

# S.I.E.S (NERUL) COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE, AND COMMERCE ( AUTONOMOUS )

## ANNUAL REPORT

(1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31st January 2024)

*Educate, Encourage, Enlighten*

*“Education is a great leveler and is the best tool for achieving economic and social mobility, inclusion and equality” National Education Policy 2020*

The key to India’s continued ascent, and leadership on the global stage in terms of economic growth, social justice and equality, scientific advancement is providing universal access to quality education. In this context the aim of NEP (National Education Policy) 2020 is to have an education system by 2040 that is second to none, with equitable access to the highest-quality education for all learners regardless of social or economic background. The guiding light for this policy has been the rich heritage of ancient Indian knowledge with the teacher being at the very centre.

Keeping these very aspects in mind the SIES (Nerul) College of Arts Science and Commerce (Autonomous) has always tried to keep pace with the changing needs of the education system and accordingly upgraded laying emphasis on empowering teachers and recruiting the very best to enter this profession thereby providing to students a high quality education system.

On getting the Autonomous status from UGC and University of Mumbai, the following statutory bodies were constituted as per UGC norms:

**Board of Studies:** In order to implement the NEP 2020 and reframe the First Year syllabus, the Board of Studies was constituted for every department and accordingly in the months of July 2023 and December 2023, the syllabus was represented as per NEP 2020 for both first year UG (undergraduate) and PG (post graduate) courses.

**Academic Council:** It was constituted with college representatives and four experts from outside the college This Council in turn went through the new syllabi in detail and suggested changes which were accordingly carried out. These meetings were held in the months of July and December 2023.

**Governing Body:** Comprising of University representatives, members of the Managing Council, the Principal, the Vice Principal, the Registrar and faculty members this regulatory body has been formed as the final approving authority to monitor the activities under autonomy. It held its first meeting in the month of September 2023.

### Awards and Recognitions:

#### Academics

- The college became a **Member of Navi Mumbai College Association and signed MOU** with various colleges such as Pillai’s College, MGM College, SK College, Tilak College, Vashi.

- Active participation ( 1462 responses ) in the online test on NEW AGE TECHNOLOGY organized by MKCL on Independence Day – 15th August 2023
- FYJC students Mr Judson Thummala and Mr Vishnu Nair won third position in the Commerce exhibition at Anveshiki – Loknete Ramseth Thakur School on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023.
- SYBAMMC students secured consolation prize at Aavishkar Research Convocation, University of Mumbai on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023.
- The college has been awarded ACTIVE status by SWAYAM NPTEL for July – December 2023 semester.

### **Public Service**

- Felicitation of the college NSS unit for contribution in Blood Donation Camps organized at college campus and railway stations during 2022-23 at the Convocation Hall , University of Mumbai on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- DLLE volunteers participated in the University of Mumbai Udaan festival held from 17<sup>th</sup> January – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in poster competition.

### **Sports**

- Ishita Ghosh - FYBAMMC & Kunal Vichare - SYBSC IT secured 1st and 4<sup>th</sup> place at sub junior , junior and all masters men and women Maharashtra state equipped Powerlifting Championship 2023 by Kolhapur district association on 14-15 April 2023. Ishita qualified for nationals securing national rank 2<sup>nd</sup> as per nomination list
- At the 7<sup>th</sup> Thane Wushu Championship held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 at Jaipuria School , 4 gold medals were won by Piyush TYIT , Siddhi SYBCOM , Shreya TYIT , Arvind SYJC
- Degree college students won second place in the inter collegiate Chess competition held at NKTT college from 31 August – 1 September 2023. Ayush from Tybcom was selected among the top 6 players
- Bhakti Raut of TYBMS won a gold medal at the Raigad District Taekwondo Championship at Pillai HOC College on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
- Bhakti Raut of TYBMS won first place at Thane Zonal Inter Collegiate Taekwondo tournament at SST College on 3<sup>0th</sup> September 2023. And third place at the Inter Zonal Taekwondo Tournament at Khalsa College on 1<sup>1th</sup> October 2023.
- Second place at Thane zonal inter collegiate football tournament held on 14<sup>th</sup> , 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Palava Football ground.
- Krish Patil of SYBAF won gold medal in high jump at Thane Zonal Intercollegiate Athletics Tournament on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

### **Cultural**

- Bala of TYCs representing the Music Club sang in front of the entire cast and makers of the famous movie Ponniyin Selvan II ( music composed by A R Rehman starring famous actors Aishwarya Rai , Vikram , Trisha etc and directed by ace film maker Mani Ratnam - 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- The Music Club of the college won first prize in Battle of Bands – Atlas Skill Tech University , 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

- Aparna and Jahid SY BAMMC won first prize in Cinesphere a part of Zeitgeist 2023 at St Zavier's College , Mumbai on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- The college won second place at Mehendi ( Ananya Pandit of SYCS ) and Reel Making (Sanjeet Patil FYBAMMC) at Kalavistar 2023 , SIES College of Commerce and Economics and first place at Mr Kalavistar competition ( Swarup Pawar SYBBI ) on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

### Faculty Achievements:

Sr No	Full Name of the Faculty member	Stream	Designation	Qualification acquired (NET/SET/Ph.D) / Completed Orientation/Refresher/STTP	Topic	Date of Achievement /Duration of Programme	Additional Information of HRDC or University	Remarks
1	Ms. Shaima Thange	Science	Assistant Professor	Refresher	Mathematics	29 April to 13 May	Ramanujan College, University of Delhi	
2	Nutan Sawant	Information Technology	Asst. Professor	Refresher	Refresher course in AI and Science	17 July to 29 July 2023	UGC HRDC, Mumbai University	Grade A

### Students' Achievements:

Full Name of Student	Class & Stream	Event Start Date	Event Name	College Name ( where the event was held )	Committee which held the event	Achievement /Rank	Category : Literary / Cultural / Sports / Social
Khushi Maarla	SYBCOM	15-Aug-22 14 Sept 22 21 Sept 22 3 Jan 23	1. Solo singing. 2. Elocution 3. Poetry	SIESASCN	1. Economics Dept 2. Gender sensitisation cell 3. Cultural committee 4. DLLE committee	2nd 3rd 3rd 2nd	literary / cultural / social.
Tejas Ashok Rajpure	TY BAF	14 Nov 23 19 Jan 24 30 Dec 23	1. Memezaar 2. Arthashastra Gyan 3. Quizmass Festival	1. PGDAV (DU) Online 2. SIESASCN 3. VSSUT (Odisha)	1. Satark 2. CEA 3. QUIZMASS	1st 2nd 5th	social/ literary / literary
Arnav Shinde	FYCS	13th Sept 23	Mindspark	SIESASCN	CS Department	1st	social
Gauri Ingale Krisha Patel	TYBBI FYCS	13-Sep-23	Mindspark	SIESASCN	CS Department	1st (group)	social

		1-Nov-23	IPR competition	1st round at SIESASCN and 2nd at MGM College	CS Department	2nd	Literary
Aleena Mariyam Shiju	SY BCOM	25 Oct 23	Ad making competition	Ghanshyamdas Jalan college of Science, Commerce and Arts	Department of Commerce and Management	1st runner-up	Literary
Madhav Aiyer	SYBMS	30-Jun-23	Blog Competition	SIESASCN	Counselling Committee	2nd	Literary
Payal Bambhaniya	FYBAF	30-Aug-23	Shayar utsav	SIESASCN	Kshp	3rd	Literary
Prashant kumar Gupta	TYBCOM	30-Aug-23	Shayar utsav	SIESASCN	Kshp	1st	Literary
Ved Shinde	FYBMS	30-Jun-23	Blog Competition	SIESASCN	Counselling committee	3rd	Literary
Mangesh Pagare	FYBFM	27-Sep-23	EcoShorts Competition	SIESASCN	Department of Economics	1st	Literary
K Sandosh	FYBFM	27-Sep-23	EcoShorts Competition	SIESASCN	Department of Economics	1st	Literary
Venkateshwar i Konar	FYBAMM C	30-Sep-23	Intercollegiate Taekwondo University Championship	S.S.T College	Board of Sports & Physical Education	1st	Sports
Sunita Patel	FYCS	18-Sep-23	Decathlon	SIESASCN	Sports committee	2nd	Sports
Siddharth K Sudeep	TYBMS	25-Oct-23	Inter Zonal Basketball University Championship	University of Mumbai	Board of Sports & Physical Education	3rd	Sports
Chinmayee Shinde	MSC EVS 1	8 Oct 23. 7 Dec 2023	1. Kick Light 2. Inter Collegiate Boxing Tournament	B K Birla College	Board of Sports & Physical Education	1st 1st	Sports
Madhavi Jadhav	SYCS	15 Aug 23	University fest	Mumbai University	Cultural committee	4th	Cultural

### **Eminent Endeavors:**

**Aavishkar Research Convention Workshop:** The Research committee along with Department of Students' Development from University of Mumbai organised the Aavishkar Research Convention Workshop for Zone- IV & V- Thane on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023. The objective was to inculcate research culture amongst students and help them understand various aspects of research. Students, scholars and teachers from under-graduate to doctoral level from different colleges of Zone IV & V attended the program. The guest of the program were OSD Dr. Minakshi Gurav, Dr. Bhushan Langi (Zone IV Coordinator), Dr. Vaishali Nirmalkar

(Zone V Coordinator) Prof. Sunita Shailajan and Dr.Sasikumar Menon. The workshop consisted of 3 Sessions.

- **Session - 1** was conducted by Prof. Sunita Shailajan Principle Investigator, DST-SERB , Technical expert, QCI- & Dr. Sasikumar Menon – Director , Institute of Advanced Research in Interdisciplinary Sciences , Ruia college They explained the basic aspects of research and its methodology.
- **Session - 2** was conducted by Dr. Minakshi Gurav. She briefed research scholars and aspirers about Aavishkar competition and ways to present their research smoothly in time-bound manner.
- **Session -3** was a Brain Storming Session to Conceptualize the Research Ideas. Different groups were made to present different research papers in their own innovative ideas with some changes.

The judges conducted a dummy Aavishkar Competition and gave critical feedback on the basis of the participant's presentation. The session concluded with the judges giving a brief about the judgement criteria of Aavishkar and declaring the Winner.Total of (82 students – 30 M 52 F) (57 teachers – 12 M 45 F) participated in the workshop (even the NSS unit) from various colleges

**Founder's day:** The Founder's Day was celebrated by Students Council on the 9th September 2023 to mark the celebration of 25 years of college. The event aimed at reflecting on our roots, acknowledge the visionaries who paved the way for our educational journey and appreciate the enduring values that have shaped the college community. Founder's Day is more than just a day on the calendar; it serves as a symbolic reminder of the commitment and tenacity of the people who founded the college and a day to honor their contributions. The event was celebrated with cultural activities, speeches and experiences shared by students and teachers of the college.The attendees (110 (45 M 65 F).

**Avinya - National Research Conference for students:** It was organised by Department of Commerce & Department of Economics on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Dr. S. V. Viswanathan addressed the audience as Member of Managing Council, SIES. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. Abhay Tewari, CEO Star Union Dai-ichi. Mr. Dinesh Bojwani, Vice-President, Head Distribution HR, Star Union Dai-ichi was the key note speaker. Mrs.Nisha Shah, Director, FinX also shared light upon the requirement of skills and research needed in BFSI sector for employment. Paper presentations took place in four different tracks in this program. Chairpersons for the respective tracks were, Dr.VinodiniY. for Economics and Commerce track, Dr.Smita Paranjape for Management and Law track, Dr.Mahesh Patil for Media and Society Track and Dr.Harshali Patil for Applied Science, Computer Science and I.T track. Track wise total papers presented in this program were 22 papers in Commerce and Economics, 11 papers in Media and Society, 7 papers in Management and Law and 6 papers in Applied Science respectively.Two winners from each track were short-listed and awarded at the end of the program. Ms.Vinita Vyas was the Chief Guest for Valedictory function. The attendees were 58 (13 M 45 F).

**Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights:** The department of Computer Science in collaboration with MGM College of Computer Science & Information Technology successfully hosted a two-day workshop on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023. The event took place across the SIES and MGM campuses, engaging more than 75 (40 M 35 F) enthusiastic participants. In an era where intellectual property rights hold immense significance, this workshop aimed to raise awareness regarding various facets of

IPR, including copyrights, patents, trademarks, and trade secrets. With governments enacting stringent laws for IPR protection, the event focused on the documentation crucial at every phase, from identification to utilization. Emphasizing the scientific efforts required for safeguarding IPR in the digital age, the workshop highlighted their pivotal role as assets for institutions and firms in a fiercely competitive world. The workshop comprised of scientific sessions, a poster competition and paper presentation contests aiming to foster an exchange of ideas on IPR related themes. The themes covered a wide array of social, technological, and economic issues pertinent to IPR management and protection. Notably, the two major highlights included:

### **Technical Session**

Resource Person: Adv. Shashikant Nimbale, High Court, Bombay

### **Key-note Address**

**Resource Person: Mr. Rishabh Desai, Vardhman Trusteeship Pvt. Ltd.**

**Shrishti:** The Junior college environment exhibition, "Shrishti - Creating a Sustainable Tomorrow," held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 marked a significant event during the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the college. The exhibition aimed to promote awareness about environmental sustainability among students and encourage innovative solutions to current environmental challenges. The event commenced with the inauguration ceremony featuring Chief Guest Dr. Nilesh Amrtikar, Managing Director of Envirocare Labs, and Guest of Honour Ms. Anu Agarwal, Founder AAC & Director FPA Edutech, along with distinguished guests from the Management council and the college Principal, Dr. Koel Roychoudhury. A total of 143 students from various schools in Mumbai, Thane, and Raigad regions actively participated in the exhibition, forming 52 groups. The themes covered a wide range of environmental issues, including agriculture, transportation, energy, circular economy, water management, and waste management. The judging panel comprised of Dr. Smitha Jadhav, an Associate Professor in Botany from Kirti College Dadar, and Mr. Pranay Krishnan, and a certified trainer in EMS & ISO. After careful evaluation, the first prize was awarded to Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Memorial High School, Ghatkopar, highlighting their outstanding contribution and commitment to sustainable practices. The second prize was secured by Sai Holy Faith High School, Koperkhairane, and the third prize went to Thakur College of Science and Commerce, Kandivali. The exhibition served as a platform for students to showcase their creativity, innovation, and dedication to building a sustainable future.

**Darpan 3.0-Nirvana:** Darpan 3.0, Nirvana – ‘Essence of Spiritualism and its impact and effect on the youth of our country’ was held from 4th January, 2024 to 8 th January 2024.

**Day-1:** It commenced with a workshop on Gita and its practice in our daily life followed by a talk on Spiritualism and Bhajan Sanga. The speaker was Shri Prabhuji Shri Sukhishore Sudama. He is the head priest of ISKCON; Juhu. The topic for the session was “Teaching from Geeta and Spiritualism” He spoke about the two types of science i.e; Parabita and Aparabita. The number of attendees were 90 (47M 43F)

**Day-2:** Shri. Swami Devkantiyanad the esteemed speaker, Pradhan from Khar Ramkrishna Mission inaugurated the proceedings. Swami Devkantiyanad expressed his thoughts on our college, its facilities, and delved into the profound meaning of “Darpan,” connecting it to the essence of Nirvana using the lives of sadhus and saints as examples. The number of attendees

in were 100(47M 53 F).During the second half, an inspirational movie “12th Fail” has been screened for students. It had overwhelming response. Around 120 students participated.

**Day-3:** The topic for the day was Indian Mythology by the esteemed speaker Advocate Maya Gopal.The speaker started the seminar by giving the basic insights of various mythological books that makes the young generation understand more about mythology. Total Participants 80 (50 M 30 F).

**Day-4:** An NGO visit was organized for specially abled children on 8th January, 2023. The venue of the NGO was Jagruti Palak Sanstha in Thane. The President, Mr. Satish Ramchandra Dhurat and other members of the NGO extended a warm welcome and the students had the privilege of meeting the specially-abled children. The atmosphere was filled with joy as student’s engaged in fun activities like singing, dancing, and passing the ball. The numbers of attendees were 14 (8 M 6 F).

**Confluence 2024:** A National Conference titled ‘**Confluence 2024**’ was organised by the Department of Multimedia and Mass Communication, Banking and Insurance and Management Studies of SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous). The conference was held on the 10th of January 2024 with the motto of Evolution, Transformation and Innovation in the fields of Media, Management and Commerce. Dr. Guru Prasad Rao, Dean and Professor of NMIMS was called as the Chief Guest of the Conference. Mr. Shankar Shinde; the Managing Director of Global Express Multilogistics Pvt Ltd and Ms. Vinaya Deshpande; Mumbai Bureau Chief of CNN News 18 were the Guests of Honor.

The judges of the Research Papers Presentation were Dr. Madhukar Patil Vice Principal - K.G. Joshi College of Arts and N.G Bedekar College of Commerce and Ms. Shubhangi Deshpande - Assistant Professor, HODTES’s P. D. Karkhanis College. Research papers were presented on various topics like comedy and its impact on Culture, the rise of Mobile banking and its impact on traditional banking services etc. The Best Research Paper award winner was Dr. Nitin Kulkarni with two more runner ups and The Best Student Paper Award was given to Ms. Needa Hamdule.

**SIES A thon 24:** The ISR successfully organized a two-day event featuring bib distribution and a marathon on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 respectively in the lawn area of the college. Emphasizing the critical theme of climate change, the event aimed to raise awareness about the pressing issue of global warming. Before the run commenced, a brief Zumba session energized the runners at the lawn area. The 7km marathon began with a green flag at 6:30 a.m. initiated by the respected Principal. Later the 5km marathon received its green flag and started at 7:00 a.m.

The winners received trophies, and every participant was honored with a medal and certificate. A wholesome breakfast, accompanied by refreshing fruit juices, was provided to all runners. The attendees:

- Marathon Runners: Female - 81, Male - 72
- ISR Volunteers: Female - 7, Male - 15
- NSS Volunteers – 11
- DLLE Volunteers - 28

**Business Conclave:** The Entrepreneurship Development & Incubation Cell and Sharpshooters held the Business Conclave 2024 on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024.The event

began on **Day 1** with Ciril Abraham, a distinguished alumnus, who shared insights into his experiences, navigating a substantial workforce and the business landscape during COVID-19. The second speaker was Mr. Prakash Gaba, a seasoned professional with over 20 years of experience, delivered a powerful speech. He is a panellist on CNBC Awaaz and CNBC TV 18 a SEBI Registered Research Analyst and a Certified Financial Technician. He shared valuable insights into the stock market, emphasizing the importance of saving money and minimal spending. The next speaker was Lt. Commander Bijay Nair, a decorated naval officer. Nair shared his significant experiences from serving in the Navy, inspiring students to pursue their passions and turn weaknesses into strengths.

The first speaker **for Day 2** was Mr. Anmol Sharma who shared his journey as a content creator, emphasizing academic success and career transitions. The next session began with Mr. Raj Sukheja, CEO at Red Mammoth Ventures, finance and business specialist, futurist who encouraged aspiring entrepreneurs by using the Jack and Jill analogy. Mr. Sukheja discussed elements like opportunity, courage, preparation, and decision-making. The third session featured Dr. Pawan Agrawal, an International Motivational Speaker, an Author and Educationist whose talk focused on work ethics, customer satisfaction, and the Mumbai Dabbawalla business model. The participants 484 (217 M 267F).

**Sharpshooters:** It was held on 29th and 30th January, 2024. The day began with a grand opening ceremony featuring esteemed speakers and dignitaries, highlighting the significance of the festival. Throughout the day, attendees had the opportunity to participate in thought-provoking discussions, and seminars covering various aspects of the corporate world. The events were Corporate fair, Campus Stars - featuring aspiring student entrepreneurs pitching their business ideas to a panel of industry professionals as judges and the first edition of Leadership Summit - the guests being Sagar Pagar - the Founder and CEO of Local Bandhan i , Sandesh Kirkire, Sandeep Balani – Vice President Jio Ads , Rafique Merchant - real estate tycoon and business man. The second day embraced a more relaxed and informal atmosphere focusing on fostering connections and creating lasting memories. A variety of recreational activities, ranging from sports to dance competitions and fashion show to quiz and debate took part. A program Corporate Couture –Rhythm Rush was conducted and the judge for this event was Adnan Khan - an Indian dancer. Where he judged the solo and group performances. The highlight of the evening was an electrifying concert featuring Iqlipse Nova - singer, songwriter, Co-founder @BigBrainCompany.

### **Departmental Events**

All departments conducted Orientation Programmes for their first year students between July - August 2023. The orientation was held keeping mind implementation of NEP 2020.

**Orientation of NEP 2020:** It was held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023 for the first year students and parents to explain in detail about the Autonomous status of the college and NEP 2020 along with its consequent changes.

There were 1400 parents of all the undergraduate students with their children. A comprehensive overview of the National Education Policy (NEP-2020) was provided, focusing on key changes such as a new pedagogical structure, emphasis on holistic development, flexibility in choosing subjects, and the integration of vocational education. The Principal explained various new concepts involved in NEP, heads of departments and faculties of respective departments gave brief insights on actual implementation of NEP 2020 in the department.



## **Department of Multimedia and Mass Communication [BAMMC]:**

**Networking with the Cinema Industry:** It was held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. It aimed to connect students and budding filmmakers with the cinema industry. The workshop provided a unique opportunity for students to gain insights into the world of cinema and learn from accomplished alumni like Prem Rathi, who was the keynote speaker. He shared his journey, experiences, and valuable insights in the cinema industry, the importance of strong alumni relations in the growth of Frames etc. The attendees 32 (10 M 22 F).

**Flea Market:** The Flea Market, held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2024, served as an engaging prelude to the much-anticipated Frames Film Festival. A robust turnout was witnessed, with a total of 110 participants actively involved in the event. Adding glamour and entertainment to the event, two distinguished celebrities graced the stage with their performances. Mayur Raj, singer and composer known for his captivating presence, kicked off the festivities with an electrifying performance. Following suit, the Staircase Band, a renowned musical ensemble, enthralled the audience with their soulful melodies in the second performance. The heart of the Flea Market lay in its vibrant array of stalls, totaling eight in number. These stalls offered a diverse and eclectic mix of goods, ranging from delectable food items to trendy accessories. Attendees were spoiled for choice as they explored each stall, creating an immersive and engaging experience.

**Mehfilm:** Mehfilm held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 a cultural extravaganza organized on the college campus, aimed to prevent monotony and celebrate cinematic arts through an open theatre concept. The event witnessed a substantial turnout, with 110 participants, including both internal and external attendees. **Event Highlights - Film Screening:** The festival showcased the timeless classic "Jaane Tu Ya Jaane Na," providing a cinematic treat to the audience. **Dance Extravaganza:** Seven dynamic committees presented diverse dance performances, adding a rhythmic touch to the evening. **Alumni Involvement:** Esteemed alumni contributed to the event, bridging generational gaps and emphasizing the continuity of cultural legacy.

## **Department of Management Studies [BMS]:**

**Orientation – Aarambh 8.0:** On 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023 was organized a comprehensive orientation program for the first-year students to create awareness about the institutional regulations and objectives of the college. During the event, they were introduced to the college's operations, rules, regulations, and academic offerings. To alleviate the pressure and boost the spirits, the event featured a range of engaging activities, including group and individual music shows, game sessions, and dance performances.

**Blog Competition:** On 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023, the Counselling Committee in conjunction with the BMS Department hosted a lively blog competition. The event garnered a turnout of around 100 (65 M 35 F) attendees, including students, faculty, and guests. With more than 50 groups participating, 14 were selected to present their insightful blogs. Mr Abishek Dandekar – Faculty BMM and Ms Neelima B – the Librarian were the judges. The top three groups received certificates and recognition for their exceptional work. The attendees 86 (51M 35F).

**Sanchar Pradarshan:** It was held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The event aimed to familiarize the students with various concepts of business communication by creating videos on varied aspects of the subject. The core of the 'Sanchar Pradarshan' event involved the screening of videos created by first year students. These videos covered various aspects of business

communication, demonstrating the students' understanding and application of theoretical concepts. The attendees 202 ( 100 M 101F ).

### **Sharpshooters**

- **DSR Initiative Activity :** The Sharpshooters organizing committee initiated the event “Departmental Social Responsibility” on 6th November 2023. The event took place at Warrior Foundation, a noble organisation dedicated to empower underprivileged individuals that is founded on the principle of making the world a better place. Donation boxes (10) filled with fruits, grains, chocolate boxes, sweets, lamps, stationeries, books and sports equipments were made. The attendees 30 ( 11 M 19 F ).
- **DSR Fund Raising Initiative :** The Sharpshooters organizing committee initiated the event “DSR Fund Raising Initiative ” on 2nd November 2023 to raise funds for Sharpshooters 2024 and donate to underprivileged kids. The event was successful with a variety of food items being sold including pancakes, slushies, popcorn, chaas, wafer mishimash, bracelets, bookmarks, brownies, and cupcakes. The attendees 20 ( 4 M 16F).
- **Theme Release of SHARPSHOOTERS 2024:** The organizing committee of the Sharpshooters 2024 organized the Theme Release of Sharpshooters 2024 on 22nd December 2023 in the lawn area. The hosts welcomed everyone and then the special guests the Ourange Juice Gang- digital content creators / Instagram influencers known for their fun videos and reels The theme of Sharpshooters 2024, “Jazba” was revealed at the event. The attendees 80 ( 30 F 50 M ).

### **Department of Information Technology [B.Sc. IT & M.Sc. IT]:**

**PNS Worker Training Program:** The Department of Information Technology in collaboration with IQAC had organised a 5 day PNS Worker Training Workshop from 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to 21st April 2023. The objective was to train the PNS workers in Basic English and importance of Good Health. A total of 07 students had volunteered to be trainers for the workshop and the numbers of participants were 07 (1M 8 F). Ms. Preeti Vasudevan, the college counselor also took a workshop for them on mediation and yoga.

**Msc I.T orientation :** It was held on 2 days ie 10th August 2023 and 18th August 2023 to orient students about various aspects of the college and postgraduate courses. The program on 08th August was hosted by the teachers of PG courses. The parents of MSc-IT Part-1 students were invited for the orientation. There was a presentation by Principal, Dr. Koel Roychoudhury explaining the concept of NEP and the Autonomous Status of the college. The faculties from IT then discussed the syllabus introduced under NEP. The attendees were 55 (25 M 30 F).

**Talent Hunt :** This Digital Poster making competition was held on **30<sup>th</sup> August 2023** on the occasion of Founders Day (celebrating 25 years of the inception of the college). The theme of the event was “**Sailing beyond Silver: Navigating 25 years of Wisdom**”. The objective of the competition “Talent Hunt” was to capture 25 years of the academic journey and the digital transformation from then till now. Around 33 students ( 10 M 23 F ) from all departments participated in the event with full zeal. Students participated by creating and

designing digital posters. The winners of the competition were - Dhrishti Shetty (Bsc.IT) – who held first position and Riya Elizabeth Sona (Bsc.CS) who held second position.

**Regulations of Cyber Security Seminar :** It was held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The purpose to educate and raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity. The event featured two distinguished speakers, Mr. Praful Nighot and Mr. Omkar Gaikwad, who shared their expertise in the field of cybersecurity. Mr Praful delved into various aspects of cybersecurity, including safety measures to protect against cybercrimes and the career opportunities in the field and the phases of ethical hacking. Mr. Omkar Gaikwad provided a practical demonstration of how cybercrimes are executed. The attendees 50 (28 M 22 F).

**CSR Event :** The Christmas celebrations held at Betany Homes Orphanage on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 and at Girija Welfare Association on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 epitomized the essence of joy, togetherness, and community spirit. A drawing competition was organized among the children, showcasing their creativity and artistic skills followed by musical performance. Christmas gifts were distributed to all the children, bringing the celebration to a heartwarming conclusion. A cake-cutting ceremony and sincere interactions, fostering meaningful bonds among the elderly residents was conducted at Girija Welfare Association.

**Cloud 4.0:** The event was held on 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024. On the first day attendees gathered for the release of the official theme magazine and the unveiling of event-themed t-shirts. The theme Release for Cloud 4.0 was officially unveiled as Technovation. In the Lab Sessions, Hackathon was conducted where students presented their outstanding project ideas. Student teams also battled it out in a tech quiz, putting their knowledge to test. The college entrance area featured the prominent presence of Skoda, the title sponsor, showcasing their latest car models and engaging with the audience, adding a touch of sophistication to the event. The event also showcased a body building session and a lively DJ performance.

The second day of Cloud 4.0 kicked off with a vibrant mix of technical and non-technical events, creating an atmosphere of excitement and enthusiasm among the participants. The much-anticipated **BGMI** league took place in the lawn area. Simultaneously, in the technical domain, participants showcased their coding skills, tackling intricate problems and pushing the boundaries of their programming knowledge. Additionally, the poster-making session, highlighted the creative talents of the participants. Cloud Roadies tested the participants' physical and mental endurance. Meanwhile, the Buzz Wire engaged participants in a test of precision and concentration. The highlight of the day was the Ted Talks session featuring renowned artist Ocean Sharma. This captivating session included a segment with music artist Ishaan Nigam.

