

Education is like the Morning Sun. As the Sun rises and brightens up the entire stratosphere, so does right education, which brightens up thoughts, deeds, vision and makes life more prosperous and purposeful. SIES, which has been at the forefront in the field of education for over 88 years, presently imparting quality education through 20 disciplines, has adopted the creative Morning Sun as its icon and pledges its resolve to take the Nation further up, with its motto 'RISE WITH EDUCATION'. The South Indian Education Society. A symbol of quality and excellence in education since 1932. That has as its bedrock, a distinct and enduring combination of social values and moral beliefs. A bedrock that in turn, forms the foundation of a spectrum of institutions - each one adapting those values to further their delivery of excellence



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A Mission With A Vision

Our institutional mission was set by **our founder Shri. M. V. Venkateshwaran** in 1932.

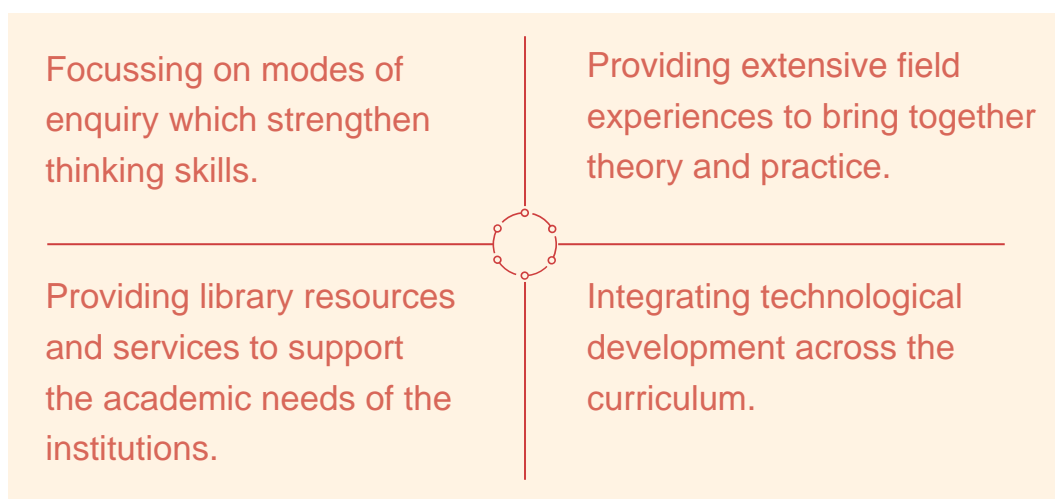
“This Society should sincerely serve the cause of education and the educational needs of the common man of this cosmopolitan city”.



So in a spirit of sincerity we,



We seek to achieve our educational mission by



Our commitment is to a student-centered environment :

- In which intellectual, cultural, social, physical and recreational needs of students are met.
- Which offers learning experiences and forums where students come together to challenge one another's ideas in an atmosphere of mutual respect.
- Which provides support to students through an academic advising centre, computing facilities, peer advising, tutorials, counselling and health services and programmes for disadvantaged as well as gifted students.
- And which offers appropriate services for students with physical disabilities.

Our commitment is also to the larger community of the region that we serve :

- Through collaborative efforts with school districts and higher educational institutions, the health care and social service agencies and the business community.
- Through faculty, administration and student participation in community programmes.
- And by keeping tuition fees within the reach of people of moderate incomes.

One of The Marks of a good Society is its attitude to teaching and research, its ability not merely to hand on accumulated knowledge and practical skills, but no question the conventional wisdoms. Education is ultimately about the search for truth and excellence and the business of a society is to pursue that search in its teaching and research.

We believe....

We must ensure that our graduates in the humanities go out into Government and Industry with an understanding of the role of science and technology in the scheme of things. And we must ensure that our Graduates in the sciences and the technologies go out into the world with an understanding of the power structures of society and the humanising influences of the Arts.

Managing Council 2018-19



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ISR has the prime place in SIES activities and is the visible face of the Society.



Strategy

- Every SIES institution shall have an ISR Department
- ISR shall not be limited to education but shall cover the full facet of life.
- Partner corporates to expand societal benefits where most lacking.
- Partners in progress – Tribals and Adivasis, Maharashtra

Projects in Progress

- Kawathewadi, Taluka Karjat – Varali Tribe, Village – total transformation.
- Khairpada, Shahpur Taluka, Dist. Thane – ‘Smart School’
- Adivasi Seva Mandal – Ashram Shala, Gothegar, Shahpur Taluka campus development. Residential school for 500 Adivasi girl children and day school additionally for 400 Adivasi Boys
- Beacon – Skill India
- Samvedana – Action at the onset of distress
- NGO Internship – learning process beyond the classrooms.

Mission 2025 – Major Initiatives

- 12 smart schools in Tribal areas, Khairpada model for each SIES institution to adopt.
- ‘Hymn Humanity’ – SIES Charity band. Music for a cause.
- ‘Free Computer Education’ in each institution – night classes run by students for poor and deserving students.
- Reading Hall in each institution with library access for students living in ‘small houses’.

A JOURNEY INTO LIFE EDUCATION CONTINUES.....

ISR Spend Yearwise

Sr. No.	Particulars	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	TOTAL
1	Kawathewadi	45,70,056	97,00,823	26,94,426	1,750	72,837	72,947	1,71,12,839
2	Khairpada			24,87,947	3,08,790	7,33,856	52,631	35,83,224
3	Goteghar Ashramshala					65,21,790	3,03,00,735	3,68,22,525
4	Medical Camp				3,000			3,000
5	GSJET				10,00,00,000	50,00,160	50,25,000	11,00,25,160
6	ISR - Hymn Humanity Exp.					4,16,499	9,416	4,25,915
7	BEACON Project					81,424	1,04,867	1,86,291
8	Computer Classes						1,51,610	1,51,610
9	New Village Search						29,528	29,528
10	Ramanand Tirth University, Marathwada			10,00,000				10,00,000
11	SEAT			50,36,829	48,66,385	33,21,688	4,099,896	1,73,24,798
	TOTAL	45,70,056	97,00,823	1,12,19,202	10,51,79,925	1,61,48,254	3,98,46,630	18,66,64,890



When the human race set out on the path of civilisation the seed of disparity was inadvertently sown. Over the ages this disparity has become a formidable abyss wedging its way through all sections of the Society. This is the biggest problem of our times.

For the first time since independence, there is a genuine appreciation in India of the link between expansion of education system and economic growth and social development. If the economic and social benefits of higher education are to be fully realised, it is necessary that the access is widened to include all sections of the Society. Experience in India shows that the benefit of expansion of higher education accrued essentially for already privileged sections with limited but certainly growing participation of the disadvantaged. The contemporary challenge is to achieve access, equity and quality of higher education simultaneously.

No one can deny that the cost of higher education has skyrocketed in recent times virtually shutting the door to lower middle-class and the poor. Catastrophe would befall the nation and peril its democracy if the large majority of its young population is kept out of bounds of collegiate education for reasons of affordability.

