

Social Outreach Programme- 2023-2024 (Aided Section)

The Social Outreach Programme for the academic year 2023-2024 was a joint effort between Project Mumbai and St. Andrew's College, that aimed at nurturing a sense of social responsibility among the students. Commencing with initial meetings in April and June, stakeholders deliberated on the events and activities planned for the upcoming year, laying the groundwork for what would be a transformative journey. There was an orientation session held for 460 students of SYBA/SYBCOM on 22 June 2023 that aimed to sensitise students to the adversities faced by marginalised segments of society, aligning with the compassionate teachings of Christ and emphasising avenues for proactive societal contribution.

Core team leaders and sub-leaders were formed to streamline operations and foster a culture of transparency and efficiency. There was a crucial meeting on September 12, 2023, where the final list of SOP activities, including Naksha, Jallos, and Plastic Recyclathon, was confirmed. Naksha was an initiative that promoted cultural, communal and historical upliftment. Students are assigned roads across the neighbouring areas in Mumbai where they gather information about the streets and talk to the locals and the people who have been residing in that locality with the aim of conserving the heritage of the people and the place. The activity of Jallos aimed at beach cleanup drives along with students conducting a survey on the pollution that is caused on beaches and water bodies. Plastic Recyclathon aimed to help manage the plastic waste generated by collection and disposing it off with the help of Project Mumbai to recycle the waste plastic. This initiative also looked at conducting surveys on ways to reduce plastic pollution. These initiatives marked the beginning of a 20-hour engagement involving 444 students in various SOP modules, symbolising a commitment to practical social engagement and impact.

As the year progressed, on 23 November 2023, the group leaders provided important and valuable insights and opportunities for course correction, ensuring the programme's efficacy and relevance. A subsequent meeting in March 2024 stressed on the importance of ensuring the completion of SOP requirements for all students, emphasising inclusivity and accountability.

The true measure of the programme's success, however, lies in the submitted SOP reports from March to April, which depicted the profound learning outcomes and benefits accrued by participating students. From heightened environmental awareness and conscientious waste management to the cultivation of resilience in the face of challenges and a deeper appreciation for cultural heritage through activities like Naksha, the reports serve as a testament to the holistic impact of the Social Outreach Programme.

The staff in-charge expressed their gratitude to their student core team and sub-leaders for their tireless efforts and smooth functioning of the Social Outreach Programme.

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