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# Institutional Distinctiveness 2021-22

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# **INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS**

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. 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.

Here is a brief report of all the activities conducted by SSRC in the year 2021-22

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# **Vaccination Drive**

Date of the activity:	Held between 6 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021 and 15th April, 2022
The number of	18 (student volunteers - who administered the drive)
participants:	34,918 (beneficiaries that were vaccinated)
Objectives:	<ul> <li>To reduce the pressure on the healthcare system</li> <li>Re-opening of society and disease elimination</li> <li>To give student volunteers a chance to give back to society by being a part of a noble cause.</li> </ul>
Outcome:	<ul> <li>The management of Cosmopolitan's Valia college has wholeheartedly supported this initiative employing its housekeeping staff round the clock for systematic &amp; regular cleaning &amp; sanitizing of the premises used for vaccination.</li> <li>College successfully conducted a large-scale mass vaccination drive by vaccinating more than 34,918 individuals to date including senior citizens, children, and the visually impaired.</li> <li>Minister of Higher and Technical Education (Maharashtra) – Mr. Uday Samant, felicitated the college for a successful vaccination drive and encouraged the students to actively participate in large numbers for more such wonderful initiatives.</li> </ul>

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# **E-Waste Drive**

Date of the activity:	17th September, 2021 and 31st January, 2022.
The number of participants:	106
Objectives:	<ul> <li>To dismantle and process the E-waste in a safe manner so the toxic constituents cannot wreak havoc on the environment</li> <li>To dispose of e-waste safely to protect the environment and ensure the well-being of all living organisms.</li> </ul>
Outcome:	<ul> <li>The activity was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 in both semesters, since the participation of students on day 1 was less due to lockdown. Students participated in good numbers on day 2.</li> <li>An E-waste disposable bin has been installed on the college premises.</li> <li>The college students, as well as the nearby neighborhood community, have started safely disposing of the E-waste bins.</li> </ul>

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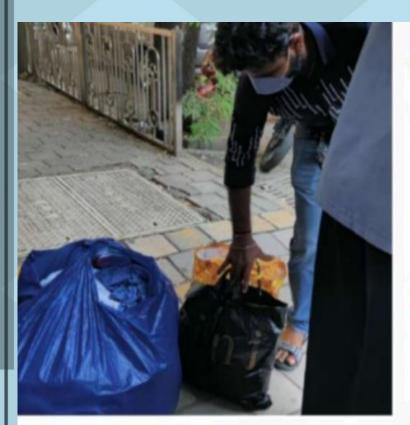


# **Donation Drive: Clothes and Toys**

Date of the activity:	20 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021
The number of participants:	70
Objectives:	<ul> <li>To provide the homeless and other disadvantaged people with clothes.</li> <li>To develop a sense of understanding among the students that every single donation, no matter how big or small, makes a meaningful difference in the lives of people within the community.</li> </ul>
Outcome:	<ul> <li>Students actively participated in the cause and donated clothes and toys in large numbers.</li> <li>Donated clothes and toys were sent to IDF, which later delivered the boxes to orphan kids.</li> <li>Our students understood the value of sharing and caring</li> <li>Children from the orphanages were helped with clothes and toys</li> </ul>

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Activity: Donation of clothes and toys Date: 20th September, 2021









**Donation Drive: Clothes and Toys** 

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# Waste to Knowledge -Newspaper Collection

Date of the activity:	22 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2021
The number of participants:	94
Objectives:	<ul> <li>Making the young generation a change agent to spread education among the underprivileged.</li> <li>To enhance an integrated approach among the students by enhancing sensitivity.</li> </ul>
Outcome:	<ul> <li>Students developed a sense of responsibility to recycle the old newspapers, books, and magazines to save the environment.</li> <li>The number of newspapers, books, and magazines donated by the students were used to support the education of the needy children.</li> </ul>

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# **Handmade Greeting Cards for Indian Soldiers**

Date of the activity:	13 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021
The number of participants:	112
Objectives:	<ul> <li>To offer our gratitude to unsung heroes of the country</li> <li>To make students understand the selflessness and the willingness to serve the country of our beloved soldiers</li> </ul>
Outcome:	<ul> <li>Students got a chance to appreciate and thank our soldiers posted on the border protecting the country's frontiers.</li> <li>Students prepared more than 450 Diwali greeting cards which were sent to soldiers in order to felicitate them.</li> <li>The initiative created a sense of patriotism among the students.</li> </ul>

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# **Sanitary Napkin Distribution**

Date of the activity:	26 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021 and 13 <sup>th</sup> November, 2021.
The number of participants:	96
Objectives:	To create awareness among girls and women on issues of menstrual hygiene management.
	To provide low-cost high quality sanitary napkins.
Outcome:	<ul> <li>Students distributed pads door-to-door in the neighborhood community.</li> <li>People hesitated but women were forthcoming and</li> </ul>
	demanded more packets. This shows how people living in slums have also started believing in the
	<ul> <li>importance of menstrual hygiene</li> <li>Students understood that affordability is an issue, where there is a constant fight for survival; usage of sanitary napkins becomes a want more than a need.</li> </ul>

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# **Project Log - Light of Goodness - Diya Selling**

Date of the activity:	28th and 29th October, 2021
The number of participants:	55
Objectives:	<ul> <li>To make students aware about how diyas can light up the life of the needy</li> <li>To sell diyas in large numbers and extend the act of spreading joy in all houses.</li> </ul>
Outcome:	<ul> <li>Students put up stalls in the college premises for selling of diyas and make contributions towards the needy.</li> <li>Active participation was observed and more than 100 packets of diyas were sold.</li> <li>More than Rs. 10,000/- was collected from this initiative to help children and women to become self-reliant and build confidence.</li> </ul>

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# **Extension Activities Report** 2021-2022

# **Paper and Cotton Bag Making**

Date of the activity:	12 <sup>th</sup> November, 2021
The number of participants:	85
Objectives:	<ul> <li>Teach students how to make bags</li> <li>Make them understand importance of reducing the use of plastic bags</li> <li>Motivate students to use paper bags and cotton bags in order to save the environment from pollution, as it is a biodegradable and recyclable option.</li> </ul>
Outcome:	<ul> <li>Students became aware of ill effects of using Plastic.</li> <li>Students pledged to never use plastic bags.</li> <li>Students distributed paper and cotton bags to local shopkeepers, vegetable vendors and fruit sellers and requested them to not use plastic bags.</li> <li>Students urged consumers to avoid or reduce use of plastic carry bags and use their own cloth bags or paper bags while shopping.</li> </ul>

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# **Teaching Internship Programme**

Date of the activity:	November 2021 to March 2022
The number of	1
participant/s:	
<b>Objectives:</b>	To instill among students, the virtue of community
	service.
	To create empowerment through education.
Outcome:	Underprivileged children from socially weaker sections of
	Chiradpada (a rural area near Bhiwandi). were supported
	by online teaching by our student volunteer.
	This project gave a distinctive opportunity to our student to
	develop life skill and to deal with dynamic situation.
	More importantly the student was also exposed to the
	difficult realities of the lives of the lesser privileged and
	has developed a level of compassion that she will carry
	lifelong.

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**Teaching Internship Programme**