### **Department of Computer Science [B.Sc. CS & M.Sc. CS]:**

**Project Guidance:** The department of Computer Science organized this offline session for the students of Third Year Computer Science. It was conducted by 6 MSc CS students of Part II on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023. A total of 64 students ( 36 M 28 F ) attended the session. They discussed the project topics, complexity areas and various aspects related to scoring better during project examinations. They also guided them about various topics in which they can make their projects.

**Kargil Vijay Diwas :** A program was organized by a group of 10 students of SYCS, on 26<sup>th</sup>

July to commemorate the sacrifices of the soldiers who fought for nation with courage and great bravery without caring for their lives. A command was given by the ex NCC cadet J.U.O Omkar as a salute and then the national anthem was sung. It started with the introduction of the history of the INDO-PAK relations from 1991 to 1995 and how bravely our soldiers had fought in the wars that took place. The number of participants was 10 (4 M 6)

**Seminar on Cyber Security and Ethical Hacking :** The Department of Computer Science hosted a seminar, aimed at educating college students on various aspects of cyber security and ethical hacking with the goal of fostering a comprehensive understanding of these critical subjects on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023. The keynote speaker for this seminar was Mr. Pratap Khandulwan, a Mumbai-based Cyber Security Analyst renowned for his expertise in penetration testing and Red Teaming. The seminar drew an audience of 85 individuals (47 M, 38 F).

**Workshop on Machine learning and IOT:** The Department of Computer Science organized a three day inter collegiate Workshop on “Machine Learning and IOT” for the inter college students between 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Two MSc CS students, Mr. Darren Dsouza, Mr. Karthik Nair as well as an alumni Mr Avinash Pandey conducted the session. A total of 29 students ( 10 M 19 F ) attended the session in which students from other colleges also participated. Day 1 of session started with the introduction of Msc CS students as well as the activities of the computer science department and guidance about project work. On Day 2 there was a briefing on the topic Natural Language processing, The introduction and the importance of learning the topic was given by professor Dr. Aditya Jinturkar and later the session was continued by Darren Dsouza. The third day of the session was conducted by the college alumni Mr Avinash Pandey. The basics to building an automation system were discussed and also how one can implement IOT. Certificates were distributed towards the end.

### **Department of Environmental Science [M.Sc. EVS]:**

**World Mangroves Day :** The 17th One Day National Conference on 'World Mangroves Day' was organized on 26th July 23 in association with Paryavaran Dakshata Mandal, Thane, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) and the Association of Teachers in Biological Sciences (ATBS) was the collaborative sponsor of this Conference and Enviro Vigil were co-organizers. This scientific conference on mangroves was held under the Jalsaksharta (Water Literacy) Project and its on-going 'Clean Creek Movement' of Paryavaran Dakshata Mandal (PDM), at SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous).

The chief guest of the conference was, Hon. Commissioner & Administrator of NMMC Shri. Rajesh Narvekar (I.A.S). On this occasion, the Principal of the college Dr. Koel Roychoudhury; President of Paryavaran Dakshata Mandal Prof. Vidyadhar Walavalkar; Hon. Commissioner & Administrator of NMMC Shri. Rajesh Narvekar (I.A.S); Convenor of the conference Dr. Sanjay Joshi; A.T.B.S. Executive Secretary Dr. Sasikumar Menon; were present on the dais.

In the scientific session, Vadodara's Prominent Zoologist and researcher from Sayajirao University Dr. Kauresh Vachhrajani gave a seminal speech on the characteristics of mangrove ecosystem and its modern research areas. Head of Department of Zoology, Bandodkar College, Thane Dr. Sudesh Rathod acted as examiner for the research paper

competition. Professor of Somaiya College Dr. Amol Patwardhan & Wilson College Professor Dr. Sushant Mane were the examiners for poster presentation competition. More than 150 participants participated. More than two hundred students, teachers and researchers participated in the conference. The presentations in the competition covered various topics ranging from local level issues related to Mangroves and related social issues, to studies of satellite data, to in-depth analysis of bibliography. The closing ceremony was presided over by Dr. Seema Mishra- Director, SIES-IIEM. A review of the events was taken by Dr. Prasad Karnik and he announced the results of various competitions.

**Popular Science lecture :** It was organized in association with Indian Women Scientists' Association (IWSA) and supported by Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences (BRNS) – DAE on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 on the topic 'Climate Change and Extreme Events'. The objective of this lecture was to create an awareness regarding the impacts of Climate Change. The resource person was Dr. Arpita Mondal, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. The topics discussed were climate change: causes and effects, extreme events like heat waves, floods, droughts, cases of Chennai floods, Mysore Dam, Delhi Earthquake, Climate Strips and Mitigation measures. The key point addressed were the Climate change impacts and the need of adopting a sustainable lifestyle. The attendees 114 (42M 72 F).

**Awareness programme on Air pollution:** It was held in collaboration with conservation club on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023.. The speaker of the session was Dr. Smita Jadhav an Associate Professor, Department of Botany, Kirti .M. Doongursee College of Arts, Science and commerce. The guest lecture was conducted in Microsoft Teams app online mode. The students of Environmental science from various colleges attended the meet. The session enabled students to understand the causes of air pollution, its impact and ways to prevent it. E certificates were provided to the participants. The attendees were 59 (19 M 40 F).

### **Department of Economics:**

**Eco Shorts:** This short-video making competition was organized by the Department of Economics on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The objective of the endeavor was to help students explore current topics regarding economics and learn how to explain complex ideas in a simple manner while enhancing their creativity. 15 teams of 29 students (12 M and 17 F) participated in the event. The competition was judged by Ms. Nutan Sawant, Assistant Professor from the Department of Information Technology and Ms. Aditi Garg, Teacher from the Junior College. The winning team comprised of Mr. Mangesh Hemant Pagare, Mr. Bhavesh Dive and Mr. K. Santosh from FY BFM who prepared a video on 'The Pros and Cons of Central Bank Digital Currency.'

**Faculty exchange programme:** A Faculty Exchange Program was conducted jointly with Pillai College of Arts, Commerce and Science (Autonomous) on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Ms. Alisha Liz Varghese - faculty BCOM conducted a lecture on "Stagflation" under the subject of Macroeconomics II for the students of FY BSc Economics Sem II in Pillai College of Arts, Commerce and Science (Autonomous) and Ms. Praniti Rajapure conducted a lecture on "Monopolistic Competition" under the subject of Business Economics II for the students of FY BCom Sem II in SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous).

**On the job training:** A session on 'on-the-job training' was organized for all Postgraduate Part-I students on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. The resource person for the

event was Dr. A.K. Sengupta - Director, SIES School of Learning and Leadership Development. The session which included a comprehensive discussion on the importance of on-the-job training and good practices to convert on-the-job training to employability and employment was attended by 60 students ( 19 M 41 F ) across the various Postgraduate Programmes.

### **Department of Commerce & Allied Subjects [B.Com & M.Com]:**

**Srujan:** A One day National webinar on Intellectual Property Rights "**Srujan**" was organised by the Department of Commerce, Economics and IQAC in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Vashi and Indian Patent and Trade Mark office, Mumbai and University of Mumbai. The webinar was held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in the online mode. The introductory speech of Dr. Basukinath Pandey, Principal of Rajiv Gandhi College also highlighted the importance of IPR and Patents needed in academics. Mrs. Sushmita Rahul Bhatnase, patent agent from TIFAC was the chief guest for this program. In her keynote address she highlighted about the IPR literacy in the intellectual world. Prof. Dr. Arvind Luhar, former chairman BOS, University of Mumbai was the Guest speaker for the session. He emphasised on the topic - how to develop ideas for Patent. His main focus was on transforming patents in IT and Commerce fields. The participants 351 (104 M 247 F)

**Advaita Theme release :** Advaita is the inter-collegiate fest organized by the Department of Commerce, Department of Accountancy (BAF & BFM), and Department of Banking and Insurance. The much awaited Theme Release took place on 31<sup>st</sup> January and for Advaita named "ERAYA", The event, orchestrated by a dedicated team of 100 volunteers, witnessed the sale of 300 passes, setting the stage for a memorable DJ night ahead. The DJ night, headlined by Techtronix, kept the crowd grooving, creating an electrifying atmosphere.

### **Department of Accountancy [BAF & BFM]:**

#### **BAF**

**NISM Visit :** The third year students visited NISM Campus Patalganga on 9th October 2023 to observe and celebrate the Investor's Awareness Week. The aim of the visit was to impart knowledge on one of the most sought after field by the young minds i.e. the securities market. The students experienced a detailed session in the Stimulation Lab and got to learn about the basics of the Stock Market along with an understanding theoretical concept. The visit was a good learning experience for the students and was well appreciated by everyone. A total of 80 (30 M 40 F) students along with Assistant Professor Dhvani Chauhan participated in the visit.

**Celebration of World Mental health day:** The students of first year participated in the celebration of World Mental Health day on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The students were given the task of self assessing their mental health with an Online quiz which gave each student a score out of 48, its results helped them to further work on themselves. The students were then provided with green ribbons to make bows which serve as a symbol of solidarity and a commitment to promoting mental health awareness and understanding. Few of the green

ribbons were distributed to members of the society by the students to create awareness of the cause on the World Mental Health Day. A total of 61 students were actively engaged in the event (21 M 41F).

**INICIO:** The Department of Accountancy organised an 'Alumni Guidance Session' for the students of TYBAF on 28th October, 2023 to give them insight of opportunities available after graduation. The resource person for the session was Mr. Divyanshu Shinde, Alumni of BAF, who is currently pursuing MBA course from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai. The speaker made students aware about various competitive exams for MBA such as SNAP, CAT, CMAT etc. Also he directed on how to prepare for such entrance exams by giving a clear idea about the basic requirements and how to focus on the core topics of the exam. The attendees 60 (23 M 27 F).

**Next Founders' Startopedia :** It was held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. The purpose was to promote start-up culture amongst students and celebrate the National Startup Day. Participants ( 13 M 20 F ). The Guest of Honor were , Mr. Vishal Gada- Co founder CMO of FPA Edutech pvt ltd , with 12 years of entrepreneurial experience and the event judges CA Anu Agarwal, Mr Shyam Thakar, Mr. Ramnath Shanbhag and Mr. Venkat Raman. During the inauguration, the Principal and Mr. Vishal Gada provided a thorough introduction to the competition, elucidating its significance and offering valuable insights into the entrepreneurial landscape. The event featured a series of presentations, with each team presenting their business ideas to a panel of judges. The 15 teams displayed a diverse range of business ideas, emphasizing innovation and market potential. A notable development unfolded when one of the participants received an official investment offer of 20 lakh rupees, offered in exchange for equity in their organic farming business. On the final day, a new panel of judges, Mr. Suresh Verma and Mr. Kunal Rambhia, each excelling in different domains, took charge to evaluate and assess the remaining teams in the competition. The panel of judges attentively evaluated pitches, considering factors like feasibility, scalability, and overall impact. The closing ceremony was graced by the presence of esteemed guests, including the Chief Guest, Mr. Jerin Venad, Co-founder of Cityflo, and Managing Council member / Trustee, Shri S.V. Vishwanathan. Shri S.V. Vishwanathan took the opportunity to encourage the students, emphasizing the potential and opportunities that come with entrepreneurship. In his speech, Mr. Jerin Venad, Co-founder of Cityflo, offered crucial insights on entrepreneurship, drawing from Cityflo's journey

### **BFM**

**Investor awareness programme :** B.Com. (Financial Markets) organised an Investor Awareness Program offered by BSE as part of their project to spread awareness on financial investor education for FYBFM Student on 4th August, 2023. The guest speaker for the session was Ms. Marina Jose (Resource Person from the finance fraternity from BSE). The speaker discussed about SEBI, its history, role, functions and duties, Difference between Demat, Bank and Trading account, Members of stock exchange (Stock Broker) and Nature of the stock market, its timings, the trading operations and other related terms. A total of 57 ( 36 M 21 F ) students participated in the session.

### **Visit to Yoga Vidya Niketan (To Celebrate International Yoga Day 2023) :**

A visit was scheduled for second and third year students to Yoga Vidya Niketan to Celebrate International Yoga Day 2023 on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023. The aim of the event was to raise awareness about the holistic approach to well-being that yoga offers 'Yoga for Mental Health and Wellness'. Shri. Durgadas Savant, known as the Man of Perfection and the one with theory

and practical knowledge of Yoga was the speaker. He is the author of the book 'Nisargahar' in Marathi, Hindi, English and Gujarati languages. He has been awarded the YOGRATNA and JIVANGAURAV by India's leading Yoga Institutes. A total of 32 (20 M 12 F) students and one faculty member attended the session and the visit.

**Visit to National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM) Campus, Patalganga :** A visit to National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM) Campus, Patalganga was planned for the first year students on 31st August 2023. The aim of the visit was to know about career prospects in the Securities Markets and to have hands on trading and investment experience through the NISM Algo and Trading Analytics Lab. The resource person was Dr. Pradiptarathi Panda - Assistant Professor (Senior executives at NISM with over 15 years of experience in the industry). A total of 31 19 M 12 F students and 2 Faculty (1 M 1 F) attended.

**Symposium on 'Investment Education and Financial Literacy':** The students of first year organised a Symposium on 'Investment Education and Financial Literacy' on 14th September 2023. The aim of the event was to let students understand Investment and Securities Market in India. The topics covered included Investment Avenues - Basics of Stock Market, Fundamental and Technical Analysis, Debt Investment, Mutual Fund Investment, Exchange Traded Funds and Forex Market to name a few. A total of 65 (38 M 27 F) students participated in the event.

**Stock Trading - Peer-to-Peer Learning :** It was held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The purpose was to foster student learning and development by supporting students in gaining an understanding of stock trading. The topics discussed were Technical Analysis & Types of Charts, Basics of Candlestick Charts, Basic Trading Strategies etc. The attendees 45 (29 M 16 F).

**Career Guidance :** It was held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023. The purpose to provide students with comprehensive information about professional programs, career paths and job opportunities. The resource person was Mr. Mihir Dedhiya – Chartered Accountant and CFA Charterholder. The topics covered were CFA curriculum (domain and usefulness of the course), eligibility criteria and structure of all the levels of CFA. The attendees 74 (44M 30 F)

**Overview of Capital Market :** It was held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with the purpose of introducing capital market and investment. The speakers were Mr. Muzibar Shaikh and Mr. Kaushal Mishra (BSE Financial Training Services and Capital Market Experts). The topics covered were working of stock exchanges, working of broker, trading account, DEMAT account, risk management, KYC of clients, Investment vs Speculation, mutual funds etc. On 5<sup>th</sup> January there was a visit to Bombay Stock Exchange and RBI Monetary Museum. The attendees 258 (120 M 138 F).

### **Department of Banking and Insurance [BBI]:**

**BSE Visit :** The Third Year students of Banking and Insurance were taken to Bombay Stock Exchange on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The purpose was to encourage students to invest in stocks. And To make them familiar with investment tools. The students were explained about the features available in online trading, analysis of data and how to use it. The students were given a clear point of view on online trading and few tips on when, which one to invest in. They also explained the opportunities available in doing post-graduation. The attendees 42 (20 M 22 F).



**Life skills** - First Responder Training conducted by Disaster Management Department of Brihanmumbai Mumbai Corporation: It was held from 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The purpose was to empower individuals and communities with the knowledge, skills, and resilience needed to effectively prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters. The resource person was Mr. Rajendra Ramchandra Lokhande - B. Com. Accounts, M.A. and M.Sc.

On day 2, one of the senior firemen from 'Mumbai Freebridge' addressed the students on disasters caused by fire and also on 'Fire Triangle' fuel, heat and oxygen. Lastly students were taught about 'First Aid', LLLF method (look, listen, feel) and how to give CPR etc. The attendees 60 (20 M 40 F).

**Reflective Collar Making** : It was held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Its objective was to encourage participants to stay involved in animal welfare and continue to support similar initiatives in the future and to raise awareness about the importance of reflective collars for stray dogs' safety. As the workshop concluded, the participants left with not only the ability to craft reflective collars but also with a deeper understanding of the importance of community engagement and compassion for stray animals. The attendees 29 ( 7 M 22 F ).

**Ghyankosh** : Seminar on AI's role in fraud detection and prevention - It was held on 23rd January 2024. The purpose to equip first and second year BBI students with peer-driven knowledge exchange on the application of Artificial Intelligence in fraud detection and prevention. The seminar covered a range of topics related to AI and fraud, including traditional approaches, history of AI in banking sector in India, the rise of AI in fraud prevention etc. The seminar also was able to equip students with knowledge and insights relevant to careers in financial security and risk management. The attendees 40 ( 15 M 25 F ).

### **Junior College [JC]:**

**Career Guidance:** It was held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 in SIESGST Auditorium and aimed to provide guidance to students who had just completed their 12<sup>th</sup> in the commerce stream. The honorable guest for the lecture was Ms. Meghna Sahoo, CEO of TOP RANKERS. The topic for the lecture revolved around the various career opportunities available to students after completing their 12<sup>th</sup> standard in commerce, as well as the different entrance tests required for pursuing different courses. This was attended by approximately 200 participants ( 100 M 100 F ).

**Guru Purnima:** On 8<sup>th</sup> July the Junior College celebrated Guru Purnima, to celebrate their teachers and express gratitude for their guidance and wisdom. The event was filled with various activities that showcased the talent and creativity of the students. The students of second year junior college presented a short cultural program comprising of song, skit, dance, students presented "kabir ke dohe" where in they praised the Guru and revealed how important Gurus are in a student's life. Gender Count: 82 (60 M 22 F)

**Tree Plantation:** The Junior College in association with Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation organized Tree plantation drive on 15 July 2023. Tree plantation drive was organized in Bhagwan dada Municipal Garden, Nerul. All students and teachers participated in this drive. The drive was successful with support of co-ordinator Ms. Sunita Ambhore and Corporator Ms. Meera Patil. With help of more than 150 students (85 M 65 F) and teachers around 100 trees were planted. Students were guided on how to plant saplings properly and

the importance of plants. The Corporator Ms. Meera Patil gave information about the benefits of the drive and even she told students to take care of the planted sapling henceforth.

**Swachata Abhiyan:** It was conducted on the 1st of October 2023 under the guidance of Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation. The primary goal of this event was to raise awareness about the importance of cleanliness in our surroundings and promote the welfare of society. The participants were divided into groups, armed with gloves, trash bags, and brooms, to clean various areas in and around the college campus. The event not only brought about a positive change in the college surroundings but also fostered a sense of social responsibility among the participants of 162 (120 M 42 F).

**Potenzia :** This cultural festival of Junior College held on 22nd December 2023, brought together the vibrant energy and diverse talents of FYJC and SYJC students. The event showcased the artistic and creative prowess of the students, creating an atmosphere of enthusiasm and excitement. The highlight of Potenzia was the captivating group dance and talent hunt performances. Participants showcased a wide array of talents, including singing, acting, poetry recitation, and more. Ms. Lakshmi Sharma, who is working with Don Bosco Higher Secondary School an exponent of Classical Dancing and Carnatic Music served as the judge for the event. Her expertise and keen eye for talent added a layer of professionalism to the fest. The attendees were 100 (40 M 60 F).

**Farewell function:** The SIES Junior College bid a heartfelt farewell to its SYJC students on the 19th of January 2023 in a vibrant event that marked the conclusion of their academic journey. A highlight of the event was the glamorous ramp walk, where students exuded confidence and style, adding a touch of glamour to the farewell. Acknowledging the commitment and dedication of the students, awards for maximum attendance were bestowed upon Ms. Yashwasini Devadiga from SYJC A and Mst. Mayur Narasimhan from SYJC B..

### **Committee Activities for:**

❖ *Persistent Quality Assurance:*

#### **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC):**

**Role of Faculty in Implementation of NEP 2020 :** The IQAC along with IQAC of S.K. College of Science and Commerce had organized a webinar for all the teaching staff on “Role of Faculty in Implementation of NEP 2020” on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 in an online mode. The guest speaker was Dr. Lalitha Balakrishnan, Principal M.O.P. VAISHNAV College for Women (Autonomous) Chennai, The member Syndicate University of Madras and Member General Council, NAAC. This Webinar helped the participants in understanding the new role and approaches to be adopted by faculties of higher education in the implementation of The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Government of India. The attendees were 261. The learning objectives to create awareness about NEP and understand its characteristics and principles. The faculties learnt about innovative techniques to be adopted in teaching learning process.

**Orientation Programme on Autonomy and National Education Policy (NEP-2020):** It was held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 with the purpose to create awareness among staff members regarding NEP 2020. The Principal, Dr Koel Roychoudhury explained various new concepts involved in NEP, HoDs and Faculties of respective departments gave brief insights on actual implementation of NEP 2020 in the department. The topics covered were Overview of National Education Policy (NEP-2020) , positive impacts of autonomy on the quality of education, changes in Curriculum, Flexible Academic Choices and Credit Transfer. The attendees were 50 ( 22 M 28 F ).

**Awareness on NEP ( National Education Policy ) 2020 in association with SIESSLLD :**

It was held on 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 in collaboration with SIES School of Learning and Leadership Development. Its purpose to create awareness among all first year students regarding NEP 2020. The resource person was Dr. A K Sen Gupta, Director of Sies School of Learning and Leadership Development and mentor of SIESCOMS. A Ph.D. in commerce he is founder and convener of higher education forum (HEF), the largest community in the space of higher education in India. The attendees 202 students ( 93 M 109 F ). The session created awareness among the students about recent development in education sector by central government by introducing National education policy 2020.

**Best practices under Autonomy :** It was held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and was organized for faculty members to create awareness about best practices under the newly acquired autonomous status of the college. The resource person was Dr. (Ms.) Minu B Madlani , Principal K. P. B Hinduja college of Commerce (Autonomous) who has held various senior positions in top colleges across Mumbai in a career spanning more than 3 decades. 44 faculty members attended ( 20 M 24 F ). The session helped the faculty to understand the various systems that could be introduced to make autonomy more effective and take the college to new heights.

**First year Institutional Entry Level Test :** It was held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The objective was to identify slow, less-advance and advance students. It was held for first year students. The main aim of this entry level test was to identify student's capabilities and to test the Reasoning Skills, Numeric skills, Verbal skills and Data Analysis skills.

**Workshop on Curriculum Designing and Andragogies along with IBS:** It was held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The workshop aimed to enhance the understanding of educators, curriculum designers, and instructional leaders about effective curriculum designing and andragogical approaches. This included strategies for creating engaging and learner-centered curriculum content. The speaker was Dr. Rita Rangnekar, IBS Mumbai. Dr. Rita Rangnekar, is a professor in Human Resource and a soft skill development expert with 11 years of corporate HR experience and her expertise are Executive Education and Soft Skills Training. The topics covered were principles of effective curriculum design and Tailoring curriculum to meet the needs and characteristics of learners. And strategies for incorporating real-world relevance and practical applications. The attendees 35 ( 15 M 20 F ).

**Seminar on Curriculum Design in light of NEP 2020 :** It was held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The purpose was to highlight the core objectives of NEP 2020 and emphasize the need for a curriculum that fosters critical thinking, creativity, and holistic development. The speaker was Ms. Neelam Shaikh, V.P.M's Joshi Bedekar College. Ms. Neelam Shaikh is an Assistant Professor in V.P.M's Joshi Bedekar College. She has completed Ph.D in Accountancy. The topics discussed were the new curriculum framework proposed by NEP 2020, emphasizing the shift from a content-based to a competency-based approach , provide an introduction to the National Education Policy 2020, highlighting its key objectives. The attendees were 40 ( 20 M 20 F ).

**Training programme on Retail Store Manager in association with ICT academy and sponsored by Bajaj Finserv :** The program aimed to enhance skills and knowledge in retail management, specifically focusing on the role of a Retail Store Manager. It was conducted from 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 onwards for Commerce final year students. The training covered a range of modules, addressing topics such as retail management, customer service, and sales strategies.

### **Anti-Ragging Committee:**

**Anti Ragging Awareness Seminar :** It was held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The purpose to create awareness among all first years regarding Ragging laws in India. The attendees were 94 ( 31 M 63 F ). The speaker was Dr. Sumathi Gopal - PhD, LLM, MCOM Advocate & Senior Counsel, High court. Member of Bar council of India & Maharashtra. The topics covered were the actual meaning of ragging , cases on ragging , effects on victims , myths and facts.

### **Internal Committee (IC):**

**Digital Poster Making And Slogan Making Competition:** It was held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The primary objective of this creative competition was to engage and inspire all students to express their thoughts and ideas on the theme Women Empowerment. The competition centered on the significant theme of "Women Empowerment - A Necessity for Gender Equality." Participants showcased their artistic prowess, employing various digital tools to craft visually striking posters that conveyed powerful messages about the importance of empowering women. The attendees were 12 (5 M 7 F).

**Session on POSCO Act and POSH Act:** The event was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 with the purpose to raise awareness about sexual offences and harassment. The guest of honor was Ms Priti Patkar, an esteem social worker and human rights activist. She explained about the POSCO act explaining how it came into being, it's relevance and what we can do on our end to prevent sexual offenses on children. Similarly, she went on to explain the intricacies of the POSH act and how it can be dealt with in a simplified manner. The attendees were 50 (28 M 22 F).

### **Alumni Committee (SIESNAA):**

**Topper's Convocation Ceremony:** It was held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 with the objective to felicitate the toppers with degrees and certificates. The target audience was the toppers of Batch 2021 from each stream. The event was addressed by Chief Guest Ms. Raina Assainar – ex BAMMC student with 12 years of journalism experience. Toppers were given caps and robes along with mementos by the teachers.

**Orientation and Induction:** It was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023. A total of 39 attendees ( 18 M 21 F ) were present in the event. The treasurer Mr Aditya S who is an alumnus of SIES shared his experience and explained the purpose of alumni committee and had an interactive session with the volunteers where the volunteers were asked on the reason behind joining this committee and asked for their views on the committee. Later Former Secretary Mr Tubin Thomas another Alumnus was called up on the stage where he shared his beautiful journey of SIES and the Alumni committee. The badge distribution ceremony was then held.

**Graduation Day:** It was held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Alumni were given caps and robes along with mementos by the teachers. Then the oath ceremony along with a class photo session was held in the quadrangle. This was then followed by a DJ session in the quadrangle and food counter being set up in the canteen area. The attendees 357 ( 157 M 200 F ).

**Capacity Building Series 4.0 :** This event was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023. Its purpose was a Youth Awareness programme on Personality Development for first year students. The guest speakers for the event was Mr. Aditya Subramaniam - Secretary of SIES

Nerul Alumni Association and Mr. Rajkumar - district head of Sri Satya Seva organisation. Mr. Aditya Subramaniam spoke about the 5 D's that are required by any individual to succeed in life and those are dedication, devotion, discipline, discrimination, determination. The attendees 70 ( 40 M 30 F ).

**Colloquium:** It was held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The alumni panelists for the event were Mr. Raghavender Shukla – Delivery Manager at a leading IT firm, Mrs. Priyanka Pothana – CEO General Carbon Advisory services, Mr. Murganandhan Thangraj - Chief Manager Aditya Birla Sunlife and Ms. Meeti Gala. They shared their views on the topic : data driven decision making - from big data to actionable insights for better business outcomes followed by a question and answer session. The attendees 55 ( 25 M 30 F ).

### **Parents Teachers Association (PTA):**

**Family Quiz:** The "Family Quiz" event held on the 26th of August 2023 was organized with the primary aim of fostering a stronger bond between parents and their children. The event aimed to provide an enjoyable platform for parents to engage with their children through friendly competition and interactive activities. The event succeeded in not only providing an enjoyable and engaging platform for parents and children to interact but also in strengthening the bond between them. The active participation and enthusiasm displayed by both parents and children demonstrated the success of the event in achieving its intended purpose. A total of 26 parents and students (5 M 21 F) attended the event.

**Reel-O-Mania:** On the 30th of September 2023, an innovative and heartwarming event called "Reel-O-Mania" took place with the aim of bringing parents and their children closer together. The objective was to provide a platform for parents and children to participate jointly in sharing moments of happiness that often go unnoticed in our busy lives. The event was designed to engage parents and students, with a total of 27 ( 11 M 16 F ) participants. This inclusive approach aimed to bridge the generation gap and promote a sense of togetherness among families.

