplinary Conference on ‘Climate Change, Environment and Sustainable Development in a Global Economy’** organized by our college in collaboration with Alkesh Dinesh Mody Institute of Financial and Management Studies, University of Mumbai and Bombay Stock Exchange - Investors’ Protection Fund on **April 21, 2018**. The conference had eminent speakers comprising environmentalists, social activists, academicians and authorities from **UNESCO**. The research papers discussed a wide range of new knowledge along with appropriate, indigenous or local technologies that can be used to address the impacts of climate change.

A souvenir on the title was released containing abstracts of the research papers. Twenty two Research papers presented at the Conference have been published by **Naveen Shodh Sansar**, an **International Multidisciplinary Refereed Journal** and **UGC Journal No. 64728** Volume I Conference Edition with **ISSN No.2320-8767**, **E-ISSN 2394-3793** with **impact factor 5.110** (2017) of which Dr. Usha Iyer is the co-editor.

- 3) 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 on 24 April 2017**. Renowned personalities from academic and Corporate sector 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.
- 4) The remarkable achievement this academic year was **Continuation of recognition of M.Sc. by Research in Organic Chemistry**. The Local Inquiry Committee visited the college on 31st January, 2018 looking into the statutory requirement as prescribed by University. They conversed with teachers, students, non-teaching staff members and library staff. The LIC Committee congratulated the Principal, Staff and S.I.W.S. Management for the whole hearted support for the progress of this institution.

- 5) 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 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.
- 6) The Department of Information Technology and Computer Science organized inter college technical fest '**Resonance**'. The fest executed a total of 30 events that were well-planned and organized. More than 500 students from across 25 colleges all over Mumbai Participated in the program.
- 7) 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, participating in group discussions, Team work and Time Management. Thirty students of the college from all the courses were selected to take part in it.
- 8) Chemistry Department organized a lecture on **Career Opportunities in Clinical Research** on 5th August, 2017 to give students a glimpse of clinical research industry.
- 9) The Department of Business Communication conducted a six-day certificate course titled, '**Essential Communication Skills**' from 11th to 16th December, 2017 in which thirty four students from diverse streams enrolled. Experts from varied fields engaged sessions and convinced students about the importance of effective communication. The students' feedback was positive and encouraging.
- 10) The Staff Colloquium organized presentations of the research work of teaching staff members on 6th Jan 2018 and 3rd February, 2018. 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. 15 Teachers from various departments attended the colloquium.

- 11) 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.

II. Co-Curricular Activities :

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

- 1) **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 Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for which the unit was awarded by the State Environment Minister in a grand event held at Sahayadri Guest House, Malabar Hill, Mumbai on Jan 10, 2018.

- 2) **The National Cadet Corps (N.C.C.)** unit of our college helps to build leadership with discipline personality and encourages social activities among the cadets. Besides regular parades and participation in camps, a number of training activities like cross country race, Martial arts, Drill, International Yoga Day, cultural programmes, Rappelling etc. are conducted.
- 3) **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 have been organized. WDC in collaboration with '**Stree Mukti Sanghatana**' organized a number of events through guest lectures on personal

hygiene, health and nutrition, Beti bachao Beti padhao, awareness on sanitation and role plays like Mulgi Zali Ho.

- 4) The **Students' Council** helps to share students' ideas, interests and concerns with teachers and college administration. The Council arranged a number of activities like Gurupournima, Friendship Day, Traditional day, Saree and Tie day and Rose day celebrations through the event Yariyan,
- 5) **Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLLE)** thrives to promote a meaningful and sustained rapport between the University and the community. The DLLE offers flexible continuing education opportunities for the community. The students undertook diverse projects like Career Project, **Anna Poorna Yojana, Information Technology Project, Industry Orientation Project, Population Education Club** and a Survey of Women's Status.
- 6) The 71st Independence Day this year was celebrated in the august presence of **Mr. D. Sivanandan** (Director General of Police, Maharashtra State). The flag hoisting was followed by the rendition patriotic songs by Faculty and students and dance by NSS students. The program was telecasted on the news channel in Marathi television channel DD Sahyadri on 20th August, 2017.

II. **Extra-Curricular Activities:**

1) **Southern Cultural Association:**

Preserving the culture of southern India, the college enthusiastically celebrates Pongal and Onam every year. The Southern Cultural Association celebrated Onam with much great zeal. Pookalam making, cultural dance and music program, Thirukural recitation, debate competition, fashion show etc. were organized. A variety of events were clustered for celebrating the Pongal festival. The theme of the celebration 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 also donated to Ahobili Mutt Temple, Chembur. Pongal celebrations started with Rangoli and Kolam competitions followed by dances like kottatam, samukhaattam, Bharath Natyam and rural dances based on folk culture.

- 2) **Swastika 2K17** : The cultural forum under the Banner Swastika 2K17 organized a cultural week wherein a lot of events were organized. 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 the cultural week. The Chief Guest **Shri. V. N. Sangle, officer in-charge of the Wadala Fire Brigade Training Centre** who inaugurated the program, emphasized the importance of safety and security of our lives.
- 3) Alumni meet for the year 2017 was organized on 23rd Dec. 2017. A total of 150 alumni from various batches were present. They made it a memorable day with their speeches, songs and dance.
- 4) **Annual Athletic Meet**: Our college students have been actively taking part in indoor as well as outdoor sports competitions and have bagged prizes at local, University, State and National levels. The **Annual Athletic meet** of the college was conducted on 7th 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 the Chief Guest**. Both Degree and Junior college students actively participated in sports competitions like Running, Relay, Long Jump, Discus throw and Shot put.


The valedictory and Prize distribution function was graced by Principal Dr. Usha Iyer, Management Trustees Mr. Anandasubramanian (Joint Secretary) Mr. V. Ramachandran, and Mr. P Kumar. The Chief Guest for the Prize distribution ceremony was the Sports Director 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). The Championship Trophy was won by Mr. Sohail Khan (Boys) and Ms. Pooja Devendra (Girls).

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

- a) Students and teachers of our college whole heartedly contributed towards **Armed Forces Flag Day Fund** collection. On 15th 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**.
- b) **Students' Council - Community welfare:** The Students' Council visited S.E.C. Municipal School on the 16th March, 2018 located in **Agripada**, Mumbai, catering to physically challenged children. Council students interacted with children and spent quality time by singing and dancing for them. They also distributed colouring books, crayons and chocolates. It was a happy moment for all participants. The Principal thanked and appreciated the efforts of our college students.
- c) **Vigilance Awareness Programme on Anti-corruption measures and Integrity** was held in association with **M/S. Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd** on 1st Nov. 2017. A quiz competition was also held and students were awarded prizes.
- d) 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 to this activity of Environmental sensitization and clean-up. The activity was covered in the Marathi daily Lokmat.
- e) The college teachers have always been aspiring towards upgradation of their subject knowledge and academic excellence. A **lecture Series** organized by our Chairman Dr. V. Rangaraj at Shanmukhananda Hall inviting well-known personalities was widely attended by our staff and students. The Talk on '**Macro-economic development and challenges**' was delivered by **Dr. Viral V. Acharya, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India** was followed by an brain storming interactive session which was well appreciated.
- f) **Three teachers** received their **doctoral degrees in this academic year**. Teachers have been presenting their research in national and international conferences and seminars and have won prizes in Inter-University Avishkar competition.

Teachers, non-teaching staff members and students work through a number of academic, and co-curricular activities like Science association, Commerce association, Planning forum,

English literary association, Hindi Sahitya Mandal, Marathi Wangmay Mandal, Gujarati Sahitya Mandal, Placement cell and Counselling cell and extra-curricular activities like nature club, hiking club, Cultural association, Southern Cultural Association, Fine arts circle Music Circle etc., continuously striving to take S.I.W.S. to new heights.



Dr. Usha Iyer

Principal

Date: 24 April, 2018