The SIES Educational Assistance Scheme is a small but effective step to address this issue and widen the access for all. The scheme has a corpus fund of Rs. 7.5 crores over time symbolically representing 75 years of the Society's efforts in universalisation of education. Rs. 3.75 crores was funded by the Society in the Platinum jubilee year. As at 31st March 2019, SEAT had a corpus of Rs. 4.50 crores. Scholarships are disbursed to eligible students upto a maximum of full fees of the academic programme. This Trust

was unveiled by Bharat Ratna late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam on 15th August 2008, the day we celebrated the 62nd Independence day of our nation.

The Society continued financial assistance to the poor and deserving students in the various institutions of the Society. The chart below gives a comparative analysis of the disbursements since 2015-16.

Sr. No	Institution	2018 – 19			2017-18			2016 - 17			2015-16		
		Applied	Granted	Amount	Applied	Granted	Amount	Applied	Granted	Amount	Applied	Granted	Amount
1	SIES HS	176	173	648272	141	141	486115	180	180	608035	199	190	694394
2	SIES Dr. APJ	81	81	153128									
3	SIES ASCS	66	51	929350	116	38	638521	115	84	1084100	143	102	1127873
4	SIES CE	97	87	1526375	86	59	978900	125	73	1125300	151	74	1128179
5	SIES ASCN	64	49	822771	110	46	882852	69	35	593550	36	23	391383
6	SIES GST				61	21	450005	91	56	1435400	107	45	1575000
7	SIES ICE	2	2	20000				4	2	20000	4	2	20000
8	SIES SOP										10	4	100000
TOTAL		486	443	4099896	514	300	3321688	574	430	4866385	650	440	5036829

A sum of Rs. 173.23 lakhs was been given to 1613 students during this period. In addition the Society gave the following grants to Ghatkopar South Indian Education Trust to provide merit and needy scholarship to poor and deserving students outside the SIES institutions.

Year	Amount
2017 – 2018	50,00,160
2016 – 2017	50,25,000
2015 – 2016	10,00,00,000

Sheth Bhojraj Hasomal Charitable Trust also supported the efforts of the Society by providing a scholarship of Rs. 2 lakhs each for various self-financing courses under Graduate programmes at the SIES College of Arts, Science & Commerce and SIES College of Commerce & Economics.

All these measures have ensured considerable financial assistance to students from the marginalised and poor sections of the Society to pursue school and undergraduate education.



Kawthewadi

- 85 kms from Mumbai
- 550 residents in 89 households
- Pardhi community, a traditional nomadic tribe
- Extreme backwardness and social stigma

The integrated development involved

- Redevelopment of the Primary School (Std. I to V) run by the Zilla Parishad
- Repairs and restoration of 60 huts as Pucca houses.
- Toilet facilities in the village
- Mangal Karyalaya Community Centre.

The total amount spent in this project till 31.3.2019 was Rs.1,71,12,839/-

STEP BY STEP TRANSFORMATION OF THE VILLAGE

EDUCATION

HEALTH AND
HYGIENE

ENVIRONMENT

FINANCIAL
EMPOWERMENT



Activities during 2018-19

A 7-day residential camp was conducted from 23rd to 29th December 2018 at Kawthewadi. During this camp the NSS team organised activities such as teaching English, Maths and Science to the primary school children, free oral check-up for the villagers and a workshop on self-defence for women. Many seminars were organised on topics like importance of vaccination, first-aid and home remedies, menstrual hygiene and women's health, purification of water, personality development and Yoga.

Besides this, events like wall painting, clean up drives, distribution of sanitary napkins and Shramadan were also conducted. Volunteers assisted the villagers in weeding and renewing compost pits. They also performed several street plays to create an awareness on value of education, women safety, effects of tobacco on health and plastic ban.

The students of English Department conducted various ISR activities. The Department of Philosophy, as a part of ISR organised a guest talk on 'Personality Development from a Philosophical Perspective', and an interactive session for the students at the Anganwadi, Kawthewadi on 28th December 2018.

Apron Stitching

In evolving a meaningful synergy between the activities of our academic institutions and villagers of our adopted villages, it was decided to teach Apron stitching to the villagers. During the month of May – July 2018, Aprons of different sizes ranging from 34" to 40" were stitched. Out of the 491 Aprons stitched, 388 were sold realising Rs.



1,02,600/-. The 'Kawathewadi Tailors' were paid Rs. 31,915/-. 8 villagers began a new journey in financial empowerment. The SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce (autonomous) has decided to expand the pilot project into a full fledged tailoring unit at Kawathewadi, stitching 5000 Aprons over the next 3 years. Similar extension projects in Dusters, phenyl, stationary are being planned to cover a larger section of the villagers filling non-seasonal non-agricultural time with productive engagements leading to financial empowerment.



Rural Digital Primary Schools

The Society has taken up the upgradation of atleast 12 rural schools belonging to the Zilla Parishads to be upgraded to digital schools over the coming years. The first such school at Khairpada was formally inaugurated on 22nd January 2017. It was developed at a cost of Rs. 35,83,224/-.

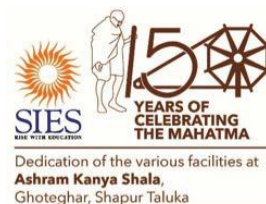
Khairpada is located in Shahpur Taluka in Thane district. It is 125 kms away from the Nerul campus. The nearest railway station is Asangaon and the nearest town is Shahpur. One has to walk three kms from the main road to enter Khairpada village. The gram panchayat consists of seven villages i.e. Sawarshet, Sajawali, Khairpada, Kuthadi, Arjuali, Sarlambe and Sakharpade of which Sarlambe is the main village. The inhabitants in Khairpada are mainly Mahadev Thakur, Warali Tribe and Aghari. The language mainly spoken is Marathi and Thakari (Adivasi language). Khairpada has 27 families with a population of 200 people of which nearly 40% are children. Of the balance 60%, 25% are females.

The School was declared as an "Ideal Digital School" by the State Government. The Society plans to assign to each college one rural Zilla parishad school for digital upgradation. The focus is to use smart classes in the learning process in these schools and prevent drop outs through interactive, interesting visual based learning techniques. The Society will approach one corporate each to partner it under its CSR programme for one Digital school. The first use of hardware needing replacement due to configuration changes would be these digital schools. Corporates would also be encouraged to give their computer hardware being replaced, to these school.

Dedication of Ghoteghar Ashram Shala,

Vafe, Shapur Taluka, Dis Thane

Goteghar Ashramshala



The ISR activities of the Society reached its high point with the adoption of Adivasi Seva Mandal's Goteghar Ashram Shala.

Adivasi Seva Mandal is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 with the main objective to achieve the economic, social, educational and general uplift of the Varlis, Thakurs, Konkans, Dharkarlis, Dublas, Mahadeo-kolis, Malhar – Kolis, Kotkaries and generally of all people aboriginal and hill tribes in Thane and Kulaba districts. In pursuance of this objective, it has established Ashram schools at various locations for Adivasi children. Goteghar Ashramshala in Shapur taluk, Thane district has over 400 girls staying and studying and has about 1000 Adivasi children studying in the Shala. Spread on a sprawling estate of 107960 sqmtrs (26.7 acres), with the western edge flanked by Bhatsa river, the Ashramshala is nestled between green agricultural fields and Bhatsa. The school infrastructure is nothing worth mention.

