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At the heart of Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi Vidyapuram, Nerul, stands one of the most renowned campuses and prestigious institutions of Navi Mumbai, SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science and Commerce(SIESASC). “Scholasticism, Innovation, Education and Sanctity” are the keywords that define SIES. Inspiring the students to step out of their comfort zones and aim higher and higher, is what separates SIESASC Nerul from the traditional centres of learning.

“All the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today. At SIES we nurture our students and endow them with human values. RISE WITH EDUCATION is our slogan and strong belief.”
- Dr. Rita Basu

SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science and Commerce

Our First Newsletter

SIESASC Nerul has been a pioneer of excellence and innovation. We motivate everyone associated with us to pursue the same and are proud that our good efforts never go in vain. We’re constantly growing and are making efforts to improve the standard of education. We try and give our students a platform to hone their talents and showcase it to the world. We are inspired to think of ways to reach out to the masses, which is why we have this newsletter. A compounded mix of creativity, sheer literary genius and a suave collaboration of both the staff and the students, we’re delighted and extremely proud to present our very first newsletter, SERIES, unlocking the arcane world of SIES to YOU all.

The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.
- Sydney Harris

An intellectual says a simple thing in a hard way,
An artist says a hard thing in a simple way
- Charles Bukowski
Sporting delight

SPRINTS

SIESASC, Nerul is proud to have set a benchmark in sports and extracurricular activities. Academics are not everything and one has to show brilliance, not only intellectually but also physically. Our students have represented the College at the University and State level in a variety of sports from yoga and athletics to cricket, tennis and volleyball. To add an icing on the cake, we’ve kept alive the tradition of celebrating our Annual Sports Festival, SPRINTS. Year after year, where we have games like badminton, volleyball, soccer and athletics to challenge the endurance and strength, games like carrom and chess challenge the focus and mental strength of individuals. Games like cricket and tug-of-war tested a variety of acumen from an individual’s stamina to team strength.

Our Athletics team at Raigad

Inspiring Excellence

Number 2 in state, Bharati Bylapudi made us proud with a silver in the All India University Lawn Tennis Tournament. An athlete, Bylapudi has earlier been a part of several tennis tournaments and a sure face in all the state championships and a tough challenge at the National level, in both singles and doubles, Bylapudi has set a standard for herself when it comes to competition.

Avinash Shetty Class S.Y.B.B.I

Although winning isn’t everything, it is always a splendid delight to have our students bagging gold medals. Many of our students have scored gold at various such events, one of them being Avinash Shetty whose team won the Inter University State Volleyball Championship.

Avinash Shetty Class S.Y.B.B.I
SIESONS—Annual Fest

Siesens 2k14, with its theme of “Quintessence—Pillars of Life” was a huge success with events like Beat Boxing, Talent Hunt and Mega Dance kept the crowds grooving and events comprising of Literary Arts, Fine Arts, Performing Arts and Crossovers to present a platform for students across the city to showcase their unique skills and talents. To add to the spirit of the SIESONS, there was a surge of a number of celebrities from various fields including choreographer Mudassar Khan, world hip-hop challenge finalists “TheFictitiousGroup” and star singer TochiRaina.

SIES celebrates a variety of other fests every year, say, cultural fests like Epoch and Sharpshooters, Synergy, Tresor and Exel and technical festivals like Renegade, Innovision and Technovision.

FRAMES Film Festival

The year’s edition of India’s BIGGEST under-graduate International film-making platform, and the 11th Annual Frames Film Festival, organized by B.M.M, in the month of February. Providing a platform for aspiring film-makers from across the globe, the fest reached out to some of the most prestigious institutes in the world, like the New York Film Academy, the London Film School, FTII etc. The focus of the event is to create a bridge and platform for interaction between the industry and the students thereby acting as a catalyst of everlasting change through the medium of sharing and learning. The sheer
enthusiasm and creativity of the participants were widely appreciated and praised by the stalwarts of the film industry. The theme of this year’s Frames Film Festival was **CinemaGlobalization** akin to the belief that globalization has significantly changed trends and patterns in the film industries worldwide.

