



Janseva Samiti Sanchalit

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Annual Report for the year 2014-2015.

“Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel”

-Socrates

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In its Golden Jubilee year of establishment Janseva Samiti has accomplished its dream of providing quality education to girl students. The motto of the college is to provide education without discrimination to one and all. It thus enables opportunity to an academically weak or economically disadvantaged student to procure education and carve a place for herself in this highly competitive society.

In order to achieve the goal of complete education Janseva Samiti and the college creates opportunities for its staff and students to pursue excellence and make a mark on the academic, cultural and community level.



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ON THE ACADEMIC SCENE.....

The academic departments of the college are proactive in arranging for and organizing seminars, workshops, guest lectures, study tours and community programmes. During the year 2014-15 training programmes and workshops were held in Research Methodology, entrepreneurship and Translation studies. Intercollegiate paper presentations were organized by the department of History, Sociology and Psychology. To enable an environment for intellectual deliberation and equip students with the skill of film appreciation, topical and informative films were shown to students. Several visits and study tours were arranged to places of historical importance by the History department. The BMS, Commerce and Economics departments organized industrial visits. The language departments of the college enhanced the literary and linguistic skills of the students by holding Marathi Saptaha, Hindi diwas and English week.

STUDENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES...

The college has established several support committees to aid students academically and financially. Facilities like Book Bank, Parent Teach Association and Financial Assistance Committee enable students to gain education and knowledge without any constraint. Social and psychological support is lent to the students and staff through Career guidance and Counselling Cell, Health Centre and Students' Grievance Redressal Committee.

NSS and NCC provide an opportunity to students to gain community orientation and sensitize them towards community and nation's needs. The Central Library continues to be a useful learning centre for students by providing book borrowing, orientation and technological support to students. Well placed alumni members visited the college to share their experience and knowledge with their peers. Aarogyam Health Centre and Enrichment Committee equipped students with modes to strengthen oneself in the areas mental and physical development.

A project called 'I CAN' was conducted to boost students' self esteem and confidence. The college also promoted vivid sports like boxing, fencing and malkhamb. Cultural and sporting activities are encouraged extensively among students. Students have won laurels for the college in several sports and cultural competitions.

QUALITY BACKED ENDEAVOURS...

The Community Welfare Cell of the IQAC organized a Seminar on Education-Industry Interface: New Avenues in Corporate Social Responsibility for teachers and students. The seminar generated ideas and direction for extension work and collaboration between the college and industry. The Feedback and Evaluation Cell collected feedback from students in the areas of teaching-learning and library services. The Educational Excellence and Leadership Cell enabled smooth functioning of the academic processes of the college.



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ACTIVITIES BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF...

The Administrative and Support staff of the college worked with agility to maintain the administrative procedures of the college. In addition it arranged for a seminar cum workshop under the theme of 'Adding LIFE to Life". The team also organized 'Tarang', the annual intercollegiate programme for non-teaching staff of colleges in Mumbai.

GOLDEN MOMENTS...

The management, Janseva Samiti celebrated its Golden Jubilee year in 2014-15. It felt contented and proud that a step taken to serve fellow beings has completed a successful run of 50 years. It rejoiced in realizing its vision 'of providing accessible and affordable education to women students' in the suburbs. Several programmes were organized to mark this achievement. The college played host to dignitaries like Chief Minister Anandiben Patel, political leader Gopal Shetty, social figures Bhaishree Rameshbhai Ojha and Hema Malini. Their presence in the college provided an opportunity to students to interact with such well-known personalities. The Annual Day 'Suvarnotsava' was organized in a novel manner by arranging for a display of the art and culture of four prominent states of India namely, Jammu and Kashmir, Assam, Gujarat and Kerala. It was a fitting tribute to the journey of Janseva Samiti.

It is a matter of great honour and joy for Shri M D Shah Mahila College to be adjudged 'The Best College' and awarded the Maharshi Karve Utkrushta Mahavidyalay Puruskar by the SNDT Women's University during its centennial celebrations. Prof. Ranjana Mishra received the Maharshi Karve Utkrushta Puruskar 'Best Teacher' award from the University at a grand function organized by the University.

MOTI PUSTAKALAYA

Moti Pustakalaya, the public library run by Janseva Samiti continued to serve its patrons. The library resources enable an opportunity to its members to quench its thirst of seeking knowledge. The library also subscribes to newspapers and periodicals for use of its members.