**Ramp Walk:** The traditional Ramp Walk event was organised through a collaborative effort between the Parent Teacher Association, Department of Information Technology, and Department of Accountancy. Serving as esteemed judges were Reshma Thakur, a distinguished professional renowned for her expertise in both education and beauty, and Sakshi Pawar, acclaimed as Miss Teen India 2021 finalist. In the first round, parents and their children graced the ramp, showcasing their fashion flair and embodying the spirit of togetherness followed by the fashion walk. The event transitioned into a poignant question-answer round where the participants shared their personal experiences on the ramp, delving into the emotions.- 1st Place: Dharmika (Student) and Shantiraj (Father); 2nd Place: Karuna (Student) and Divya Bera (Mother) & 3rd Place: Heeba (Student) and mother Ramzan BI (Mother)

### **Prize Distribution Committee :**

**Prize Distribution Ceremony :** On January 20, 2024, the Annual Prize Distribution ceremony for the academic year 2022-23 was held. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Dr. Padmaja Arvind, the Principal of SIA College of Higher Education. Notably, her

connection with SIES Nerul is deeply personal as she was a faculty member of the BMM Department for ten years, from 2003-2013. Dr. S.V. Vishwanathan, Managing Council member and Trustee and a stalwart in the field of education also graced the occasion. This year new endowment was instituted by the Chief Guest Dr. Padmaja Arvind in the name of her son Shri Anandsai Arvind worth ₹15,000, which will be awarded to the deserving students of Junior College. Dr. Padmaja Arvind highlighted the importance of viewing life beyond struggles. The Annual Report was read by the Vice Principal, Dr. Neera Kumar. Later

the much-anticipated prize distribution segment began for the recognition of outstanding achievements. The Best Student Award was given to Ms. Smriti Sharma of TYBCOM.

### **Result Improvement Committee:**

**Bridge Course:** A bridge course for newly admitted first year students was conducted with the learning objective - to bridge the gap between higher secondary level and college education. And to acquaint the students with basics of new courses and for successful transition to college new curriculum. The bridge course was conducted during August, 2023. The course curriculum was framed in such a way that they get basic knowledge on the courses with a view to reinforce the learning of the students from the previous class and pave the way to make their learning happen in the current class. The number of students taught were around 381.

**Presentation Skills :** It was held on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. The training program aimed to provide a structured methodology for participants to prepare and deliver an effective, high impact presentation. The target audience - first Year Students and teachers. The resource person invited was Ms. Deepika Gupta , a postgraduate English literature and an MBA in Human Resources , a seasoned soft skills, interpersonal skills, and communication skills trainer,. She spoke in detail on Presentation Skills and Grooming and imparted her expertise on the subject. The attendees 64 Students ( 30 M 34 F ) 05 Teachers (3 M & 2 F).

**Indian Knowledge System seminar:** It was held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in collaboration with IQAC. This seminar on Indian Knowledge System: Management lessons from Vedas and Kautilya's Arthashastra, was conducted with the aim to help students gain awareness of the rich heritage and the wealth of knowledge produced by the ancient Indians. The resource person was Swami Chidananda – Head and Founder of Fowai Forum. The attendees 141 Students (74 M 67 F) and 4 Teachers (1 M 3 F). The resource person explained that the ancient Indian knowledge systems found in the Vedas and Kautilya's Arthashastra offer timeless wisdom for self-management, governance, and leadership. These texts stress the importance of self-management, positivity, and ethical conduct. Kautilya's Arthashastra provides comprehensive insights into material well-being and governance, highlighting the role of a strong leader. First year students from all the programme and teaching faculty teaching IKS course participated in the seminar. Queries of the participants were addressed by the resource person. It was a great learning experience for the students.

### **❖ *Social Responsibility :***

#### **National Service Scheme (NSS):**

**New Education policy seminar :** The NSS Unit participated in the seminar on the New Education Policy on 17th April, 2023 at the Mumbai University Hall. The objective of the

event was understand the changes the NEP would bring in the education system.

**Majhi Vasundhara:** The NSS Unit held this event in collaboration with National Mumbai Municipal Corporation and Jayshree Foundation on 27th April, 2023 at the Jewels of Navi Mumbai. The objective of the event was to raise awareness about preservation of trees and steps towards a sustainable future. The solid waste commissioner Dr. BabaSaheb Rajale addressed the volunteers. The volunteers then went on to plant trees of different varieties such as mango etc. A short skit was then performed after which a pledge was taken.

**Tree plantation drive- world environment day:** The NSS unit in collaboration with Jayashree foundation and Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation arranged a Tree Plantation Drive. The event took place on 5th June, 2023 from at the Bird watching area, Bhandup. This event was conducted on the occasion of 'World Environment day'.The students of various schools and colleges of all age groups attended the event. The objective of this plantation drive was to safeguard the mangroves that aid in reducing the number of floods by helping India's ecosystem. The attendees 25 ( 17 M 8 F ).

**International Yoga day :** The NSS Unit 'Yoga Session' on the occasion of 'International Yoga Day' on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.The objective of the event was to raise awareness about the physical health and mental health benefits of yoga. The event was organised for the NSS Volunteers. Junior college teachers Ms. Rajashree Shinde and Dr. Ashish Shukla conducted the session. With every Asana the health benefits of each asana were also explained.. The attendees 45 (24 M 21 F).

**Someshwar Shiv Mandir cleaning drive :** The NSS unit in collaboration with Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation put together a cleaning drive at Someshwar Shiv Mandir, Seawoods. The event took place on 8th July, 2023. The main objective of this event was to motivate the volunteers towards the preservation of the environment through sanitation and cleanliness of the natural habitat. The event then concluded with the officers addressing the students and volunteers on how we should take care of the planet and gave everyone a chance to share their experience. The attendees 17 (8 M 9 F).

**Vision Day :** The NSS unit arranged this event at R.A.Podar college, Matunga. The event took place on 15th July 2023. The main objective of this event was to educate the volunteers on blindness and taking adequate measures towards it through donating funds and campaigns. R.A Podar college inclusive cell in collaboration with 'Team Vision Foundation' set up this event on the eve of their 10th anniversary. The event was attended by people all around India, of all age groups and also by those who were blind. There were many stalls with interactive activities to keep everyone entertained such as origami, chess and bracelet making which were all blind people friendly. The chief guest, renowned singer Mr. Kiran Vinkar who is blind was then invited on stage with his band who are also blind to play a few of their notable songs. The attendees 6 ( 1 M 5 F ).

**Tactics cyber awareness:** The NSS unit in collaboration with TACTICS conducted a Cyber Awareness drive. The event took place on 15th July 2023 at Mata Amritanandamayi Math, Nerul. The major downside of Cyber frauds was explained in detail such as Tax frauds, email frauds etc. Emphasis was also put on how women fall victim to online sexual harassment and bullying.The presentation was helpful to understand the dark side of the web and how people get stuck in money scams. The attendees were 5 (1 M 4 F).

**Friendship day:** The NSS unit arranged a friendship day event in collaboration with Akshara. The event took place on 7th August 2023. This event was conducted on the eve of 'friendship day'. The main objective of this event was to show that friendship has no gender, religion or boundaries. The event began with Mrs. Sirisha, the head from Akshara, briefing the volunteers of the event in which the volunteers had to tie friendship ribbons on the other students and collecting their experiences with friendship and their memorable memories, if any. The attendees were 30 ( 18 M 12 F ).

**Jamshedji Tata seminar:** The NSS unit participated in a seminar organised by the University of Mumbai called 'Jamshedji Tata-Umsung Hero of Indian freedom struggle' on occasion of 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mohotsav'. The seminar took place on 7th August 2023 in the Convocation Hall of University of Mumbai. The primary objective of this seminar was to reflect on Jamshedji Tata's voyage that happened 103 years ago. Maharashtra Governor, Mr. Ramesh Bias presided over the seminar. The first panel discussion consisted of 3 chief guests who spoke of the industrialization that Jamshedji brought and enriched and empowered the volunteers. The second panel discussion consisted of another 3 speakers who spoke on the innovation brought by Jamshedji and the education and teaching of his impact. The attendees were 21 (12 M 9 F).

**De - addiction street play:** The NSS unit put together a street play on the topic 'De-Addiction'. The event took place twice on 8th August 2023 outside the canteen. The main objective of this event was to portray the harmful effects of addiction and ways in which civilians get into it. The play successfully showcased the negative impact of addiction.

**Tree plantation drive - chavane village:** The NSS unit put together an event at tree plantation drive (Vasudha Vandan) under the 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' initiative commenced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The event took place on 12th August 2023 at Chavane village, Panvel. The main objective of this event was to understand the importance of mother nature and to preserve and rehabilitate it through the tree. The attendees 21 (13 M 8 F ).

**Panch pran pledge event:** The NSS unit organised a pledge-taking ceremony under the 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign. The event took place on 13th August 2023. Prime Minister Narendra Modi introduced the 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign. Aligned with the Amrit Mahotsav festivities, this nationwide initiative, spanning August 9th to August 15th, aimed to honor and appreciate the sacrifices of the martyred brave hearts. The attendees 25 (13 M 12 F)

**Mata ashram event:** The NSS Unit organized this event on the day of 'Independence Day'. The workshop took place on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at M. A. Math, Nerul. The main objective of the event was celebrating and marking 76 years of Independence. The event began with the Chief Priest worshiping the flag and then chanting of mantras followed by hosting of the flag. The special guest at the event was Dr. Varsha Bhagat, who is credited with the conceptualization and implementation of the ETC - Educational Training Service Center, NMMC for disability-afflicted persons.

**Flag disposal rally:** The NSS unit organised a rally, 'Flag Disposal Rally'. The event took place on 19th August, 2023 from SIES College to Nerul Station. The main objective of this event was to make the pedestrians aware of the importance of the Indian flag and should not be disrespectfully disposed after the Independence Day. The rally began from the college to the Nerul station with the volunteers chanting different slogans both in Hindi and English such as 'Wave It High, Fold It Right', 'Bharath Ki Shaan Tiranga, Bharath Ki Pehchan Tiranga', 'Flags Of Unity, Forever In Dignity' etc. The collected flags were then handed over



to an NGO by the name of 'Make the Difference', who are actively collecting flags after Independence Day for future purposes. The attendees 83 (3 M 44 F).

**Women hygiene seminar:** The NSS unit in collaboration with 'Brand Touch and Analytics (Project Selena)' organised a seminar on women hygiene and empowerment. The seminar took place on 21st August, 2023. The primary objective of this seminar was to motivate women by showing them how to present themselves confidently at the workplace and in general. The seminar focused on teaching women how they could improve their appearance and look confident by maintaining proper hygiene. There were many ice breaking activities such as fun questionnaire rounds the audience amidst the seminar. The attendees 193 ( 19 M 174 F).

**Climate change workshop :** The NSS in collaboration with the NSS unit of Saraswati College of Engineering organised a district level climate change workshop. The workshop took place on 23rd August 2023 in the auditorium of Saraswati College of Engineering. The main objective of this workshop was to raise awareness regarding environmental sustainability and the urgent need for climate change action amongst the volunteers. The workshop was attended by NSS units of various different colleges, Energy Swaraj Foundation associate trainees, different program officers, Chief Guests and the Principal. A 12-step module video was shown on the projector with the founder of The 'Energy Swaraj Foundation', Mr Chetan Singh Solanki presenting it. The officials also demonstrated the use of climate clock. They then talked about the 1000 days 'Energy Swaraj Yatra' where Mr Chetan went of a mission to tour all across India on a bus using only solar energy.

**Raksha bandhan :** The NSS unit organised an event on the eve of "Raksha Bandhan". The event took place on 30th August, 2023 at the Nerul Police Station. The primary objective of this event was to show gratitude and appreciation to the policemen for sacrificing themselves for the peace of the country. This was done to every policeman, regardless of their position and gender. The NSS clap done by the volunteers, marked the end of the event. The attendees 19 ( 5 M 14 F ).

**Rakshabandhan with the navy :** The NSS unit and DLLE in collaboration with Samskruti Foundation organized an event on the eve of 'Rakshabandhan' . The workshop took place on 1st September 2023 at the Naval Unit in Colaba. The main objective of this event was to show gratitude and appreciation towards the Navy as they work endlessly for the defence of the nation's territory. The attendees 18 ( 0 M 18 F ).

**Teachers day :** The NSS unit in collaboration with Student council organized Teacher's Day celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023. It was a heartwarming event filled with appreciation and gratitude. The event commenced with enthusiasm as the students warmly welcomed all the teachers with roses, expressing their heartfelt wishes for a Happy Teacher's Day. A special photo frame was crafted to capture the cherished memories of the day. Games were organized, including the popular "Complete the lyrics" game. Laughter and joy filled the room as teachers and students alike participated enthusiastically. As a final gesture, handmade greeting cards were distributed to each teacher, filled with heartfelt messages from the students. The attendees 50 (15 M 37 F).

**Blood donation drive :** The NSS unit of in collaboration with 'Tata Memorial Centre' organised this event. The drive took place on 6th September 2023. The primary

objective of this drive was to spread awareness about the importance of donating blood and its benefits. Proper blood test facilities were also maintained. After the donation, the blood donors received a certificate of appreciation from the tata memorial centre and a registration card, which would help the donor to receive one unit of blood anytime for free. The refreshments were also given to the donors. The NSS clap done by the volunteers marked the end of the event. The attendees were 50 ( 34 M 16 F ).

**Mangrove clean up drive :** The NSS unit and Mangrove Soldiers in collaboration with Mangrove Foundation organized a Mangrove Cleaning Drive. This drive took place on 10th September 2023 at Palm Beach Road, Nerul West. The main objective of this event was to bring together social forces to participate in coastal cleaning to secure our health, economy and future. More than 50 Participants with their complete dedication participated in this drive. The participants also got time to know each other & communicate during the drive. Medical waste, Thermacol, Sandals, Beer bottles such were the items that had been thrown in the mangroves, these items were then collected in a hygienic & proper manner & the area was cleaned. The attendees were 30 ( 25 M 5 F ).

**NSS induction ceremony :** The NSS unit organized an orientation on 15th September. The main objective of this event was to bring everyone together in unity and help the volunteers understand the responsibilities that come with being a NSS volunteer. The orientation began with the NSS song. The over achieving volunteers from last year were gifted a book in an eco-friendly manner. The attendees were 200 ( 116 M 84 F ).

**Swachhata league cleanliness drive :** The NSS unit in collaboration with Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation organized an event. The workshop took place on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Karave Beach, Nerul (W). The main objective of this event was to make the cities completely free of garbage. After the garbage collection the volunteers performed a street play conveying the message of saving the ozone layer. The attendees were 30 ( 21 M 9 F ).

**Ozone day skit :** The NSS Unit conducted a skit on Ozone Day on the eve of 'WORLD OZONE DAY' on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 at Karave Beach in Navi Mumbai. The event was Attended by NSS Programme officers along with the Overall Heads, Stream Heads, Supporting Heads, members from the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC), local resident, students from other college/schools and NSS volunteers from the 8 Department of the NSS Unit and DLLE of SIES (Nerul) skit had a total number of 13 participants including (10 Females and 3 Males). The skit aimed to educate the audience about the precautions that can be taken to prevent Ozone depletion and promote environment conservation. Overall, the skit was enlightening as such initiatives play a crucial role in shaping the mind-set of the younger generation towards environment conservation and Inspiring individuals to take necessary action to protect the environment. The attendees were 10 ( 4 M 6 F ).

**Nerul bus depot cleanliness drive :** The drive was held on 26th September, in the Nerul east Bus Depot. The main objective of this event was to clean the area so that the visual impact of seeing others cleaning up a place littered with waste can compel people to reflect on their actions. The volunteers collected trash from all big and small corners of the depot. The attendees 19 (10 M 9 F ).

**Campus cleanliness drive :** The NSS unit organised a Campus Cleaning event in the premises of SIES (Nerul). This event was on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The main objective of this event was to clean the areas of our college, maintain a positive school culture, and promote a sense of

community. Cleaning of the college began from the area “Ashok Vatika” with the help of Junior College Students & teachers. Flowers for Rangoli made by the SIA Committee for the Onam Celebration Day were collected & decomposed. In addition, the participants got time to communicate with the helpers and thanked them for their service during the event.

**Belapur jetty cleanliness drive :** The NSS unit took the initiative to organize a cleanliness drive under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan campaign on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 at Belapur Jetty. The objective being the cleanliness of the respective area it is crucial to practice good hygiene since dirt can spread contamination. The volunteers were given the brooms and sacks for garbage collection. The types of materials collected during the drive included plastic bottle caps, bottles, sacks, and other various other non-biodegradable items. The event proceeded seamlessly without any hindrance due to efficient coordination between volunteers. Strict safety protocols were followed throughout the drive. Post-event, all the masks and gloves were disposed of. The attendees 60 ( 20 M 40 F ).

**Bhajan sandhya :** The NSS unit attended an event of Bhajan Sandhya on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti and International Non-Violence Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 at the Gateway of India. The primary objective was to remind the volunteers of the values and ideals that Gandhi stood for. The volunteers were told to be seated for the ‘Bhajan Sandhya’. The event began with the introduction of the chief guests for the event. The chief guests were Professor Ravindra Kulkarni, Professor Sunil Bhirud (Director of Mumbai University), Padmavibhushan Pandit Hari Prasad Chaurasia (Legendary Music Director), Vaishali Mhade, Kaustubh Sawarkar (dialogue writer) and Rudransh Patil. After that, the chief guests dedicated flowers to the Photo of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal bahadur shastriji. The artists then performed the Bhajans. After the Bhajan Sandhya, the volunteers pledged for Swachh Bharat Mission and sang the National Anthem. Over 3500 NSS Volunteers of Mumbai University were gathered. The attendees 17 ( 9 M 8 F ).

**Thane blood donation drive :** The NSS unit in collaboration with Sion Hospital and Rotract Club organized this event on 6th October 2023 at Thane railway station. The main objective of the event was to make a significant impact on someone's life and give back to the community. The event began with a short speech delivered by the Sion Hospital representative. After the speech all the volunteers were allotted their groups and sent for pitching in different locations of the station. Some of the volunteers helped the hospital staff in setting up beds and stayed to make the donor more comfortable and some volunteers did the registration work. A free haemoglobin check up camp was also organised in collaboration with trained professionals. The attendees were 52 (22 M 30 F ).

**Cyber safety awareness inauguration :** The NSS unit attended an inauguration of Cyber Awareness event organized by Navi Mumbai Police Commissionerate. The event took place on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at CIDCO Exhibition Centre Vashi Navi Mumbai. The primary objective of it was promoting digital literacy, cyber safety, and responsible online behaviour. Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) , Shri. Amit Kale, delivered the inaugural speech. The event also included a series of informative short films, mesmerizing sand art performance conveying cyber awareness messages. On the stage were prominent Chief guests Shri Milind Barambe (IPS), Shri. Sanjay Mohite (IPS), Shri Deepak Sakore (IPS) who were felicitated. The event also witnessed special attendance of Pooja Hegde (Famous Bollywood Actress). The highlight of the event was official launch of “CYBERHACKY”. The launch of

“CYBERHACKY” was of paramount importance in today's digital age due to the ever-increasing reliance on technology and the pervasive nature of cyber threats. Shri Millind delivered a speech that was both visionary and committed to safeguarding cyberspace. The attendees were 120 ( 62 M 58 F ).

**Popular science lecture seminar :** The NSS unit attended the lecture on “Climate Change and Extreme Events” held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The primary objective of it was to make the volunteer aware of the ongoing climate change and ways to combat it. The Popular Science lecture, organized by the Indian Women Scientist’s Association (IWSA), received support from the Board of Association with the department of Environmental Science at the college. The event commenced with the awarding of special Guest, Dr. Arpita Modal, and Associate Professor from the Department of civil Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. Dr. Modal also served as the key speaker for the lecture. The lecture primarily focused on the following key areas- Firstly, Global warming and its Causes , Secondly, effects on Climate System: The audience gained insights into how global warming affects the Earth’s climate system. The speaker highlighted the impacts on extreme events such as heatwaves, floods, and droughts. Following the lecture, attendees had the opportunity to provide feedback, ensuring that future events could be even more impactful. The program concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. The attendees were 82 ( 32 M 50 F ).

**Organ donation online seminar :** The NSS unit attended seminar regarding t organ donation. The programme took place on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 online on Zoom platform. The main objective to create awareness about organ donation. The program started with the explanation of Dr. Arun Halbe putting emphasis on the significance of organ donation, focusing on specific aspects such as eye Donation and “Deh Daan”. Dr. Shrikant Apte shed light on the alarming gap between the annual demand for 4 lakh organs in our country and the availability of a mere 30000 organs. The attendees were urged to complete the training quickly and share their knowledge with fellow volunteers. A scholarship initiative was announced for colleges: 1 scholarship for 100 students, 2 scholarships for 200 students, and so on, upon completing the certification course. The attendees 90 ( 45 M 45 F ).

**Voter ID registration :** The NSS unit in collaboration with the Student Council and DLLE organised a Voter Registration event for the students of SIES (Nerul) campus. The event took place 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The primary objective of this event was to help the students of our college to get their voter identity card registered. The attendees 60 (20 M 40 F).

**Solid waste management seminar:** The NSS unit & Stree Mukti Sangathana (Navi Mumbai) organized a session on allocation & management of plastic . This event was held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The main objective of this event was to enlighten the NSS Volunteers about the harmful commodity i.e. Plastic, how & what manner should it be collected, segregated & recycled. A skit was performed by the NSS Volunteers regarding “Awareness about Plastic Ban”. The attendees 42 (22 M 30 F).

**Say no to plastic skit:** The NSS unit & Stree Mukti Sangathana organized this session on allocation & management of plastic. In this session a skit was conducted to create awareness about Plastic Management. This event was on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The main objective of this skit was to enlighten the NSS Volunteers about the heinous commodity i.e. plastic, how & what manner should it be collected, segregated & recycled. A skit titled “SAY NO TO PLASTIC was an effort on showcasing how small changes could be made in one's day to day life regarding plastic management, how a single pieces of plastic gathers over a period of

time turning into a pile of plastic which has no place to be dumped. The attendees 55 (35 M 20 F).

**Meri Maati Mera Desh:** The NSS unit organized the initiative, “Meri Maati Mera Desh- Amrit Kalash ” which was a respectful gesture towards our Indian soil. The programme took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 at the Ashok Vatika. The NSS Programme Officers along with the overall heads, Stream Heads, and Supporting heads attended the event. The main objective was to symbolise the collective strength and essence of our diverse nation. The event began with a solemn pledge taken by the volunteers, emphasizing the importance of unity and patriotism. Following this, volunteers properly placed soil or “maati” with utmost respect into the “kalash”. Each volunteer contributed, one by one, creating a powerful representation of national unity. The attendees 40 ( 20 M 20 F ).

**Devi Rath :** On the auspicious occasion of Dussehra, NSS organized a Devi Rath programme which took place on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 from and to the temple within the college premises. The purpose to protect the participants of the rath and to control traffic of vehicles and the crowd due to Durga Mata visarjan .The rath of Durga Devi Shree Kamakshi Amma Temple of SIES college of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous) was taken for rally and then rath was placed back into the college temple. During the Devi Rath round up the NSS volunteers managed to control the crowd with the help of a rope. The attendees 60 (40 M 20 F ).

**National Unity Day :** The NSS unit organized an event on the eve of 'National Unity Day' . National Unity Day, also known as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, is observed in India on October 31st every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. Patel played a crucial role in the unification of India after gaining independence in 1947. The event took place on 31st October 2023. The main objective of this event was to emphasizes the importance of unity and integrity among the people of India. Its aim was to foster a sense of oneness and togetherness among the nation's diverse population, transcending regional, linguistic, and cultural differences. Placards were being prepared for the rally and around than 100 volunteers (42 M 58 F ) participated.

**Lecture on Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj :** The NSS unit participated in a seminar on Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The seminar took place on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2023 at the Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Convocation Hall, Mumbai University.The main objective of the event was to remember and pay respect to the contributions of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The event was conducted with the lead speaker AIR MSHL (Dr,) Ajit Bhonsle talking about the various achievements in navy done by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj such as taking up the task of constructing multiple naval bases along the coast of present-day Maharashtra. Overall, the event was a success as it taught the students to look up to his administrative skills by upholding the Swarajya values and the Maratha heritage. The attendees 40 ( 20 M 20 F ).

**Akshara – Our Lives Our Rights :** The NSS unit of SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science and Commerce participated in Akshara 2023-24. The event took place on 4th November 2023 at Swami Vivekanand College, Chembur. Akshara is a women's rights organization working with young men and women, violence against women, sexuality, paid and unpaid work and inclusive and safe cities. The event’s slogan was "A Youth for Change". The "A Youth for

Change" event was a transformative gathering that aimed to empower and educate young volunteers from various colleges about their rights and how to effectively exercise them. The event brought together volunteers from different colleges who were passionate about making a positive change in their communities. All of the volunteers enhanced the event's content by creating posters and flash cards that illustrated various human rights. The event was structured around informative sessions. The key topics covered included fundamental rights, civil liberties, and how to assert these rights within the framework of the law.

**Mera Mati Mera Desh Award :** The NSS unit in collaboration with NYS – Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and Maharashtra Government organized an event which took place on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Cowasjee Jahangir Convocation hall, Fort Campus. The primary objective of the celebration was to acknowledge the world record achieved through the “Meri Mati Mera Desh” initiative. The event began with NSS Clap followed by the National Anthem and Maharashtra Song. A captivating video presentation was made to narrate the journey of the "Meri Mati Mera Desh" initiative, highlighting the challenges and the perseverance of the team and emphasised the pivotal role played by the NSS and NYS in conceptualising and executing the initiative. The event underscored how India had made history through this initiative, setting a world record and garnering global recognition. The attendees 60 ( 30 M 30 F ).

**Diya for Soldiers :** On the 12th of November 2023, the NSS Unit organized a poignant virtual event titled ‘A Diya for Our Soldiers’. This initiative aimed to pay homage to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the nation, fostering a sense of unity and gratitude within the community. Participants were encouraged to engage in this heartfelt tribute from the comfort of their homes. The process was simple yet impactful: lighting a Diya in honor of the fallen soldiers, capturing the moment through a photograph, and sharing it on their personal stories while tagging the NSS page. The organizers urged participants to include personal notes or reflections along with their photos, expressing their sentiments towards the courageous soldiers. The event leveraged the power of social media by encouraging participants to use the hashtags #DiyaForSoldiers, #NSSNerulTribute, and #RememberingOurHeroes. This not only facilitated easy tracking of contributions but also amplified the impact of the initiative by creating a unified online presence.

**Street Play Workshop :** This session was conducted to create awareness about how a street play is performed. This event was on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023. There were 18 members from Charlie group and 10 members from Bravo group ( 10 M 18 F ) who attended the workshop. The main objective of this workshop was to enlighten the NSS Volunteers about how to perform street play with elements or props, the importance of costumes or what are the importance of voice, actions, facial expressions and how to perform to an audience to get their attention or how to explain the motto to the public etc. And games were organized such as to create a full fledged street play in 5 minutes and to perform with the whole group.

**Nerul Cleanliness Drive :** The NSS unit in collaboration with Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation organized an event. The event took place on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Nerul Railway Station – Nerul Bus Depot. The main objective of this event was to make our Locality completely free of garbage. The event began with distribution of sacks and brooms by the NMMC Officers. After that the volunteers were divided into groups of 5 and were allotted locations to clean. After the garbage collection the volunteers collected the garbage

sacks and placed them together for the NMMC garbage truck to collect it. All the volunteers then received refreshment and the event concluded with the NSS Clap. The attendees 50 ( 20 M 30 F ).

**Voter ID Registration :** The NSS unit of in collaboration with Akshara Centre, conducted a training session on voter registration. The workshop took place on 1 st December, 2023 online on Zoom platform. The event aimed at empowering individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to participate actively in the democratic process. The event began with the guest speaker giving a brief introduction about the training. After the brief introduction practical demonstrations were conducted to illustrate the step-by-step process of registering as a voter. The training involved interactive sessions, allowing participants to ask questions and seek clarification on various aspects of the voter registration process. The attendees 10 ( 6 M 4 F ).

**Aids Awareness Rally :** The NSS unit organised a vibrant and impactful Aid Awareness Rally to commemorate Aid Awareness Day. The event took place on 1st December 2023 in Nerul. The primary objective of this rally was to inform the pedestrians about to be safe from AIDS and not be scared of those who have it. The NSS volunteers sought to instil a sense of social responsibility and encourage individuals to contribute to the welfare of the society . The rally commenced from SIES (Nerul) College and followed a carefully planned route through Nerul city. NSS volunteers, adorned in their distinctive uniforms, gathered early in the morning to kickstart the event with enthusiasm and energy. Volunteers carried eye-catching banners and posters with slogans and messages emphasizing the significance of aid awareness and the positive impact it can have on society. The NSS team collaborated with local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) dedicated to humanitarian causes. Representatives from these organizations participated in the rally, sharing information about their initiatives and encouraging volunteerism. Following the impactful Aid Awareness Rally organized by NSS volunteers, the event continued with a thoughtful symposium conducted by the officers of the Red Ribbon Committee. The attendees 30 ( 20M 20 F ).