The Society entered into an MOU with Adivasi Seva Mandal on 30th December 2017 to adopt the Ashramshala which was in a state of dilapidation. The Mandal was unable to raise resources to carry out the much needed repairs and renovation to this residential school with the result its 400 residential inmates of Adivasi Girl children were living and educated under indescribable conditions. The MOU vested the Society with the right to carry out the renovation by raising resources for the Adivasi Seva Mandal. After the Ashramshala's renovated facilities are made functional, a monitoring committee shall be constituted to supervise the activities of the Ashramshala comprising of 3 representatives of SIES of which one shall be the Chairman and two representative of Adivasi Seva Mandal. The monitoring committee would stand automatically dissolved at the end of three years since its constitution.



The Society renovated / rebuild

- The girls and boys hostel
- A new Dining Hall
- A computer learning centre.

The total cost incurred till 31.3.2019 was Rs. 3,68,22,525/-.

Since the dedication of the new facilities were taking place in the 150th birth anniversary year of Mahatma Gandhi, a statue of the father of the nation was also installed in the campus. At a glittering function held on 13th October 2018, Shri. C. Vidyasagar Rao, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra presided over the dedication ceremony. Shri. Kapil Patil, local MP was also present.





The Society focused on the following activities after the inauguration.

- Balanced food to the inmates by a proper mix of nutritionals and quantity consumed.
- Personal hygiene of the girls
 - Installed sanitary disposal units and also supplied sanitary napkins.
 - Provided new sets of school and general dress.
- Self defence programmes for the girls.
- Facility Management Training
- Computer learning sessions for the teachers of the Ashramshala by faculty and students of SIES College of Management Studies. "Train the trainers for IT usage" involved 15 management students. It was conducted on 3rd and 4th April 2019.

The training covered

- Getting familiar with MS Word. Opening email accounts.
- MS Power Point and Excel
- Developing lesson plans using Power Point.



“I would say that if the village perishes India will perish too. India will be no more India. Her own mission in the world will get lost. The revival of the village is possible only when it is no more exploited. Therefore we have to concentrate on the village being self-contained, manufacturing mainly for use.”

- Mahatma Gandhi







BEACON – SIES Graduate School of Technology

The SIES Graduate School of Technology as part of its ISR has set up project BEACON which provides vocational training to the under privileged sections of the society. The target groups are orphans, street children, school dropouts, housewives from poor families in the age group of 14-30 years. It is a skill enhancement programme covering several trades viz. plumbing, metal turning and welding, computer operating, electrician, tailoring and mobile & laptop repairs. The students are admitted free of cost.

The course duration is six months which includes a foundation course for all, followed by trade specific training. All the students are given a basic tool kit pertaining to the trade, shoes and an apron. The course focuses more on practical hands on training. Each student is exposed to basics of grooming, banking, computer skills, spoken English and Mathematics as part of the Foundation Course. At the end of the training, the students are placed in industries for internship. After the internship, they would be facilitated to take certification / licensing examination from Government certifying agencies and supported to find suitable placements.

Batchwise enrolment for the various trades is given separately :

As on date, 374 people have been provided skills adequate to give a decent living for themselves and their families. More importantly, several women confined only to house work were initiated into gainful engagement thereby empowering them financially.

Batch	Batch Commenced	Plumbing	Electrician	Welding & Metal Repairing	Computer Operating	Mobile and Laptop repairing	Sewing & Tailoring	Screen Printing	AC Mechanic	Web Design	Total
1	01.1.2016	9	9	4	7	4	9	-	-	-	42
2	01.9.2016	3	6	6	6	4	9	5	-	-	39
3	10.8.2017	0	22	9	22	14	29	1	--	--	97
4	01.8.2018	1	14	3	7	-	7	3	9	6	50
5	17.1.2019	9	35	-	27	-	20	11	15	29	146
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“Real Education Consists in Drawing the Best out of Yourself. What Better Book can there be than the Book Of Humanity?”



SIES (Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial) High School

The School promotes a high degree of scientific temperament in the campus which is harnessed to foster socially responsive projects. During the year, the School was engaged in following activities.

1. Climate Ambassadors

The students participated in an international project executed by Shrushtidnyan, an NGO and Climate action-Sweden. About 50 students from Standard 8th and 9th conducted a number of activities spread all through the year under this environmental project.

- Millet Feast (in the school and R.J. College Ghatkopar)
- Earth Hour celebration – cycle rally for awareness.
- Terrace gardening - complete maintenance of the terrace garden and planted many new saplings.
- Seed bank - A large collection of seeds were done all through the year and sowed them wherever possible.
- E-waste Management workshop and lectures.
- Organic Fertiliser workshop and lectures
- Eco-friendly Ganapati making workshop - made Ganapatis using paper pulp and eco-friendly colours.
- Meteorological visit – A field trip to learn the meteorological parameters.
- Solar Panel Programme (Solar charger making) workshop.

- Eco friendly Holi colours. Workshop - used natural colours for celebrating Holi.
 - Regular Climate mapping, a practical activity (Rain gauge, hygrometer, barometer, thermometer) - A series of activities were done daily to record the temperature, pressure, humidity.
2. Tobacco Abuse

A Powerpoint presentation and a lecture on Tobacco abuse was organised with the support of Vasantha Memorial Trust, an NGO on 20th August 2018. The harmful effects of Tobacco were made known to the students and a conscious attempt made to ween them away from the smoke.
 3. Anemia Awareness

An anemia awareness programme was conducted in the school on 10th and 11th November 2018.
 4. Other programmes
 - Students solar ambassadors workshop was conducted by IIT, Mumbai on 2nd October 2018. The students were taught to assemble solar lamps.
 - Lectures on road safety, mangroves and forest resources were given to the students of Std. 9th.
 - A series of activities were organised by Landmark Group for creating awareness amongst the students and parents. The aim was to throw light on waste management, reuse of plastic and career guidance.
 - A campaign on Swatchh Bharat Abhiyaan was done for a week in the month of January 2019. A rally was organised by the students of the Primary and Secondary section to bring about the awareness.





NCC and NSS Activities

NCC and NSS units in the various SIES colleges provide a platform to go beyond the curriculum and initiate the students to life learning processes. Education is just not preparation for life but life itself. Life changing experiences and moulding the character are two key areas of NCC and NSS. While NCC prepares the students for self defence and is a passport to National Defence services, NSS predominantly is in social services.

The activities during the year of the various colleges are as under :

SIES College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Sion (W)

NCC

- At the annual NCC celebrations, the cadets organised a Weapon Exhibition and Shakti Pradarshan on 7th and 8th January 2018. Weapons and accessories used by Indian Armed Forces were displayed in the exhibition. The cadets showcased their talents through Contingent Drill, Advance Rifle Drill, Drill Formations, War Demonstration, Lezim and Human Pyramid formations during Shakti Pradarshan.
- Two cadets represented Mumbai B group in the CAT1 of Republic day camp and Inter-Group competition of Thal Sainik Camp in October and July, 2018 respectively.
- A cleanliness drive was organised in the college on 3rd December 2018, and 18th September 2018, and a Swachata Hee Seva campaign was organised at Shivaji Park and Dadar Chowpatty on 27th September 2018. Furthermore, the





cadets organised a Swaccha Bharat Abhiyaan campaign at the BSNL ground in Chembur on 22nd September 2018.

