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Celebrating the success of Others...
Out of the huts of history’s shame
   I rise
Up from a past that’s rooted in pain
   I rise
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
   I rise
Into a daybreak that’s wondrously clear
   I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
   I rise. I rise. I rise.

These words of Maya Angelou inspire us to commemorate, not just victory but also hope, of rising up where we fall, and the very act of standing tall when difficulties surround us and things seem impossible; we rise, we shine, and when opportunity strikes, we rise yet again.

We bring before you the “second” newsletter of SIES (Nerul), unified in the shout to glory and bliss, we bring out better than the best we can; as you and I together, celebrate ‘You’.

- Deepak Agarwal (Editor-in-Chief)
Orientation Programme is conducted by each department after the admission process ends. The entire programme is designed and organized to give Freshers an insight about the department. The orientation programme this year, was informative and helped to break the ice amongst students. The presentations offered a clear understanding about college life and its various aspects.
The Student Council acts as a bridge between the Management and students and implements ideas for the advancement of the college. It is an integral bond between the students and the management, it ensures smooth functioning of all the college events. The dedicated and dynamic members of the student council are always ready to walk the extra mile and accept challenges.

The Student Council for the year 2014-15 was formed under Mrs. Vasanthi Rajadyaksha wherein Ms. Jeena Joseph was elected the Gen. Secretary and Mr. Sriram, the Jt. Gen. Secretary. The Investiture Ceremony held on 8th August where the Council members administered the oath and the Committee heads spoke about the activities planned by their respective committees.

They celebrated Friendship Day where the Council had organized a sale of Friendship Day Souvenirs such as friendship bands, bracelets, cards etc.

They also organized a Seminar on Oral Cancer Awareness in collaboration with ACTREC (part of Tata Memorial Cancer Research Centre). The doctors from ACTREC spoke about the perils of smoking, consumption of tobacco etc. The celebration of Teachers Day and Independence Day were also undertaken by them and the events were memorable.
NSS: Service To The Nation

- The NSS unit of SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science & Commerce began its academic year with the event **Street Play** during the occasion of **Anti-Drug Day** on 10th July.

- **Blood Donation** drive was conducted on 31st July where the NSS unit in collaboration with Tata Memorial Hospital (Kharghar) collected 90 bottles of blood, following which, a work-shop was conducted on **Anemia** by the doctors of Tata Memorial Hospital.

- The **MAVA (Men against Violence and Abuse of women) Orientation** was conducted on 30th July by Dr. Harish Sadani where 30 NSS volunteers were selected with 2 male heads (Arjun Nambiar and Arjun Iyer), who coordinated the activities of the movement in the college.

- **Tree Plantation** on 11th August at Ambedkar Udyan (Nerul).

- **A Fire safety Drill** was conducted on 13th August by Prof. D.G. Phodnekar (Co-ordinator, NSS Cell, Mumbai University) to demonstrate safety measures and precautions against fire.

- A **guest lecture** was given on Disaster Management by Ms. Pranali, Anirudha Academy Of Disaster Management (AADM).
The BRM (Blue Ribbon Movement) Orientation was conducted on 30th August.

1st September witnessed the NSS unit visiting the old age home Matru Sadan (Nerul) and the volunteers putting up a cultural show and interacting with the elderly occupants of the home.

Walkathon 2014 was jointly organised by the NSS Unit and the Sports Committee of SIES(Nerul) with a message against DRUG ABUSE on 12th September and was sponsored by UDAN, an NGO working against drug abuse.

A street play was performed on Malaria Awareness on 16th September at the adopted area of Municipal School (LP, Nerul).

Aamhi Chalto Vyasanmukthi Saathi Rally (Anti-Drug Addiction Rally) was a NSS Mumbai University level event conducted on 1st October. The event was organized by Nashaabandhi Mandal (Maharashtra Rajya) with an aim to curb the use of drugs.

On 2nd October, the NSS unit participated in the Swacch Bharat Mission of the Indian Government in which the volunteers cleaned Sanpada Railway station.

The semester for NSS concluded with Bhajan Sandhya, a Mumbai University level event organized to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti and International Non-Violence Day on 2nd October at the Gateway of India, Mumbai, where the student volunteers were active members.
Overcoming Stress

SIES(Nerul) as part of its faculty training programs, celebrated “Quality month” by with the theme being Quality of Education. A workshop on Stress Management, supported by American Society of Quality, Mumbai LMC, was conducted by Mr. S.V.Viswanathan (Managing Council Member) on 21st November.

The event saw 50 participants where Ms. Suma Nair (Sr. Manager, HRD) hosted the program and Principal Dr. Rita Basu felicitated Mr. S.V.Viswanathan, ASQ Mumbai LMC for initiating such programs.

The Program started with the various participants sharing experiences concerning stress and how they overcame the same.

It was shown stress is inevitable; group exercises were demonstrated to the participants to make them understand how it develops and how to overcome stress.
**SKYTALK : SIES Net TV**

**Sky Talk**, a brain child of our hon’ble principal Dr. Rita Basu was proposed with an aim of capturing all the college events and broadcasting it on Youtube.

