

### **Cosmopolitan's**

VALIA CHHANGANLAL LALJIBHAI COLLEGE OF COMMERCE AND VALIA LILAVANTIBEN CHHAGANLAL COLLEGE OF ARTS

# INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

## 2020-21

#### **OUR OBJECTIVE**

Cosmopolitan's Valia College is committed to creating enlightened, empowered and socially committed students who are responsible citizens and above all good human beings as is evident from our vision mission statement. This strong emphasis on values and social commitment has been a driving force and is reflected in all aspects of the college functioning and the college has made a conscious effort to become a model to our students in this respect. Over the years the NSS unit has played a prominent role in this regard and has rendered service to the community.

#### THE GENESIS

However, the college felt the need to expand the involvement and participation of students as well as the scope of community service activities. This thought led to the birth of the Institution Social Responsibility Cell which was later renamed Student Social Responsibility Cell (SSRC) because students were the driving force behind this cell. The purpose was two-fold, increased student participation and unrestricted scope of activities. Any number of students across programs could participate in the activities of this cell. There are no restrictions with reference to the type of activities that can be undertaken as well as number of hours students need to devote for the activity. The college was also free to associate with any organization of its choice. All the activities undertaken under this unique initiative aimed at inculcating the basic human values and making young students realize their larger social role as responsible citizens.

#### **TRANSFORMING IDEA INTO ACTION**

The college entered into a collaboration with Indian Development Foundation an NGO which works extensively in the community in 2019-20. Several activities like waste to knowledge, cover of compassion (Quilt making) and Diya making were conducted in 2019-20. However, the pandemic in 2020-21 meant that activities were predominantly online. Students attended a Military Leadership Values Program conducted online which was aimed at instilling the value of patriotism among students. The resource person Col. Venkatraman was a retired army engineer with 25 years of experience as an army officer in the Corps of Engineers as well as in executive, managerial, supervisory, and administrative staff appointments in the military engineering services. The workshop was of four sessions of 90 minutes each covering topics like lessons on leadership, how to become a role model and develop creative solution, importance of grooming and its impact on one's personality. He also inspired students to join the National Defence Academy and serve the society.



#### SOME GLIMPSES OF MILITARY LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

As activities moved online the cell also came up with the idea of preparing e posters on several themes which were then circulated in various groups. The themes covered included Sustainable Development, Women's safety and Self-defence, Fundamental Rights and Duties, ways to reduce climate change. E-waste and Waste management, Global warming and Endangered Animals, Cyber Crime and Human Trafficking. Kisan Divas and Farmers Suicide and Gender Issues. This activity was aimed at using student creativity to foster social consciousness both among students as well as the community. As students made these posters they were sensitized to various social issues thus moulding them into responsible citizens.

#### STUDENTS CREATIVITY TO FOSTER SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS





