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### **7.1.11: Annual report of the celebrations and commemorative events for the last five years.**

At SXC international and national festivals/days as also the birth and death anniversaries of our national leaders are celebrated with reverence and in keeping up with the tradition of internalising the message given by these leaders and to inculcate the principles by which they led their life in the holistic development of our students.

Independence Day, Republic Day and Maharashtra Din (1<sup>st</sup> May) are celebrated by hoisting the national flag, singing of the national anthem and other patriotic songs. The students from the Cultural Committee organise a small programme with patriotic speeches and songs. On Republic Day the Indian Music Group organises an Indian classical music programme.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October 'Gandhi Jayanti' and on 30<sup>th</sup> January, Martyr's Day, the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi various activities by different departments are organised to commemorate the principles of non violence, truth, cleanliness propagated by the father of our nation.

On 14<sup>th</sup> November birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru, Children's Day is celebrated wherein students write poems and anecdotes based on memories of their childhood.

14<sup>th</sup> April Ambedkar Jayanti, is celebrated in commemoration of an important human value: dignity of every human being irrespective of his birth, given by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the architect of our Indian Constitution.

The birth Anniversary of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan – 'Teachers Day' is celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> September every year, the college management and the students of Marathi Vangmay Mandal felicitate the teachers and show their gratitude by giving a small token of appreciation crafted by the students themselves.

Besides these SXC also organises activities on various national and international days highlighting the message connected to the these days: National Science Day, National Statistics Day, National Mathematics Day, International Yoga Day, Human Rights Day, International Women's Day, World Environment Day, International Coastal Clean-up Day, Constitution Day, Voter's Day, Suicide Prevention Day, World Health Day, National Income Tax Day, Navy Day, Hindi Diwas, Marathi Bhasha Diwas and French National Day



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## **Annual Report 2019 – 2020**

At SXC in the year 2019-2020, Republic Day 26<sup>th</sup> January and Independence Day 15<sup>th</sup> August were celebrated with the hoisting of the flag by our Principal Dr. Rajendra Shinde and a brief cultural programme. Due to pandemic situation Maharashtra Din 1<sup>st</sup> May was not held in person on college campus.

At SXC the birth and death anniversaries of national leaders are celebrated with reverence. 'Mahatma- a Legacy Exhibition' was organised by the Department of AIHCA to commemorate the sesquicentennial birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation. An outreach activity 'Gandhi beyond textbooks' was also organised.

As every year SXC celebrated different days of national and international significance in the year 2019-20.

National Mathematics Day was celebrated by the Department of Mathematics on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 with an intercollegiate Exhibition and Quiz competition. For the exhibition students were expected to present a mathematical topic using charts and models.

On 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019, the 70th Constitution Day, the Political Science Department organised a campaign 'Awareness on Preamble Campaign'. Dr. Hrishikesh Samant (Vice-Principal, Science) read out the Preamble and Dr. Pratiba Naitthani (Head of Department of Political Science) explained its relevance to the students. The TYBA students made placards on each of the nine Principles enshrined in the Preamble to the Constitution of India and displayed them at different venues in the college and also explained the meaning and significance of each principle.

International Peace Day was commemorated on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019 by the DIRS (Department of Interreligious studies) which conducted an exercise called 'Listening Cafe', acknowledging and celebrating the differences among us. It conveyed that in order to create a culture of peace we must learn to slow down and listen to one another.

The Commerce section along with the BMC (Municipal Corporation) organised a beach cleanup drive on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at Girgaum Chowpatty to celebrate the International Coastal Cleanup Day which falls on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

World Indigenous People's Day was celebrated by the DIRS (Department of Interreligious studies) in collaboration with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Events like Tribal Painting workshop, Tribal Art Exhibition, and a Panel discussion on tribal communities and their culture were organised.



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French National Day 14 July, to commemorate Storming of Bastille, on the occasion of 150 years of St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, the Consulate General of France in Mumbai, Alliance Française de Bombay, French Institute in India, Campus France India and the Indian Association of Teachers of French (IATF) organised “French Day” in our prestigious institution on 6th July 2019. The event was graced by the Consul General of France in Mumbai, Ms. Sonia Barbry.

National Statistics Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of P. C. Mahalanobis on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019 was celebrated by our students. Sessions on ‘Demystifying Exit Opinion Polls– A Statistical Perspective’ and ‘Surveys – Creation, Implementation and Analysis’ were conducted by Ms. Geeta Zankar (VP – Karvy Insights Ltd).

To commemorate International Yoga Day on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019, the Extra-Curricular Committee under the guidance of Prof Piyali Unnikrishnan conducted a Yoga session which was attended by our Principal Dr. Rajendra Shinde, faculty members and students. The session commenced by reciting the Gayatri Mantra to bring a state of calmness, followed by Surya Namaskar or Sun Salutations and performing of different yogic postures.



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## Annual Report 2018 - 2019

SXC celebrated our national festivals Republic Day, Independence Day and Maharashtra Din. On Independence Day Rector Dr. Fr. Keith D' Souza S.J. hoisted the flag followed by a cultural programme with patriotic songs by the Hindi Department.

Events were organised to commemorate birth and death anniversaries of our national leaders. An interdisciplinary poster presentation event was organised to create awareness among college students on issues pertaining to balanced eating, a healthy lifestyle and on different aspects of reproductive health. It was done in accordance with UGC notice to support FSSAI's 'Eat Right India' Movement launched to commemorate 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary.

As the year 2019 was the sesquicentennial year of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi various events were organised at SXC.

A Peace March near Mani Bhavan was conducted by DIRS (Department of Interreligious studies) on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018.