**Inaugurated** by writer-cum-director Bijoy Nambiar, Frames saw the presence of a number of prominent personalities like Sanjay Gadhavi, Rahat Kazmi, Sunil Tiwari, Mohan Das, Namit Das, Leslie Lewis, Shibani Kashyap, Gulshan Devaiah and Shruti Pathak to name a few. Mohan Das and Siddhart Maskeri presided over the animation category, where Mohan Das shared his experience of film-making. He has been a part of several film festivals over the years including the Darbhanga Film Festival and the Lakecity Film Festival.

Although it was first for Siddhart, he showed no less than a mix of professionalism and insightfulness. The judges for the ShortFilm Category were Sanjay Gadhi, Farhad Sajid, Sanjay Jadhav and Parvin Dabas. While Ajay Bahl and Mazhal Kamram looked over the documentaries, Nilay Moonjie, Sunil Tiwari and Namit Das handled the advertising section of films. Leslie Lewis and Shruti Pathak judged the musicvideos category. The 3-day event also featured the screening of the Bollywood movie **Identity Card**.
From the lighting of lamp at the hands of our Principal Dr. Rita Basu, our Guests of Honour Mr. S.V. Vishwanathan (member of the South Indian Education Society) and Mr. K.C. Shashidhar (chief general manager, NABARD) and convener Prof. B. Indumathi, to the conclusion of the event, the event was one of total knowledge sharing. The conference was broken into three sessions over a span of two days. After a few inspiring words by the Principal, the Guests of Honor and the Convener of Events, the technical session commenced. Prof. Saraswathy (Vice Principal and Head of the department of Economics, SIES College of Commerce and Economics, Sion(East) Mumbai) presided over the session which saw the presentation of papers on Economics. Chaired by Dr. Arvind Dhond (HOD, Department of Commerce, St. Xaviers), the second session consisted of paper presentation on Finance. The final session for the General Management and Technical papers was chaired by Prof. Vivek (a consultant for foreign Consulates). Finally, with a message from the Chief Guest for the Valedictory session, Prof. Devendra Pandey (alumnus of IIT Ahmedabad and IIM Ahmedabad) the two day academic conference came to an end.
Professors in colleges continue to impart knowledge and wisdom to students without any ulterior motives. Although delightful to put in hard work without, it is a matter of surreal joy when your hard work is repaid. SIES Nerul is proud to announce that the results for the year 2013-14 have been wonderful. Where BAF, BMM, M.Sc. I.T., M.Sc. E.V.S. stand tall with 100% results, the department of B.Com and BBI boasts a whopping increase in the percentage of students passed. The results for most of the departments have improved in the academic year 2013-14. This goes out to prove the increased dedication and hard-work put in by the faculty and the students, alike.

At the TOP of the World

And as if the excellent results weren’t enough, SIES is proud to announce that one of its students, Tulika Kapoor, with a nerve cracking score, is the TOPPER of the Mumbai University in the B.Sc. C.S. department. Also a topper in every semester of the 3 year long course, she has been a great asset to the College and there couldn’t be anything less one could expect of a student of such calibre.

In February'14, a talk show on Women empowerment was conducted in College. Actress Smita Jaykar shared her views on women empowerment and also spoke about her family and the film industry, motivating the crowd of listeners with her inspiring words. She presented her views on spirituality, which held the audience spellbound.
Empowering the work-force

Another activity was conducted by our college keeping in mind the needs of the non teaching staff members. Equipping them with better knowledge not only increase the quality of administration in institution but also equips the non-teaching staff to with the confidence and self-esteem.

They are then also able to empathise with the demands of the teaching community. So a four day English work-shop was organized by English Language trainer Mrs. Sujatha Bhosale for the non-teaching staff of our college.

