



# S.I.W.S.

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## DEGREE COLLEGE

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

#### ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

Government of Maharashtra and UNICEF together initiated 'Youth Engagement and Water Stewardship (YEWS)' program. Under this initiative, an eleven member Green Club composed of teachers and students was established in the College. The Green Club undertook the following activities.:

- 1) An inter-collegiate webinar on '**Punaravartan – Recycle Ganesha Idol Clay**' was organized by the Department of Environmental Studies, Nature Club and I.Q.A.C on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. Mrs. Suchismita Pai Punaravartan, Core Team Member, Co-founder & Director, Social Seva Initiatives, Ms. Manisha Sheth, Founder, eCoexist, NGO, Pune and Ms. Shama Deo, Member, eCoexist, NGO, Pune were the resource persons. The lecture educated the students on the environmental consequences of types of raw materials used to make Ganesha idols. The students were made aware about the activities of Team Punaravartan about the recycling of Ganesha Idol clay post immersion. Forty-one students attended the online program.
- 2) A thirty hours Certificate Course on '**Introduction to Disaster Mitigation**' was conducted from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. The course was conducted in hybrid mode. It comprised of online lectures and training programme conducted in the College seminar room. Forty-seven students participated in the course training. The students were trained on First Aid and CPR Techniques, Basic Rescue Techniques, Fire Prevention and Response. The training sessions were conducted by the experts from Aniruddha's Academy of Disaster Management (A.A.D.M.) - a Mumbai based N.G.O. who prepares volunteers to fight against disasters through rigorous training sessions. The course helped the participants to develop basic conceptual understanding of disasters and its relationship with prevalent climatic changes. The student participants gained the understanding of approaches Disaster Mitigation and Risk Reduction.
- 3) A **Nature Trail to 'Matheran'** was organized on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. Fifty students accompanied by three teachers trekked through the evergreen forest hills and witnessed the biodiversity of Western Ghats.
- 4) '**World Sparrow Day**' is celebrated annually on 20<sup>th</sup> of March to raise awareness of the house sparrow and other common birds in urban environments as well as the threats to their populations. The theme for this year was 'Sparrows: Give them a tweet-chance!', 'I Love Sparrows' and 'We Love Sparrows'. To appreciate the importance of these small creatures and understand the ways to conserve the birds around us, 'World Sparrow Day' was celebrated by the department. An awareness cum quiz competition was conducted in online mode. Forty-five students participated in the competition. All the students were

awarded with e-certificates. The contact numbers of bird rescuers in Mumbai were circulated among the students.

- 5) First Year B.Com. **Orientation Lecture** was organized on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2023 to make students aware about the framework of courses to be offered for B.Com. Programme and apprise students about the basket of courses offered by the College under various verticals offered under NEP 2020 guidelines. Mr. Vaibhav Banjan, I.Q.A.C. Co-ordinator and Dr. Swapnesh Rangnekar, Member, I.Q.A.C. briefed about the basket of courses made available to the students under major, minor, open electives, vocational, ability enhancement, skill enhancement, Indian knowledge system and co-curricular courses. The students were requested to make a wise choice regarding course selection. 186 students were oriented in this lecture.
- 6) The department is also involved in following committees : Information Cell & Website Management (Convener), Nature Club / Hiking Club (Green Club) (Convener), Autonomy Committee (member), N.A.A.C. / I.Q.A.C. (member), Unfair Means Enquiry Committee (member), Staff Common Room Secretary (member) and Admission Committee (member).

#### Student Achievements :

- The **Green Club Student President Ms. Vibhuti Ghogale** of **S.Y.B.Com.** received the certificate for actively participating in "YEWS - Youth Engagement & Water Stewardship (YEWS)" Green Club Nurturing Workshop organized on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

#### Staff Achievements :

- Dr. Swapnesh Rangnekar participated in the the Workshop for Green Club Coordinator on the topic of 'YEWS - Youth Engagement & Water Stewardship' - An initiative of the Government of Maharashtra & UNICEF organized on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. He received the certificate in recognition of commitment to environmental sustainability and active engagement in the workshop.
- A research paper titled 'Study of the Environmental Consciousness of the Undergraduate Students of Mumbai on the verge of NEP 2020 Implementation' was published in the Journal of Advanced Multidisciplinary Research Studies and Development, 2023, I.S.S.N. 2583-6404



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