- Cadets held a cleanliness drive in the college campus on 27th September 2018 and a tree plantation rally was organised in Sion area on 17th July 2018.
- The promotion parade of the NCC Cadets was organised on 6th July 2018, and Cadet 2018 (CATC-1) and July 2018 (CATC-2), JUO Arpitha Jayaraman and SGT Priyanka Dubey won 2nd and 3rd Prizes in Drill competition respectively, and SGT Priyanka Dubey also received a prize for the best speaker.



NSS

NSS unit organised and participated in over 70 events covering areas like health, personal hygiene, environment and cleanliness. The Unit took up activities such as tree plantation, pulse polio drive, yoga training, peace rally, traffic control, HIV AIDS awareness rally, clean-up drives, etc.

The NSS team bagged 2nd Prize and Literary Award in an intercollegiate Street Play competition held at Kirti college on 8th December and KC college on 12th December respectively.

Seminars on critical issues like Road Safety and Traffic Rules, Mental Health, Breast Cancer Awareness, Dengue and Malaria Prevention, etc. were organised by the unit in College premises. A Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Donation Camp was held in association with an NGO 'Gift a Life'. On 5th December 2018, the team in

association with Student's Council organised a Blood Donation Drive in association with Sion Hospital Blood Bank and successfully collected 101 units of blood.

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SIES College of Commerce & Economics

NSS

The NSS team undertook several initiatives to positively impact the lives of students and society. 100 students enrolled for NSS. The programmes conducted were as follows:

- Regular Activities
 - Celebration of International Yoga Day on 21st June 2018 with an awareness session by Prof. Chitra and demonstration of certain Asanas.
 - Tree Plantation Drive with Planting of Saplings at Sion Fort on 7th July, 2018
 - Participated in Beach Clean-up Drive of Worli beach on 14th July, 2018
 - The third dose of Hepatitis Vaccination was administered to the students in association with United Way benefitting 98 students on 24th July, 2018
 - Assisting in administering Polio Vaccination in association with MCGM (Sion) on 5th August, 2018
 - Stem Cell Registration was organised in the college in association with Marrow Registry of India registering 92 students on 14th August, 2018
 - Celebration of Independence day in the college and taking Swachhata oath by students on 15th August, 2018
 - Making of Eco-Friendly cloth bags by the NSS Volunteers and distribution of those bags in Sion area thereby creating awareness on Ban of Plastic on 15th August, 2018
 - A one day Workshop was conducted on "First Aid and Fire Safety" by officers from Fire Fighting department benefitting nearly 115 students. Demonstration on simple safety measures was a part of the session
 - Students actively participated in Dadar Beach Clean-up on 16th September, 2018

- Acting as Friends of Police and handling traffic during Ganapati Visarja on 23rd, September, 2018
- A Poster making Competition was organised with the theme “Non Violence” with 15 teams participating in making Posters promoting Non Violence
- Volunteered with National association of Disabled enterprise (NADE) for distribution of food grains for Blind and disabled persons. Around 1200 people from Maharashtra and neighbouring states were distributed food grains, oil etc. on 21st October, 2018
- Assisting in sale of Diyas made by Autistic Children from an NGO “Wings” on 27th, 29th and 30th of October, 2018
- Conducting Voter ID Awareness and Registration for students and people in the vicinity on 30th & 31st October, 2018
- Awareness of Leprosy at Sion and Wadala where the students examined the people in Slum area and reported cases of leprosy on 18th October, 2018
- Painting at Sion station with Social messages thereby creating awareness on Rail Safety on 23rd and 24th of November, 2018
- Street play was enacted on ‘Environment’ at Juhu beach on 15th December, 2018
- Teaching sessions at Karamvir Baburao Patil Vidyalaya from Monday to Saturday for students from Std I to IV. It is an on- going project from November 2018 to March 2019.
- A Blood donation drive was organised in the college in association with LTMG, Sion. 102 units of blood were collected
- Celebration of Republic day was organised by the staff and students by hoisting the National Flag and singing patriotic songs. Street play was enacted on “ Environment”
- NSS Residential Camp
 - The NSS Residential camp was organised at Shivansai Ambe village, Panvel from 04th January, 2019 to 10th January, 2019. 40 students were part of the NSS camp. The following activities were organised during the camp:-
 - Health camp was organised in association with Terna hospital, Nerul and 112 people were the beneficiaries of the camp.
 - Construction of small check dams for the villagers.
 - Painting of the community hall of the village.
 - Swacha Bharat Abhiyaan.

SIES College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Nerul

NSS

- Team NSS celebrated Independence Day with the theme ‘responsible independence’ and spread the message of peace. This was followed by a Tree Plantation activity in the campus.
- An Anti-Plastic Rally was organised on 8th September 2018 from College campus

to the Nerul Railway Station. Strong messages to reduce the use of plastic were communicated to the public through slogans like “Pariyavaran se nata jodo, polythene ka upyog chodo” and “Plastic ki nahi koi shaan, mitta do iska naam aur nishaan”.

- A Street Play was performed in SHIVAJI NAGAR on 8th October 2018, to create awareness about the importance of Education, Non-Violence and Cleanliness.
- Cloth Bag Making event was organised on 27th August 2018. It was about utilising unwanted cloth for making bags. The main aim of the event was to reduce polythene bags. Those bags were then taken to Nerul Sabzi Mandi and distributed.
- A Blood Donation camp was organised on 6th October 2018 with the help of TATA Memorial Centre. Around 73 units bottles of blood was collected.
- The annual camp of NSS was conducted in Phangulgavhan, Murbad from 20th September to 1st October 2018. The volunteers painted village toilets, built soak pits, beautified Zilla Parishad School and spread awareness on Leprosy detection and treatment.

SIES Graduate School Of Technology

NSS Activities

The NSS volunteers conducted a two day yoga workshop on June 18- 19 and 20, 2018 on the occasion of International Yoga Day. Faculty members, NSS volunteers and other college students were part of the programme. Four faculty members taught the different asanas to the participants.

- The NSS volunteers took part in a tree plantation drive on 1st July, 2018 at Shantivan Ashram, Panvel. 58 volunteers planted 105 saplings in Shantivan Ashram.
Random Acts of Kindness : 80 volunteers went around Nerul randomly helping people with small acts of kindness on 25th August 2018.
- **Dustbin Making** : 98 volunteers made creative dustbins out of discarded cardboard boxes and placed them in all of the classrooms on 2nd September 2018.
- **Awareness of Plastic Waste Management** was held on 7-9 September, 2018.





148 volunteers actively spread awareness in the college about the right way to dispose of plastic during Cognition 2018. Around 5kg plastic waste was collected and sent to Bisleri International Pvt. Ltd. for recycling.