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In the words of Martin Luther King Jr, the function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. He said, "Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

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Successfully completing its Golden Jubilee year of establishment in 2014-15, Janseva Samiti, has effectively realized its motto of providing quality education without discrimination to one and all. This has enabled both, an academically weak or economically disadvantaged student to receive quality education and create a place for herself in today's highly competitive society. Both the Janseva Samiti and the college create many situations for its staff and students to pursue excellence and make a distinctive mark at the academic, cultural and community levels.



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The academic departments of the college attempt to integrate seamlessly the prescribed syllabus with workshops, guest lectures, study tours, seminars and community programmes, thereby giving the students an additional understanding of concepts and theories along with an awareness of current issues. During the year 2015-16, training programmes, Workshops and Guest Lectures were arranged on various topics. To name a few, Writing a Research paper, Career options in various subjects, Disaster Management, dealing with exam phobia, Soft Skills, Digital Marketing, Talent Management etc. Intercollegiate paper presentations were organized by the department of Gujarati and Psychology and an Inter University Research competition was arranged by the Department of History. To facilitate a suitable environment for intellectual deliberation and equip students with the skill of film appreciation, several topical and informative films were screened. Visits and study tours were arranged by the Department of History, Sociology, Accountancy, BMS, Gujarati, Psychology, Economics, Childcare, Marathi, and Commerce. The language departments of the college enhanced the literary and linguistic skills of the students by conducting the Marathi Saptaha, Hindi Diwas and English week.

Many students performed commendably academically both at the University and the College level. The members of the management have always attempted to promote the academic scene and this year took an important leap ahead, to encourage students and help them financially. For the first time the Shri P.U. Mehta Student's Excellence awards were conferred on 22 meritorious students. This included the overall best student from the undergraduate section and was also awarded to students who made creditable academic progression from multiple marksheets. The C.T Singhi awards for excellence in Sports were given to 4 students for their commendable performance. 24 meritorious students have also been selected to receive the Chandaben Mohanbhai Patel Rotary Excellence award.

The Management felicitated Dr. Deepa Sharma, the Principal, for her dynamic role as a Leader and her ability to demonstrate Team Leadership. Certificates of Appreciation were also given by the Management to Ms Shubha Acharya, Ms. Geeta Patil and Ms.Vidyalaxmi Desai. Two members from the administrative and support staff, Smt. Jawal Ben and Smt Panna ben were also feted by the college for their commitment and sincerity.

STUDENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

The college has established several support committees which have been created specially to aid students academically and financially. Facilities like Book Bank, Parent Teachers Association and Financial Assistance Committee enable students to gain education without any constraint. To boost their mental health, social and psychological support is given to the students and staff through Career guidance and Counselling Cell, Health Centre and Students' Grievance Redressal Committee.



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The college promoted sports by organizing a number of Inter collegiate competitions on Yoga, Table Tennis, Chess, Rope Malkhambh, Fencing and Badminton. Like every year, students won many laurels for the college in several sports and cultural competitions. It was a proud moment for the college when Ms Geeta Thapa was adjudged the Best Boxer in Maharashtra, and won the gold medal in the 54 kg category and Ms Bhagyashree Purohit won the gold medal in the 60kg category. Both the players are now promoting branded products in advertisements.

QUALITY BACKED ENDEAVOURS...

IQAC always strives to bring about qualitative changes in the institution. In this connection the main cell and members of the PES organized informative Seminars, Workshops and Talks on Innovative Techniques, Quality based education, Quality Improvement in Education. Members presented papers, attended workshops and also participated in various competitions. Members of the UGC cell and IQAC were invited to speak on Functioning of IQAC. They also presented a paper on Bench marking in Higher Education which was published and participated in a BEQET award competition in NCQM where they won the third prize. An intra-department audit of academic and non-academic departments was conducted and feedback from different stakeholders was also taken.

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'I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved'

- Dr B.R.Ambedkar

Janseva Samiti Sanchalit, Shri. M. D. Shah Mahila College has assiduously strived for the progress and empowerment of the large number of girl students in the college. Affiliated to SNDT Women's University, it provides the following educational programmes and courses like-

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- .. Bridge courses in Mathematics ,Statistics and English
- .. Certificate Course on Emotional Literacy, Financial Markets and Stock Exchange
- .. Other courses like MS-CIT, Certificate in Tally, E-filing and Soft Skills

The wide range of courses aims 'to prepare students for global competence' The Janseva Samiti and the college strive to provide the most appropriate ambience for the overall development of the students. The seminal event this year was the grand multi- lingual literary extravaganza-Megh Literary Fest. Twenty eight eminent artists from the field of literature, art,music,theatre and dance were invited to participate in the cultural bonanza. The festival was inaugurated with a Granth Dindi led by the Vice-Chancellor of SNDT Women's University,Dr Shashikala Wanjari and Principal Dr.Deepa Sharma. Students participated in large numbers and took on various leadership roles to organize and conduct the event effectively.