**Mangrove Cleanliness drive :** The NSS unit in collaboration with environment life foundation organised a mangrove clean up drive. The drive took place on 3rd December 2023 from 7:00 am to 9:00 am at Shiv Mandir, Karave Jetty. The primary objective of this drive was to maintain cleanliness in the mangroves. The volunteers were given instructions on what to do and were asked to make groups of four, they were given particular areas from where to pick up trash. They all were provided with gloves and masks to prioritise safety and provide the right equipment for everyone involved. They were given trash bags in which they were asked to collect all the trash. Everything was collected and sorted, restoring the mangrove habitat. The attendees 45 ( 37 M 8 F ).

**Paper Bag making :** The NSS unit organised an event on paper bag making in the amphitheatre on 12th and 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The primary objective of this event was to highlight the importance of reducing plastic waste and promoting a greener environment. Volunteers from all streams, gathered together with enthusiasm and a shared goal to craft eco-friendly paper bags. Armed with the necessary materials and using newspapers as their main resource, they embarked on this exciting journey of creativity and sustainability. Overall, the event was a success the volunteers learned the importance of using paper bags instead of plastic bags for a sustainable future. The attendees 25 ( 15 M 10 F ).

**Poster Making :** The NSS unit organised an event on poster making on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The main object of this event was to spread the message of cleanliness all around Nerul. The event began with the volunteers sitting together in groups and displaying their creative side on paper with the help of color pencils, paints etc on the topic of cleanliness. Some volunteers also went as far as making many posters with different illustrations on the same topic. The posters were then stuck all around the bus depot area for the general public to see. Overall the event was a success as it reinforced the idea of keeping the city clean. The attendees 25 ( 9 M 16 F ).

**Seedball Campaign :** The NSS unit in collaboration with Mata Amritanandamayi Math , Nerul and NMMC organized this event on the 16th December 2023. This workshop took place at Jewel of Navi Mumbai , Nerul. The main objective of the event was to attract a diverse group of participants, ranging from students to local residents, showcasing a collective commitment to the well-being of Mother Earth. Distinguished guests present on the dais included Shri Bhagwan Kesbhat, Founder & CEO of Waatavaran, an NGO specialising in watershed management and biodiversity. Notable officials from the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) included Shri Babasaheb Rajale, Deputy Municipal Commissioner; Shri Shashikant Tandel, Assistant Municipal Commissioner; Shri Vinayak Juikar, Chief Sanitary Officer; and Shri Suryakant Mhatre, Sanitary Officer. While Shri Kesbhat in his speech, reiterated Amma's teaching of giving back to Mother Earth, what we have received from her, Shri Rajale appealed for collaboration to make the planet cleaner and greener. Swami Avyayamritananda Puri stressed the need for the youth to take responsibility for the conservation of our natural resources. The attendees 30 ( 18 M 12 F ).

**Diwale Jetty Cleanliness Drive :** The NSS unit in collaboration with Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation organized the workshop which took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 at Diwale Jetty. The main objective of this event was to make the locality completely free of garbage. The volunteers were allotted a particular area to clean where all volunteers participated and cleaned with enthusiasm. After the garbage collection the volunteers collected the garbage sacks and placed them together for the NMMC garbage truck to collect it. The attendees 40 (20 M 20 F).

**Mangrove Clean up drive :** The NSS unit in collaboration with the Environment Life Foundation organized this drive at T.S Chanakya Lake on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The event aimed to raise awareness about the significance of mangroves and actively contribute to their preservation. Following the informative session, participants were equipped with gloves, emphasizing the hands-on nature of the initiative. Participants actively engaged in a cleaning drive around TS Chanakya Lake. Specific instructions were given to collect glass objects separately, underlining the meticulous approach towards environmental conservation. A silent rally, a powerful visual statement for the protection of mangroves, followed the cleaning drive. Participants, armed with knowledge and determination, marched in unity to advocate for the preservation of this vital ecosystem. The attendees 80 ( 50 M 30 F ).

**Youth program day :** The NSS unit and Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation organized a session on Youth Program Day in the NRI Complex situated in Seawoods. This event was on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The main objective of this event was to enlighten the NSS Volunteers about how they could get donations from people, Many buildings of NRI Complex were covered in the drive. Motivating words were shared by the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner. NMMC Officers also provided support and helped in smooth execution of this drive. The objects and items collected by NSS Volunteers were then brought down to a



point after which a truck was called to shift those items. Cloth bags were distributed so that plastic reduction could be done. The attendees 60 ( 22 M 38 F ).

**Maitri Mahotsav :** The NSS unit was invited at the Global Maitri Festival 2023 , Vashi ( a gathering of people as a global family celebrating Love, Life and Friendship by coming together and truly representing the message OneWorldOneFamily ) on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The main objective of this event was to attain a vision of stress-free, worry-free, and a happy nation where all its citizens are physically, mentally, emotionally and most important, spiritually fit. All the attendees were greeted with cordial smiles and adorned with chandan teeka on their foreheads. With effective speeches by the guests and skillful performances by talented artists, the Maitri Mahotsav came to an end.

**Savitribai Phule Diwas :** The NSS unit organised a Poetry Recitation Competition to celebrate Savitri Bhai Phule Jayanti. The competition's theme was "Never Say Die!" and took on 3rd January, 2024. The event provided students with a platform to present their beautiful poems and melodious songs. This event mainly focused on women empowerment. Two documentaries were also shown to the volunteers, one of which was on the life of Savitri Bhai Phule. Overall, the event was inspiring for the volunteers, who were able to showcase their talents and learn more about the life and work of Savitri Bhai Phule. The attendees 10 ( 4 M 6 F ).

**NSS Residential camp :** The NSS unit of SIES Nerul college of Arts Science and Commerce (Autonomous) conducted a residential camp for the year 2023-24 in Rasayani, Chavane from 12th January till 18th January 2023. The primary objective of the camp was to achieve personality development and to teach the volunteers about discipline. The highlights

- Groups were made to handle a main task per day. Day one had a skit performance by the group Shramyodha. It was about good touch and bad touch. On each day participants engaged in early morning wake up , the NSS song, warm-up exercises, jogging, and a competitive race.
- Interactions among volunteers fostered camaraderie. Following a nutritious breakfast the schedule included shramdaan activities such as painting, compost pit creation, and a cleaning drive.
- Students were addressed on various empowering aspects such as money power, mental power, people power, and man power. Ex student Aditya Subramaniam - Company Secretary Reliance Jio took a session on about Stress Management and Capacity Building which was engaging and motivating.
- There were also sessions on the importance of mangroves outdoor games and early morning walks. Students also interacted with the villagers and learnt about their lifestyle. And also with the cyber crime branch at the place.
- A medical camp was also part the agenda. The objectives of the medical camp were to provide health check-ups for rural people and create Ayushman and Ahba cards.
- The Emergency Rescue training seminar was conducted by an officer from Pataalganga Fire Brigade who provided instructions and warnings on fire safety, including escape techniques in case of a fire.
- A meditation session was also conducted. So also a clean up drive and sessions on protection of birds. Fun games were held too.

- The last, the day concluded with a bonfire, during which students sang songs, recited shayaris and poems and much more, along with cherishing the new bonds that they made during the 7 days. The attendees were 120 students.

**Butterfly garden:** The NSS unit and DLLE held this event collaboration with the NGO Vanashakti. The event took place on 18th January 2024 Thane creek Flamingo Sanctuary (Bhandup Pumping Station). It started with a speech by Mr. Adharsh Reddy IFS (DEPUTY CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST) and Mr. S. V. Ramarao IFS (ADD. PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST). They provided valuable insights into the importance of forests, mangroves, birds and their role in preserving ecological balance. Volunteers were able to view the garden with all its flowers and the butterflies. They were made aware that the garden serves as a captivating microcosm of nature, fostering biodiversity and providing a haven for these delicate pollinators. Its impact extends beyond the vibrant beauty it adds to the surroundings, contributing to ecological balance and educational opportunities for all who engage with it. The attendees were 40 ( 22 M 18 F ).

**Pran Pratishtha Ram Mandir ceremony :** The NSS unit attended the Pran Pratishtha Ceremony. The sacred Pran Pratishtha Ceremony unfolded on 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2024 at SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous) Mandir. The main objective was to enhance the cultural and spiritual experience of students by Prasad Distribution and ensuring effective crowd management during the rath yatra. Before the beginning of the event the temple grounds were cleaned and decorated with different kinds of rangolis. The event commenced with a soul-stirring Vishnu Sahasranamam recital by the SIES Veda Pathashala children setting a divine rhythm for the evening. The Marathi Vangmay Mandal added a cultural touch with their captivating bhajans and kirtans by **Shri Rohan Kolekar**, creating an atmosphere of collective devotion and celebration. A moment of deep spiritual significance unfolded as Ram japam, accompanied by Sahasra Deepotsavam (thousand lamps), illuminated the temple grounds and the words "Jai Shree Ram " in a diya formation. The attendees were 50 ( 28 M 22 F ).

**Voters Awareness session :** The NSS unit organised a voter awareness session on National Voters Day, held on 25th 2024. The main objective of this event was to spread awareness about voting and voter registration. The event commenced with the felicitation of the chief guest, Judicial Officer V.J. Jadhav, along with Lawyers Bramhanand Dubey and Priyanka Shabhadra. The chief guest then delivered a speech emphasising the importance of voting and creating awareness about voter registration. The session included an oath-taking ceremony, encouraging participants to actively engage in the democratic process. The event concluded with the NSS VIP clap. The attendees were 60 ( 30 M 30 F ).

### **Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR):**

**Orientation :** It was held for introducing the committee and its objectives to the volunteers and to induct new ISR core members on 29th August 2023. The badges of the core of ISR was handed over to the new core members by the convenor and later to the members. Ms. Nisha Telang the convenor, addressed the audience, providing information regarding the working of the committee and the ISR tie up with the Kotak education. The assistant manager for volunteer engagement and partnership, Ms. Anwasha De, from Kotak education foundation also shared her thoughts. Further fun game events were conducted to energize the audience, 'Friendship and trust', 'You can do it', 'Guess the Emoticon' After games event the volunteers were briefed about the previous activities of the ISR committee which included

the 'each one teach one' program , the adoption of the village 'chinchvan' in district Raigad , 'SIES-A-THON' which were held last year.The new and upcoming events which are going to be organized by ISR were also mentioned in the presentation. The attendees were 96 ( 47 M 49 F ).

**Food Donation Drive :** It was held from 2nd September to 8th September 2023.The objective of the drive was to mark the auspicious occasion of founders week where the committee collected food items for the underprivileged sections of the society and also to promote community involvement. Various pulses , millets and dry fruits were accepted as donations. The faculty also actively took part in this drive by donating various food items. During the drive, volunteers collected and sorted donated food items, engaged with other students to highlight the food scarcity concerns, and then a slum area was targeted to distribute the food packets.

On 13<sup>th</sup> September, 10 volunteers along with committee head's visited an underprivileged area located under railway overbridge at Parsik hill and Argoli village near Belapur. All food items were placed in equal quantities in every box and handed over to the families. About 10-12 families were benefitted from the drive. The estimated number of beneficiaries: 50.The attendees :

Food Donation Drive (2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September) : 13 ( 5 M 8 F )

Food Distribution Drive ( 13<sup>th</sup> September) : 11 ( 4 M 7 F )

**Cancer Foundation Visit :** The ISR took an initiative to visit a cancer foundation named Access Life Assistance Foundation, Chembur, on 2nd December 2023. ISR in association with Graceful Hands Trust, dispatched 6 volunteers to forge some memorable memories with children affected with cancer and to put a big smile on their faces.During the visit to the cancer foundation, a sincere effort was made to enhance the quality of time spent with the children. Various activities were organized to provide a positive and uplifting experience.The focus was on creating an environment tailored to the needs of the children. Play sessions were carefully designed to be both enjoyable and therapeutic.The attendees 6 ( 5 M 1 F ).

**Carnival :** The ISR in collaboration with Sharpshooters 2023-24, orchestrated this heartwarming event, on the 20th December 2023.The event commenced with the objective of bringing joy and delight to the children from nearby orphanages who had been called to the campus. To establish a lively atmosphere, a series of fun games were organized, including Snakes and ladders, cup games , memory games.Following the exhilarating games, chocolates and cotton candies were distributed. Energetic music were played to add a fun and enjoyable element, encouraging the children to participate in the dance activities during the event.Refreshment boxes were provided to all the children, offering a delightful interlude during the event. In addition to the games and dancing, a concert was organized at 6:00 pm, featuring a music performance. Culminating the activities, the entire ISR and Sharpshooters team joyfully extended Merry Christmas wishes to the children and everyone gathered for a group photograph. The attendees from the orphanages : Seva sahayog – 25 , Jeevan jyot - 22 .ISR Volunteers – 25 ( 10 M 15 F ) , Sharpshooters Volunteers – 30 ( 15 M 15 F ).

### **Rotaract Club:**

**Drop of Hope:** A blood donation camp was organised 1st July 2023 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM in association with the Rotary Club of New Bombay Seaside and Rotaract Club of New

Bombay Seaside to collect blood units for the Thalassemia patients. The venue was decided to be Terna Speciality Hospital and Research Centre, Nerul (W). The target audience for the blood donation drive were Rotaractors, Rotarians and their family members and friends. The resource person for the same was Mr. Datta R. Rathod who is a Medical Social Worker, who was present at the camp and overlooked that all the guidelines were followed. After primary tests, a total of 51 ( 35 M 16 F) donors were accepted. Overall 87 ( 54 M 33 F) attended the camp.

**16th Installation Ceremony:** The 16th Installation Ceremony was held on 19th August 2023. The Presidential Handover took place in which Rtr. Paridhi Patel, President 2022-23 collared Rtr. Nidhi More, President 2023-24. Rtr. Nidhi More delivered the acceptance speech and accepted the Presidency of the Rotaract Club of SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science and Commerce. Rtr. Nidhi More then released the year's theme "Alora – A beautiful dream" banner. Next, the Core team was inducted followed by the Board of Directors for the Rotaract Year 2023-24. The attendance was 180 ( 97 M 83 F ) people.

**SPIRITS:** An Annual Interschool Youth Festival and Competition conducted by the Rotary Club of New Bombay Seaside jointly with the Rotaract Club of SIES (Nerul) College and the Rotaract Club of New Bombay Seaside, for all four Sundays of the month, from 6th August to 27th August 2023. The motive of conducting the project 'SPIRITS' was to provide a platform for the students to showcase their talents in events like essay writing, poem writing, poster making, dance, folk dance and singing. This was the 20th edition of SPIRITS which featured 61 categories and events, with over 45 schools registering over a number of 4600 students for the same. The attendance for the same was 29 ( 12 M 17 F ) Rotaractors.

**Business Case Study Competition:** A Business Case Study Competition was conducted on the 28th August 2023. The aim of the event was to improve student's business analytical skills and their understanding of new innovations, rules, or policies that can impact businesses. The judge was Rtn. Suhasini Mandelkar, Educator - Graduate in Sales and Marketing Management from University of Pune who has been tutoring students from 11th Commerce to MBA. The winners :

1st - Mital Virat (FYBMS)

2nd - Varad Acharya (SYBAF)

3rd - Abhinav Vaidasain (SYBAF)

The registrations for the event was 25 students out of which 10 ( 3 M 7 F) students presented their case study.

**Trade Talks:** An interactive seminar session on the topic Stock Market was conducted on 31st August 2023. The aim of this seminar was to encourage the students to start investing and trading in the stock market. The speaker for the same was Mr. Prashant Arun Shirsode - BE (E&TC) from Singhgad college of engineering, Pune .The attendance for the same was 73 ( 46 M 27 F ) students.

**AI-Clo 2.0:** A clothes donation drive was conducted in collaboration with Sahitya Mandir Vashi (NGO) on 15th, 16th 18th September 2023. The objective of the event was to organize a mega clothes donation drive and to distribute the clothes to the poor and needy residing at the adopted village in Pen. A total of 13 bags full of Shirts, Pants, T-shirts, Sarees and Chudidars were collected from the Principal , teachers, Rotaractors and students during the donation drive. The attendance for the same was 19 ( 5 M 14 F ).

**Beyond Pixels:** A Canva JPEG making Competition was conducted by the Rotaract Club on 15th December 2023, in Mini-Amphitheatre. The goal of this event was to promote creativity and innovation amongst the students and to provide them a platform to promote their talent. It was decided that the Judge for the same would be Rtr. Rahul Chahande, Graphic Designer - Graduate in Banking and Insurance from SIES (Nerul) College , President of Rotaract Club of Navi Mumbai Industrial Area (2022-23) .The best top two in every topic were selected as the winner and runner-up.

Following are the details of the Winners:

New Year's Day

- 1st - Rtr. Samarth Kashid (SYBAF)
- Runner-up - Abhijit Singh (SYBMS)

Secret Santa

- 1st - Rtr. Medha Patil (SYCS)
- Runner-up - Rtr. Rohit Yerakulla (FYBBI)

Rap Battle

- 1st - Rakesh (FYBMS)
- Runner-up - Rtr. Samarth Kashid (SYBAF)

The registrations for the event was 39 students out of which 26 ( 16 M 10 F) students participated in the competition.

**Christmas Bash:** A Christmas party was organized by the Rotaract Club on 21st December 2023 in the Canteen Area. The aim of this event was to celebrate Christmas and to promote Rotaract activities amongst other college students. The total attendance for the same was 94 ( 46 M 48 F).

**Apna Sapna Money Money:** An engaging and interactive session on Wealth Generation was conducted jointly with the Rotaract Club of DY Patil deemed to be University School of Management on 16th January 2024 .The purpose of the event was to empower the college students on the topic wealth generation. The speaker for the same was Rtr. Laxman Agrawal, Financial Advisor , Graduate in BMS Finance field from MCC Mulund College of Commerce, Mumbai , CFA Institute Investment Foundation Certificate.The attendance for the event was 53 ( 29 M 24 F).

**SIES Champions League:** A 3-day Sports Competition was organized on 17th, 18th & 19th January 2024. The aim of the competition was to promote indoor & outdoor sports amongst the college students and to give them a platform to showcase their talent. The competition included indoor sports like Carrom & Table Tennis and Outdoor sports like Badminton & Box Cricket.The attendance for the event was 139 ( 88 M 51 F ).

### **Department of Lifelong learning and Extension (DLLE):**

**First Term training :** On 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 , the DLLE , University of Mumbai & Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science & Commerce organized an Extension Work Training Programme Teachers and Student Managers. The purpose of this event was commencement to the journey for the year 2023 – 2024, to provide information about Career Project (CP), Anna Poorna Yojana (APY), Population Education Club (PEC), Industry Oriented Project (IOP) and Education for All (EFA) & Survey Research, to introduce the 4 newly implemented projects to the students, i.e. Environment Education Project (EEP), Citizenship Education Project/Civic Sense(CEP), Consumer Guidance

Project(CGP) and Skill Development(SDP). Dr. Kunal Jadhav, Director of I/C DLLE, explained the education policy of DLLE, the duties of Student Managers and the newly implemented online portal for Annexure submission. The attendees were 3F (1 teacher and 2 student managers ).

**Recharge yourself :** The “Recharge Yourself for Peak Performance” seminar was held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 by DLLE students of Lala Lajpat Rai College of Commerce and Economics, Mahalaxmi. The speaker was Mr. Mahendra Kapadia, happiness coach and author. The program was opened by the Principal of Lala Lajpat Rai College, Dr. Neelam Arora. The program, featuring Mahendra Kapadia as the speaker, aimed to provide participants with valuable insights and strategies to enhance their personal and professional performance through self-renewal and rejuvenation. The attendees 15 ( 8 M 7 F ).

**First term training and Orientation :** The programmes took place on 26th August 2023 and 4th November 2023..The purpose of this program was to introduce the six projects to the students - Career Guidance Project (CGP), Career Project (CP), Anna Poorna Yojana (APY) & Population Education Club (PEC), Civic Sense (CEP), Environmental Education Project (EEP) and guidelines about the extension work. The program commenced with the Mumbai University official song. It was then followed by the Induction ceremony of Extension Teachers, Student managers, and the Avenue heads of 2023-24. Vice Principal Dr. Neera Kumar presented the batches to the Convenor and the Co-convenor teachers of DLLE committee followed by the certificate distribution to the previous student managers. The student managers explained the new avenues and the rules of the committee. The attendees 316 ( 150 M 166 F ). The session on 4th November was attended by Dr. Sheetal Sawant – Field Coordinator DLLE with a teaching experience of 19 years. She precisely explained the projects . The attendees: ( 100 M 202 F ).

**Anand Utsav :** It was a Raksha Bandhan Celebration event, held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at the Kamal Arnav Charitable Trust in New Panvel. The purpose of this event was for the children at the orphanage to understand the reason behind celebrating the festival of Raksha Bandhan. There were several fun and engaging events in which the children wholeheartedly participated. The volunteers distributed Rakhis and enjoyed bonding with the volunteers. The attendees: 11 ( 3 M 8 F ).

**Cyber Warriors :** It was held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and was organized by Cyber Police Station, Navi Mumbai Police Commissionerate. Volunteers of DLLE attended the event. The program began an introduction to the event by Shri. Amit Kale - DCP Crime Branch. The event A dance performance was performed on the topic of cyber awareness. A speech was given by chief guest Shri. Milind Bharambe, the IPS commissioner of Navi Mumbai. Special feedback on the program was given by the special attendee Pooja Hedge, a popular Bollywood actress. The attendees were 36 ( 12 M 24 F ).

**Battle of Ideas :** The competition took place on 28th October 2023. The objective of this competition was to provide volunteers with an opportunity to express their ideas, unleash their potential, and make their mark. It created a platform for the volunteers to share their opinions on various topics. The competition commenced with an introduction of the judges, Ms. Shreya Poojary who has been working as a Software Engineer and Mr. Vishal Bodhale – Faculty BCOM. The preliminary round of the Debate competition began with the topic, “Is leadership an Inborn Trait or a Developed Skill?”. The second round of the debate took place

with the teams choosing to discuss the topic, “Remote work vs. Office work”. The semi-final of the competition began with the topic, “Are Universities Contributing to Anxiety and Mental Problems Among Students?”. The final round’s topic was provided on the spot by Ms. Shreya Poojary, which was, “Whether tech apps have made people lazier and led to poor social skills?”. The finale concluded with Ms. Shreya Poojary addressing the audience and declaring the winner. The attendees 65 ( 18 M 47 F ).

**Mangrove cleanup :** The DLLE collaborated with the Environment Life Foundation to organize this event. The event was held on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 Sarsole Jetty , Nerul , Navi Mumbai. The goal of the event was to create awareness among the volunteers about the significance of preserving natural ecosystems. A total of 61 ( 30 M 31 F ) volunteers participated in the event. The event commenced with an introduction by Mr Dharmesh Barai, CEO of Environmental Life Foundation,. He highlighted the crucial role of mangroves. Volunteers were informed about the role played by mangroves in providing essential habitat, protecting against erosion and storms, and filtering pollutants from water. The cleanup drive was conducted with the volunteers being divided into three groups of 20-21 volunteers. The event concluded with a small session on the importance of maintaining clean surroundings and not littering rivers or ponds.

**Poster Making competition :** It was organized on 6th November 2023. This event served as a vibrant platform for the volunteers to unleash their artistic talents, showcasing their creativity and perspectives on a range of themes. Adding an extra layer of prestige to the competition was the presence of the distinguished artist Mr. Pandurang Jadhav, who graciously assumed the role of judge. Volunteers explored a diverse array of themes, employing various artistic techniques to convey their messages. Ms. Rupali Zele felicitated Mr. Pandurang Jadhav with a sapling and gave a speech to welcome the judge. Following a thorough evaluation, winners were announced. The attendees 41 ( 10 M 31 F ).

**Culinary Delight Expo :** The DLLE organized this Expo under its Annapurna Yojana Project. It took place on 7th November 2023. The main purpose of this program was to encourage the volunteers to try their hand at small-scale business and to develop skills like time management, decision making, maintaining interpersonal relations, communication, and negotiation skills. There were over 7 food stalls spread all over the quadrangle. The menu ranged from snacks to refreshing drinks. A portion of the profit earned would also be donated to NGOs. The attendees 62 ( 14 M 48 F ).

Name of the DLLE event	Held on	Organized by	Venue
Diwali Dhamaka – Reach to Unreached	10/11/23	Career Project (CP),	Vishwa Balak Kendra, Near Renault services, Mahatma Gandhinagar, MIDC Nerul
Diwali Dhamaka – Reach to Unreached	11/11/23	Anna Poorna Yojana (APY)	Raigad Zilha Parishad School, Nangaon (Maharashtra)
Diwali Dhamaka – Reach to Unreached	13/11/23	Population Education Club (PEC)	Village Behind Radhe Krishna Foodland Company, Wadi, Kalamboli, Navi Mumbai-

### **Diwali Dhamaka :**

- It was organized by the ( CP ) volunteers of the DLLE committee. The event took place on 10th November 2023 at Vishwa Balak Kendra, Near Renault services, Mahatma Gandhinagar, MIDC Nerul, Navi Mumbai. The children were a part of the Yes I Can Foundation. The objective of this event was to celebrate Diwali with them and also to provide them information about different career opportunities which was done through a puppet show. The attendees 11 ( 2 M 9 F ).The beneficiaries 61 children ( 25 M 36 F ).
- The DLLE ( APY ) collaborated with the Raigad Zilha Parishad School, Nangaon for a donation drive on the auspicious occasion of Diwali. The event was held on 11th November 2023.The primary goal of the event was to celebrate Diwali with the children from the lower background (Adivasi) .A total of 8 ( 4 M 4 F ) volunteers participated in the event. The event included donating drawing materials, sports equipment, Diwali sweets, and a much-needed gas stove, singing, dancing & collaborative drawing exercises. The attendees 10 ( 6 volunteers, 2 Avenue heads, 1 Student manager, 1 Advisory Head ) ( 2 M , 8 F ). The beneficiaries 21 children ( 10 M 11 F ).
- On 13th November 2023, the DLLE ( PEC ) in collaboration with Create Together Foundation organized a 'Diwali Dhamaka' Event for working women and their children in Kalamboli, Navi Mumbai. There were 15 ( 4 M 11 F ) volunteers including. The main aim of the event was to celebrate Diwali with working women and their children in this underprivileged area. The volunteers taught the kids to make paper lanterns. Later they decorated their houses with the paper lanterns made by those kids. The volunteers conducted some fun activities for working women as well as for their kids such as The lemon-spoon race which was a delight for everyone. The beneficiaries 30 children ( 10 M 20 F ) and 9 women.

**Save soil seminar :** The "Save Soil" seminar, by Isha foundation organized by the DLLE on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023 was an event dedicated to raising awareness about soil conservation and sustainability. The seminar commenced with a thought-provoking small talk by Ms. Sheela Iyer from the Isha Foundation. Her engaging 10-15 minute elucidating the crucial aspects of the Save Soil initiative and its significance in today's context..An interactive quiz session conducted by Luvneet , a dedicated volunteer from the Isha Foundation, tested the audience's comprehension of soil-related issues and solutions. The seminar concluded with a Save Soil meditation session led by Isha Foundation volunteers. The attendees 32 ( 11 M 21 F ).

**Hindi Slogan Making Competition :** The DLLE organized Hindi Slogan Making Competition on 30th November , 2023. This event served as a vibrant platform for DLLE volunteers to unleash their artistic talents, showcasing their creativity and perspectives on a range of compelling themes. The purpose to provide a vibrant platform for volunteers to express their creativity, and artistic talents and spread awareness . Junior College Coordinator Ms. Sunita Ambhore, who graciously assumed the role of judge. This event provided participants with the unique opportunity to receive feedback and insights from a seasoned professional. Volunteers explored a diverse array of themes, employing various artistic techniques to convey their messages. The attendees 22 ( 11 M 11 F )



**Mangrove Cleanup Drive 2.0 :** The DLLE collaborated with the Environment Life Foundation to organize a "Mangrove Cleanup Drive 2.0" for its esteemed volunteers. The event was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023, at Shiv Mandir, Karave Jetty, Navi Mumbai. The primary goal of the event was to create awareness among the volunteers about the significance of preserving natural ecosystems. A total of 61 ( 30 M 31 F ) DLLE volunteers participated in the event, and their efforts undoubtedly contributed to safeguarding the environment. The event commenced with an introduction by Mr Dharmesh Barai, CEO of Environmental Life Foundation, wherein he highlighted the crucial role of mangroves. The volunteers carefully collected all the items that could not be decomposed naturally, such as thermocouples, plastic bags, biomedical wastes, etc.

**1<sup>st</sup> step towards green learning :** On the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, Environment Education Project (EEP) Group 2, along with Student Managers of the Department of Life Long Learning Extension organized an interactive session with primary school students at Prabodhankar Vidyalaya. Its purpose was to raise awareness among young students about the environment, fostering a sense of responsibility and sustainability among them. Two individuals from WNS (World Network Service) accompanied the event. The resource person was Mr Charles Williams, HR of World Network Service. A total of 64 ( 30 M 34 F ) students were present in each of the two classrooms, and actively participated throughout the event. Various sets of environment-based games were played. These games helped to instil a sense of consciousness regarding the environment. The top 6 participants from each classroom were awarded with gifts. Gift distribution was followed by a special dance performance by the volunteers.