- **NSS Week Celebration** was held between 24 and 28 September, 2018. 54 volunteers performed street plays in the college to spread awareness about current and urban issues plaguing the society.
- **Plastic Waste Collection** was held on 25th September, 2018. 107 volunteers went to the adopted village area, Shirvane and collected 10.5 kg of plastic waste to be recycled from various shops along the road.
- **Intercollegiate NSS Competition** was held on 28th September, 2018. 100 volunteers organised and managed an intercollegiate competition for NSS volunteers to promote blood donation and to bring together various NSS units. The competition included essay writing, poster making and street play.
- **Blood Donation Camp** was held on 3rd October, 2018. 148 volunteers organised and managed a blood donation camp in the college, open for everyone with the collaboration of Sion Blood Bank and Rotract Club, Lion's club. 301 units of blood were collected. A thalassemia check up was also conducted simultaneously.
- **E-waste Management Seminar** was held on 18th October, 2018. An NGO MAIT which is dealing with e-waste disposal conducted the same. 65 volunteers attended a seminar on disposal of electronic waste
- **Special Residential Camp** was held on 3-9 January, 2019. 52 volunteers along with 8 senior volunteers camped at Shai village in Murbad taluka. The camp was a success as the unit dug up 6 soak pits and build one dam on the river.
- **Disaster Management Workshop** was conducted on 17,18 January, 2019 by Mr.Madhukar Sanap(NMMC) and Ms.Vrindanath (UNDP) of Aga Khan Institute. 20 volunteers organised and attended a disaster management workshop held in the college and also had a practical session on the topics learnt in theory.



SIES Indian Institute of Environment Management

About SIES IEM

- SIES IEM was established in 1999. It has been contributing in the fields of R&D activities and academics in the areas of environment management and biotechnology.
- IEM is recognized by department of scientific and industrial research for research activity and has successfully completed various research projects with funding from DST, BRNS, DBT, ICMR, MCEFCC, NMREIS and several other agencies.
- IEM also conducts consultancy services, organising seminars, workshop and providing community services through research and creating awareness.
- State of Art Facilities to conduct R & D and consultancy in the areas of Environmental Science and Management. Laboratories are equipped with the instruments like HPLC, AAS, GC, HVS etc.

Consultancy Services

1. Drinking Water and Waste Water Quality Parameters
 - Physical parameters
 - Chemical parameters
 - Microbial parameters: Total Coliform Test, E. Coli, Fecal streptococci
Manganese
 - Heavy Metal: Lead, Copper, Nickel, Iron, Cadmium, Zinc, Aluminium.

2. Waste Management
 - Training programs
 - Characterisation of Solid Waste for Composting and Vermi composting
 - Compost Quality Index (Physical, Chemical & microbial parameters and seed quality index)
 - Testing, characterisation and standardisation of bio-fertilizers from
 - N fixers
 - P Solubilizers - PSB, AMF
3. Soil Quality Index for Agricultural and Landscape Applications
 - Physical parameters
 - Chemical parameters
 - Major Nutrients
 - Minor Nutrients
 - Secondary Nutrients
4. GIS based Environmental Planning and Management
 - Natural resource mapping
 - Groundwater recharge study
 - Site Selection
 - Database management
 - Training Program
5. Sustainability Solution for Mitigation of Climate Change Vulnerability
6. Biomass Characterisation for Physical Chemical and Biochemical Parameters
 - Moisture content
 - Nitrogen
 - Phosphorus
 - Potassium
 - Crude protein
 - Lignin
 - Cellulose
 - Hemi-cellulose
 - Fibers
 - Antimicrobial and Antioxidant Testing Screening and Evaluation of Bioactivity of Synthetic Chemical and Natural Compounds
7. Natural Capital Assessment Services
 - Implementation of Natural Capital and Ecosystem Services Concept
 - Integration of business practices and decision making with natural capital and ecosystem services concept.
 - Assessment of Natural Capital and Ecosystem Services
 - Qualitative and quantitative approaches
 - GIS mapping
 - Foot printing
 - Stakeholder engagement

- Land Use and Biodiversity Opportunity Mapping Training and Capacity Building
8. Providing CSR Solutions for Environment and Society
- Technical Support in CSR
 - Support in the development of CSR strategies for industries
 - Implementation of CSR strategies in industries and execution of activities in the areas of environment and social development
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Compliance and regulatory affairs in the areas of environment
 - Impact Assessment of CSR activities by industries
 - CSR Communications
 - CSR Services
 - Linkages with NGO partners
 - Community engagement and mobilization
 - Capacity building
 - Training and outreach activities
 - Volunteering
 - Promotions

Areas of Research and Specific Areas

1. Total Water Management

- Purification of drinking water by using low cost techniques.
- Management of nitrite contaminated waste water.
- Textile waste water management.
- Phytoremediation.
- Oil spill management by biosurfactants.
- Management of brine generated from water purification technologies.
- Assessment and management of marine pollution

2. Solid Waste Management

- Management of industrial waste.
- Management of MSW and other solid waste.
- Management of agro - residue.

3. Applied Biotechnology

- Utilization of bio fertilizers and bio pesticide in soil fertility management and agriculture
- Exploitation of beneficial micro organisms in remediation of heavy metals, oil pollution etc

4. Management of Natural Resources

- Pollution monitoring and management
- Eco restoration
- Studies on Climate Change
- Bio diversity Studies
- GIS

Major Funding Agencies

- Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change
- Department of Science and Technology
- Department of Biotechnology
- Board of Research in Nuclear Science
- Indian Council of Medical Research
- Mumbai - Metropolitan Region- Environment Improvement Society

Specific Areas of Expertise In Industrial R & D and Consultancy

1. Environmental Pollution Monitoring, Assessment and control

- Waste water treatment technologies
- Zero Discharge
- Hazardous waste management
- Lab analysis services and designing of lab

2. Ecology and Bio diversity

- Assessment of eco system services and bio diversity indexing
- Mapping of resources and modeling
- Eco restoration of resources

3. Microbial interventions in environment Management

- Bio remediation and phyto remediation
- Mass Production of Biofertilizers and Biopesticides

4. Environment Management

- Designing of policies and plans as per agenda 2030 of Sustainable Development for industries and institutions
- Climate change vulnerability assessment, identification of adaptation and mitigation technologies

5. Execution of CSR Initiatives

- Defining of strategy, planning, implementation and execution of activities
- Capacity building and skill development
- Community mobilisation for livelihood generation by developing theme based hubs

6. Other services

- Extended producer responsibility for Plastic and electronic company
- Survey and data analysis
- Preparation of DPR, proposals, SOPs
- Training Programmes, Customised events

Major Areas Covered Under Outreach Activities and Community Mobilisation



Events

1. Popular Science Lecture Series

A popular Science Lecture Series was organised on 7th April, 2018 in association with Indian women Scientist association, Mumbai. The lecture series was sponsored by Board for Research in Nuclear Sciences, DAE. The lectures on the topics, 'Coastal Zone of India and its Management' and "Environmental Modeling: A Tool for Environmental Impact Assessment" were delivered by Dr. Mahesh Zingde, Ex. Director, NIO, Mumbai and Dr. Faby Sunny, Senior Scientific Officer, BARC, Mumbai, respectively.

2. World Environment Day (5.6.2018)

To commemorate the World Environment Day; plantation of indoor plants was conducted in pots by the faculty and staff of institute as well as from different institutes present in SIES, Nerul Campus.

