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**VALIA C.L. COLLEGE OF COMMERCE AND
VALIA L.C. COLLEGE OF ARTS**

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

2019-2020

The Vision of our institution is to maintain the highest academic standards upholding the noblest ideals and moral values, to identify hidden talent, create enlightened, empowered and socially committed students and above all good human beings.

The College with the aim of working towards our distinctive vision of creating socially committed and responsible citizens undertakes many activities year after year. All these activities with social bend are aimed at inculcating basic human values and making young students realize their larger social responsibilities.

"Distinctiveness" refers to such activities, achievements and qualities of an institution that enable it to enjoy a unique identity or reputation for which an institution is known and valued. Our institution attempts to conduct radical and socially inclined activities each academic year that resonates with our vision. By adopting such activities the college at one end tries to instil a sense of social commitment and responsibility among our students and on the other make a positive difference to the society in its own unique way.

Here is the brief description of various socially relevant activities our college undertook in the year 2019-20

STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (SLP)

The Student Leadership Program (SLP) was a key workshop organized by the Department of Foundation Course in association with Indian Development Foundation (IDF) with the aim to help students to gain confidence and develop necessary leadership skills and life skills for their overall development. The program also aims to train student volunteers, inculcate public speaking skills and provide them exposure to ideas of leadership, life skills, etc. thus transforming them into leaders for the future.

The introductory training workshop was conducted by Mr. Roshan D'Souza and Mrs. Hemali Mehta from IDF on 28th and 30th August 2019. The trained student volunteers were then allotted to various local schools where they conducted 8 sessions of 2 hours each, covering topics like time management skills, handling fear, community hygiene, good company versus bad company and other such areas of personal and social significance.

LIST OF SCHOOLS COVERED UNDER SLP PROGRAM

1. **Anjuman Islam High School**
2. **Vesawe Vidya Mandir School**
3. **S.C.D. Barfiwala High School**

Several student volunteers successfully completed the SLP. An evident transformation observed was that the students were now able to put forth their views with greater confidence because of the training program. It also inculcated a sense of responsibility in them as they delivered sessions to younger students in schools about important life skills. The students were taught life skills with the aid of videos and other content in a fixed number of sessions.

"The mentor should learn to say what their mentee needs to hear from them, not what the mentor thinks he or she might want to hear."

CONTENTS OF SLP TRAINING



SLP PHOTO GALLERY



GENDER SENSITIZATION

Realizing the need to promote gender sensitization, a workshop was conducted in association with Vacha foundation by Ms.Snehal Pawar. The purpose of the workshop was to create an understanding about the issues prevalent in our community related to gender and inculcate the value of gender equity among our students through gender sensitization.

Vacha foundation is a charitable trust working towards creating awareness about social issues and women's development. Their mission is to focus on issues of women and girls through educational programmes, resource creation, research, training, campaigns, networking, and advocacy.

Interested students were trained under the supervision of faculty of Foundation Course Department in a one-day workshop. On the following day, trained students hosted the Gender Mela in the college auditorium displaying game stalls that convey gender sensitization messages which saw overwhelming response from attendees. The unique game format attracted large number of students and members of the staff to the Gender Mela thus making the initiative a huge success.

“It is time that we all see gender as a spectrum instead of two sets of opposing ideals”

GENDER SENSITIZATION PHOTO GALLERY





The Department of Foundation Course organized a workshop under Waste to Knowledge Project (W2K), on 13th September 2019, conducted by Ms. Afsana Shaikh, from IDF for the purpose of creating awareness among students about how waste items can be converted to Knowledge.

Waste to Knowledge is an initiative designed to mobilize old newspapers/ books which are sold, and the money thus received is used to support education of children. The money generated by the project was donated for educating children studying in IDF Bal Gurukuls spread across the country.