**Awareness of Recycling and E-waste management :** The DLLE held an impactful environmental education event at NMMC School, Nerul(E). The event commenced on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the school premises. The core aims revolved around educating the youth on environmental matters. Interactive sessions were conducted with the school students, focusing on enhancing their environmental awareness, particularly on the themes of 'Recycling' and 'E-Waste Management.' Engaging fun games and activities centered around environmental concepts and the benefits of recycling followed these sessions. The attendees 8 ( 3 M 5 F ).

**Peer-to-Peer Session :** The 'Peer to Peer Session' organised on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 by DLLE was a interactive session between the audience and speakers. The purpose to provide insight to students about a multitude of careers and to offer an environment that fosters a culture of collaboration, inspiring them to learn from each other. The attendees 84 (26 M 58 F).

**Con is On: Unveiling the Secrets of Financial Deception :** It was held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The purpose to spread awareness amongst volunteers about scams in banking and how to prevent falling victim to these types of scams so that the teachings learnt from this can be given out to the community. The panel consisted of professionals of various positions in the Axis Bank, Thane Branch. Sweety Rehal, Branch Manager, Sagar Manjrekar, Branch Sales Manager, Ajay Mishra, Deputy Manager, Mr. Jason Pacheco and team were the speakers. Various types of scams and privacy attacks were explained. The attendees 62 ( 32 M 30 F ).

**Mumbai University Second Term Training Program:** The Second Term Training Programme was held at Changu Kana Thakur Arts, Commerce, and Science College on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to explain about the changes implemented in Extension work and the introduction of e-portal, provide information on Udaan Festival 2024, State Election Process

and activities for the Second Term. The event unfolded with insightful speeches delivered by the college principal and teachers. The Mumbai University's second term training program was an insightful day filled with learning and motivation. It also featured Mr Kunal Jadhav's Director of I/C DLLE, informative presentation on the various academic technicalities relating to their courses thereby enhancing participants' understanding on this. Another important highlight was Indurekar Sir's talk on the 'Udaan' initiative, which aimed to empower participants with knowledge on this initiative and shed more light on its academic and professional growth. The attendees 1 Extension Teacher and 2 Student Managers

**Consumer protection Rights Seminar :** It was held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The purpose to help the students to understand consumer grievances and what to do in order to protect a fellow consumer. The seminar commenced with an introduction of the esteemed Advocate Prashant Chavan, followed by a felicitation delivered by Ms. Simran Mahadik. Interactive sessions, featuring a presentation by Advocate Prashant Chavan, provided valuable insights into consumer laws and rights. The focus was on enhancing awareness among the members of DLLE regarding their role in safeguarding themselves and society. The presentation emphasized individual actions to thwart potential scams, enlightening students on seemingly trivial yet critical aspects of Consumer Protection Act, 2019 and Information Technology Act, 2000. The attendees 62 ( 42 M 20 F ).

**Digital Poster Making Activity :** It was held on 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on MS Teams, Instagram to help students to understand consumer grievances and what to do in order to protect a fellow consumer on the occasion of National Consumer Rights Day. 4 topics were selected on the basis of the seminar conducted during the week (Bank Scam Seminar and Consumer Protection Rights Seminar). 7 groups prepared 13 posters in total on the topics provided and presented the final results in MS Teams. The posters were uploaded in story format on the official Instagram page of SIES DLLE on the occasion of National Consumer Rights Day. The topics were mainly based on knowing consumer rights. The attendees 23 ( 12 M 11F ).

**Career Guidance in Finance and Management :** The event was held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The seminar's primary goal was to provide valuable insights into career opportunities, trends, and essential skills in the fields of finance and management. The speaker of the event was CA Anand Sakle, B.Com FCA MBA (Indian Army's Faculty of Management Studies, The CMM Jabalpur). CA Anand Sakle began his session by recounting his own journey towards becoming a Chartered Accountant. He emphasised the importance of learning from failure and spoke about how this initial struggle fueled his determination to master the subject. CA Anand Sakle highlighted that success often follows perseverance and the ability to learn from mistakes and that failures should not be viewed as roadblocks but as opportunities to grow and improve. The attendees 50 ( 15M 35 F ).

**Udaan 2024 selections :** The preliminary round for Udaan 2024, the annual festival of the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension DLLE was judged by Ms Rupali Zele , the convener of DLLE. It was held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The participants delivered their speeches showcasing their knowledge, communication skills and overall presentation abilities. They were evaluated based on their performance considering factors such as content delivery and engagement. Out of the seven participants 4 were elected to advance to the second round based on their outstanding performances. The attendees 32 ( 10M 22 F ).

**Surveys on Sustainable Initiative by EEP :** The dedicated volunteers of the Department of Life Long Learning Extension EEP Group 2 successfully conducted a series of impactful surveys from 11<sup>th</sup> January to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The Survey Focus Areas were divided into three main categories 1. Green Building: 2. Biomedical Waste 3. Zero Emissions

Buses: The dedicated efforts of the volunteers, committing 5 hours daily to these surveys, have resulted in a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities in these critical areas. The attendees 8 ( 3 M 5 F ).

**Elocution competition :** The competition took place on 12th January 2024. The competition was conducted on the occasion of Swami Vivekanand's birthday "National Youth Day". The objective of this competition was to inspire and enlighten the volunteers with the ideas and life of Swami Vivekananda. Later a short film based on Swami Vivekanand that was released in 1983 by DD National an Indian state-owned entertainment television channel founded by the Government of India was shown to the participants and the audience. The competition was concluded with the declaration of the winners. The attendees were 45 (20 M 25 F).

**Yoga Activity :** It was held on the 13th January 2024, at Krushtharog Nivaran Samiti, Shantivan. The primary objective of this competition was to provide volunteers with an opportunity to interact with the people over there and create a friendly environment. A yoga session led by experienced yoga instructors was conducted to cater for the needs of older adults. Participants engaged in poses promoting flexibility, balance, and relaxation. Enjoyable games were organised, promoting physical activity and laughter. Games aimed at enhancing mobility and fostering a sense of joy among the elders A short film was screened which helped them to revive their memories. The attendees were 10 ( 4 M 6 F ).

**Community Selling :** On 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 the DLLE held this event aimed at fostering local connections and supporting small businesses. The event took place in different neighbourhood areas and near the college campus. The primary objective event was to provide valuable insight into "Makar Sankranti" and provide a platform for residents and businesses to connect, promote commerce within the community, and create a sense of unity among neighbours. This event aimed to support local entrepreneurs and enhance the neighbourhood's economic ecosystem. During the Makar Sankranti festival, volunteers sold traditional snacks like tilgul, chikki, and dates in community areas near colleges and residential societies. The attendees 25 ( 10 M 15 F ).

**Mangrove clean up :** The event was held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Flaming Points, Seawoods. The primary goal of the event was to create awareness among the volunteers about the significance of preserving natural ecosystems. A total of 7 ( 7 F ) DLLE volunteers participated in the event, and their efforts undoubtedly contributed to safeguarding the environment. The event commenced with an introduction by Mr Dharmesh Barai, CEO of Environmental Life Foundation, wherein he highlighted the crucial role of mangroves in maintaining the health and productivity of coastal ecosystems. Volunteers were informed about the critical role played by mangroves in providing essential habitat, protecting against erosion and storms, and filtering pollutants from the water.

**Meditation :** It was held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Krushtharog Nivaran Samiti, Shantivan. The event commenced with a warm introduction of the volunteers and student managers, setting the stage for meaningful interactions. The engaging atmosphere paved the way for a series of thoughtfully curated activities. Dynamic and entertaining fun games brought laughter and joy,

transcending generational gaps. A poignant touch was added with a short film screening, evoking nostalgia and providing a reflective space for the elderly attendees. An interactive session of meditation helped them the residents to learn more about their interests. The attendees 10 ( 3 M 8 F ).

**Importance of voting :** The DLLE organized a Voting Awareness Campaign for students on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024.. The campaign underscores the fundamental right and civic duty of voting, emphasizing its role in representation, civic engagement, and influencing policies. The PR message effectively emphasized the significance of voting as both a fundamental right and civic duty in the context of the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The importance of voting was passionately conveyed, framing it as the voice of the people, essential for representation, civic engagement, and influencing future policies. The message compellingly outlined why voting matters, stressing its role in influencing government functioning and community matters while underlining its necessity for ensuring that the government truly represents its people. The volunteers were 5 ( 2 M 3 F ).

**Idea to Launch :** On the 16th of January 2024 the DLLE organized this seminar which aimed to provide valuable career guidance, shedding light on potential career paths within entrepreneurship, and ultimately fostering informed decision-making among participants. The guest speaker Ms neeta Saini – owner Urban Chills restaurant launched into an engaging address, delving into personal experiences and offering insights into how companies and entrepreneurs navigate the dynamic realms of entrepreneurship. Emphasising the evolving landscape of businesses, the speaker highlighted key transformations reshaping these fields. The attendees were 74 ( 17 M 57 F ).

**Composting flower seminar :** The DLLE held this seminar on composting flowers, where each specialist presented their views on how biodegradable waste can be reused for various products, and how composting can help reduce methane emissions and provide economic and environmental benefits. The seminar took place on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024. It began with an explanation of biodegradable waste and how it can be broken down into various useful products, such as carbon dioxide, water, methane, compost, humus, and simple organic molecules through composting and aerobic digestion. The seminar concluded by highlighting the environmental superiority of composting over using organic material for landfill. The attendees were 93 ( 21 M 72 F ).

**Temple cleaning drive :** On 19th January 2024, a cleanliness drive was organised by the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation in collaboration with DLLE volunteers. The event engaged a diverse group of volunteers committed to making a positive impact on the community. Before the cleanliness drive commenced, NMMC officials briefed the volunteers about the designated area and provided the necessary equipment. Volunteers were given hand gloves to ensure their safety and hygiene during the cleanup. Goni bags were distributed to one among three volunteers to facilitate the collection of waste from the surroundings. The cleanliness drive covered the stretch from the Temple Gate to the Parsik Hill Colony and back to the temple gate. Volunteers worked collectively to ensure the thorough cleaning of the vicinity. The primary focus of the drive was on clearing dry waste, with a special emphasis on plastic materials. The attendees were 55 ( 20 M 35 F ).

**SIES temple cleaning :** The temple cleaning event at SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce was on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024., The Temple Cleaning Drive was inspired by Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's 'Swachh Mandir' (Clean Temple) campaign to make pilgrimage sites pristine. The event witnessed widespread participation from students across various avenues, faculty members, and even some non-teaching staff. The attendees were 66 ( 26 M 40 F ).

**Bag making ( saplings ) :** The volunteers of DLLE visited Tolaja Hills to actively participate in the event. This event took place on 21<sup>st</sup> January 21<sup>st</sup> 2024. The caretaker of the organization gave instructions regarding making of sapling bags which was followed by making volunteers understand the importance of the environment. Nearly 80 bags were made. The volunteers 5 ( 2 M 3 F ).

**Mangrove clean up drive 4.0 :** The DLLE collaborated with the Environment Life Foundation to organize this event. The event was held on 21st January 2024 at Flaming Points, Seawoods. The primary goal of the event was to create awareness among the volunteers about the significance of preserving natural ecosystems. A total of 7 ( 3 M 5 F ) DLLE volunteers participated in the event, and their efforts undoubtedly contributed to safeguarding the environment. The event commenced with an introduction by Mr Dharmesh Barai, CEO of Environmental Life Foundation, wherein he highlighted the crucial role of mangroves in maintaining the health and productivity of coastal ecosystems. Volunteers were informed about the critical role played by mangroves in providing essential habitat, protecting against erosion and storms, and filtering pollutants from the water.

**Nourish for a cause :** On 21st January 2024, DLLE successfully conducted a food donation drive and serving event aimed at providing meals to both trustees and individuals in need. This charitable initiative was organized by “Sri Satya Sai Trust, Vashi ”. The event was conducted in three phases, first, the food packing. And then the second phase was donating packed food at the slum areas at Vashi. The third phase was serving the Trustees of Sri Satya Sai Trust and homeless people. Every volunteer got a chance to serve them and do Seva Work. The volunteers 11 ( 5 M 6 F ).

**Muskurahat :** On the 23rd of January, 2024, a heartwarming event unfolded at Bethany Children's Home in Nerul. The event aimed to foster a positive environment for the children through various engaging activities. The event commenced with an introduction session between the volunteers and the children, followed by an ice-breaking activity to establish a friendly and open atmosphere. This set the tone for a day filled with warmth and connection. A session on cleanliness, hygiene, and good manners was conducted, imparting valuable lessons to the children. The interactive nature of the event allowed the kids to grasp these concepts enjoyably. Fun games were organized, contributing to the lively atmosphere and bringing smiles to the faces of the children. The volunteers 7 ( 2 M 5 F ).

**Diamond Decades :** It was held on 23rd and 24th January 2024 at Rupavan Old Age Home Foundation. The event commenced with a warm introduction of the volunteers and the elderlies alike, setting the stage for meaningful interactions. Fun and dynamic activities paved the way for a joyful and energetic environment among the participants. Thoughtfully curated fun games about high waves of entertainment transcending generational gaps. A poignant touch was added with a short film screening, evoking nostalgia and providing a reflective space for the elderly attendees. Interactive sessions were incorporated, allowing the elderly individuals to share their experiences, stories, and wisdom. From nostalgic board games to friendly competition, the atmosphere was brimming with laughter and enthusiasm. The attendees were 8 ( 4 M 4 F ).

**Career Chart Exhibition :** It was held on 24th January 2024. The exhibition commenced after all the volunteers were placed in their designated spots and were told to arrange the charts they had made on the career they chose. The focus was on effectively showcasing informative charts,

targeting a diverse audience to foster meaningful interactions. And to provide valuable insights into relevant career paths. The volunteers actively engaged fellow students by presenting insightful charts on various careers within the premises. During the exhibition, Ms Simran Mahadik, the extension teacher, demonstrated a proactive approach by personally visiting each stall. The volunteers were 27 ( 10 M 17 F ).

**Udaan - The flight of Extension :** On the 27th of January 2024, the DLLE took part in the UDAAN festival held in Uran Education Society. The college participated in all 5 activities, including Street Play, Poster Making, Elocution, Powada singing and Creative Writing. The event's inauguration started with the chief guests' introduction, accompanied by various songs. Principal Dr. Meenakshi Gupta received tokens of appreciation, including a magazine, memento, shawl, and bouquet. The guest of honour, Dr. Balaram Gaikwad, director of DLLE, was also honoured similarly. A welcome song and the Vidyapeeth Anthem were then played. Then a street play was performed on women's empowerment, followed by others. The attendees were 20 ( 11 M 9 F ).

**Nex Gen Safar – Sapnon aur Careers ko Jodte hue :** It was held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Navi Mumbai Vidyalaya, Vashi. The event commenced with a lively introduction of everyone present. An engaging atmosphere was created with all the 11th-grade Commerce Students. The main aim of conducting a career guidance section was to make students motivated. The event started with a Career Interest Survey followed by a Peer Mentoring session and Games. After giving a short introduction speech to students the volunteers shared their anecdotes regarding the stream and course they chose, motivating and inspiring the students. The Games section consisted of quizzes in the form of MCQ questions, Identify the Image, and Identify Profession from the Audio. The attendees were 41 ( 23 M 18 F ) on day 1 and 27 ( 10 M 17 F ) on day 2.

**Poster making :** On the 30th of January 2024 the DLLE held this event. At this event there were 2 guests present from the NGO Vanashakti. Volunteers showcased their creativity via posters thereby creating awareness about the environment. The attendees were 16 ( 10 M 6 F ).

**Zero Waste Committee:**

Name of the Zero Waste Committee Event ( with NSS)	Date
<u>Plastic / E waste collection</u>	<u>19<sup>th</sup> August 2023</u>
	<u>1<sup>st</sup> September 2023</u>
	<u>9<sup>th</sup> September 2023</u>
	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023</u>
	<u>6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023</u>

**Plastic collection drive :** The NSS unit conducted a Plastic Collection Drive in collaboration with the Zero Waste Management Committee. This event took place on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The main purpose of the event was to educate NSS volunteers, students, and staff about the dangers of plastic waste and to promote the Three Rs (Reuse, Reduce, Recycle) and responsible disposal procedures. Information about the event, and the importance of

recycling was disseminated. To make it easier for people to dispose of their waste conveniently, collection bags were placed in strategic locations. The Plastic Collection Drive achieved remarkable results with a total of [208] plastics collected. The attendees 50 ( 20 M 30 F ).

**E- waste collection drive :** The NSS unit in collaboration with the Zero waste management committee together organised an e-waste collection drive on 1<sup>st</sup> September , 2023. The main objective e -waste management is to reduce, reuse, and recycle. The event was a success as it reinforced that every citizen should respect our nature . With the aim of contributing knowledge to the development of sustainable e-waste management, there are wide-ranging research topics within e-waste management. The attendees 40 ( 20 M 20 F ).

**Plastic and E waste collection :** The NSS unit conducted a Plastic Collection Drive in collaboration with the Zero Waste Management Committee. This event took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023. The main purpose of the event was to educate NSS volunteers, students, and staff about the dangers of plastic waste and to promote the Three Rs (Reuse, Reduce, Recycle) and responsible disposal procedures. Throughout the event, NSS volunteers operated the counter to collect the plastic and record the names of students and staff members who disposed of the plastic. A significant number of the volunteers from NSS contributed to the disposal of e-waste. The attendees 80 ( 40 M 40 F ).

**Plastic collection drive :** Zero waste management committee alongwith Department of commerce, NSS, conservation club of SIES (Nerul) college had organised plastic collection drive on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 for Fybcom students for which they would receive marks. The primary objective of the event was to promote the 3 R's( Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) along with responsible disposal procedures. The Plastic Collection Drive achieved remarkable results with a total of [ 80 kg ] plastics material was collected in first round of collection. All collected plastic waste was handed over to Stree Mukti Sanghatana for proper disposal and recycling. The attendees 65 ( 25 M 40 F ).

#### ❖ **Research Based Learning :**

##### **Research Committee:**

**Wildlife Awareness :** It was held on the occasion of “Founder’s Day” on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023. The guest invited was a renowned wildlife rescuer and conservationist, “Mr. Abhirup Kadam”. The event was attended by 50 ( 28 M 22 F ) participants and 5 professors of college. The speaker started the session by specifically talking about various types of reptiles emphasising on the different kinds of snakes. He also provided insights on identifying some kinds of snakes on the basis of their colour and nature of attack. He also gave us a guiding information on the precautions and measures to be taken if we get bitten by a snake.

**Envision :** It was held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023. It was a competition where 18 students participated in 10 groups. HOD of the EVS department Dr. Jyoti Jitenderdas judged the competition by evaluating the participants. This event was based on the research work of the participants on sustainable and global socio-economic issues. The attendees 27 ( 10 m 17 F ).

##### **Project and Consultancy Committee :**

**Workshop on Web Designing :** It was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 to teach various techniques of web designing. The **target audience** - Third-year BSc IT students. The **Topic of Discourse:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React, WordPress. The workshop

included hands-on activities for all students, engaging and interactive sessions on web designing topics, including HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React, and WordPress. Expert instructors and guest speakers shared their knowledge and industry insights. The attendees - Day 1: 45 ( 23 M 22 F ) and Day 2: 43 ( 23 M 20 F ).

**Induction :** It was held on 14th September 2023. This event marked the official establishment of the committee. Its purpose was induction and certificate felicitation of students who had participated in the workshop of Web Designing. Around an audience of 40 ( 20 M 20 F ) were present. After the welcome, a classical welcome dance performance was presented by student Ms. Aditi Rajesh Kurup. Dr. Swati Vitkar, the Convenor of the committee delivered an inspiring speech outlining the committee's mission, goals, and the importance of the committee. A significant moment in the ceremony was the unveiling of the committee's official logo. The Heads of the Project and Consultancy Committee were introduced, and the committee members received their official badges. The event also included a heartfelt appreciation ceremony for the trainers- Mr. Mohammad Hasnain Ahmed, Mr. Rohit Zirmute, Mr. Abhishek Kharat, Ms. Kamal Mane, who conducted a recent Web Designing Workshop. Certificates were awarded to the participants of the Web Designing Workshop recognizing their successful completion of the workshop.

#### **Entrepreneur Development and Incubation Cell (EDC & IC):**

**Orientation :** It was held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023. A total of 180 attendees ( 80 M 100 F ) were present at the event. The event began with the welcome speech by faculty members who spoke on entrepreneurship, startups and about the opportunities provided by EDC and the idea of EDC and IC respectively. A new concept was introduced - "IDEA BOX" for this year, wherein anyone with a business idea can write their ideas on a paper and put it in the box. A business pitching session was conducted wherein the students spoke about their startups. 'Vairaagi', a clothing brand introduced by Mohit expressing the importance of culture and history. The guest speaker, Mr. Prathamesh (Co-Founder and Chief Operation Officer) talked about how his journey started from being a student of SIES College to starting his own entrepreneurial venture known as 'Prepbook'. The session was followed by the next guest who was the Ex-Head of Creativity on Prepbook, Ms. Manasi who shared her experience and also how they collaborated with Google 'Appscale Academy'.

**EDC & IC roundtable conference :** It was organized on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. Hosts of the event gave a brief introduction about the panel discussion and introduced Mr. Bhavesh Kothari who is a successful entrepreneur. The first round of panel discussion started with a small introduction given by the young entrepreneurs about their business. Ms. Ekta Patil and Mr. Shlok Yadav talked about their business called BEA which sells customized T-shirts, tote bags and cups. Faculty member Mr. Chaitanya introduced his business which provides car care services. In the third round, the discussion was about the problems and challenges faced by the participants. And in the fourth round, benefits and downfalls were discussed which they faced in their business journeys. In the last round, they discussed their mentors. The attendees 85 ( 40 M 35 F

**Old Age Home Visit:** The EDC and Institutional Social Responsibility organized an old age home visit on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at Matru Sadan , Nerul . The purpose of the event was to provide companionship and emotional support to the elderly residents, while also gaining a better understanding of their needs and concerns. The visit commenced with an inauguration ceremony and a formal introduction of the esteemed trustees of the old age home. There were a total 20 residents in the old age home. The Shaurya Band put on a riveting musical show. The day's



program continued with dance performance by the volunteers of EDC. A bhajan session and pravachan session was also conducted. The attendees 45 (20 M 25 F).

**Collegepreneur :** The EDC and Marathi Vangmay Mandal organized Collegepreneur to help small businesses on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023. A stall named 'Creative Nidds' featured a wide variety of unique and handcrafted items, including: textual arts, handmade candles with watermelon, apple, and vanilla scents etc. A stall named 'Bottle Throttle' offered a range of mocktails and cold coffees. MVM arranged Faralotsav - " Godva Marathmolya khamangancha" wherein various types of 'Faral' items were sold from 4<sup>th</sup> November to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The stalls by MVM showcased an array of classic and delicious snacks and sweets, like Poha Chiwda, Chakali, Karanji etc. Brainteaser games were also conducted. The event enabled networking among students.

**Financial literacy and Awareness :** The Entrepreneurship Development and Incubation Cell of S.I.E.S. (Nerul) College of Arts, Science and Commerce organized a Financial Literacy and Awareness Program for the year 2023-24 on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2023. The purpose was to promote awareness about the stock market and commodity market. The speaker was Dr. Vani who has 19 Years of Teaching, Research and Administration experience across varied Educational verticals representing organizations from Business Management and Science and Commerce. She is currently a Professor in DY Patil Deemed To Be University School of Management, CBD Belapur. Dr. Vani Kamath introduced herself and began her presentation on commodities and derivatives. She demonstrated the Forward, Future, and Other Market transaction types. Her talk followed with an overview of commodities, covering categories and price-influencing factors. The attendees 40 ( 12 M 28 F ).

#### **Commerce and Economics Association:**

**Orientation :** It was held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023. The General Secretary and the Joint General Secretary inaugurated the ceremony with a speech where events to be held for the year 2023-2024 was discussed by them and an overview of the committee was given to the volunteers. The event further progressed with fun games like Taboo and Guess The Movie . Then the badges were distributed. The attendees 37 ( 15 M 22 F ).

**57th A.D Shroff Elocution Competition :** The 57th A.D Shroff Elocution competition was organised in association with the Forum For Free Enterprise on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. The aim was to provide a platform for the participants to showcase their public communication skills. The topics of the competition include- "Is the Indian Rupee ready to emerge as a global reserve currency, and what steps should the government take to achieve this goal" , "Is the Indian economy on track to becoming a \$5 Trillion economy in 2025?" , "Is unemployability a bigger problem than unemployment? . The event was judged by the inhouse faculties of commerce and finance- Mr. Vinod Nair and Mr. Sreejith Nair. The participation 35 ( 30 M 15 F ) students.

**Seminar on Consumerism and Financial Literacy :** A seminar on the topic "Consumerism and financial literacy" on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Mr. Nandakumar Menon addressed the students about being financially literate and how to save and grow one's money. The first speaker of the day, Mr. Pandey – project officer CGSI made the students aware about how they play a role in society being consumers and the importance of consumer literacy. Then Mr. Nandakumar Menon - retired Senior VP , UTI Mutual Fund emphasized on the thought "Long term investments are a great way to build wealth overtime". The students were left with a good understanding of how one should start thinking about earning, multiplying, and compounding. The attendees 52 ( 22 M 30 F ).

**Movie Screening :** The Commerce and Economics Association organized a screening of the popular classic, "Munna Bhai M.B.B.S," on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The objective to learn to be more

considerate and respectful towards others, with a fun activity in a community set-up. The captivating storyline, interspersed with humor and heartwarming moments, proved to be a compelling narrative that captured the interest of all attendees. As an expression of gratitude, the organizers extended their thanks to the audience and gifted each attendee a card with references from the movie and its themes, which could be shared with a friend as a token of appreciation. The attendees 30 ( 13 M 17 F ).

**Commerce Mela :** The Commerce and Economics Association organized Commerce Mela, held over a span of two days 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to deepen understanding of commerce and economic concepts through discussion and fun activities. The inaugural day kicked off with an exhilarating Treasure Hunt, where 4 teams engaging participants in a thrilling quest that navigated throughout the college campus, bringing their teamwork and strategic thinking to light. Further, the event seamlessly transitioned into a stand-up performance by Shrikar Sharma a third year BAF student and stand up comedian injecting laughter and entertainment into the atmosphere, creating an enjoyable ambiance for attendees. The second day, January 18<sup>th</sup> witnessed a compelling Commerce and Economics Quiz. The quiz tested participants' knowledge on a myriad of business-related topics. The attendees 30 students each day.

### **Finance Club:**

**BSE's Investor Awareness Program :** BSE's Investor Awareness Program was organized in association with Department of Management Studies on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The guest speaker of the session was Ms. Marina Jose who introduced and elaborated on two new investing avenues- REITs and InvITs given by SEBI. The speaker also discussed the difference between savings and investment. She concluded her seminar by an interactive session of quiz. The key takeaway from the seminar was to educate students about new investment options. A total of 74 ( 36 M 38 F ) students participated in the event.

**Portfolio Management competition :** A portfolio management competition was organized on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 which aimed at educating the students about portfolio management through competition. The competition was held in three rounds as follows: round 1, semi-finals and finals. Each round had different sectors in which the participant had to invest their shares. The topics in the various rounds given to challenge the participants include- apparel, logistic, entertainment and media sectors, IT, consumer and pharma sectors. A total of 23 ( 10 M 13 F ) students participated in the event.

**BSE Investor awareness program:** was held online 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to educate students about financial literacy. The event was organized in collaboration with Board of Industry-Academia Partnership and Krishna foundation. Mr. Atul Sathe was the speaker, Assistant Professor at HR College of Commerce & Economics, a **research scholar** in the subject of **Accountancy** who has published and presented numerous articles and research papers at national and international seminars and conferences. He started his speech by speaking about the role of BSE and SEBI. A brief introduction was given about depository and mutual fund. The key takeaway from the seminar was to educate students about options and encourage them to invest. The attendees 40 ( 18 M 22 F ).

### **Maths Association:**

**Induction and orientation ceremony and Quiz competition :** It was held on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 to felicitate the newly selected heads of the association and to conduct a fun mathematics quiz for the audience. The event preceded by felicitating the newly selected enthusiastic heads of the association. The badges were distributed. The fun and thrilling Maths Quiz then started. The final round involved exciting activities which needed quick movements and correct solutions to

the mathematical riddles. First runner up was Mr. Prathamesh Patil (FY BCOM) and the winner was Mr. Suresh Choudhary (FY BCOM).The attendees 115 ( 70 M 45 F ).

**Escape Room :** It was held on December 19, 2023 .The purpose of the event was to get basic knowledge of mathematics by solving puzzles and escaping from traps. The diverse group of students, representing various academic disciplines, enthusiastically embraced the event. Teams navigated through cryptic codes, geometric puzzles, algebraic enigmas, and logical challenges, fostering time management, teamwork and problem-solving.The winners were Rohit, Aditya, Pranit, Pragati and Ajay.The winners were given gifts and certificates. The attendees 64 ( 31 M 33 F ).