This initiative by the **B.M.M. department** of the college is an entirely innovative approach to showcase college life on a social platform after blogging and podcasting.

Their first bulletin is available at the following address:

http://www.tinyurl.com/skytalkbulletin

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**The Beginning Of Celebration : TechnoVision**

**TechnoVision**, the first celebrated fest of SIES(Nerul) by the M.Sc.(CS & IT) dept. took place on 13th September was presided over by Prof. Sheeja Ravi (Coordinator, B.Sc.C.S.) and inaugurated by Mr. Ben Varghese (Global Counter-Strike events like Google Doodle, LAN Gaming, Treasure Hunt, Debugging, Quiz and featuring technical events like Logo-designing, MAP (Make A Presentation) and Techno Run, it witnessed participation from colleges all over Mumbai and Navi Mumbai, bringing with itself a plethora of eventful minds and talents.
**TCS: Paving way for future entrepreneurs**

The TCS Campus to Corporate Readiness Module based on the Skill Enhancement Training Programme saw trainers from the commercial sector interacting with the students and sharing their valuable expertise. The program took off under the guidance of our Hon’ble Principal Dr. Rita Basu. A number of lectures were conducted where students were made aware of several ways to improve one’s personality and communication. The overall performance & success of this first batch will act as the stepping stone towards the future success of this Campus to Corporate Transition Programme.

**Connecting with the parents**

The PTA committee convened by Dr. Jyoti Koliyar and Prof. Rupali Zele was organised in the month of September. The event was attended by the Vice-Principal, faculty members and around 30 parents from various courses. Dr. Koliyar addressed the audience regarding the value of PTA and how this meet will support the students academically. This was followed by Prof. Koel Choudhary presenting the Annual Report and a lecture by our professional counsellor, Ms. Anagha Ghosh about how to understand and deal with youth issues.
Kalasadhana and Hindi Parishad Committee celebrated Guru Purnima on 12th July. The event was organized for paying a tribute to the architects of future - teachers. It started off with a prayer song, welcome dance and then by a special program called Sugam Sangeet.

Kalasadhana organized Food Fest on 13th and 14th of August serving more than 25 dishes.

Empowering Women
Women’s Development Cell (WDC)

Yashyaswini, an exhibition on women achievers was organized by WDC in Gymkhana and inaugurated by our respected Principal Dr. Rita Basu and Mrs. Sudha. On 23rd August, WDC organized a self-grooming session by Ms. Swati (Beauty Consultant for Personal Care). There was also a screening of Satchya Aath Gharat in AV Room for all students.
ELA (English Literary Association)

ELA (English Literary Association) conducted several events such as Jam, Debate, Group Discussion, Pitch Perfect, Book Drive and Skit Competition. with an aim to enrich the literary knowledge of students and enhance the literary talents of the students.

Understanding Stocks: NSE & BSE

Stocks, markets, commodities; this seems bewildering to most of us. But, a combined initiative of the BAF and BFM Departments made it easier for a newbie to understand the stock market by conducting a seminar on BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) and NSE (National Stock Exchange) on 4th September in the library. It featured real time games to taste the fluctuating nature of the stock market. A seminar also was conducted by the BFM Department which witnessed a brief description of BSE, its history, current scenario and functionality.

Promote Pure H2O

On 18th September, a workshop on water purification technologies was organized by Mr. S.K. Shashidharan and Bhaskar Devadiga. It was based on Eureka Forbes water purification technologies (RO Technology and UV Water Filters). The session was very enlightening and gave the students useful information regarding safe drinking water.
Amidst the moment of glory,
Filled with joy and the mirth of ecstasy,
I wonder is life a tedious burden?
Or a mere ride of fantasy.

Gratitude to the LORD for each day that I live,
Making it a joyous one, aggrieving at times,
This be the time to provide and receive,
With the frolics that are yet to bind.

Don’t wait,
The time will never be just right,
There’s a huge world before me to fight.

Happiness won’t ever be, never was readymade,
It springs forth, a product of your own actions,
Where you, no one else, has to fill the shades,
With the scabbard and shield of satisfaction.

An opportunity knocks on your door, each day,
Decide what you want; stop being afraid of it,
If you don’t go after what your heart’s desire; you’ll never have it!
Go get it.

- Vishaka Singh
The muses’ calls  
The bliss that falls  
The ’rousing tale  
Uncovering the veil  

Shut in joy, them pearly eyes  
I see them piercing through the lies  
The soothing song, the raven sings  
Delights more than the fabled wings  

The satiny hair and mesmerizing lair  
Of the siren maidens O’ so fair  
The flaring sun, the prizes won  
The crimson moon, the midnight prayer  

Enshrouding my being in surreal delight  
Savouring each day, the battles I fight  
I take a sprint, I beat the storm  
I take a leap, I lose the form  

A hundred thousand chirping songs  
A hundred aeons worthy long  
And every sound that form it grey  
said, “celebrate me, I celebrate you”  

-Kking Rapstar
Business Excellence

As part of its Business Excellence Program, SIES(Nerul) had several staff members participate in a 5S+7W+ Visual Management program conducted by our college under Mr. S.V. Viswanathan (Managing Council Member).
**Library Quiz**

A Quiz Competition was organized jointly by the Library Committee and the BAF department for the students to test their general knowledge, thereby ensuring that they would access both books as well as newspapers from the library. Audio visual aids were used to make it interesting.