Students especially from the First year BCom classes participated in large numbers and were engaged in this activity throughout the program. Faculty and administrative staff also participated and extended their support to this program. Students collected old newspapers/books from their homes and neighborhood in large numbers which was later sold to nearby vendors.

The funds thus raised were donated to IDF which was used for educating children studying in IDF Bal Gurukuls.

WASTE TO KNOWLEDGE

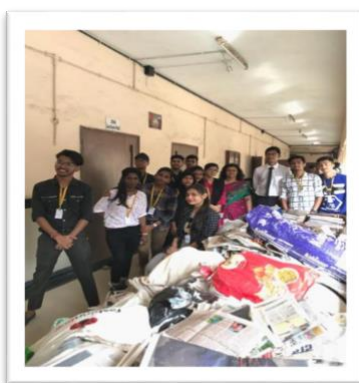
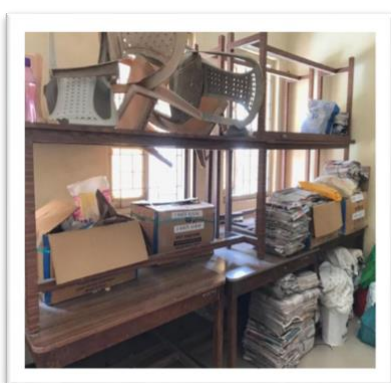
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DIYA MAKING WORKSHOP

The Diya making workshop was conducted by the Foundation Course Department in association with IDF by Mr. Yash Shinde on 17th September 2019. The purpose of the workshop was to inculcate

entrepreneurial skills like designing, packaging and selling of diyas. The raw diyas were procured from Women groups thereby also promoting the cause of their self-reliance. The diyas were then beautifully colored and decorated with trims and packed by college students in the activity area. These packets were then sold on campus and saw excellent turnout from all staff members and students.

DIYA MAKING PHOTO GALLERY



E -WASTE PROJECT



E-Waste is a term used for Electronic products as they become non-working, unwanted or obsolete and reach the end of their useful life. The quantum of E-waste is exponentially rising with the massive enhancement in digitization and their proper disposal and recycling is very important as not only is it highly toxic and harmful but also contains valuable recoverable metals and can aid in natural resource conservation.

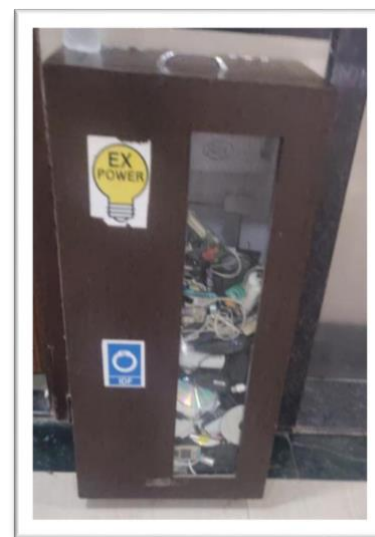
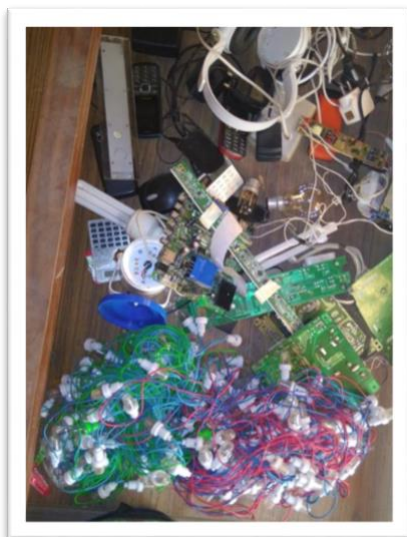
Keeping the critical nature of E-waste disposal in view, the college has collaborated with IDF. In the academic year 2018-19, an 'E-bin' was launched in the college to allow separate collection disposal of e-waste and the practice is continued in the current year. In addition to that, an E-Waste awareness program was conducted for all staff members and students as well as residents of nearby localities. Students were counseled about what constitutes E-waste and the significance of its safe disposal.

