

Student Outreach Programme – Degree College

In the academic year 2016-17, the SYBA and SYBCom students of the Degree College had an Orientation about the Social Outreach Programme by our programme co-ordinator, Ms. Deepika Singh of the Institute for Community Organization Research, St. Pius Seminary, Goregaon.

This year our students volunteered 20 hours of service in 24 centres such as Asha Kiran Community Centre, St. Anthony Church, Vakola; Cheshire Home, Mahakali Caves Road; Navjeet Community Centre Holy Family Hospital, Fatima Ashray for street girls, Sacred Heart Church, Mahakali Rd; Ashankur Welfare Centre C/o. Holy Family Church, Chakala; Jeevan Asha Home for the aged, Shraddha Vihar, Veera Desai Road, Andheri; Stella Cancer Center, Benapatti, Mercedes, Vasai; UMED, (Diocesan Small Scale Industry for Disabled), Bhuigaon Phata, Nirmal, Vasai; Don Bosco Shelter Our Lady of Dolors, Wadala etc. Some students also identified their own centres such as Little Angels Society for the Disabled, Bandra and after securing approval, completed their 20 hours of service there.

Their social work included teaching and co-ordinating programmes with disadvantaged and special children, working in orphanages, assisting in aged homes, hospitals and NGO's working for environmental issues. Many students forged bonds of friendship especially with the children they worked with and have even decided to go back to these centres during their vacations.

At Juhu beach, co-ordinated by Ms. Deepika Singh, the students conducted a survey on cleanliness.

At the end of the academic year, students must submitted a report of their experience along with their certificates. It is these reports, in which students candidly shared their views of the SOP programme that the real value of the programme comes to light.

A detailed report of the Social Outreach Programme was presented by Ms. Deepika Singh to the Principal at the end of the academic year. Once again, we express our heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to Bishop Allwyn D'Silva and many thanks to Ms. Deepika Singh and her team. We also thank the NGO's and institutions which welcome our students and support our outreach programme.

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