The workshops on the theme 'Beat Plastic Pollution' on World Environment Day

were organised in different institutions and industries for sensitising participants on the Plastic Waste Management Rules, technologies and practices. The details are as below:

Sr. No.	Workshop Details	Organised on	No. of participants
1.	Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation	5th June, 2018	150
2.	Ramky's Mumbai Waste Management Ltd., Taloja, Navi Mumbai	5th June, 2018	75
3.	MGM Medical College, Kamothe, Navi Mumbai	15th June, 2018	150
4.	Dr. G. D. Pol Foundation Dental and Nursing College, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai	23rd June, 2018	75

3. Swachhata Hi Seva: Cleanliness drive and Rally on 26-09-2018

Students and Faculty/non-Teaching staff of SIES Indian Institute of Environmental Management (SIES IEM) contributed actively to the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign on 26th of September 2018. This event was jointly organised with Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation. After a sensitisation workshop on waste management practices at SIES Nerul Campus, a rally was organised from SIES, Nerul campus to Palm Beach Road entry point at sector-6 covering two kilometers distance. In this rally there were a total of 66 participants. The shopkeepers, pedestrians etc. were sensitised on waste management practices. The rally was sponsored by Novvo Craze and Trendz.





4. Seminar on Climate Change with Uni Italia, Consulate General of Italy, Mumbai

A seminar on 9th October, 2018 was organised with Uni Italia, Consulate General of Italy, Mumbai. In the seminar two lectures on the topics, 'Climate Change and Water Resource Management' and 'Academic Programme in University of Brescia' were presented by Prof. Giovanna Grossi and Ms. Monica Bonfardini, respectively.

5. Prakkathan- A Students Fest on Environmental Sustainability

Prakkathan, student Eco fest on Sustainability was organised on 26th October 2018. The event was sponsored by SGS, JSW, Steelage and Novvo Craze. Media partner was NMTV. Chief Guest for the event was Prof. Shirish Sangle, NITIE, Mumbai. The 2nd Prof. Purushottam Khanna Memorial Talk was delivered by Dr. Shirish Sangle on the topic "Environment Management and Circular Economy: Directing and Accelerating Sustainable Development". Prakkathan included following programs: CSR Conclave on the theme "Towards Sustainable Future", Debate competition, Quiz competition, Poster presentation and Valedictory session. In CSR Summit, CSR Heads from Siemens India Ltd., Tata Power, United Ways Mumbai and Nuclear Power Corporation of India have participated and presented their views on CSR and Societal Development. A puppet show was organised by the students of SIES Nerul Institute of Comprehensive Education in the valedictory session in which awards were given to the winners of different competitions by Prof. P. V. Narayanan, Chairman, SIES SOP.

6. AIR-O2-THON

The institute organised International Summit of Air-O2-Thon series that started



in New Delhi in October 2017 on 14th December, 2018. The conference was organised by Prospur, co organised by Indian Pollution Control Agency (IPCA), New Delhi and was also supported by IIT Bombay and NITIE, Mumbai. The summit focused on the evaluation on the technological interventions and the awareness status of people. The expert panel in the conference discussed about Indoor and outdoor air quality and its threatening effects on health. The panel also evaluated the various technology and innovation which helps to improve the air quality and minimise the associated risk on individual health.

The Chief Guest of the event was Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Director, NEERI and special guest was Dr. V. M. Motghare. About 100 participants were registered for the event.

7. Workshop on All India School Contest on Plastic waste Management and Felicitation of Winners

A Workshop cum prize distribution programme was conducted for the winners of All India contest on Plastic Waste Management on 10th January, 2019 with Indian Centre for Plastics in Environment an ENVIS Centre under MOEFCC. The Chief Guest of the event was Mr. Ajay Shah, MD, Reliance Oil and Gas Ltd.

8. Workshops cum Training Programmes on Drinking Water Quality and Mapping under NRDMS, Department of Science and Technology sponsored Project Workshop cum training programme under NRDMS, DST sponsored project entitled

“Addressing Drinking Water Issues in Slums in Greater Mumbai and its mapping using GIS was organised was organised. The details are as below:

	Details of Workshops	Topics Covered	No. & details of Participants
1.	Workshop No. 1	Drinking water quality parameters, methods for storage, disinfection techniques, mapping of water quality parameters.	75 MCGM ward officers, local NGOs etc.
2.	“Management of Drinking Water Quality” was organised on 20th October 2018 at the conference room of Ward M East office of MCGM, Mumbai.	Drinking water supply and management in MCGM, water quality parameters in different wards of MCGM, low cost water purification technologies, management of sullage and ground water recharging techniques	45 officials of different wards of MCGM from water supply, ground water and insecticide departments, Participants from NGOs etc.

9. National Conference on Geoinformatics in Water Management on 23rd January, 2019

The National Conference on ‘Geoinformatics in Water Management’ was organised on the 23rd January 2019 with sponsorship from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. In the inaugural session Dr. Muralikrishna Iyyanki, Former Raja Ramanna DRDO Distinguished Fellow, RCI, Hyderabad was the Chief Guest. Dr. Y. B. Sontakke, JD - Water, MPCB was the Guest of Honour. In the Valedictory session Dr. Amar Supate, Principal Scientific Officer, MPCB was the Chief Guest. Eminent speakers in the conference were Dr. Sanjay Dahasahasra, Dahasahasra Waternet Solutions, Thane, Former Member Secretary, Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran, Mumbai; Prof. S. Gedam, CSRE, IIT Bombay; Mr. Yogesh Yande, ESRI; Dr. Mritunjau Chaubey, Chief Sustainability Officer, UPIL, and Dr. Avinash Kubal, Retd. Director, Maharashtra Nature Park, Mumbai. The recommendations of the conference were communicated to relevant ministries and departments for action. Total 75 participants registered for the conference.

Our Partners

a. Government

- Department of Science and Technology
- Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences
- Department of Biotechnology
- MOEFCC, CSIR, DRDO
- Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
- MCGM & NMMC

b. Non - Government

- MMR - Environment Improvement Society
- Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment
- Indian Centre for Plastics in Environment
- Balwant Rai Mehta Panchayati
- Raj Kendra
- SEAL Ashram
- Society for Services to Voluntary organizations

c. Industries

- Kokuyo Camlin
- JSW
- RCF
- Mumbai Waste
- Management Ltd.
- Agrisearch India Pvt. Ltd., Nashik (M.S.)
- Diva Envitech Pvt. Ltd.
- Raitebandhu Aharogyam Pvt. Ltd., Karnataka



SIES Institute of Comprehensive Education

In a first of its kind, the institute collaborated with Tech Mahindra Foundation under its CSR programme to launch its academic activities for socially deprived sections of the society mainly in the lower income strata. Under this partnership, the entire fees of all the 50 students of a batch are paid by Tech Mahindra Foundation from its resources. The institute structures a meaningful skill enhancement programme of one year duration that would help the students to merit employment in pre-schools in the city.

The primary goals of this desired project were as follows

1. To develop a successful community service network for those in the lower economic strata.
2. To provide needy individuals and groups with free, or low-cost access to useful information, assistance and professional expertise.

The project was designed as a broad-based, rather than niche-focused, community rehabilitation. SIES-TMF SMART membership reflects a wide spectrum of candidates who are to come together to jointly plan and carry out public programs and services, especially in the educational field.

A second key aspect of this project was that, from its inception, SIES-TMF members have been working diligently to include disadvantaged or neglected members of society in consortium program development activities.

The eligibility criteria comprised of the following requirements from the student's end:

- a) Successful completion of Class XII,
- b) Annual family income below 2.5 lakhs.

