Social Outreach Programme (Degree -Aided College) 2021-22

The Academic Year 2021-22 also saw the Social Outreach Programme (SOP) for SYBA/BCOM students of the Aided Section being conducted on an Online mode due to Covid 19 pandemic. Our implementing partner Ms. Deepika Singh helped us in designing the modules and implementing online mode of SOP. For this purpose, a MOU was entered between Ms. Deepika Singh and the College.

11 SOP modules were designed by Ms. Deepika Singh which included themes such as Each One Teach One, Reaching out to Aged, Biodiversity, Fitness, Pandemic and its impact.

An online orientation programme was held for SYBA and SYBCOM students on August 6, 2021 by the Profs. in Charge along with Implementing partner Ms Deepika Singh. At the orientation, students were informed about the SOP and detailed guidelines were given to students for completing online.

After the orientation, students were asked to enroll for the SOP by selecting one theme from the modules designed by Ms. Deepika. Students were divided into groups of 15 from each division and according to the theme selected by them. A leader was appointed for each group to monitor and co-ordinate the programme.

The SOP enrolment was completed by August 16, 2021 and the actual SOP programme began from August 17, 2021. 445 students enrolled for the SOP. Those students who enrolled for the NSS and DLLE programme were exempted from enrolling for the SOP.

An online meeting was held on August 27, 2021 for students who had doubts regarding the SOP. At this meeting, their doubts regarding SOP were cleared so as to enable them to complete their SOP successfully. A group leaders virtual meeting was held on September 9, and December 8, 2021 to review the progress of SOP and to take feedback from students regarding the SOP. Prof. Kevin Miranda organized the meeting and Prof. Janine Coelho and Ms Deepika Singh and approximately 50 students representing various SOP groups attended the virtual meeting and gave in their feedback on the SOP.



A virtual meeting was held on January 11, 2022 with students of SYBA/BCom to solve their doubts regarding completion of SOP and submission of reports. Prof. Kevin Miranda, Prof. Janine Coelho and Ms Deepika Singh attended the meeting and answered various queries and doubts raised by students from completion of SOP programme to writing and submission of reports. Those students who needed time to complete and submit SOP reports were given extended time upto 31st March, 2022 to complete their SOP and submit their reports.



Out of the 445 students who enrolled for SOP, 423 students have submitted their SOP reports.

Students have given the following testimonies of their learnings and experiences through the SOP:

- 1. have begun segregating garbage, using water more conscientiously and also recycling plastic, batteries
- 2. have developed a new appreciation for the opportunities they have and also an understanding of how challenging it is for the teacher.
- 3. have helped with a course to train the visually impaired to gain independence
- 4. have realised the importance of health and fitness and building our health.
- 5. have realised that life will always throw new challenges towards us, but we should face every challenge with a positive approach and lots of confidence and should come up with innovative ideas to overcome these challenges
- 6. have realised the importance to care for nature
- 7. pandemic helped to learnt the importance of health both mental and physical.
- 8. pandemic helped to realise to accept the situation as it is and to make sure we got out of it with the best version of ourselves.
- 9. pandemic has taught to realise that "a Family is be the best medicine of all".
- 10. have realised that old age is the reality of life and everyone has to face this ultimate reality.
- 11. have realised that we need to be compassionate towards the elderly
- 12. have realised that the contribution of the elderly towards the society cannot be denied and we must respect them to help lead a dignified life.

Truly the testimonies indicate that the SOP has been an eye opener for students making them realize the hardship people faced in life especially during pandemic time and to accept challenges in life with a positive approach.

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