❖ ***Value-based Learning:***

**F.A.S.E.S (Faith, Ahimsā, Satyagraha, Equality, Swarajya):**

**Induction :** It was held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023. The event was a celebration of leadership, community, and the culmination of a journey marked by the dedicated efforts of both faculty and students.The student volunteers were acknowledged for their pivotal roles in the college community.Following the welcome, badges were distributed, symbolizing the official induction of new members into the FASES Association.A concise introduction to the FASES Association was presented, outlining its mission, values, and the significance of its role within the college.The event marked not only the end of the ceremony but also a heartfelt farewell to Mr Girish Kirtani – Convenor who had been an integral part of the committee since its inception.The attendees 66 ( 14 M 52F ).

**Nelson Mandela Day :** It is an annual celebration held in honor of the late Nelson Mandela, the iconic anti-apartheid revolutionary and former president of South Africa. In line with the spirit of this day this event was organized as a special celebration to pay tribute to Nelson Mandela's legacy. It was held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The celebration began with a brief introduction to Nelson Mandela and the significance of the day. A short video showcasing Mandela's life journey and his contributions to society was presented. As part of the celebration, a group of students from different departments showcased their talents through various performances like speech and by presentation , all centered around the theme of unity, freedom, and social justice.The attendees. 29 ( 10 M 19 F )

**Daanutsav :** The Fases Association in collaboration with the Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension Cell conducted this event held from September 1st to September 9th, 2023.Itwas a remarkable community initiative aimed at collecting essential items and spreading joy. Donation Collection (1st September - 6th September 2023) -Throughout this phase, dedicated donation desks to collect various items from generous contributors. The outpouring of support was evident, with donations including back-to-school kits (stationery), warm blankets, comfortable bedsheets, a plethora of toys, essential accessories, and much more. One of the hallmark achievements of DAANUTSAV was the equitable distribution of donated items to two NGOs.

1. JEEVEN JYOTI Charitable Trust :

Volunteers embraced the spirit of service by actively engaging with the children at JEEVEN JYOTI Charitable Trust. Inspired by the teachings of Lord Krishna, they imparted invaluable life lessons. Every child was provided with study kits. In addition to these kits, general donations were graciously offered to the Chairperson.

2. Bethany : At Bethany, volunteers shared the inspiring success story of Chandrayaan 3, emphasizing the importance of perseverance and pursuing one's passions. Fun games and interactive activities added an element of excitement to the visit, creating lasting memories. Kits were distributed to all the children, equipping them with essentials.

**Gandhi Jayanti – Yaqeen** : The FASES Association celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with a special event called "Yaqeen." This event aimed to honor the enduring legacy of Mahatma Gandhi by promoting the principles of truth, non-violence, and unity that he stood for. Sheela Didiji an esteemed speaker from the Brahmakumaris and meditation expert, engaged the audience in a thought-provoking discourse about the relevance of Gandhian values in today's world. A breathtaking welcome dance performance added to the event's charm. The event also featured a song performance by dedicated FASES volunteers, celebrating the spirit of Gandhi Jayanti through devotional music. The gender count 58 ( 26 M 32 F ).

**Digital poster competition** : The FASES Association successfully hosted the Digital Poster Making Competition on Martyrs' Day ie 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The event aimed to foster creativity and provide a platform for artistic expression. The theme reveal on 29th January added an element of excitement, inspiring participants to channel their creativity. The participants were 10. On 30th January the judge Ms Tejal Shinde – faculty BAMMC diligently evaluated the entries, leading to the unveiling of the winners. The winners were declared via an online meet. Certificates were given to the top 3 winners And E certificates to all participants. The competition not only showcased artistic brilliance but also fostered a sense of community among participants. Winner details : First Place: [ Hasmita Nandi (TYBMS) ] Second Place: [ Muskan Trivedi (TYBCOM) ] The Digital Poster Making Competition was a resounding success, celebrating the fusion of art and technology.

### **Library Committee:**

**Book Club – Beyond the Shelves** : On 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 was organized an interesting Book club event- Beyond the Shelves for. Its purpose– to attract the book lovers and provide a platform for them to interact. Academic games not only helped the audience in refreshing their memories about the books they have read but also helped them to express their thoughts. After the completion of all the rounds, the top 5 participants among the audience who gave most of the answers correct were awarded book marks and hand made give aways. The attendees 22 ( 6 M 16 F ).

**The Last Leaf** : It was organized an event to commemorate Library Day and to have an induction ceremony for its student members. It was held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 The Theatre round began and it had comprised of three different role plays enhancing the glory of English Literature. The Last Leaf by O Henry was one of the plays. Moving ahead with the Book Review session, the former Joint General Secretary, Mr. Nainar was invited to share his personal reading experience, followed by Brian Fernando an alumni and an avid reader and others. The event moved on to its last activity “Open Debate” with very interesting topics. Like 75% Attendance-needed or outdated, Self Help Book- necessity or a scam etc. Parallely, the Nail Art and Hand Painting counters were also opened and managed by the student volunteers. Finally the volunteers were felicitated by the faculty members. The attendees 82 ( 32 M 50 F ).

**Movie Screening** : The Library Committee and the Digital Marketing Committee organized a movie screening of the popular movie 3 Idiots on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. The purpose of the event

was to commemorate, National Education Day celebrated every year on 11th November. The movie was directed, edited and co-written by Rajkumar Hirani and loosely adapted from the novel called Five Point Someone written by Chetan Bhagat. It follows the friendship of three students at an Indian engineering college and is a satire about the social pressures under the Indian education system. Through the movie students were made to understand that to excel and doing what one is good at is more important than merely getting a degree. Gender Count: 122 ( 55 M 67 F).

**Debate competition :** The Library Committee organized a debate competition on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024. The purpose of the event was to enhance the communication and networking skills of the participants with a sense to build confidence to express their opinion. This competition also brought together different students hailing from diverse backgrounds having a willingness towards integration of their opinion through the debates. The Judges were faculty members Ms Rupali Zele ( BCOM ) and Mr. Abhishek Dandekar ( BAMMC ). The competition consisted of 3 rounds. The initial topics were : Does technology make people lonely? and Is Marvel better than Anime? Winners from both the debate rounds entered the final round of the competition. The topic was: Is Artificial intelligence a boon or a curse? The winners of the competition were Mr. Vishnu, Mr. Aditya and Mr. Jason from Junior college. The winners were given giveaways made by our creatives team. The two best speakers were Mr Vishnu ( JC ) and Ms Priya ( BSC IT ). The gender count 31 (20 M and 11 F )

**Artista Fiesta :** The Library Committee organized Artista Fiesta on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2024. It was held at the college entrance also known as Tiger's Den. The purpose to make the committee more popular , encourage creativity and bring together artistic endeavours and intellectual stimulation. Stalls were put up and the products sold were hand made book marks , mini paintings and bracelets. Hair braiding was also a part of the event. Visitors had to pay nominal charges at each stall. A gaming stall was also put up - a spin the wheel challenge, wherein you get a number and a chit was picked up and the question written on the chit was asked, people who answered multiple questions correctly were awarded with a chocolate or a free bookmark or a bracelet. The footfall was in the range of 90-120 people. The event was a multi-dimensional fest which touched upon all specific fields like event management, creativity, designing, sales, administration, marketing, customer relationship etc.

### **English Literary Association (ELA):**

**Induction :** An Induction Ceremony and Stand-up Delight show was held on 17 th August 2023 .The primary purpose of the event was transition of leadership and succession to the new committee members who will be leading the ELA. After the badge distribution poet and comedian Parvez Tamboli performed the opening act, making all laugh. Afterwards, special guest, comedian Krishna Pandey engaged all with his amazing humour. The gender count 121 ( 80 M 41 F )

**Open Mic :** This exhilarating event was held on 13th September 2023 with the topic as 'Your Firsts' , providing a platform for talented individuals to showcase their artistic powers. The event featured a diverse range of performances, including poetry readings, musical acts, stand-up comedy, and storytelling. The participants demonstrated exceptional talent, captivating the audience with their creativity and passion. The attendees 155 ( 67 M 88 )

**Show, don't tell :** It was held between 21<sup>st</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> October 2023. This exhilarating online book cover making competition was conducted to showcase the artistic prowess and creativity of participants. The competition aimed to provide a platform for students to express their imaginative interpretations of literary works through visually captivating book covers. The attendees 17 ( 8 M 9 F ). First Place: Mishti Jain FYBMS Second Place: Sakshi Hagir SYBAF. The attendees 17 ( 8 M 9 F ).

**Movie Screening :** The ELA organized a captivating movie screening on the 19th of December. The event, featuring the horror film "The Nun," aimed not only to entertain but also to raise funds for various literary activities organized by the association. Funds generated from the ticket sales and additional contributions would be utilized for educational initiatives. A total of 117 attendees ( 80 M 37 F ) graced the event.

❖ **Soft skills Enhancement :**

**Student Council:**

**Independence day event :** The Student Council and NSS unit conducted a Flag Hoisting event on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, on account of the 77<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of India. The main purpose being to celebrate independence day as a reminder of the many sacrifices and struggles made by the Indian freedom fighters to help the country achieve its freedom. The Guests of Honor Mr. Sandeep Chopra who served Indian Navy for 15 years and currently working with SMS Integrated Facilities as Technical Head, and Mr. Aditya Subramanian, Company Secretary Reliance Jio shared a few words with the crowd about how proud they are to be called Indians and how India is developing at a fast pace. The attendees 20 ( 12 M 8 F ).

**Induction ceremony-Student Council :** The Induction Ceremony was organized on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to felicitate the new student council team which is the core of any college and form the group of student role models who inspire and educate students of the college. The volunteers of the council were also declared and badges were distributed to them marking each one's role and responsibility towards college and student development. The attendees 90 (40 M 50 F).

**SIESONS Coffee ke Bahane :** The event took place in the college on 1st September 2023. The main objective of the event was to promote the song "Coffee ke Bahane". The star cast, Kashish Thakur and Remu Sharma with director of the music video graced the stage and delivered a live performance of the song "Coffee ke Bahane". Benny Dayal's "Coffee Ke Bahane" promotion event truly left a lasting impression on everyone who attended.

**Induction ceremony- Digital Marketing Committee :** The induction of the Student Council volunteers was organized on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in the SIESCOMS Auditorium. The objective of the event was to help volunteers be introduced to the vision and objectives of the committee and build friendships with fellow volunteers. The attendees 120 (50 M 70 F). Badges were distributed and games were conducted. The Music Club also gave a performance to enhance the event.

**SIESONS Memory Lane :** The event took place in the college quadrangle on 8th September 2023. The main objective of the event was to showcase the 6 earlier years to first year students. The themes "Safarnama 2018, Era of Discoveries 2019, Aashayein 2020, Kashti 2021, Junoon 2022, Dastan 2023" were the themes which were the drop down banners. . The Shaurya band, featuring Allen as the singer, Antkarish as the guitarist, and Abhijit as the drummer, took the

stage and delivered an unforgettable performance on all the previous theme songs and the Artist's songs. The attendees 100 (40 M 60 F).

**SIESONS Volunteer release :** Volunteer release for the college festival-SIESONS is one of the most awaited events of the college where the main objective was to release the newly elected volunteer's for SIESONS 2024. It was held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. A total of 250 participants attended the event. ( 100 M 150 F )

**SIESONS AVM :** The event took place in the Amphitheatre of the College on 3rd October 2023. The main objective of the event was to introduce SIESONS to its newly elected volunteers. The target audience for this event were the 250 ( 150 M 100 F ) volunteers of SIESONS 2024.

**DMC Navarathri:** The Digital Marketing Committee organized an Online Event called the DMC Navratri Event from 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023, in the college Campus. The purpose was to shoot cinematic clips of the college staff and post them on the official Instagram page of the college. DMC Navarathri Event digitally promoted the presence and work of the college staff on social media, receiving substantial engagement among netizens. The staff participants 60 (20 M 40 F).

**Siesons Premier League:** The event took place in the lawn and quadrangle of the college on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The event was organized for the heads and volunteers to showcase their sports talent. There were three sports organized i.e. Football, Cricket and Tug of War. A total of 300 Participants (170 M and 130 F ) attended the event.

**Bollywood Mela :** It was held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. The main objective of the event was to showcase cultural exchange, build a sense of belonging, and provide a platform for both entertainment and personal growth. The students were dressed as their favorite characters from movies. Food stalls offered a delectable array of snacks and delicacies of different flavours. Anish Chhabra, an composer and singer has graced the event with his melodious voice. His performance was the highlight of the event. Later the stage was graced by the Stress Buster Band. The attendees were over 500.

**Theme release:** The SIESONS committee organised an event Theme Release for the all the audience of SIESONS 2024. The event took place in the college campus on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. The Theme of SIESONS 2024 that is "BESABRIYAAN – NAYI UCHAIYO KO CHOONE KI" was disclosed to the audience present during the theme release.

### **Gender Sensitization Cell (GSC):**

**Menstrual Hygiene:** On 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 GSC organized an interesting session on menstrual hygiene. The objective was to raise awareness about the importance of Menstrual Hygiene and its impact on women's health. Ms. Avani Somaiya, who has completed M.Sc. in Nutraceuticals, a B.Sc. in chemistry, and also worked at Cheryl Labs as a quality control analyst was the speaker who highlighted about how proper menstrual hygiene practices are essential to prevent infection and ensure comfort during menstruation. A total of 100 Female students were present in the av room who found the seminar very insightful.

**Oath Ceremony:** In observance of Woman's Day on 26<sup>th</sup> of August, 2023 the Gender Sensitisation Cell organized an Oath Ceremony event. Its purpose was to pledge towards creating a more equitable world and promoting inclusion while addressing some of the prevailing problems at the source. Around an audience of 109 were present ( 42 M 67 F )

**Self Defense workshop:** It was held on 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2023. The main objective of this workshop was to create awareness about various techniques to stay vigilant and educate the attendees about the needs and benefits of practicing it to ensure one's safety. Mr. Yash Rambhia was the speaker, he is an alumnus of our college and is founder of IronWolf 207. The session continued with him demonstrating precise martial art stances and methods for self-defense in emergency situations while teaching a variety of tricks and techniques. All 42 attendees (42 F) found the self-defense workshop to be a worthwhile experience.

**Saree Drive – threads of kindness:** It was held on 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. Saree symbolizes dignity. This effort called for a cause that gives ladies the chance to donate unused sarees in order to demonstrate their care for other needy women of Stree Mukti Sangh, an NGO. A total of 73 sarees were gathered and donated. Gender count 60 (12 M 48 F).

**Saukhyam Reusable Pads Workshop:** It was conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> of October, 2023. The goal of the session was to raise awareness of the numerous advancements being made in the area of female menstruation hygiene. Mrs. Pragati Parihar was the chief guest who is a full-time GIS engineer and actively represents Saukhyam foundation as a spokeswoman. She briefly discussed the Saukhyam Reusable Pads Initiative, a project of the prestigious Mata Amritanandamayi Math, a philanthropic organization with the goal of revolutionizing people's lives and the environment. Gender Count: 84 (6 M 78 F).

**Rainbow Circle Training :** The Gender Sensitization Cell of SIES College hosted a training session which was spread over 3 days in association with Red Dot Foundation's project-Rainbow Circles on 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2023. The main takeaway from the workshops was the need to make society safer for men and women, as well as the need for society to accept people of different genders. The seminars had a constructive, educational effect and raised awareness of various strategies for coping with harassment and safeguarding oneself, other women and men experiencing similar situations. The final day of the training was centered around mental health and wellness, developing advocacy campaigns, and understanding the usage of the Safe City app. The attendees were 6 (2 M 4 F).

**Movie Screening :** On 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2023 the GSC organized a Movie Screening Event for the year 2023-24 in collaboration with the NSS unit and Red Dot Foundation. The event aimed not only to showcase a compelling film - Chapaak but also to raise awareness about women's rights and empowerment. After the movie screening, a panel discussion was organized on acid attacks. It was a significant and impactful event, offering a platform for in-depth discussions and analysis of the challenges faced by acid attack survivors and the opportunities for societal and legal reforms. There were approximately 49 student participants (16 M 33 F)

**Understanding Indian Legislation w.r.t gender, diversity, and inclusion:** It was held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 in collaboration with the NSS unit. The event aimed at fostering awareness and comprehension of Indian Legislation related to gender diversity and inclusion in everyday life. The target audience was the faculty members. The key speaker was Mrs. Pragati Vaishya with a masters of social work degree, 2 years of volunteering experience and 3 years of working experiences in the social sector. Participants gained a nuanced understanding of the legal rights and protections available in India for gender diversity and strategies to create inclusive environments, particularly in educational institutions and workplaces. The attendees 51 (6 M 45 F)



### **Counselling Committee:**

**Child Abuse:** The committee organised 'Jagruti- An awareness drive on child abuse' on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 2023. This event was conducted to raise and spread awareness on child sexual abuse and stand up against such malpractices. The guest speaker for the interactive session was Ms. Rupal Vora, the Faculty and Coordinator of the counseling courses at SIES Institute of Comprehensive Education. The session encouraged people to take a stand against child sexual abuse and take the first step, 'believing'. The attendees 100 ( 40 M 60 F ).

**Induction :** It was held on 24th August 2023. The outgoing core team bid farewell, passing the torch to the newly elected members, who were recognized with badges as a mark of honor. Interactive activities were organized to foster unity and camaraderie among the members. The attendees 135 (78M 57 F).

**Teachers day card making :** The NSS unit in collaboration with the Counseling Committee organized a Teacher's Day card making event on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023. The preparations involved gathering art supplies, selection of suitable venue, and creation of the schedule for the event. Students were motivated to express their heartfelt appreciation for their teachers through their cards. Students brought their artistic skills and perspective into play, making personalized cards for their teachers. The attendees 30 ( 9 M 21 F ).

**Video Making competition :** The Counselling Committee successfully organized a Video Making Competition on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 attracting participation from approximately 15 enthusiastic groups. The competition served as an engaging platform for students to showcase their talents while fostering a sense of healthy competition and camaraderie. The event witnessed a vibrant attendance of around 112 ( 40 M 42 F ) individuals, creating a lively atmosphere.

### **Sports:**

**Work hard but work right: solutions by physiotherapists :** It was conducted on 31st August, 2023. The motive of this event was to spread health awareness among the college staff. The target audience teaching and non teaching staff. Dr. Isha Shripad (Assistant Professor) and Dr. Sukhada Prabhu (Associate Professor) from DY.Patil University School of Physiotherapy, Department of Kinesiotherapy and Physical diagnosis briefly explained to the audience about the diseases and how to prevent and control them. The attendees 82 (60 M 22 F)

**Decathlon Sports Utsav:** It was held on 18 th September 2023. This event aimed to promote physical fitness, sportsmanship, teamwork, and healthy competition among the students of SIES College. The event was a resounding success, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship among the students. Total 120 participants had participated in this event ( 70 M 50 F )

**Smash series- indoor games tournament :** It was a two Day Event conducted on 24th & 25th of August 2023 in the college Gymkhana. Its purpose , to enhance the spirit of competitiveness through KNOCK-OUT style tournaments.

### **CARROM**

#### **Winners (carrom singles)**

- Diya Sharma - 1st position (FYBMS)
- Afreen Ansari -2nd position (SYBCOM)
- Vini Thakkar-3rd position ( TYBAF)

#### **Winners (carrom singles boys)**

- Mayank Pilke -1st position (TYIT)
- Amir Mithagari- 2nd position

- Shravan Pawar- 3rd position ( TYIT)

### **Winners ( carrom doubles)**

- Mayank Pilke (TYIT) and Avdhut Tandlekar (TYIT) - 1st position
- Gautam Naidu (TYBAF) and Amir Mithagari- 2nd position
- Dhanush Devendra (TYBAF) and Sanjay Yadav (TYBBI) - 3rd position

### **CHESS**

#### **Winners-**

- Ritvik Shetty - 1st position ( FYBMS)
- Ayush Srivastava- 2nd position ( TYBCOM)
- Parth Hudli - 3rd position ( FYBAF)

Total 74 (52 M 22 F) participants had participated in this tournament.

**One plus road trip :** It was a one day event conducted on 7th of August 2023. The road trip aims to provide the latest technology experiences to the community across India. The activity promoted the Oneplus brand and showcased the OnePlus ecosystem. For the quiz , the winners were given exciting prizes like airpods, caps, tote bags by Oneplus. For Flipbook student videos were converted into a flipbook. The attendees 78 ( 50 M 28 F ).

**Kick off Carnival :** It was held on 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The event aimed to foster team spirit, ignite a competitive zeal, and encourage young football enthusiasts to showcase their passion and talent for the game. All in all, 8 teams, (2 of which were female) consisting of 4 members each participated and went head to head to claim the prize. Once the event was over , all the winners and runner-ups were awarded with cash prizes .

**Campus Clash (Cricket) :** It was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Box cricket is excellent for improving agility, teamwork, and quick decision-making in a fun and fast-paced indoor setting. Hence this two-day, league-style tournament was organized by the college's Sports Committee, and the event aimed to boost teamwork, spark competitiveness, and motivate young cricket enthusiasts to display their love for the game and their skills. Students gathered to view the thrilling and intense string of matches. Following the conclusion of the league, even the college staff participated in an informal and lighthearted game of box cricket, and relived their childhood days. All in all, 12 teams, consisting of 6 members participated and went head to head to claim the prize, and also the title of player of the tournament given to only one standout performer. The man of the match was Roshan Ravindra Utekar FYBCOM.

### **Staff Academy :**

**Pedagogy and Teaching Techniques :** It was held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023. Ms Meghna Bhatia – Bsc It faculty member and Ms Nisha Telang – BMS Faculty member elucidated the concept of pedagogy, defining it as the essence of teaching and learning according to Brian Simon, a historian of education. Ms Lata Lokhande – Coordinator Banking & Insurance later delved into SSPS and its columns, expanding on its relevance within the educational sphere. The engagement, insightful discussions, and interactive activities underscored the importance of innovative teaching methodologies for effective learning outcomes. The attendees 62 (10 M 52 F)

### ***Cultural Expression***

#### **Music Club:**

**Orientation:** The Music Club of SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science and Commerce organized an orientation and induction ceremony on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023. This year marked the

5th anniversary of the music club, and as a special highlight, two of its founding members were invited as Chief Guests for the event. Its purpose is to facilitate a smooth transition of leadership to the new committee heads. The attendance 128 ( 84 M 44 F )

**Alfaaz :** The Music Club organized this open mic event on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023. It was conducted in the college amphitheatre. Its purpose was to provide a stress buster through a series of dynamic music and dance performances. There were in total 20 plus energetic performances. The attendees 197 ( 93 M 104 F ).

**Dil se Diwali :** It was held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to highlight the club's engagement with diverse cultural celebrations and for bringing together students from various streams to celebrate the widely recognised festival of Diwali. The occasion featured performances by recently formed bands, as well as performances by some of the more established bands of the college. The attendees were 302 ( 164 M 138 F ).

### **Marathi Vangmay Mandal (MVM):**

**Maharashtra Day:** It was celebrated in the college on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023. The event started with the flag hoisting ceremony. All the teachers were present for this program. The program started with Maharashtra Geet, Then the students performed dances depicting the traditions of Maharashtra. The event highlighted the struggles and gains made by workers and the labour movement. The event ended with a vote of thanks to all present. The attendees 50 ( 30 M 20 F ).

**Guru Purnima:** On 03rd July 2023 the MVM celebrated guru purnima by wishing all the teachers (teaching & non-teaching staff) of the college. Along with hand made greeting cards a pen & a rose was given to the teachers. The student volunteers visited the classrooms and gave greetings to the teachers, a second team visited the office, staff room & library along with the promotion team. The attendees 29 (19 M 10 F).

**Orientation:** It was conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Its purpose was to have a fun and interactive intellectual session with the audience. The programme started with a welcome dance. The banner of Marathi Vangmay mandal 2023-24 was then revealed and all the teachers were welcomed by giving tulsi plant as a token of love. Some of the volunteers participated in Marathi veshbhusha and were dressed up in some of the famous personalities of Maharashtra such as Swatantraveer Savarkar, Shanta Shelke, Kanhopatra and Savitribai Phule. The gender count 98 ( 46 M 52 F ).

**Shravansari :** It was held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. All who came to the program were welcomed and informed about the month of Shravan. The Principal welcomed the Chief Guest Sandeep Bodke by giving him shrifal and a shawl. Various dances on festivals of Shravan such as Narali Pournima, dahi handi and farmers dance were also performed by the volunteers. Mr Sandeep Bodke announced the winners of the poetry competition and awarded them. He also gave all the winner's a copy of his own written book "Mi hi gulaab ahe". The attendees 70 (50 M 30 F ).

**Ganapati workshop :** It was organized by Marathi Vangmay Mandal , Student Council and Rotract Club on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Clay soil and other useful items were given to all to make the idols. A total of 74 students (43 M 31 F) were present. Later all the beautiful idols were put on display. The message of the session was use eco-friendly Ganesha idols to avoid water pollution caused by chemical dyes and plaster of paris idols.

**Khadya Sanskruti :** It was conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Different food stalls were set up with food items like modak, aaluvadi, solkadi, vadapav, kothimbir vadi, misal pav, thali pith, etc being presented. Students and faculty members visited the stalls in huge numbers. The food was

home-made, delicious and cleanliness and hygiene was maintained. All students and teachers enjoyed the delicacies and volunteers were praised for it. The students present were 150 ( 80 M 70 F ).

**Maharashtrachya Virnagana :** On 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 this event was organised for the female faculty of the college. Volunteers presented beautiful welcome dance. Later the host explained the importance and the meaning of 9 days of Navratri .Volunteers made presentation on famous women like Lata Mangeshkar, Pratibha Patil, Anandi Gopal etc. This was followed by a dance on ' Gondal'. Later an inspirational speech was given in which the importance of women was explained beautifully. The heads also organised some interesting games for teachers. After a beautiful dance Haldi Kumkum ceremony was done for teachers. The attendees 45 (10 M 25 F ) .

**Hasya Melava:** "HASYA MELAVA-An all volunteers meet” was held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 .Anchors provided a program overview, including an opening poem on life. Cultural presentations included dances by the Cultural and Creative Heads, while volunteers showcased musical talents with guitar and a beautiful song. Fun games, were also kept for the volunteers to make the event more exciting. The event concluded with an engaging open mic competition, fostering unity and celebrating the diverse talents of the volunteers, making it a memorable and successful gathering.

**Movie Screening :** In this program, the movie 'Duniyadari' was screened on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The screening witnessed a sense of unity and friendship among all the attendees, creating a joyful and pleasant experience for everyone involved. The attendees 82 ( 35 M 47 F ).

**Makar Sankranti :** The heads and volunteers of the committee exchanged warm wishes symbolizing the spirit of Makar Sankranti on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. This traditional greeting was shared with enthusiasm, accompanied by the distribution of tilgul. Even the Principal and staff of the college extended their wishes by offering tilgul. The Makar Sankranti program unfolded in a delightful manner with such traditional exchanges, creating a joyous atmosphere.

### **Cultural Committee:**

**Fresher's day:** It was held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to welcome First year Degree College Students into college life. The event kicked off with an electrifying music performance, setting the lively tone for the evening. The atmosphere was transformed into a pulsating dance floor as the DJ took the stage, spinning tracks that had everyone on their feet, dancing and celebrating with their friends. Food arrangements ensured that everyone was well-fed, providing a diverse range of delicacies to cater to different tastes. The attendees 350 ( 20 M 150 F ).

**Induction Ceremony Report :** It was held on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 in the AV Room. The event started at with a brief introduction about the vision and mission of the Cultural Committee. Faculty members addressed the students. An aftermovie of events conducted by the committee in the year 2022-23 was screened to enthral the audience. Badges were distributed to the General Secretary Atharva Phadtare and Joint General Secretary Balamurgan Thevar symbolizing their leadership roles & also to the volunteers of the committee by the Convenor. The attendees 70 ( 40 M 30 F ).

**Garba Raas :** It was held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The event commenced with a traditional Durga Pooja, where a photograph of Goddess Durga Mata adorned the stage. Dr. Koel Roychoudhury, the Principal, performed the Aarti of Goddess Durga Mata. Faculty members also sought the blessings of the deity. Volunteers of the Cultural Committee presented a lively Gujarati welcome dance, setting the stage for the students to immerse themselves in the festivities. The Garba Raas began with popular Garba songs played by the DJ, as students enthusiastically participated,

dressed in traditional Gujarati attire. The event concluded with a vibrant flashmob performance to popular cinema songs, leaving a lasting impression on the audience. Refreshments were served at the event's conclusion. The attendees 400 (200 M 200 F ).