The objective

- To offer professional training to empower youth/ women from the lower economic group willing to work with young children.

Specific Objectives:

1. To provide training for the development of skill sets related to early childhood teaching.
2. To provide an understanding of the developmental milestones of children and plan related activities to enhance the same.
3. To develop a strong passion to work with children and the community.
4. To offer opportunities for financial independence
5. To foster women empowerment and uplift their self-esteem and self-confidence leading to holistic personality development.

The grant received from the Tech Mahindra Foundation in the first year i.e. 2017-18 was Rs. 27,61,650 and in the second year i.e. 2018-2019 the total grant received was Rs. 31,43,830.

Placement of the past pupils of the TMF batch 1 (2017-2018)

Sr. No.	Name of the Student	Name of the Employer
1	Sonia Selvaraj	The Learning Curve
2	Chandrapoornima Gunashekar	The Learning Curve
3	Aarthi Shanmugam	Amulakh Amichand Bhimji Vividhlakshi Vidyalaya
4	Ritudev Saheblal Kanojiya	Orchids International School
5	Mamta Mangesh More	Willies Pre School
6	Esther Elisha Lakkapelly	Chhabildas CBSE School
7	Bharati Ramesh Reddy	Junior Kids International School
8	Manusri Sagar Nachula	Cardinal Gracias School
9	Nisha Shivpukar Ram	Veer Savarkar School
10	Nasreen Kifayat Ansari	Al Marif English School
11	Nehal Narsinh Tank	Veer Savarkar School

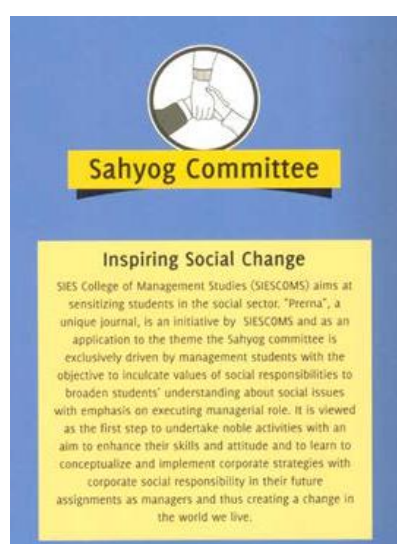
Sr. No.	Name of the Student	Name of the Employer
12	Margaret Devendra Arakeri	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar School
13	Deepa Mani Nadar	The Banyan Tree
14	Priya Dinesh Jain	Tulip School
15	Ashwini Ashok Jadhav	Tulip School
16	Noor Afsha Marghoob Ansari	Chhabildas CBSE School
17	Sonali Subhash Shedge	Buniyaad
18	Saujanya Eligeti	Kids Zone Preschool
19	Mehnaz Moh. Ali Khan	Cardinal Gracias High School
20	Neha Pandey	Saraswathi Vidyalaya
21	Priyanka M. Sonta	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar School
22	Lalita Yadav	Veer Savarkar School
23	Suphulaxmi Vallinaygam	Mother Teresa School
24	Blessy Evangeline	Kedarnath Vidya Prasarini's English Medium School
25	Nancy Nadar	Coco Kidzee, Bhandup



SIES College of Management Studies

The SIESCOMS aims at sensitising students in the social sector. The college carries out various activities that bring about the required transformation in the stakeholders to be conscious of the society around. It broadens the horizons of the students beyond their curriculum objectives. The college brings about a unique journal 'Prerna' as an application to the theme that its Sahyog Committee promotes all through the year with the objective to inculcate values of social responsibilities in the students.

'Sahyog Committee' is the ISR arm of SIES College of Management Studies. During the year, it organised the following:



Events held during the year 2018-19

Sr. No.	Date	Event	In association with
1	15th August 2018	Independence Day – Flag Box Event	
2	31st August 2018	A Talk by PAWS	Wildlife Conservation NGO
3	11th September 2018	Nukkad Natak	Mangalam Charitable Trust
4	12th September 2018	Session on Organ Donation	
5	22nd September 2018	World Rose Day	Sneha Bandhan Trust
6	15th October 2018	Joy of Giving Week	Deepsikha, Cancer Care Trust
7	23rd October 2018	Senior Citizens Cultural Event	Belapur Senior Citizens Association
8	17th November 2018	Entertainment Program for Cancer Patients	Mangalam Charitable Trust
9	18th November 2018	Maha Walkathon	Deepsikha – Cancer Care Trust
10	11th January 2019	Blood Donation Camp	Rotary Club Navi Mumbai
11	1st February 2019	Muskurahat Mela	Muskurahat Foundation
12	4th February 2019	World Cancer Day : Walkathon	





SIES Seniors Home (Care of the Elderly)

The foundation stone for the Home was laid on 13th October 2000. The Home was inaugurated on 27th December 2002. Unlike the conventional home for the elderly, this is a unique social initiative mainly for the teachers of yester years who survive on a meagre pay and the terminal benefits received on superannuation were too little to lend dignity to their residual life.

The collapse of the joint family system accentuated by a severe shortage of the housing stock has struck a deadly emotional blow on the elders in the sunset of their life. Geriatrics has its attendant difficulties. Loneliness and helplessness of the old has cast a stigma on the society itself. With several pay commissions being implemented, today a teacher earns a pay which is not less than what other professions offer but in the yesteryears in the name of nobility of the profession the material needs of the teaching community was never addressed. This has affected these teachers who are now in the last phase of their life. It is the need to provide them dignity in the residual years before they merge with the dust is what prompted the Society to create a Seniors Home which would have preference for Senior Teachers from any part of the city.

The Home provides free Boarding and lodging for teachers who cannot afford any contribution, limited to Boarding charges for teachers who receive nominal pension / interest on their savings and in respect of teachers with spouses whose income levels are substantial, they would share a part of the capital cost and pay in full all the monthly charges. Very few rooms are reserved for the Administrators and affordable non-teachers. The Home has 36 accommodations and houses 23 teacher inmates as

on 31.3.2019. It has a spacious community hall, a large dining area and a library. The Home is designed for disabled friendly and all the fittings in the apartments address the needs of the elderly. SIES Seniors Home was constructed at a cost of about Rs. 5.0 crores in 2002. The inmates teach the Veda Vidyarthi various subjects in their school curriculum.

The Society incurred deficit of Rs. 1,50,76,303/- in the last six years as under :

Sr. No.	Year	Deficit
1.	2018-19	26,24,525
2.	2017-18	35,13,020
3.	2016-17	29,25,035
4.	2015-16	31,71,784
5.	2014-15	15,52,201
6.	2013-14	12,89,738
	Total	1,50,76,303





Adhata Community Centre

In addition to running a Seniors Home which has forged a therapeutic union with the young Vidyarthi of Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi Veda Vidya Pitha, the Society uses its campuses during non-academic hours to further the cause of the elderly.

The SIES College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Sion (W), the SIES High School and the SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science & Commerce have partnered 'Aadhata', an NGO for care of the elderly. During the year, SIES (Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam) Memorial High School opened its gates during non-academic hours for the senior citizens. The campus of the institutions are thrown open for the elders of the locality for various activities of interest viz. indoor games, lectures on healthcare, philosophy, training in traditional dances, singing etc. The two hour session every evening brings a sense of well being, promotes camaraderie and has helped create a self-help group that addresses all geriatric issues of its members. World Elders Day is celebrated on or around 1st October each year with a mega cultural event that brings out the youthful energy and talent in the elders. Shri. Arun K. Nanda, Chairman, Mahindra & Mahindra Holidays and Mahindra Realty is the moving force behind this activity.