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The Janseva Samiti and the college engage in providing various opportunities to the staff and students to excel in academics and co-curricular activities.

THE ACADEMIC SCENE.....

The academic departments of the college provided numerous opportunities for the holistic development of the students. Seminars, Workshops, Creative Competitions, Film Shows, Study Tours, and Visits were arranged throughout the year 'to develop competent, confident and positively inclined individuals'

The Department of English organized a UGC sponsored National Level Seminar. The Department of History arranged two National level Seminars. Guest Lectures were arranged on a wide array of topics like 'GST and its Impact on Indian Economy;', 'Marching Towards Cashless Economy', 'Styles of Letter Writing', 'Right To Information Act', 'Relevance of Gandhi in the Modern World'. To gain a better insight, workshops were arranged for students on varied topics like 'Formulation of Research Hypothesis', 'Google Forms;', 'Music Therapy'. Visits to Times Lit Fest, Poetry Reading Sessions, RBI Monetary Museum, Mahim Nature Park, and the Stupas at Nallasopara were organized to help the students acquire first hand information. Film shows were also arranged by the Departments of English, Hindi, Marathi, Psychology, Commerce and the Post Graduate departments. Creative competitions were organized by the departments both at the college and inter-college level. Departments of Psychology, Sociology and Economics organized Inter-college competitions. Students attended a student led seminar on 'Popular Culture at Maniben Nanavati, college, presented research papers at LNJ college, participated in Inter-University Students Research Competition ,participated in various inter-college fests and won prizes too.

'The language departments of the college organized the English Week, Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Diwas, Hindi Diwas, and Gujarati Cultural programme,'Vrindavan Morali Vagi' to inculcate a love for language, literature and culture among the students.

The Management also provides various scholarships and awards to the deserving students. This year 28 meritorious students have been selected to receive the Chandaben Mohanbhai Patel Rotary Excellence Award. Shri P.U. Mehta Students' Excellence Award was handed over to 29 meritorious students. C.T Singhi awards were given to 6 students for their notable performance in sports.

The Management also felicitated 5 members from the Administrative and Support staff for serving the institution for more than 30 Years.

STUDENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Various committees have also been formed within the college for students' welfare. Financial Assistance Committee screened 148 applications by students for Financial Assistance and awarded Scholarship to 63 students. Book Bank committee distributed 304 books to the needy students and purchased new books worth Rs 19350. The Career Guidance and Placement Cell organized a mega placement drive –'Wings to Future' where 1150 students were involved. The Counselling Cell, apart from counselling students throughout the year was also involved in special counselling sessions with parents and family members. The Department of Psychology in collaboration with a team of counsellors from Prafula conducted the



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programme-Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham- A Festival of Emotions where 450 college students and their parents participated.

Students' Grievance Redressal Committee redressed students' complaints related to infrastructure and cleanliness. The Internal Complaints Committee and the Committee Against Sexual Harassment organized talks by eminent people, screened films, staged plays and created awareness about laws against sexual harassment.

The NSS and NCC wing of the College organized camps, guest lectures social awareness drives, tree plantation programmes rallies ,street plays training programmes to inculcate an awareness of existing social problems and to sensitise students towards their community and nation The Library organized a Book Review competition, Meet the Author session and arranged an orientation programme for the students.. The Alumni visited the college on different occasions to share their experience and knowledge with the students. The Aarogyam Health Centre through their Health check up camps and Talks on health issues strived to promote good health amongst the students. Enrichment courses in areas of 'Yog Mudra and Colour Therapy' 'The Power of Positive Thinking', 'Self Defence' were introduced to the students.

The college has always made a prominent mark in the field of sports. Students brought laurels to the institution in different sporting events like Rope Malkamb, volleyball, boxing ,kho-kho, Kabaddi Ms Geeta Thappa was selected in the All India National Boxing Team and Ms Monika Mario was selected in the All India National Kabaddi team

QUALITY BACKED ENDEAVOURS...