#### **Kalasadhana and Hindi Parishad:**

**Shayar Utsav :** On the 28th August 2023 was organized an interesting event- Shayar Utsav.It's purpose– to attract the wonderful Writers/ Poets among the college and provide a platform for them to interact. Around an audience of 120 (60 M 60 F ) were present . The convenor spoke about the importance of the Hindi language. The event was enhanced by the presence of renowned comedian Parvez Tamboli as the Judge of the event, poet Nisar Shaikh and poet Kasim Khan who were the special guests. 4 winners were awarded with certificates by the guests.

**Hindi Divas :** On 14th of September 2023 , Hindi Divas was organized.It's purpose– to convey the importance of Hindi among the students and was held for students across streams.Around an audience of 120 ( 42 M 78 F ) were present who were also the active participants throughout the event. A skit was also a part of it. A wonderful Kathak dance was performed by three members of the committee, later special guest Seema Jain – Senior Faculty St Mary's ICSC School gave an inspirational speech on Hindi Divas with motivational examples. There was also a group music performance where in Hindi songs were sung which left all in awe. To add fun to the event games were played. Winners were given small gifts and at the end there was a dance performance by the volunteers.

**Khana Khazana aur Mela:** It was held on 13th December 2023.The objective of the event was to raise funds for the committee. For this event volunteers of the Kalasadhana and Hindi Parishad set up their stalls. These stalls consist of foods items and accessory stalls. The faculty members also visited the stalls and enjoyed the food and decorative items enlisted.The attendees were over 150.

#### **South Indian Association (SIA):**

**Aamukham :** It was held on on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Its main purpose was to make the students aware about the committee's work and motives. An audience of 127 (73 M 54 F ) were present including the Principal , Vice Principal , faculty members and mentors The event started with sharing some interesting facts about South India by the hosts after which the Principal came on the stage and enlightened the audience. The media promotion team presented an aftermovie of last year events and gave a brief about it to let the new audience to know about the committee.

**Onaghosham :** On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, SIA conducted an event "Onaghosham".The event started with a Flashmob Dance and at the end of the performance, SIA Committee's Main Banner and Onghosham banner was released followed by welcoming the dignitaries.Later they were requested to join in the Para Niraikal segment, a tradition of Kerala's culture.The main purpose of the event was to celebrate the Festive of Onam and to display various art forms of Kerala. The attendees 65 ( 40 M 25F ).

**Karthigai Prakasam :** The South Indian Association of the college organized an event called 'Karthigai Prakasam' on 24th November, 2023 in the Amphitheatre. The purpose was to celebrate the festival of Thiru Karthigai by lighting lamps in the college.Lamps were placed in a decorative manner throughout the Amphitheatre. The event was commenced by the secretaries lighting the lamp followed by other members. The Performing Arts Music department presented a singing performance, creating engagement among the audience, where everyone joined and displayed their enthusiasm.The attendees 80 ( 30 M 50 F ).

**Winter Ulsavam 3.0:** It was held on 15th & 18th December 2023. The purpose was a movie screening & to showcase foods representing Southern states of India. On the first day i.e 15th December 2023 - the committee presented "SIA Cinemas" a movie Screening of Hindi Dubbed tamil movie "Leo", around 60 students of the college bought the ticket and watched the movie with the committee members. On the second day, i.e. 18th December 2023 - the committee put up food stalls representing the 5 States of South India. Food items like Rosemilk, Thattai, Idli, Filter coffee were brought to represent Tamilnadu, Food items like Halwa, kulukki Sarbat, Banana chips chart were brought to represent Kerala, Food items like charmuri, golibaje & corn chart were made to represent Karnataka and food items like Medu vada, Sweet pongal & Spiced butter milk represented Andhra & Telangana. All the items were sold out.

**Aanandam :** The SIA committee of the college organized a CSR Event called Aanandam on 28th December 2023. The purpose of the event was to donate stationery products, old clothes and cakes to a welfare association. The name of the association was Girija welfare association located in Khargar. The attendees 20 ( 8 M 12F ).

**Vesti Day :** The SIA organized a Photoshoot Event - Vesti Day on 6th January 2024 on the Quadrangle, celebrating the World Vesti Day. The purpose of the event was to protect the tradition and to recognize the rare creation of handloom weavers and their hard work. The attendees 35 ( 26 M 9 F ).

**Pongal Thirunaal :** It was held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The purpose of the event was to Celebrate Pongal – a Harvest festival of Tamil Nadu. The event started with the lamp lighting ceremony and a pooja ceremony of vegetables and Pongal - a dish made of rice and lentils. After that with a dance performance the Pongal Thirunaal banner was released. The event had various cultural and ancient art forms like – semi-classical, Kummi adi, Oyilattam, Adimurai and Karlakattai were performed. There was also a mash up singing segment and a high powered dance performance. The attendees 40 ( 10 M 30 F ).

***Keys to the Future :***

### **Career Guidance and Placement Cell:**

**Job Board ( phase 2 ) :** it was conducted between 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The main aim of the placement drive was to place third year students of all streams of 2022-23 batch. It was a 2 day Corporate Event with the theme "AARAMBH 2.0 - A STEP TOWARDS CORPORATE LIFE" with 14 different companies for the first time.

On 10th May, 2023 ICICI Lombard conducted placement drive in the college premises. ACL Digital and Microland started their interview procedure Online, Altruist India and IKS health conducted aptitude test, Group Discussion and Personal Interview in their respective allotted rooms. On 11th May, Stockholding, Matrix Bricks, One Source Atreus and Rustic conducted their placement drives in their allotted. The overall experience and feedback of recruiters was very positive. The number of participants: 82 ( 65 M 17 F )

**National Aviation academy seminars :** The seminars were held on 13th July 2023 for students of Junior college and 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 for students of Third year commerce. The participants 153 ( 70 M 83 F ) and 266 ( 107 M 159 F ). The target audience, students of Junior College. National Aviation Academy provides flexible, balanced and standardised training, and various degrees,

diploma and certificate courses for its students. They have developed this curriculum after years of diligent study to provide each student with the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve great success in the sectors of Aviation, Hospitality, and Travel & Tourism Management. The speaker was Ms Sanam Saiyyad – Marketing HR.

**ACCA seminar :** It was held on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. The main aim of the event was to make the students aware about Managing Interpersonal Relations for Career Success in the Corporate financial Industry. The orientation was conducted by Mr. Rajnish Jha from Synthesis Learning. It was held for first year students. The attendees 119 ( 48 M 71 F ).

**IBS Training Session :** This seminar was held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The participants 201 ( 69 M 132 F ). The target audience students of Third year (all streams). Main objective of this session - breeding fresh ideas and taking inputs from a particular group , perception of common people on a particular topic, identify a solution to a specific problem or issue.

**Amigo Academy Aviation Seminar :** The seminar held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The participants 227 ( 119 M 108 F ). The target audience –students of First year. The main objective of this seminar was developing pathways to employment in the aviation industry. And continue to prepare students with realistic airline-type training and education to easily transition into flight positions. The speaker was Mr Akshay – from Human Resources.

**Radds enterprises internship drive :** It was held on 1<sup>st</sup> september 2023 for Mcom students. The objective to help students define long, medium and short term goals. The session focused on core expertise which helps distinguish RADDs Enterprises from others with emphasis on the ability to understand the Client's Risk Appetite and design customized solutions using various product mix. The resource person was Mr Devan Shah – HR Manager . The attendees 8 ( 4 M 4 F ).

**CV Building Seminar :** This seminar held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023. The target audience , students of Third year. The objective was making an appropriate CV for an interview. The key points addressed/discussed were a detailed CV , the difference between resume and CV , its format and important tips to improve a CV and applications for the same. The attendees 100 ( 65 M 35 F ). The speaker was Mr Shirish Yadav -Marketing HR

**ITM Training Session :** This seminar was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023 by ITM. The participants 107 ( 37 M 70 F ) . The target audience , students of Third year. Its objective to stay updated with the latest IT trends and emerging technologies , broaden awareness of IT's global impact on the economy and society. The resource persons - Shweta Jha - Senior executive and Samiya khwaja - admission counsellor .

**KPMG Placement Drive :** This seminar held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The participants 53 ( 16 M 37 F ). The target audience , students of Third year. The objective to identify and hire qualified candidates who possess the skills and qualities needed to excel n various roles at KPMG and to ensure skilled employees for current and future job openings within the company. The speaker - Ms Sushma Jaglan - Technical director with the firm for 12 years, an auditing professional.

**US CPA Seminar :** It was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Its objective to understand CPA eligibility and requirements and to explore career opportunities for CPA's. The target audience Third year students of BCOM and BAF. The resource person -Mr. Jaideep Mallick - managing

director and chief financial officer of Asia's 1st US CPA training institute. The key points addressed/discussed were to develop strong analytical skills and acquire expertise in financial reporting and analysis. The attendees 90 ( 65 M 25 F ).

**Sutherland Placement Drive :** It was held on 16th September 2023

The main aim of the placement drive was to hire third-year students of Bcom, Bbi, Bms, Bfm, and Baf for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 batch. The attendees 13 ( 5 M 8 F ). Sutherland conducted the campus recruitment drive. Sutherland is an experience-led digital transformation company that works in exceptionally engineered experiences for customers and employees today that continue to delight tomorrow. It was followed by a pre-placement talk where a brief information was given through PPT presentation about the Company and job role to the candidates. Interviews were personally taken by Ms. Rutuja Bhagat, HR person. Results of the Interview were declared and candidates were shortlisted by HR and declared on the same day as they were hired by the company.

**Placement induction ceremony :** It was held on 18th September 2023. The objective .

to welcome new members to the group and to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the committee. During the session badges were distributed and the heads were introduced. The attendees 56 ( 20 M 36 F ).

**HDFC Life pre placement talk :** It was organized with HDFC life for shortlisted candidates on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023. The talk was conducted by Shripath, Eustace. The main aim of the event was to make candidates aware about the job role and the company's policy. The attendees 17 ( 4 M 13 F ). The speaker was Mr Estace Almeida – Marketing HR.

**Sciative Placement Drive :** It was held on 24th November 2023. The objective to identify and hire qualified candidates who possess the skills and qualities needed to excel in the roles at the company Sciative. The resource person was Ms Aishwarya Mhatre – Marketing HR. The key points discussed were an overview of the company, its history, values and mission and various insights about multiple group discussion and personal interviews. The drive ended with a Aptitude test of 90 minutes. The attendees 13 ( 6 M 7 F ).

**ICICI Lombard Placement Drive :** It was held on 9th November 2023. The objective to hire third-year students of BCOM, BBI, BMS, BFM, and BAF of the 2022-23 batch. The resource person Ms Pallavi Khot the Chief Manager of the company ICICI LOMBARD. 41 students participated ( 20 M 21 F ). The session focused on the company's mission, vision, its services and achievements. Also on how to develop communication, interpersonal and other critical skills in the job interview process. For the interviews there were two rounds, in which 10 candidates were selected for the second round. Post lunch, the second round of interviews took place and the result was announced online. 4 candidates were shortlisted by HR and were hired by the company.

**Global university fair :** It was held on 7th December 2023. The resource person was Mr. Yatendra Bansal. He is CEO of Jam campus abroad and has been practitioner of marketing, advertising, market research as well as youth content management and events. The objective to discover Option and find international education opportunities. Also to connect with Universities. The students across all the streams sought guidance from the HR's representing various foreign institutes. They gave information on their courses, fee structure and other required documents. The attendees 156 ( 82 M 74 F ).



**Famekeeda Drive :** It was held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The main aim of the placement drive was to hire third-year students of BCOM, BBI, BAF, BFM, BSCIT and BMS for the 2022-23 batch. The resource person was Ms Sakshi Padhye (Talent Acquisition Associate from famekeeda). The attendees 11 ( 4 M 7 F ). No. of Participants : (Male - 4; Female - 7 ; Total - 11)

**FinX orientation session :** It was held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. The main aim of the event was to Enhance Investment Analysis Skills and develop proficiency in analyzing investment opportunities. It was held for third year students. The topic of discourse was Certified Financial Expert Program by FinX. The attendees 48 ( 11 M 37 F ).

**Matrix Bricks and Bond Bazaar Placement Drive :** It was held on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. The main aim of the placement drive was to hire third-year students of BCOM, BBI, BAF, BFM and BMS for the 2022-23 batch. The resource persons were Ms Preeti Sharma (Head HR in Matrix Bricks) and Akash Sharma Head of partnership and Alliance. The attendees 6 ( 1 M 5 F ).

**Nielsen IQ Placement Drive :** It was held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The main objective to assess and place individuals based on their intelligence quotient (IQ) in order to match them with suitable employment opportunities. It was held for third year students. The resource person was Pearl Silveria (HR Manager). The attendees 70 ( 36 M 34 F ).

### **Certificate Courses:**

**Excel and Digital tools certificate course :** It was initiated by Department of Accountancy. Registrations from students was invited in the month of August 2022 and classes started in the month of September 2022. Overall 66 members (11 M 55 F) got registered from different undergraduate and post graduate courses. Before hand curriculum was shared to ease out and simplify the learning process. The objective of the course was to acquaint the students with the technology and various digital tools which will help them in their professional excellence. 5 core faculties taught different topics like the structure of Excel , Vlookup , Google drive , Canva , Prezi , Anova , T test etc. Towards the end, it was evaluated by written examination. All students passed out with flying colours. Overall the course was well appreciated by the students as hands on training was provided.

**Event Management :** The Department of Commerce introduced "A Certificate Course on Event Management" in the Academic year 2021-22. The second batch of this course was started in August 2022 with a total of 79 students (21 male and 58 females) and concluded in April 2023. The lectures were conducted on the college campus as 2 lectures per week. A total of 30 Lectures were taken for the course where different teachers taught different topics such as Event Advertising, Event Planning and Execution Team Management, Event Safety and Security, Effective Leadership & Communication Skills, Canva etc. The course ended on 31st April, and the Final Examination was conducted on 5th April 2023. 57 ( 25 M 32 F ) students successfully completed the course. The result was declared in April 2023.

**Campus to Corporate transition programme:** This coveted programme was conducted for the college students. This was the 9<sup>th</sup> batch of undergraduate students. The duration was for 6-7 months. The programme began in the month of August 2022 on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Its basic purpose - to equip students for life outside the campus especially in the corporate world. Registrations stopped at 77 students ( 62 M 15 F ). External resource persons / industry experts

were also called to address the students one being Ms Suma Nair – Central Training Department , SIES. **The other experts who were called were :**

1 Mr Xavier Paul – Manager Marketing – Lupin Digital Health

2 Ms Tejinder Kaur - Corporate Trainer and Motivational speaker

Mr Xavier addressed the students on **Business Government Society**. Ms Tejinder Kaur on

### **Positive Attitude towards Work and Life (online session)**

The evaluation was done by the core faculty members. Gold certificates (10) were given to those students who performed well throughout the year during the lectures. The course finally came to an end on the 21st February 2023 on the day of the evaluation .A few of the students who could not be present on the 21st were evaluated between 22nd February and 28th February 2023. 66 students cleared the course ( 40 M 26 F ).

**Ethical Hacking :** The department of IT started this add-on course of 30 hours open for all students. The objective was to train students to use basic hacking tools to observe and exploit vulnerabilities of a system or website in a controlled environment using virtual machines. The course was conducted in phases of conceptual learning along with hands-on practical demos. The concepts covered were as follows: Footprinting & Reconnaissance - by Ms. Nutan Sawant , Scanning- by Ms. Arti Bansode etc. A total of 12 students registered for the course (6M, 6F). Through the course, the students would be able to apply hacking techniques to do basic penetration testing. The course started in December 2022 and was concluded with a practical exam on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 cleared by all

**Student Social Responsibility:** It was conducted from 27<sup>th</sup> February - 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023 for students of first and second year by BMS faculty. The objective was to inculcate social awareness, values and environmentally responsible behaviour amongst students. The topics such as meaning, objectives, advantages, disadvantages, types, opinions in favour and against of social responsibility were discussed along with case studies through power point presentations (PPT) which helped the students in understanding all the concepts of the course easily. Group projects were also given to the students which enhanced their leadership and social skills. The course ended with a 2 day NGO visit. The number of participants 25 (10 M 15 F) all of whom cleared the course.

**Web Designing :** This Certificate Course was started to give to students a comprehensive study of the basics of web designing. It was a 30-hour course that encompassed all critical aspects of web development like introduction to web, HTML, CSS, JavaScript and WordPress. Its objectives were in depth knowledge of website designing , creating placement and free lancing opportunities. Theory sessions as well as hands-on training were given to these students. Evaluation criteria included Attendance, Assignments, Mini Project on Website Design and End exam containing objective type questions. The registered students: 05 (2M 3F). Out of 5 students; 2 (1 M 1 F) students successfully completed the course. It was conducted from 19th April to 6th May 2023.

### **Special Mention:**

- The autonomous status of the college has enabled it to start 4 new courses ( 2 for Under Graduates and 2 for Post Graduates ) namely :
  - BSC EVS
  - BSC Packaging Technology
  - MCOM ( Business Management )
  - MA ( Business Economics )
- **Retired Faculty member Vasanti Prabhu Rajadhyaksha** completed her Phd on the topic : Growth of private labels in Apparel Sector : A study of changing consumer perception and buying behavior in Mumbai and Thane thereby proving that learning is always a life long process
- The **HSC Results of the college** ( 2022-23 ) made the institute proud with a pass percentage of 99.58 - 239 out of 240 students passing with 140 distinctions
- **Ex student sharing** his views in a Painting Exhibition at Stainless Gallery in Delhi features in the news ( Door Darshan news )
- **Faculty participated in Chat GPT** and its impact on Education conducted online by SIES LLD on 28th April 2023 - facilitated by Mr Chintan Oza founder Anatam Ecosystems , , Suresh Nadar , Cio Group , Batras Group pf Companies.
- **Faculty members attended a workshop on NAAC** progress by SIES LLD on 20th April 2023 , facilitators Dr Smita Shukla Director IQAC University of Mumbai and Dr Parvathi Venkatesh , Principal Don Bosco , Prof K Venkatramani Honorary Secretary SIES.

*“If we are truly effective teachers then we are creating autonomous , independent and self directed learners ”– Robert John Meehan*

# S.I.E.S (NERUL) COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE, AND COMMERCE (AUTONOMOUS)

## ANNUAL REPORT

(1st February 2024 to 31st March 2024)

*Educate , Encourage , Enlighten*

*“ Education is a great leveler and is the best tool for achieving economic and social mobility , inclusion and equality ”National Education policy 2020*

The key to India’s continued ascent, and leadership on the global stage in terms of economic growth, social justice and equality, scientific advancement, etc is providing universal access to quality education. In this context the aim of NEP (National Education Policy) 2020 is have an education system by 2040 that is second to none, with equitable access to the highest-quality education for all learners regardless of social or economic background. The guiding light for this policy has been the rich heritage of ancient Indian knowledge. With the teacher being at the very centre.

Keeping these very aspects in mind the SIES (Nerul ) college of Arts Science and Commerce ( Autonomous ) has always tried to keep pace with the changing needs of the education system and accordingly upgrade.Re - establishing the role of teachers is a key task the college has undertaken by adopting the NEP 2020 , laying emphasis on empowering teachers and recruiting the very best to enter this profession.Thereby providing to students a high quality education system.Critical to this purpose the college has tried to instill knowledge of India and its varied social, cultural, and technological needs, its inimitable artistic, language, and knowledge traditions, and its strong ethics among the students.

Simultaneously the autonomous status of the college has empowered it alongside a recognition of the rights of learners.Eventually enabling the institute to steer itself to achieve its goals and objectives with a larger degree of freedom.The hope being that these two major break throughs will thus enable the institute to take quantum leaps in the field of education.

The autonomous status was conferred to the SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science & Commerce by the University Grants Commission under clause 7.5 of UGC (Conferment of Autonomous status upon colleges and measures for maintenance of standards in autonomous colleges) Regulations 2023 for a period of 10 years from the academic year 2023-24 to 2032-33, coinciding with the centenary of the SIES Society.Ours would be the third SIES college to receive this status from UGC.

### **Awards and Recognitions:**

#### **Academics**

- Almas Shaikh (TYCS) and Neha Indrit (TYIT) Student of our College Stood 1st in event titled “**Syntechxathon**” an 11th Annual Inter Collegiate Computer Science Festival of R.D and S.H. National College, Bandra held on 9th and 10th February 2024.

- V Jyothi Lakshi Vijaykumar Anitha was awarded the Envirocare Suresh R. Amritkar Gold Medal on 07th February, 2024 at the Annual Convocation ceremony held by University of Mumbai.

### **Public Service**

- Felicitation of the college NSS unit for contribution in Swachh Sarvekshan 2023 on 11th March 2024 at Vishnudas Bhave Natyagraha hall (Vashi ).

### **Cultural**

- Bilvraj Sadashiv Mangutkar student of SYBAMMC was awarded First Rank in Cartooning Competition held on 12th August 2023 at 56th intercollegiate/ institute / department cultural youth festival (zone round) 2023-2024 by Department of Students' Development, University of Mumbai. (Results announced in February 2024).
- Robert Abelin Student of TYBCOM was awarded with 1st Prize in Western Solo Instrumental State Level Youth Competition Indradhanush Mahotsav 2024 organised by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University held on 12th February 2024.
- Robert Abelin Student of TYBCOM was part of University of Mumbai Instrumental Team who won 2nd Runner up position in 37th Inter University National Youth Festival organised by Punjab Agricultural University held on 19th March 2024.

### **Faculty Achievements:**

Sr No	Full Name of the Faculty member	Stream	Designation	Topic	Date of Achievement /Duration of Programme	Additional Information of HRDC or University	Remarks
1	Abhishek Suresh Dandekar	BAMMC	Assistant Professor	Orientation	8 <sup>th</sup> February to 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Pondicherry University	Cleared with distinction

### **Eminent Endeavors:**

#### **SIESONS-2024**

SIESONS 2024 the annual intercollegiate cultural festival was hosted by Student Council on 16th & 17th February 2024. The Inauguration Ceremony was graced by the Chief Guest Honourable Commissioner Dr. Sudhakar Pathare, Principal Dr. Koel Roychoudhury and the Faculty members. The 2024 edition of SIESONS showcased a myriad of events and activities that reflected the enthusiasm and spirit of the participants. Fine Arts (FA), Performing Arts (PA), Literary Arts (LA), Crossover (CO) committees of SIESONS had organised various events to showcase their talent and creativity.

#### **Event Highlights:-**

In the Cultural Performances, students from different colleges including our college (SIES) exhibited their talent in Dance (solo & duet), Megha Dance, Solo Singing, Fashion Show,

Street Dance. The contestants not only showcased the participants skills but also fostered a healthy spirit of competition. Various events like Paintball, Dhol Agaaj , Escape room, Money Heist , Area 51, Friends, Art Carnival , Takeshi 's castle , Anime, Marvel, DJ Wars were also held altogether.

A diverse array of sports events unfolded. From intense SUPER GOLZA clashes to thrilling HIT WICKET matches participants showcased their skills. Additionally, FITNESS Games added a dynamic and energetic dimension to the event, fostering a spirit of healthy competition among the colleges involved. Crossover (CO) Committee successfully curated a sports extravaganza that resonated with the vibrant atmosphere of SIESONS 2024.

Various food stalls catered to diverse palates, offering a gastronomic journey for attendees. Entertainment stalls featured games and interactive activities, adding an extra layer of enjoyment to the festival. SIESONS 2024, featured a spectacular night of music and energy as renowned DJ Trapperx took stage for unforgettable DJ night on 16th February, 2024. SIESONS 2024, witnessed a musical extravaganza as the renowned Bollywood playback singer Ankit Tiwari graced the stage for a mesmerising concert held on 17th February 2024. The Number of Attendees were 2000+

## **FRAMES**

The Department of Multimedia and Mass Communication organised the Frames Film Festival from February 1st to 3rd, 2024. The purpose of the event was to celebrate creativity, innovation, and cultural diversity in cinema. The festival screened a total of 56 short films spanning across six different categories, drawing from a staggering pool of over 3000 entries received from filmmakers around the world.

### **DAY 1- February 1st, 2024**

The purpose of the event was to celebrate the diversity and power of storytelling in international cinema and the vision of documentaries. The speaker was Mr. Dibyendu Bhattacharya who is an Indian actor and works in Hindi cinema and Bengali cinema, served as an esteemed judge for the International Short Film

Screening. The event had 117 attendees (60 Female and 57 Male).

### **DAY 2-February 2nd, 2024**

The purpose of the event was to celebrate the talent and creativity of emerging Indian filmmakers in the National Short Films category and the innovation of animators in the Animation category. The speakers called were Mr. Girish Thapar, Ms. Hetal Puniwala, Mr. Ajit Kelkar, who were the judges for National Short Films. Ms. Parul Bhatnagar, and Mr. Kabeer Khurana were the judges for animation. The speakers spoke on the vibrancy and diversity of India's cinematic landscape, highlighting the talent and creativity of emerging filmmakers and animators. The event had 114 attendees (51 Female and 63 Male)

### **DAY 3-February 3rd, 2024**

The purpose of the event was to showcase music videos, contingent short films, and host the eagerly awaited awards ceremony, culminating three days of cinematic exploration and celebration. The judges for contingent short films were Anupam Gahoi and Vivek Johar, esteemed figures providing invaluable insights and feedback. The speakers were Mr. Himanshu

Tyagi, renowned for his discerning eye and expert judgement in music videos. The speaker emphasised the creative vision and storytelling prowess demonstrated in the showcased music videos and contingent short films, underscoring the depth and breadth of talent within India's film community. The event had 105 attendees (49 Female and 56 Male)

### **ADVAITA 2024**

Advaita' 24 Departmental Fest of BCOM, BAF, BBI and BFM took place on February 13, 2024. The event commenced with a solemn inauguration ceremony, marked by the traditional lamp lighting ceremony followed by an inspiring speech by Vice Principal Dr. Neera Kumar. Various games like Treasure Hunt, UNO Fiesta, Jhatka Junction, Marketing Wizards, Bulls Vs Bears, Commerce Pool and Investigation to Occupation were organised within the college premises. The evening session commenced with captivating performances by guests Ameen Shaikh followed by the rap performance of Saiko. The highlight of the event was the performance of the main artist, Shivam Chowhan. The number of participants were 250 (150 Male, 100 Female)

### **Library Inauguration**

The Inauguration Ceremony of the newly renovated with increased capacity and new look was held on 28th March 2024. The Guests for the function were Prof. K.Venkatamani, Hon. Secretary SIES, Dr. S.V.Viswanathan – Managing council member-SIES, Mr. S.Venkatraman -Hon. Advisor SIES -Capital Purchase, members of Kompress along with the Principal, Dr. Koel Roychoudhury. The event began with the ribbon cutting by Prof. K. Venkataramani which was followed by a Ganpati and Saraswati Puja to signify an auspicious and positive beginning. Faculty and students agreed that the library had now been transformed into a grand academic user-friendly environment.

### **Departmental Events**

#### **Department of Multimedia and Mass Communication [BAMMC]:**

#### **GUEST LECTURE**

The Department of Multimedia and Mass Communication organised a seminar on "Navigating Entrepreneurship in the Media Landscape" on February 26, 2024. Miss Shivani Gala, a seasoned expert in digital marketing and entrepreneurship, served as the distinguished speaker for the event. Miss Gala's presentation was both insightful and engaging, as she shared her extensive knowledge and experience with the attendees. One of the notable highlights of the seminar was Miss Gala's "Empty Your Cup" story, which encouraged attendees to approach entrepreneurship with an open mind and a willingness to learn. The number of participants were 65 (24 Male, 41 Female)

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

The Breakfast Club Film Society (TBCFS) of College under the department of Multimedia and Mass Communication hosted its inaugural screening event on Wednesday, 6 March 2024. The objective of the event was to introduce the club and its operations to the audience and to showcase quality cinema through our club. The screening of "La La Land" commenced,

captivating the audience with its fascinating storyline and visuals. An interactive session followed, allowing the audience to share their thoughts, observations, and reflections on the movie. The event had 50 students (30 Female and 20 Male).

### **MEDIA SUMMIT**

The department of Multimedia and Mass Communication of College had organised an annual event named Media Summit 2024 on 14th of March, 2024. The purpose of the event was to explore the evolving landscape of digital storytelling, to focus on the portrayal of news in the digital era, to foster insightful discussions and panel interactions and to delve into key themes and sub-themes shaping contemporary media practices. The panellists invited were Nishad Neelambaran Senior Sub Editor - CNN News 18, Prasad Gawade (Konkani Ranmanus) - Influencer and Environmentalist, Jeet Mashru - Multimedia Journalist - Hindustan Times, Raina Assainar - Freelance Journalist - Hindustan Times and Sandeep Palve - Sakal Media Youth Head. The learning experience for the audience was the highlight of the Media Summit, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas and insights. The event had 50 students (25 Female and 25 Male).