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**A Day For Teachers**

Teachers’ Day was organized by the Students Council of SIES (Nerul) with the theme ‘JALLOSH’. Preparations were made to make the day memorable one for the teachers of this Institution and to pay a tribute to them. Various programmes like dance performances and skit were staged.
**Go Green Ganpati**

The **Conservation Club** of SIES(Nerul) arranged an **Eco-friendly Ganesh Festival** awareness campaign that included activities like Ganesh Aarti, posters on eco-friendly Ganesh and Workshop on Eco friendly Ganesh Idol in association with Paryavarn Dakhsta Manch (Thane).

**The goal of energy conservation club is to create awareness in the students of the need to conserve energy in every possible way and to utilize renewable energy sources.**

- Alice Paul
  Secretary, Conservation Club

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**Searching Young Talents**

SIES provides a multitude of extracurricular activities through its **Cultural Committee** that play an integral role in the collegiate experience. They organized **Talent Hunt** in the month of July wherein various competitions were held. The students took part in Solo Singing, Group Singing, Dance, Mehendi, etc. many of which later participated in various events wherein they represented the college.

**Streamlining the positive energy in a constructive manner, cultural events serve as a binding force for the students providing experience in various social roles and stack credentials at the same time.**

- Bhavana
  Secretary, Cultural Committee
Securing The Future: Campus Placements

SIES gives its students an opportunity to step out into the world as professionals through campus placements. The campus placement was preceded by a skill development session conducted by Ms. Tajinder Kaur which was attended by about 400 final year students from various streams. This year SIES welcomed TCS BPO as one of its recruiters. This placement turned out to be a huge success as 56 of them were finally selected.

A Mission For Humanity: Maqsad '14

The Student Council organised MAQSAD-14 on 29th November where NGO's like HELLEN KELLER INSTITUTE FOR DEAF AND BLIND, WORLD WIDE FUND (WWF), WORLD FOR ALL (WFA), NAVJEEVAN CENTRE, SELF ESTEEM MBA FOUNDATION were invited who came and sold their products at reasonable rates. These NGOs work for noble causes like humanitarian, environmental and animal welfare. This gave us an opportunity to contribute and support their cause. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Vishwanathan, Managing Council Member, followed by a prayer song. It was open to outsiders as well and witnessed huge participation, making it a grand success.
Past and Present

Savouring the Future

The Alumni Committee organized a Bouquet Binding event on 2\textsuperscript{nd} August with an aim to promote friendship between the current and the ex-students. There were bouquets for auction which could be won and gifted to their friends as souvenirs.

This was followed by Graduation Day on August 23 with its Neon Theme. The College was set up with a Neon Garage and witnessed a Photo-booth set up with various props for graduates. The classrooms were decorated with Neon Balloons and Graduation Caps and scrolls. The graduation ceremony was followed by the stream-wise photographic sessions, dance and mementos were distributed.
The Sportive Side: Our Sports’ Achievements

- Our Football team reached the top 12 in the inter-collegiate football tournament organized by Mumbai University with around 240 colleges participating and reached the Pre-Quarters in the tournament. Prashun Shetty got selected for the Mumbai university trials.
- Our Junior college football team reached Quarter Finals in the DSO tournament.

- The Chess team came 5th in the zone-wise tournament and made it to the top 16 in the inter-collegiate Chess tournament organized by Mumbai University. Ashwin Kesavan and Prajwal Iyer got selected.
- Tug of War Boys team placed 10th in inter-collegiate Tug Of War tournament.

- Badminton Girls and Boys team came in the top 16 teams in the inter-collegiate Badminton tournament with around 200 colleges participating.
- Our Table Tennis team achieved 14th position in inter collegiate Table tennis tournament, making it to the pre-quarters.
The Throwball team of our college won the DSO tournament by defeating Xavier’s College in the finals.

Our Athletics Boys team won 1st place in 4×600m relay race in Podar College, winning the tournament for the 2nd time. Athletics Girls’ team reached the 5th position in 4×100m relay race in the Mumbai University Athletics 2013-14 meet.

Basketball Girls team achieved 16th position in the inter collegiate basketball tournament, having participated for the very first time. Akshata Sonawane got selected for the Mumbai university trials.

Though the Handball team participated for the first time, it came in the top 16 teams in the inter collegiate handball tournament.

Sports Committee of SIES organized Walkathon ’14 for the first time in our college on 12th September. It was a huge success with around 450 students participating from the college.
Life today is not only mechanical and monotonous, but also devoid of sheer delight and bliss. Let us not limit ourselves to the boundaries set up by a thousand worlds and let us not walk the safe road. Tread the difficult path less taken and be the change; make mistakes, fall down, and break yourself, only to bring yourself back together, rise up, learn and celebrate. Savour every breath you take, and enjoy the next one more than the last. Let us not be a boring lot in the stagnant world. Let us celebrate; you, me and the world in it.

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