A two-day seminar titled, "Celebrating Mahatma Gandhi" was organised on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The inaugural keynote address was delivered on video by the world-renowned Gandhian scholar Lord Bhikhu Parekh. The next session titled, "Gandhi in Bombay" was addressed by Dr Usha Thakkar (President, Mani Bhavan Gandhi Sangrahalaya, Mumbai) with Ms Sandhya Mehta (Researcher, Mani Bhavan Gandhi Sangrahalaya, Mumbai).

A talk by Shabnam Hashmi on Gandhi's leadership quality in being a chief promoter of hygiene was held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 on the eve of Martyr's Day. She spoke about his focus on the rural areas and his practices to protect the environment.

On Martyr's Day, Dr. Awanish Kumar highlighted Gandhi's use of "soul force" which was in direct contrast to the notion of "brute force" a facet of western modernity. The soul force was recognizable in the form of truth and Ahimsa - in other words, Satyagraha.

On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 the birth anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar was celebrated. The speakers spoke of how Dr. Ambedkar taught us to uphold the dignity of every individual irrespective of birth.

On 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 our students participated in a candle light march for peace in memory of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack of 26/11.



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The DIRS (Department of Interreligious studies) along with AICUF organised World Peace Day on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018. There was a panel discussion on 'My Stand for Peace.' The panel consisted of Dr. Irfan Engineer and Dr. Sanjeevani Jain who are part of the Core Team of Samanvaya. After the panel discussion the participants joined the Peace March around the college which concluded in the first quadrangle.

International Suicide Prevention Day was celebrated by the DIRS (Department of Interreligious studies) on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018. It began with sharing thoughts on how stress can easily lead to depression resulting even in suicide. Major reasons for the rising stress levels like high pressure to perform and cut throat competition were discussed.

The National Statistics Day was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018, celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of India's noted statistician P.C. Mahalanobis. The Statistics Society arranged games in the foyer and had also put up charts to showcase statistical information in a creative manner.

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 one hour Yoga session was conducted on the occasion of the 4<sup>th</sup> International Yoga Day. Principal Dr Agnelo Menezes participated in the session which began with warm-up exercises followed by sitting and standing yoga asanas and concluded with relaxation and meditation.



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## **Annual Report 2017 - 2018**

SXC celebrated our national festivals Republic Day, Independence Day and Maharashtra Din by hoisting the flag and with cultural programmes consisting of patriotic songs and speeches. Marathi Bhasha Divas was celebrated on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 by Marathi Vagmay Mandal commemorating the birth anniversary of Kusumagraj with a cultural programme highlighting rich traditions of Maharashtra.

In view of the Navy week in November, the naval band performed in SXC on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

International Peace Day was observed on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017. An evocative mime 'The Unsocial Truth' was followed by an interactive experimental skit 'Web of Conflict Resolution'. The main highlight was a Silent Peace March throughout the campus. The white dress code was an eloquent voice for peace.

The Department of Management Studies conducted National Income Tax Day on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017 to raise awareness of the need to pay taxes timely and correctly, along with certain benefits that may be availed of in the existing tax payment structure.

National Statistics Day, commemorating the birth anniversary of the great statistician P. C. Mahalanobis was celebrated on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017. On this occasion Ms. Abigail Mukherjee, Manager at the Center of Excellence, Analytics Units, Kotak Mahindra delivered a talk on 'Use of Analytics in the Banking Sector'. Attractive charts conveying interesting facts were displayed and a few Statistics related games were organized.



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## **Annual Report 2016 - 2017**

SXC celebrated our national festivals Republic Day, Independence Day and Maharashtra Din by hoisting the flag and with cultural programmes with patriotic songs and speeches.

Marathi Bhasha Divas was celebrated on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 by Marathi Vagmay Mandal commemorating the birth anniversary of Kusumagraj with a cultural programme highlighting various folk traditions of Maharashtra.

In view of the Navy week in November, the naval band performance in SXC in November 2016 was highly appreciated.

World Tourism Day was celebrated on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016. As part of the celebration students had conducted a small awareness campaign in the college foyer by exhibiting information about Tourism and arranging games for students and teachers from different streams.

On 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016, the Department of Statistics celebrated National Statistics Day. They conducted Spot surveys on topics as varied as superstitious beliefs and preference of food counters among students of our college. The survey results were displayed on all college screens along with graphs/diagrams on current topics like Brexit and Trumpomania.



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## **Annual Report 2015 - 2016**

SXC celebrated our national festivals Republic Day, Independence Day and Maharashtra Din by hoisting the flag and with cultural programmes with patriotic songs and speeches.

To commemorate 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, Political Science Department organised a talk by none other than his grandson Dr. Prakash Ambedkar in which he spoke of sociological and political views of Dr. B R Ambedkar.

Marathi Bhasha Divas was celebrated on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016 by Marathi Vagmay Mandal commemorating the birth anniversary of Kusumagraj with a cultural programme highlighting culture and traditions of Maharashtra.

On the occasion of National Mathematics Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 a one day workshop on 'Mathematics for Biologists' was organized for post-graduate students of the biology departments of the College. Dr. Shailesh Goregaonkar conducted the workshop. Dr. Maya Murdeshwar was the staff-in-charge. Students from the Biochemistry Dept. of Sophia College for women also attended the workshop.

In view of the Navy week in November, the naval band performed in SXC in the third week of November 2015.

International Yoga Day was organized by the DIRS (Department of Interreligious studies) on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015. It was attended by staff and students who thoroughly enjoyed this session led by Fr. Roy Pereira, SJ and Fr Prashant Olalekar, SJ.

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