

## STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT FOR 2023-24

The staff comprising the statutory committee of the Student Council (SC) are:

Ms. Rhonda Divecha - Convenor

Ms. Jagruti Rathod

Dr. Neha Mulchandani

Ms. Vrinda Udiaver

Dr. Minelly Rodrigues

The student group of CRs and ACRs for this year were 54 in number.

There were several Events/Activities organised by the Student Council during this academic year:

1) **Facility Tours of the College** were conducted this year for new FY groups as part of the Student Induction Programme (SIP) for new students to be made aware of college facilities and their locations. The tours were conducted by all the SC staff and began from June onwards, till all FY groups entered college.

2) The Student Council of the College of Home Science celebrated the **76th year of India's Independence** on the 14th of August 2023 in the Marie Adelaide de Cice Hall, to promote a feeling of patriotism in staff and students. The enthusiastic student members of the Student Council had got together to create a festive look by decorating the hall in tri-colour streamers and balloons. We were indeed blessed to have Mr. Robert Clements the world renowned newspaper columnist to grace our programme. His speech was followed by the entertainment programme that was a good amalgamation of group songs, dances, and student speeches. The event was beautifully compered by SC members Aatiqua and Parija of F.Y.B.Sc.



3) For the Teacher's Day Celebration on 5th September 2023, to enhance gratitude for teachers in students, a fellowship meal was organised, and activities to promote camaraderie among teachers.

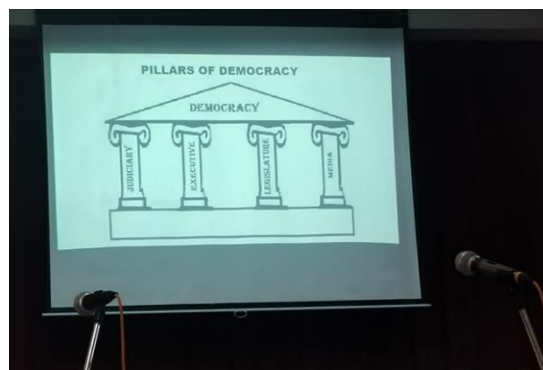


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4) **Freshers' Parties** were held separately for First Year students of the UG section, PG Section and Diploma Section on 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023, respectively in order to facilitate socialization among new students.

5) **Workshop on Constitutional Values** (by Mr. Sandesh and Team for College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan) was organised on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 in collaboration with the NSS, to promote in the students, an understanding of the values upheld by our Constitution.

The event started by an ice breaking activity followed by an interactive session about the Preamble of the Indian Constitution; about democracy, what it is and why is it important ; about secularism, and equity. There was a small experiment on equity where at first 3 people had to finish a race. But one had to run, another to hop and the third line to close her eyes and run. After that, the starting position of the 3 were changed and then through this equity was explained. Then lastly there was a discussion on gender equality followed by a short film clip.



6) **Elections and Appointment of the Executive Council** of the Student's Council were held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023, to divide responsibilities and build and promote further leadership skills in the class representatives. Below are the Members of this Executive Council:

S.No.	Post	Names	Class
1	President of Student Council	Amithi Javalekar	TYBSc CRM
2	Secretary of Student Council	Khushi Vedant	MSc 1 SN
3	Treasurer of Student Council	Aatiqa Shaikh	FYBSc
4	Reservation Representative 1	Manasi Chavan	MSc 1 SN
5	Reservation Representative 2	Sarika Gupta	SYFD
6	Minority Representative	Steen Thomas	SYBSc
7	Male Student representative	Atharva Sanas	SYGDVC
8	Representative of NSS	Azka Zehra Madgaonwala	SYBSc
9	Representative of the Sports Committee	Roma Suvarna	MSc 2 SN
10	Representative of Cultural Committee	Fatema Pardhawala	FYFD

7) **Christmas Celebration Felicitation of Class 4 Employees** - Christmas is the time of joyful and loving sharing and receiving. There are also opportunities to be generous towards those who are employed and work for our benefit. One such opportunity is to FELICITATE our Class 4 Employees, the Lab Assistants and Peons, that students often respectfully refer to as Sir, Aunty or Uncle. As done every year, this year too, in the preceding weeks before Christmas, a collection was made from each class group in the college, that was then divided among the number of Support Staff/Peons/ Class 4 Employees in the college, in order to facilitate among students a sense of gratitude for these staff who keep our college running on a daily basis. This cash was then put into envelopes and presented to these staff by the Student Council Representatives, during the Christmas Celebration on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023.



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8) **Republic Day Celebration** - Republic day marks the power of an independent and free India, followed by the rights of the citizens to elect their own government representatives. It marks the adoption of India's Constitution and the country's transition to a republic on January 26th, 1950. The Student Council organised the celebration of the 75th Republic Day in the college on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024, to foster patriotism and to promote an understanding of the values of secularism, liberty, fraternity justice, equality, etc., upheld by our Constitution.



The programme commenced with the National Anthem. The I/C Principal's message was read out to the gathering as she was out at a conference. The Chief Guest for the function was Mr. Vinod Noronha. In his speech, he highlighted the importance of the Constitution and urged students to be proud citizens of the country through their dedication and hard work. After this, a brief cultural programme was then put up by the students.

9) **Setting up of the Achievers' Board** on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023 by the artistic efforts of the GDVC department students, in order to encourage and compliment those of our students and staff who have attained great heights in different fields, be it academic, sports, etc.

10) **Leveraging Youth to Strengthen US-India Partnership** - On 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, at Cowasjee Jehangir Convocation Hall, University of Mumbai, there was a gathering of policy makers, various dignitaries and students from our college and various other colleges within the University. This event was organized by the University Of Mumbai in collaboration with the US Consulate, Mumbai. Representatives from the University of Mumbai expressed gratitude, setting the tone for insightful discussions.



All in all, it was a successful year as the Student Council organised a plethora of interesting events.

- **Rhonda Divecha**  
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