IQAC endeavours to bring about qualitative changes in the institution. The IQAC along with the members of the PES organized Training programmes, Seminars, Workshops and Talks to improvise the existing systems. Two seminars on the topics of 'Sustainable Quality Measures in Higher Education' and on 'SPCC Tools' were organized. Mr. Bhavin Joshi presented a poster on 'AAA-A Step Towards Total Quality Education' and won the first prize in the NAAC Sponsored National Conference on 'Academic and Administrative Audit held at K.J.Somaiya College of Science and Commerce. Members of the IQAC made a presentation on "Towards Better Health of young women students through detection and management of Anaemia and Thalassemia.

The College Foundation Day was celebrated with a programme titled "Rejoicing in Love".

An external academic audit of all the departments was held on 18 and 19 April 2017 .The experts who conducted the audit were Dr Sonali Pednekar and Ms Alka Kekar from V.G Vaze College,Mulund.

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INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADATION

Classrooms (Number 18, 19 and 20) were upgraded to suit the needs of the students of M.I.Patel Extension Courses.

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“When there is a strong focus on your goal, nothing can stop you”

-Environmentalist Purnima Devi Barman

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During the year 2017-18, the Academic departments of the college took active interest in arranging programmes for enhancing students' knowledge in various fields. From seminars to workshops, guest lectures, study tours and community social awareness programmes, the departments made sincere efforts to add value to the teaching-learning process. National level seminars were organized by Economics department on 'Impact of GST on Indian Economy', Gujarati department on 'Kavyatatra ane kavyaaswad', and Child Care department on 'Adolescence: Changes and Challenges'. Workshops were conducted in Content-Analysis on the papers Counselling Psychology, Research Methodology & Statistics and Sports Psychology by the Psychology department, Orientation Workshop on Vth Semester DC syllabus by English department, and "Train The Trainer" in collaboration With Mobile Crèche by Child Care department. Intercollegiate paper presentations were organized by the department of History, English and Psychology. To enable an environment for intellectual deliberation and equip students with the skill of interaction, guest lectures were organized at regular intervals. Several visits, study tours and industrial visits were conducted by the History, Commerce, English and Sociology departments. The Self Financing section departments organized industrial visits and corporate cultural events. The language departments of the college enhanced the literary and linguistic skills of the students by organizing interesting and enriching literary programmes besides organizing a literary festival 'Manthan'. The PG section and Self Financing departments added to the knowledge quotient of their students by arranging for guest lectures and Industrial visits. Workshops and training programmes in entrepreneurship are some of the highlights of the Self Financing departments. The teachers continued to involve themselves in research work and participated as well as presented papers at Conferences and Seminars. They encouraged students to write research papers and present them at intercollegiate and college level seminars.

STUDENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES...

Academic, emotional and economic support is extended to the students through the various Support service cells and committees. Facilities like Book Bank, Parent Teacher Association, and Financial Assistance Committee enable students to gain education and knowledge without any constraint. Social and psychological support is lent to the students and staff through Career guidance and Counselling Cell, Health Centre and Students' Grievance Redressal Committee.

NSS and NCC provide an opportunity to students to gain community orientation and sensitize them towards community and nation's needs. NSS organized a Swachh Bharat Week programmes to create awareness in the college and neighbouring areas. The Central Library continues to be a useful learning centre for students by providing book borrowing, orientation and technological support to students. Well placed alumni members visited the college to share their experience and knowledge with their peers. At the Alumni meet 'Muskan' alumna from the past 40 to 45 years entered the portals of the college wherein a musical event was organized for them. Alumna shared their feelings and affinity to the college and teachers. Aarogyam Health Centre arranged for health camps; talks, guest lectures on health and notice board display on health related articles. Enrichment Committee equipped students with modes to strengthen oneself in the areas mental and physical development.



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QUALITY BACKED ENDEAVOURS...

The Community Welfare Cell of the IQAC organized a One Day Seminar on BUILDING HIGHER EDUCATION THROUGH CSR in association with Asia Plateau 'Initiative of Change'. The seminar generated ideas and direction for extension work and collaboration between the college and the NGO. The Feedback and Evaluation Cell collected feedback from students in the areas of teaching-learning and library services. The Educational Excellence and Leadership Cell enabled smooth functioning of the academic processes of the college. 6 staff members went for a training programme of the NAAC New Criteria. The college won First prize in the BEQET competition at NCQM for a presentation of the Quality project 'Empowering Young Girls through Skill Training for Better Employability'. The IQAC team arranged for an assessment of college for CAREER READINESS and invited Adhyayan Foundation and Antarang NGO to conduct the process over a period of three days. A 'Learning Walk', talk with students, assessment of the college academic and administrative processes enabled the assessors to compile the necessary documents. The process included participation from teachers, students and parents.