### **Department of Information Technology [B.Sc. IT & M.Sc. IT]:**

#### **Guest Lecture on Career Path towards Data Analytics and Data Science**

The Department of Information Technology organised a guest lecture on the "Career Path towards Data Analytics and Data Science" on March 23, 2024. The lecture aimed to provide insights into career opportunities in analytics to IT students. Ms. Parmila Lama, a Consultant at KPMG, served as the resource person for the lecture. With her expertise and experience in the field, Ms. Parmila Lama's expertise and insights enriched the students' understanding of the field and empowered them to navigate their career paths effectively. The event had 43 attendees (31 Female and 12 Male)

### **Department of Computer Science [B.Sc. CS & M.Sc. CS]:**

#### **Inventum-Technical Exhibition**

The Tech Exhibition was organized by the Computer Science department on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The event was conducted for highlighting the importance of technological advancements in shaping the future and encouraging students to embrace innovation and creativity. The event was graced by the presence of Prof. Leena V Ladge, Internal Quality Assurance Cell Coordinator and Assistant Professor in the Department of Information Technology at SIES Graduate School of Technology, Nerul. The event had 44 Female and 50 Male attendees.

### **Department of Economics:**

#### **Seminar on Securing Employability**

A seminar on 'Securing Employability Through Algorithmic Thinking' was organised on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 by the Department of Economics for the students of SY, TY and PG courses. The



speaker of the seminar was Prof. Amlesh Kanekar, Director of Academic Program at Meghnad Desai Academy. The speaker emphasised the need for students to adopt dynamic and personalised training methods to meet the diverse learning styles of today's workforce. The valuable insights gained from the event will undoubtedly influence students' approach to career development and contribute to the success of those who attended this insightful session. The event had 99 students (65 Female and 34 Male).

### **SIES Meme Mania**

The Digital Marketing Committee in collaboration with Commerce & Economics Association conducted an Online Event - "SIES Meme Mania" as part of "Click-A-Nomics" on 11th March, 2024. An Online Meme Competition was conducted on the Instagram page of both the Committees. The event brought together the creative wit and humour of students, showcasing a fusion of economics insights and college experiences in a fun and engaging manner, leaving a memorable mark on the digital landscape. The event had 50 attendees (26 Female and 24 Male)

### **Department of Commerce & Allied Subjects [B.Com & M.Com]:**

#### **Culture Exhibition Program**

The Culture Exhibition was organized by the Department of Commerce, Economics and Banking Insurance on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, at Ved Vidya Pathashala, SIES Nerul Campus. The main objective of the event was to realise how gifted, innovative, creative, beautiful our culture is. On this day we got a glimpse of many artful, sophisticated, colourful paintings, handicrafts and art work. The number of participants were 190 (84 Male, 106 Female)

### **Department of Accountancy [BAF & BFM]:**

#### **BAF**

##### **ABHAR**

The department of accountancy organized an event "AABHAR" on 8th of Feb, 2024 to show gratitude to the housekeeping staff. The event was arranged for hospitality and cleaning staff as a reward for their dedication toward keeping our campus clean. The main objective was to understand the hard work they do for us without always being noticed. And we should always be grateful to the ones who not only keep our campus clean but also towards everyone who keeps our country clean. No. of participants: 12 (4 Male and 8 Female)

#### **Expressions: The GD Competition**

The GD competition activity was conducted for FY BAF and FYBBI students organised by the Department of Accountancy and the Department of Banking & Insurance on 21st March 2024. Two representative groups were selected from both classes and were based on Group Communication. Activity was coordinated and organised by Mr. Vishal Bodhale. Winner of the competition was the FY BAF students' group. The number of attendees were 17 (5 Male, 12 Female)

#### **BFM**

## **Symposium on Investor Perception on IPO and Corporate Action**

The department of Accountancy (Financial Markets) organised a Symposium on Investors perception on IPO and Corporate Action on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 with the objective of finding out the performance of IPOs in India. No. of Presentation Participants: 72, No. of Student Attended: 28 (17 Male & 11 Female)

## **Career Guidance and Time Management**

Department of Accountancy (Financial Markets) organised Career Guidance and Time Management by BFM Alumni on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The key speaker was BFM alumni Ms. Upasana Sahay – Sr. Account Executive Avian We. The main purpose of the event was to promote knowledge and experience. To understand about the opportunities available for students outside the campus and to provide emphasis on the provision of career advice. No. of participants : 53 (25 Male and 28 Female)

## **Department of Banking and Insurance [BBI]:**

### **INSURANCE MELA**

The Department of Banking and Insurance of the college conducted an Insurance Mela on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The objective of the event was to make people aware about insurance, its benefits and also give them ideas about various types of insurance. The students Of TYBBI performed a skit based on life and general insurance to create an awareness about insurance and its important role in today's world .Then students displayed charts and explained about Insurance , various types of insurance, process of taking insurance, and Government schemes and also arranged fun Games for the students .The event had 50 students( 35 Female and 15 Male).

### **BANK SUMMIT**

The students of second year BBI held a fun filled event named “Bank Summit” on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. The guest for the event was Miss. Harsha Nair, she provided information about various sectors of banking and motivated them to take up different exams to excel in their careers. The event started with lamp lighting was done by our respected HoD Ms. Bhumika More,. Ms. Lata Lokhande and Ms. Harsha. It included events like talent hunt including singing, shayari, guitar singing, piano playing etc. The event ended with a skit performed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> year students on the life of a bank employee and customers followed by certificate distribution. The number of participants were 60 (24 Male , 36 Female )

## **Departmental Industrial Visit**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>COMPANY/ INDUSTRY/FACTORY VISITED</b>	<b>NO OF STUDENTS</b>	<b>NO OF MALES</b>	<b>NO OF FEMALES</b>
21 & 22 Feb 2024	Management Studies	Bisleri Lonavla, Kateaj Dairy Pune, Mapro Garden Lonavla	102	52	50

22nd & 23rd Feb	Commerce	samsonite Asia pvt ltd.	223	85	138
27th and 28th FEB	BAF	MAPRO IFactory (Mahableshwar)	109	39	70
11th and 12th March 2024	Multimedia and Mass Communication	Lokmat Printing Press and Community Radio-Vishwas	47	19	28
06 and 07 March 2024	Computer science	IIIT PUNE	47	28	19
06 & 07 March 2024	Banking & Insurance	Amul Milk Factory & Parle LTD	64	28	36
06 & 07 March 2024	BFM	Bisleri Lonavla, Katraj Dairy Pune, Mapro Garden Lonavla	66	41	25

### **Committee Activities for:**

❖ *Persistent Quality Assurance:*

### **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC):**

#### **WORKING SMART**

The IQAC Cell of College organised a one day seminar on 'Work Smart using I.T' which was conducted on 15th March 2024. Mr. Karthik Jayan Nair who is our M.Sc.C.S Part II Student was the Resource person of the event who highlighted that smart work is a key factor in achieving success and this can be achieved through learning and effectively using I.T as an aid to do the day to day administrative work more effectively, efficiently and diligently. The session was concluded with an understanding that there will be parts of jobs that are suitable for automation but few, if any, that can or should be completely replaced by smart tech. The event had 12 attendees (7 Female and 5 Male)

#### **LEADERSHIP**

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organised a session in association with AIESEC on personality and leadership development for First year BBI and B.com students on 15th March, 2024. The purpose of the seminar was to provide participants with insights into the correlation between personality traits and effective leadership development. The event had 5 Female and 6 Male attendees.

### **Alumni Committee (SIESNAA):**

#### **GRADUATION DAY Batch 2022-23**

The Alumni committee organised Graduation day for Passout of batch 2022-23 on 16th March 2024. The event started at 1:30 pm with distribution of caps, robes, mementos and food

coupons to the alumni followed by the class photo along with their teachers and Principal Dr. Koel Roy Choudhary and the oath ceremony in the quadrangle. This was then followed by a DJ session in the quadrangle and food counter being set up in the canteen area. Attendees: 765 (Male:- 345, Female:- 310)

### **Parents Teachers Association (PTA):**

#### **Annual Meet: "Bridge the Bytes-Navigating Generational Gaps in Technology"**

The Parents Teacher Association had organised the Parents Teacher Annual meet on a session named "Bridge the Bytes: Navigating Generational Gaps in Technology" on 24th February 2024. The program included the counselling session by College Counselor Ms. Preeti Vasudevan, entertainment sessions with dance performances and engaging games for parents. Attendees: Male Parents:13, Students 19 Female Parents 35, Students 29

### **Result Improvement Committee:**

#### **Project Work on Research Methodology**

The Result Improvement Committee and Research & Consultancy Committee jointly organised a session on Project Work on Research Methodology with the purpose to familiarise students with basics of research and the research methodology and To impart knowledge for enabling students to develop data analysis skills and meaningful interpretation to the data sets so as to solve the research problem. Third year and Post Graduate students Key points addressed/discussed:Quality of the research that needs to be done by the students and explained appropriate and suitable methodology to be adopted while doing the Research Project work. The number of participants were 40 ( 18 Male , 22 Female )

#### **❖ *Social Responsibility :***

### **National Service Scheme (NSS):**

#### **Swachh Bharat Sarvekshan**

The NSS unit in collaboration with Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation organised a workshop on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Vishnudas Bhave Natyagraha hall (Vashi ) The main objective of this event was to provide a platform for in-depth discussions and presentations on various cleanliness initiatives undertaken in the city. The event began with discussions and presentations regarding the Swachh Bharat Sarvekshan initiative, focusing on the cleanliness status of Navi Mumbai. Overall, the event was a success, as It aimed to inspire individuals to contribute towards maintaining cleanliness in their surroundings. The event had 40 attendees (15 Female and 25 Male)

#### **Blood Donation Drive**

The NSS unit conducted a blood donation drive at Tata Memorial Hospital. The event took place on 16th March, 2024 from 10:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Tata Memorial Hospital, Kharghar. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of regular blood donation and its life-

saving impact on patients in need of transfusions. Volunteers were briefed about the prevailing blood shortage and trained on persuading potential donors effectively. They were also assigned roles, including safety escorts for donors as well as volunteers who were engaged with individuals in the vicinity, providing information about the importance of blood donation and addressing any concerns they had. The event had 30 attendees (15 Female and 15 Male)

### **YUVA SAMVAD INDIA**

The NSS unit of the college was invited at the Yuva Samvad India Event organised by the NSS Unit of Saraswati College of engineering, Kharghar on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The event commenced and the topic for Samvad was-"India's Panch Pran- A Youths Dialogue".The event was all about the discussions on how India will develop till 2047, and the upcoming plans by Prime Minister Modi. The event had 10 attendees (6 Female and 4 Male)

### **Rotaract Club:**

#### **I Talk Business**

An interactive business conclave on entrepreneurship was organised by the Rotaract Club of College on 5th February, 2024. The main objective was to empower and support the growth of women and young entrepreneurs in the business world. The speaker and panellists for the same were:-Speaker: Mrs. Avantika Mathur a.k.a. WomenPow, Alma mater of the University of Philippines, in Manila and SNTD Women's University, Mumbai.The Panellist for program were Mr. Vedant Gupte, Founder & CEO of Tradebook Consultancy Services & Troop and Mr. Aryan Jain,Co-Founder & CCO of Tradebook Consultancy Services & Troop.The event had 76 attendees (34 Female and 42 Male)

### **Department of Lifelong learning and Extension (DLLE):**

#### **World Wetland Day Trail and Drive**

On the occasion of World Wetland Day, the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension in collaboration with Vana Shakti - Environmental NGO had arranged a Wetland Day trail and drive at T.S CHANAKYA FLAMINGO POINT SEAWOODS.The event aimed to raise awareness among students and society about the importance of wetlands and the impact of human activities on them. The event had 6 Female and 10 Male attendees.

#### **“NexGen Safar” - Sapnon aur Careers ko jodhte hue**

The Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension conducted “NexGen Safar” - ‘Sapnon aur Careers ko jodhte hue’ on 2nd February 2024 at Navi Mumbai Vidyalaya, Vashi. The aim of the event was to provide career guidance and motivate students to better prepare for their board exams. The event had 73 attendees (31 Female and 42 Male)

#### **Nourish for a Cause**

The Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension of the College conducted an event named Nourish for a Cause on 4th February 2024, a food donation drive at “SaiPrem Trust”. The event aimed at providing meals to slum residents, while offering students a hands-on lesson in empathy and social responsibility. The event had 5 Female and 6 Male attendees.

#### **Mangrove Cleanup Drive 6.0**

The Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension collaborated with the Environment Life Foundation to organise a "Mangrove Cleanup Drive 6.0" on 4th February, 2024 at Flamingo Points, Seawoods. The primary goal of the event was to create awareness among the volunteers about the significance of preserving natural ecosystems. The event had 40 attendees (20 Female and 20 Male)

#### **“Best out of Waste”**

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension organised a ‘Best Out of Waste’ competition on 8th February, 2024. The aim of the event was to present Art using Paper Waste. The participants showcased remarkable ingenuity by transforming various waste materials into useful articles. The event had 30 Female and 27 Male attendees.

#### **Community Selling Drive by APY volunteers-8th Feb**

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension Cell organized a successful community selling of various products in the college premises and surrounding area. The event featured a variety of freshly prepared eatables that were eagerly enjoyed by the attendees. No. of Volunteers: (21 females and 19 males)

#### **Seminar on Cyber Security**

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension organised a Seminar on Cyber Security for the DLLE volunteers on 10th February, 2024. The session aimed at raising awareness about online safety and preventing cyber fraud. Mr. Gajanand Kadam, the guest speaker delivered a presentation highlighting the various fraud cases and strategies to avoid falling victim to cyber threats. The event had 42 Female and 44 Male attendees

#### **Quiz It Up: Quiz Competition**

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension organised a quiz competition on the Consumer Protection Act for the DLLE volunteers on 10th February, 2024. Judges for the competition were Adv. Sujeet Kumar, Retired Inspector Mr. Sidheshwar S Kamble, and Adv. Abhishek Ghokale. Six teams, comprising a total of 18 students, participated in the Quiz competition. The event had 30 Female and 31 Male attendees

#### **Street Play on Food wastage and Careers and Passion**

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension organised a Street Play on Food wastage and Careers and Passion which was for the public on 10th February 2024. The street play aimed to raise awareness about the issue of food wastage while also promoting the importance of pursuing one's passions and careers. The event had 16 Female and 15 Male attendees

#### **MSEB Seminar**

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension Cell organised the event ‘MSEB Seminar’ on 12th February, 2024. The event aimed to enlighten students about the Electricity. The seminar provided useful insights on the technical as well as consumer perspectives by discussing various aspects of electricity usage, sources, components, precautions and the possible future of the electricity energy generation field. The event had 30 female and 33 male attendees

#### **Medical Scams Chart Exhibition-14th Feb**

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension Cell (DLLE) had organised a Medical Scams Chart Exhibition on 14th February, 2024. The event aimed to enlighten students about the Medical Scams via Chart Exhibition. The event had 27 female and 20 male attendees

### **Street play on Food Safety and Environmental Conservation**

On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024, The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension Cell conducted a street play on 'Food Safety and Environmental Conservation.' The street play aimed to raise awareness about the importance of food safety and environmental conservation among the general public. No. Of Volunteers: 26 females and 25 males)

### **Report on “Dream Big, Aim High”**

Event was conducted named “Dream Big, Aim High ” along with Ayushman Foundation at Asha the Life of Hope Foundation, Near Kokan Bhavan, Belapur, Navi Mumbai. The objective of the event was to provide underprivileged youth with opportunities for career exploration and guidance, aiming to inspire and empower them to pursue their dreams and activities we all are conducted .Interactive sessions such as Q&A sessions, and hands-on activities were held to engage participants and foster learning and collaboration. The event had 19 attendees (16 Female and 3 Male)

### **“Cloth Bag Designing Competition”**

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension Cell (DLLE) had organised a Cloth Bag design competition on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm through an Online Meet. The cloth bag design competition was aimed to promote eco-friendly alternatives to single-use plastic bags and encourage creativity. Participants were encouraged to express their creativity through innovative designs that not only served a practical purpose but also conveyed a message of sustainability and responsible consumption. The event had 50 attendees (35 Female and 15 Male)

### **Food Vlog Competition**

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension Cell (DLLE) had organised a Food Vlog Competition on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in online mode. The Competition was regarding the hidden skills towards videography and vlogging of our DLLE Volunteers. All the participants took the initiative towards good vlogs and positive information via the food vlog made. The event had 26 attendees (15 Female and 11 Male)

## **❖ *Research Based Learning :***

### **Maths Association:**

#### **Mental Math Mania**

The Maths Association of the college organised a Mental Math Mania on 28<sup>th</sup> march 2024. The purpose of the event was to provide students knowledge regarding easy Maths tricks and solve maths in an easy way like a game. The fun activities were questions related to addition, subtraction and multiplication. Questions were displayed on PC and they had to solve them as fast as they could. The winners were given Gifts and certificates. The number of attendees were 12 ( 7 Male ,5 Female )

❖ *Value-based Learning:*

**F.A.S.E.S (Faith, Ahimsā, Satyagraha, Equality, Swarajya):**

**VISIT TO MANI BHAVAN**

The visit to Mani Bhavan organised by the FASES Association on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 was a resounding success, offering participants a profound insight into the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi. The event aimed to provide a memorable and educational experience for attendees, shedding light on Gandhi's pivotal role in India's independence movement. The visit allowed attendees to explore the historic residence where Gandhi stayed during critical moments of his life, providing a tangible connection to history. The event had 12 attendees (9 Female and 3 Male).

**Library Committee:**

**SEMINAR ON ZOTERA**

The Library Committee organised a highly informative and engaging seminar on the software Zotero on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024. The seminar was assisted by Dr. Sandeep Bhavsar, who is presently working as a Librarian- Head LRC at S P Mandali's Prin. L N Welingkar Institute of Management and Development and Research, Mumbai and Bangalore. The teachers were provided with a comprehensive understanding of how the software worked and how it could be used to enhance their research work. The seminar was an excellent way to help teachers enhance their skills and knowledge on how they can collect, organise, annotate and cite resources from books, articles, journals using the software etc.

**LIBRARY- FELICITATION CEREMONY**

The library committee organised a felicitation ceremony on 20th February 2024. The student members of the library committee were felicitated and given certificates. Fun games were also conducted. The event had 32 attendees ( 17 Female and 15 Male).

**English Literary Association (ELA):**

**Cinema Day**

The English Literary Association, in collaboration with the Cultural Committee, orchestrated a vibrant Cinema Day celebration at the college campus on 12th February 2024. The objective of the event was to provide a platform for individuals to showcase their talent and creativity in front of an audience. The event kicked off with a captivating solo dance. Ramp walk and Rap performances. It served as a testament to the power of cinema in bringing people together and fostering a sense of community. The event had 40 students (25 Female and 15 Male).

❖ *Soft skills Enhancement :*

**Student Council:**

**CSR DONATION OF FOOD GRAIN**

SIESONS 2024 organised a CSR of donating foodgrains. The event took place on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, at Param ShantiDham Vridhaashram, Talaja. The main purpose of the CSR Drive was to spend quality time with the senior citizens present at the old age home and to donate Foodgrains. The core and heads team visited them and spent quality time with the



senior citizens. A total of 36 participants including the Core Team went for the drive. ( 11 Male & 25 Female)

### **IZHAR**

The Literary Arts Committee organised an event called Izhaar. The event took place at the Amphitheater on 12th, february 2024 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. It was an open mic event judged by Mr. Rahul Chauhan, a stand-up comedian. The event came to an end with a performance by the Judge Rahul Chauhan. The number of participants were 13(8 Male ,5 Female )

### **JERSEY DAY**

The Digital Marketing Committee 2023-24 of Student Council conducted "Jersey Day" on March 11, 2024. The primary aim of the event was to unite students in various sports-related games, encouraging a love for athletics by donning their favourite sports team/player jerseys. The event provided a platform for students to display their skills and competitive spirit. The event had 90 students(30 Female and 60 Male).

### **Gender Sensitization Cell (GSC):**

#### **Empowering through understanding**

The Gender Sensitisation Cell hosted an online training session on Empowering through understanding with Red Dot Foundation's project- Rainbow Circles on 22nd February, 2024. The purpose of the event was to create a safer society for both men and women. The session delved into the laws related to harassment and informed participants about the appropriate channels to seek help when faced with uncertain situations or to assist those in need. The event had 40 students (26 Female and 14 Male).

### **ADAMYA**

The Gender Sensitisation Cell of College conducted a prodigious event "Adamyia - the Unconquerable" on 7th March 2024 on the occasion of International Women's Day. The event aimed to honour and empower women, raise awareness about gender equality, and celebrate the achievements and contributions of women in various fields. The event was a resounding success, fostering a sense of unity, empowerment, and solidarity among students, faculty, and the wider community. It served as a platform to reaffirm the college's commitment to gender equality and women's rights, encouraging everyone to work towards a more inclusive and equitable society. The event had 57 students (41 Female and 16 Male).

### **Counselling Committee:**

#### **KADAM**

The Counseling Committee of the College organised an enlightening session titled "KADAM 3.0," centred around the theme of self-control. The objective of the event was aimed to provide participants with profound insights into meditation, mindfulness, and self-awareness techniques for personal growth and development. The Session was conducted by Preeti Vasudevan, College Counselor who is a renowned healer and mental health professional. She captivated the audience with her profound insights, delving into the depths of self-control practices. She explained the short-term and long-term methods for self-control and emphasised the importance of breath in meditation. The event had 97 students(63 Female and 34 Male).

### **Sports:**

## **SPRINTS 2024**

The Sports Committee organised "SPRINTS", the Exciting Once a Year Interdepartmental Sports Fest in the college premises. It consisted of various disciplines and games and sports namely:

OUTDOOR: Box cricket, Football, Volleyball, Tug of war, and Shot-put

INDOOR: Carrom, Chess, Table tennis.

The result was an impressive turnout of enthusiastic audience and athletes gathered from all around the college to witness and play their respective matches of games of interest. The objective was to promote inclusivity and encourage young women to play. The number of participants were 500+

## **Staff Academy :**

### **Farewell Ceremony**

The Staff Academy organized Farewell ceremony for Two Senior Staff Members on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Dr Swati Vitkar, Assistant Professor from Department of Information Technology bid adieu to the institution for her future prospects after completing 21 years and Ms. Prema Vijay Kumar, Head Clerk Superannuated after Completing 19 years. The ceremony ended on note by making everyone emotional by showcasing their beautiful journey in the institution. 40 (M 11, F 29)

## **❖ Cultural Expression**

### **Marathi Vangmay Mandal (MVM):**

#### **Marathi Rajbhasha Divas**

Marathi Vangmay Mandal, in collaboration with the NSS, organised the "Marathi Rajbhasha Divas" on February 27. The significance of Marathi Rajbhasha Divas was highlighted during the event, accompanied by the recitation of poems of Kusumagraj. The program started on a high note with a soulful song "Labhale Amhas Bhagya" and traditional Marathi folk songs like Powada and Abhang. These segments added musical charm to the celebration. The event had 50 attendees (26 Female and 24 Male)

#### **Sarasgad Study Tour**

Marathi Vangmay Mandal in collaboration with Durgaveer Prathisthan organised a trek to Sarasgad for a thrilling adventure. It was followed by a cleaning activity to preserve Sarasgad's natural beauty. The members of Durgaveer Prathisthan gave informative insights to the students regarding Sarasgad's fort infrastructure. The return trek was marked by determination, culminating in a satisfying lunch at the summit. The return journey, filled with memories and a sense of accomplishment. The event had 40 attendees (15 Female and 25 Male)

### **Cultural Committee:**

#### **TIE AND SAREE DAY**

The Cultural Committee of College organised a vibrant and culturally enriching event called Tie & Saree Day on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The campus was a colourful display of traditional attire as students embraced the theme of the day with enthusiasm and creativity. The attire not only reflected the cultural diversity of India but also symbolised unity and inclusivity among the student community. Students interacted with each other, appreciating and celebrating the beauty of different traditional attires. The event had 250 students (125 Female and 125 Male).

## **TRADITIONAL DAY**

The Cultural Committee of the College organised a vibrant and culturally enriching event called Traditional Day on 15th March, 2024 in the Amphitheatre. A lively display of traditional attire was showcased, with students elegantly dressed in cultural garments such as kurta & vest for boys, and churidar, saree for girls. A highlight of the event was the department photoshoot, where third-year students from various streams including B.COM, BAF, BBI, BFM, BMS, BSC.CS, BSC.IT, MSC.CS, MSC.IT, and MCOM, gathered with their teachers for an official photoshoot. The event had 500 students (200 Female and 300 Male).

## **Kalasadhana and Hindi Parishad:**

### **HUNAR MEHFIL**

The Kalasadhana and Hindi Parishad committee of the college organised an event named Hunar-E- Mehfil on 28th Feb 2024. The purpose of the event was to represent North India and give a platform to showcase the talents and skills of students in the form of music, poetry and other performing arts. The event had 127 students (64 Female and 63 Male).

## **South Indian Association (SIA):**

### **FESTIVE FROLICS**

The South Indian Association (SIA) of the college organised an Event “Festive Frolics” on 14th March 2024. The purpose of the event was to distribute the certificates to the Managing Council and Volunteers who worked, Performed in the committee in the academic year of 2023-2024. A Farewell present was given to Ms. Cassie Lopez by the managing council members. The event had 56 attendees (22 Female and 34 Male)

## **❖ *Keys to the Future :***

### **Career Guidance and Placement Cell:**

#### **UTKARSH SFB PLACEMENT DRIVE**

It was held on 5th February, 2024. The main aim of the event was to make the students aware about active participation in government securities markets, market-making for debt instruments, and providing comprehensive treasury solutions to clients. The Drive was conducted by Ms. Shejal Bajpai (HR Manager) . It was held for third year students. The attendees 16 ( 4 M 12 F ).

#### **SBI DFHI PLACEMENT DRIVE**

It was held on 3rd February, 2024. The main aim of the event was to make the students aware about active participation in government securities markets, market-making for debt instruments, and providing comprehensive treasury solutions to clients. The Drive was conducted by Mr. Vishal Kakkar (Head-HR) . It was held for third year students. The attendees 65 ( 15 M 50 F ).

#### **COLGATE PLACEMENT DRIVE**

It was held on 6th February, 2024. The main objective of a Colgate placement drive is to recruit talented individuals who can contribute to the company's growth and success while providing them with opportunities for professional development and advancement. It was held for third year students. The attendees 16 ( 8 M 8 F ).

### ICICI Lombard PLACEMENT DRIVE

It was held on 7th February, 2024. The objective of the ICICI Lombard placement drive is to recruit talented individuals for their company. The Drive was conducted by Mrs Pallavi Khot (Chief manager- HR) It was held for third year students. The attendees 21 ( 2 M 19 F ).

### Certificate Courses:

#### Campus to Corporate

Campus to Corporate transition programme of the College was conducted for the degree college

SR NO	NAME OF COURSE	DURATION	INTRODUCED BY WHICH DEPARTMENT	NO. OF STUDENTS ENROLLED
1	Certificate course in Excel and Digital tools	30 hours	Department of Accountancy	49
2	Photography	30 hours	Department of BAMMC	43
3	Web Designing	30 hours	Department of Information Technology	16
4	Anudip Foundation	300 Hours	Center of Skill Development	89 (Batch 1:37, Batch 2: 33, Batch 3 : 19)
5	Ideal Management	Bank PO/MBA-CET/GMAT: 120 Hours, MBA CAT: 270 Hours	Center of Skill Development	29
6	Event management	30 hrs	Department of Commerce	58

students. The duration of the Programme was 6 months. The programme began in the month of September 2023. The aim of the course- to equip students for life outside the campus especially in the corporate world. A team of 5 - 6 core faculty members were finalised as the trainers who would impart the course to the students. There was a lot of emphasis on interaction and participatory activities by the students, in order to boost their confidence and self esteem. The sessions were made very lively with a lot of interactive games & use of audio visual techniques. The students were coaxed to participate via mock online competitions / games thereby ensuring hands on experiences for them as much as possible. The Programme had 41 students (29 Female and 12 Male).

## **NPTEL FELICITATION**

NPTEL felicitation event was organised by NPTEL Local Chapter having Ms. Mahalaxmi Nadar as a resource person to promote NPTEL courses and to recognise the achievements of both staff Mentors and students who have successfully completed these courses. It was attended by staff mentors, students, faculty members, and department heads. The event commenced by welcoming Ms. Mahalaxmi Nadar. She delivered an enlightening speech on the significance of online learning and NPTEL courses in particular and also highlighted the vast array of courses available, catering to diverse interests and disciplines. Following the address, a felicitation ceremony took place, where staff mentors who guided students through NPTEL courses were honoured for their commitment and support. Subsequently, students who successfully completed NPTEL courses were awarded for their achievements. The number of participants were 50 (15 Male , 35 Female )

<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Number of students registered</b>	<b>Number of students passed out</b>
NPTEL ONLINE COURSES	Jul 2023	Dec 2023	211	23
NPTEL ONLINE COURSES	Jan 2024	Apr 2024	141	28 Students appeared for exam

*“ If we are truly effective teachers then we are creating autonomous , independent and self directed learners ”– Robert John Meehan*