Following the awareness drive, students went into the community to spread awareness and collected various forms of E-waste. The same was stored in the college and later collected by IDF collection vans for dispatch to recycling.

"Recycling turns things into other things which is like magic."

E- WASTE PROJECT PHOTO GALLERY





COVER OF COMPASSION (QUILT MAKING)

The college in association with IDF held a three-day quilt making session from 16th to 18th December, 2019. The students were trained by Ms. Afsana Shaikh from IDF for the purpose of mobilizing blankets for leprosy patients and underprivileged children under the care of IDF projects.

Many students under the guidance of in-house faculty from Foundation Course Department – Ms. Zahra Kazi actively participated in a three-day quilt making session. They learnt the traditional skill of making handmade blankets with guidance from volunteers from IDF. Students gathered old clothes in the form of sarees, dupattas, bedsheets, etc and made quilts out of them. This activity was also a lesson in effective reutilisation of items for alternative use. The college provided a workspace where this activity could be done. Students achieved a target of making 11 quilts under this project. These blankets were then donated by Principal Dr (Mrs.). Shobha Menon along with a few FYBCom students to underprivileged children and leprosy patients at the Vimla Dermatological Centre in Andheri West.

"The purpose of Human life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to help others"

COVER OF COMPASSION (QUILT MAKING) PHOTO GALLERY



TEACHING INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Teaching Internship Programme was conducted under the guidance of Rajani Foundation from 8th December 2019 to 1st March 2020. The program was conducted with a view to instill among students the virtues of community responsibilities and the impact of empowerment that education brings. Student volunteers travelled around 150 kms every Sunday to Chiradpada (a rural area near Bhiwandi) to teach underprivileged children from socially weaker sections of our society to help them prepare for their class X board examinations. FYBCOM students under the able leadership of Principal Dr. Shobha Menon, successfully completed their Teaching Internship Program. This project

gave a distinctive opportunity to students to develop life skills and to deal with dynamic situations. More importantly they were also exposed to the difficult realities of the lives of the lesser privileged and have developed a level of compassion that they will carry lifelong.

“In learning you will teach and in teaching you will learn”

TEACHING INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME PHOTO GALLERY



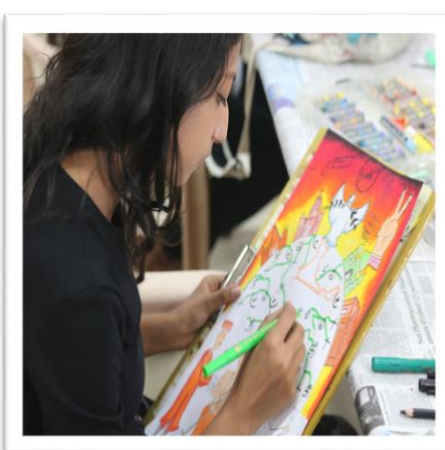
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NSS :Annual Inter-Collegiate Socio Cultural Fest

Theme - 2019-20 : Communal Harmony

The NSS Unit of our college too organized an intercollegiate socio-cultural fest on 10th January, 2020 on the social theme of Communal Harmony. Number of competitions were organised in this fest such as solo and group dance, essay and poetry writing, mono acting and street play, elocution and poster making on Communal Harmony as a central theme. Through these events in which more than 50 colleges participated, 200 plus volunteers got a platform to showcase their talents. Shri. Sushil Shinde, NSS District Coordinator of Western zone graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Conducting this event enabled our NSS volunteers to develop their leadership, organisational and decision making skills. The theme of communal harmony was not just evident in the title of events and competitions but was also obvious in the conduct of the event. The very essence of the theme, respect, brotherhood and understanding, was visible in the interactions between the host college volunteers and participants throughout the fest.



"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others"

- Mahatma Gandhi