ACTIVITIES BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF...

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GOLDEN MOMENTS...

Close on the heels of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the management, Shri M D Shah Mahila College began its Golden Jubilee celebrations. A unique programme was organized wherein the Khwaja of Ajmer visited the college and had an extensive interaction with the staff and students. Noted actor Tom Alter graced the college for a programme on 'Film Industry –Then and Now'. Another significant event was an interactive session with Transgenders organised by the Sociology department giving us an insight into the experiences, mindset and emotional state of the transgenders. The college propose to organize several programmes to commemorate the Golden Jubilee celebrations with noteworthy seminars, events and cultural programmes.

MOTI PUSTAKALAYA



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Annual Report for the year 2018-2019.

“Education is the most powerful tool which you can use to change the world”

-Nelson Mandela

Janseva Samiti sanchalit Shri. M. D. Shah Mahila College of Arts and Commerce has been taking constructive strides in providing accessible and affordable education to those who seek it. It is an evolving institution offering women's education to a large number of girl students in the western suburbs of Mumbai. Affiliated to SNTD Women's University, it provides educational programmes and courses like-

- “ Degree courses in BA, BCOM, BMS, BCA, BMM, and B(AFI)
- “ Post-Graduation Courses in Economics, Hindi, History, Marketing and Commerce
- “ Career Oriented Programmes approved by UGC in Fashion Designing, Interior Designing, Entrepreneurship and Travel & Tourism
- “ M I Patel Institute Diploma courses in Fashion Designing, Interior Designing, Journalism, Home Science, Computer, Textile Designing, Beauty Culture, Hair Designing, Art and Craft
- “ JSS Skill Academy Certificate courses in GST, Tally, Retail Management, Calligraphy, Beauty Culture
- “ Short term courses in Personality Development, Soft-toy making, Beauty Culture, Painting, Candle making, English speaking, Cooking, Calligraphy, Flower-making and Yoga
- “ Computer course for all (100 hours)
- “ Value added courses offered by academic departments
- “ Enrichment courses in Communication skills, Yoga, and Meditation, Life Skills and Self-Defence
- “ Bridge courses in Mathematics and Statistics
- “ Other courses like MS-CIT, Certificate in Retail Management and Tally

With the establishment of a women's institute in 1968, Janseva Samiti paved the way for realizing the hopes and dreams of innumerable girl students who would have otherwise lost the opportunity of acquiring education. An all-female institution provides women with an environment that is conducive to



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building the voice, confidence, and high self-esteem that is necessary for thriving in today's still male-dominated marketplace. Students at Shri M D Shah Mahila College have been seen to have significantly greater satisfaction with their academic, developmental, and personal experiences. The road to achieve all this is systematically laid by the Management and staff members. Opportunities to pursue excellence and make a mark on the academic, cultural and community level has always been the prime focus of the institute and the following are some of the efforts made by the institute-

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STUDENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES...

A Mentoring programme to include all the students of the college was the unique supporting hand offered in the year. Each teacher become mentors to around 50 mentees and extended much needed academic and social support to the students. Academic, emotional and economic support was also extended to the students through the various Support service cells and committees. Facilities like Book Bank, Parent Teacher Association, and Financial Assistance Committee enabled students to gain education and knowledge without any constraint. Social and psychological support was lent to the students and staff through Career guidance and Counselling Cell, Health Centre and Students' Grievance Redressal Committee.

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The year began with the signing of MOU with Cluster Colleges in Maharashtra. Seminars on 'Significance of Systematic Documentation' and 'Awareness of Intellectual Property Rights' were conducted during the academic year. Training workshops on ICT integrated classroom Advanced Training and BEQET Preparatory Workshop were organized for staff members. Talks on How to make a Corpus before retirement and Preparation for SSR were arranged. A movement to support students and train them in 'Overcoming Depression' was organized with an NGO Kinging Solutions. Teachers from the college besides members of IQAC participated in seminars and workshops on 'API', 'CBCS', 'Promotion of UGC Autonomous Colleges Scheme', and 'AQAR in the new format'.

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TOWARDS FOURTH CYCLE RE-ACCREDITATION...

The IQAC members geared towards preparation for NAAC fourth cycle. The IQAC members energized the staff members to collect, collate and submit data for SSR. The writing process is in progress while upgradation of the college website is going on.

INFRASTRUCTURAL UPGRADATION...

The college Library has been shifted to the Gymkhana building while renovation and repair work on the main building is in progress. The first, second and third floor classrooms have been upgraded while the ground floor work is being conducted.

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