Our Non teaching staff with Ms Sujatha B

TCS KA JADU

These days an all round well-developed personality is a very valuable asset in the corporate world. With this in mind Dr Priyadarshini Poddar (BMM faculty) & MsNeelima B (librarian) were sent for Campus to. To Corporate training programme conducted by Tata Consultancy Services(TCS). Based on the same a capsule certificate course on was successfully conducted for the students on soft skills.

Students with their soft skills certificates

Strengthening our Women

"Youth for Global Peace & Transformation (YGPT) conducted several workshops in SIES ASC Nerul this year. A Yoga Session was conducted by Samrudhhi Karapu for de-stressing and relaxing. YGPT also conducted a self-defense workshop here. Along with his team, Sensei Shivaji Pawar, an expert in Krav Maga, martial arts and Jiu-jitsu, taught the girls techniques of self-defense, how to protect themselves and others in various situations using day to day objects to their advantage.

Students with their soft skills certificates
**Alumni Activities**

**SIESNAA**, the SIES ASC Nerul Alumni Association has been very active in the past few years. The College organizes **Graduation Day every year for Passed out graduates**. On 26th April 14, an interactive meeting was organized with the alumni and faculty members, the main purpose being, self nomination for its new board members. SIESNAA is what enables the graduates to still be a part of this College and it is at events like this that all of them can relive their memories & also contribute back in whatever possible manner.

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**New Developments**

The following infrastructural developments were added to SIES Nerul in the year 2013-14:

- **Girl’s Common Room**
- **Audio Visual Room**

A **Gymkhana** was constructed to take care of the sports need of the College so that Indoor games take place in full swing. **Girls’ Common Room** & a well equipped **Audio-Visual room** for workshops, seminars, training programmes, conferences are the other infrastructural developments worthy of a mention.
Under the SIES umbrella various institutes vie for excellence. So if a platform is provided for everyone associated with SIES to network, exchange thoughts & ideas, could one ask for a better opportunity? This was brought about at the SIES annual meet held on 22 March 2014. With our college ground being used as the venue. Annual performances of individuals & institutions were reviewed & plans for the future were discussed. All in all, it was a grand gathering of charismatic people. The event was followed by a sumptuous feast within the premises itself. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves, besides having a unique learning experience.

Inspiring words from the SIES’ President

Our very own Jyoti Koliyar being felicitated for PhD

One of the highlights – All the SIES’ Principals together
PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

It has been the trend at our College, to felicitate the winners of academics as well as other categories in every academic session. This year too, the rank holders of the various streams were felicitated. Endowments and scholarships have been awarded to the meritorious students.

Students getting their certificates & prizes

Someone rightly remarked-

Appreciation is a wonderful thing:

It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well
CULTURAL EVENTS FELICITATION

Cultural committee of the College organizes TALENT HUNT for students, wherein various competitions are conducted. Versatile students have showcase their dexterity in various competitions organized by other colleges.

- First in sports as well as junk art in MALHAR Fest.
- We stood First in 46TH YOUTH FESTIVAL western group singing in University of Mumbai.
- Students have upheld the dignity of the College by bagging laurels in various other events like ENIGMA, UTSAV AROHAN COLLESEUM, ODYSSEY, FANTASIES, ALEGRIA and the list is still continuing.

Out of 15 colleges in which we participated, we came out as winners in 8 colleges in various categories of competitions.

Students getting their certificates & prizes

Malhar Prizes Awarded To Students

Malhar Junk Art Prizes Awarded To Students

Egnima Odessey Event Prizes

Egnima Investor Event Prizes
I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.
- Robert Frost

It is not the destination that matters in the meandering journey of life, but the road that we tread on and the path that lies ahead of us. A suitable learning experience is what strengthens our very soul as we move on to face the real world.

And it has been said that a good education is the greatest gift you can give yourself or anyone else. With this as a reference point, we hope to forever serve the society by continuing to transform its youth into successful individuals.

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