The activities of each centre are structured to infuse enthusiasm and life into the elders and give moments of relief from the pains of the ageing body. Day wise activities are:

Day	Activity
Monday	Physiotherapy
Tuesday	Yoga
Wednesday	Dance Therapy (Zumba & Bollywood)
Thursday	Cognitive Therapy (Puzzle Games)
Friday	Art Based Therapy

As part of these activities, the centres conduct various activities :

1. To facilitate basic Physical health awareness through Chair Yoga, physiotherapy, Aerobics, Zumba, Meditation.
2. For Mental health we engage them in indoor games, Sudoku, Card games, Memory test games, chess, and scrambles, debates, group Discussion.
3. We teach them E-learning to help those who wish to be tech-savvy.
4. To keep their Motor Skills active, we engage them into Art Base Therapy sessions like:
 - Painting / Drawings (Mandala, Vegetable/leaves painting)
 - Music Therapy
 - Paper craft (Tissue paper balls, tissue flowers, Greeting card /montage)
 - Best out of waste
 - Friendship bands/Rakhi
 - Kandil / lantern, etc

Indoor games are also organised at regular intervals. The Seniors assemble each day between 4.00 – 6.00 p.m. The three centres have about 150 regulars who come to the institutions everyday.



My Retired Life Foundation (MRL – F)

My Retired Life Foundation is a social venture dedicated to Senior Citizens registered under the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, [E-1165 (Thane)]. It conducts its activities in the Nerul Campus of the Society. Minimal administrative support is also provided to the foundation. The foundation has over 200 members. It brought out an half yearly news bulletin 'Parakash'. It also took up the first research project on study of select infrastructure and other facilities at old age homes under the private sector in Navi Mumbai.

Geriatric Counselling

MRL-F in association with the Society offers counselling to Senior citizens in its Nerul campus. With no trained outfit in Navi Mumbai, this activity is a boon to elders in the sunset of their life requiring an understanding of the issues that enhance their anxiety.

Programmes held during the year at SIES Assembly Hall.

No.	Date	Details	Facilitator
1	9.12.2017	Prarambh (Launch of MRL) and Yoga Program	Shri. Shrikant Kshirsagar, Founder Yoga Sanjivani
2	15.5.2018	Seminar on Managing Stress through Meditation	Mrs. Anuradha Kavuri, Counsellor

No.	Date	Details	Facilitator
3	2.6.2018	Workshop on Dance Movement Therapy	Ms. Krishnaveni Y, MRL Senior Member
4	30.6.2018	Program on Devotional Songs	Various Singers from MRL
5	11.8.2018	Program on Patriotic Songs	Independence Day celebrations
6	1.9.2018	Super Fun with Games	Mrs. Meeruna Makkar, Member, MRL-F
7	27.9.2018	Workshop on Online Trading (for senior citizens)	Team from SBI CAP Securities
8	30.10.2018	Workshop on Photography	Shri. Rao Amarjit Singh, Shri. Sachin and Shri. Sekhar
9	20.11.2018	Workshop on Grand Parenting	Mrs. Aruna Kavuri and Mrs. Sonali Karandikar, Psychologists
10	8.12.2018	Workshop on Digitisation (Online Reservation and Online Payment)	Dr. Ela Goyal and Dr. Mahendra Gupta, Promoters, ME Educational Technologies and Consultancy Services)
11	22.12.2018	Pre- New Year Cultural Get-Together	Members of MRL-F
12	25.1.2019	Pre-Republic Day Patriotic Songs Program	Members of MRL-F
13	5.2.2019	Workshop on Photography (2nd program)	Shri. Rao Amarjit Singh
14	23.3.2019	Seminar on How to Write a Will	Dr. Dilip Rajput, Managing Partner, Adian Services LLP and former Vice President, Kotak Mahindra Bank
15	29.3.2019	Seminar on Happiness Mantras	Dr. Jayashree Giri, Former Associate Professor, SIES College of Commerce & Economics, Sion (East)



SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi Veda Vidya Pitha

The SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi Veda Vidya Pitha embraces the traditional Gurukula system of learning with modern education. It combines vedic learning with mainstream education. The Veda Vidyarthi enrolled in the Vidya Pitha study at the State Bank of India Officers Association School for regular 10+2 education. Vedic studies are imparted in a traditional environment. The inmates of the home double up as Hon. Teachers for these students teaching them English, Mathematics, Sciences etc. that form part of School education. A therapeutic union that provides the company of the elders for students moved out of their homes for learning and yearning for parents and the elderly who long for children, either having moved away from them or childless. This bond has emerged as a potent social initiative.

The present education system has been inadequate for the task of turning out sufficient young leaders who can lift the country out of the polluted waters of our public life and the slime and sledge of a corrupted economy. The aim of character based higher education must be to leave a residuum called culture which would teach a meaningful philosophy of life and enriched character. The traditional Gurukula system has several inherent advantages and promotes a Guru Shisya relationship that transcends all material barriers. In living with our times of integration of old values with modern day means to forge healthy and durable teaching methods that would ultimately lead to good citizens, SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi Veda Vidya Pitha is a step in this direction. In this unique education model, children have the best of both the systems of education. The entire cost of boarding, lodging, education, healthcare and other needs of the Veda Vidyarthi is borne by the Society and no contribution is received from the students.



The system has already seen the emergence of Doctors, Post Graduates, Graduates who are conversant with Indian culture, tradition and art. The track record of the students who have passed out of the system bares ample testimony to the success of the dual education system. By far this is the most significant innovation brought about by the Society during its long history of over 8 decades.

The vedic school had one regular teacher each for Rig and Yajur veda while Sama veda had a part time teacher. Since the students study in a dual education system, they were sent to SBOA Public School, Nerul for regular education for which the fees was paid by the Society.

During the last 6 years, the Society spent the following amounts in running the vedavidya pitha.

No.	Year	Deficit
1.	2018-19	32,99,235
2.	2017-18	30,24,944
3.	2016-17	30,39,774
4.	2015-16	45,10,638
5.	2014-15	25,21,399
6.	2013-14	23,60,747

Veda	
Rig Veda	12
Yajur Veda	11
Sama Veda	2
Total	25

Std.	No.
III	1
IV	2
V	6
VI	1
VII	3
VIII	3
IX	1
X	1
XI (FYJC)	3
3rd Year – B.Com	1
2nd Year – B.Com	1
3rd Year – B.Sc. (IT)	1
MBA	1
Total	25



Prajnya Vision

This library for the visually impaired was started with a generous donation from Shri. Shashikant Vora, a past student of the college. Shri. C. Subramanian, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra inaugurated it on 12.4.1990. Standard text books in the subjects of Arts, Commerce and partly Science were converted into braille. Student volunteers were provided to each blind student to help them read in braille language. Audio cassettes of the standard lessons were recorded by normal students with clear voice and at a slow pace to make listening both educative and pleasure. No fees is recovered from the blind students. They are also provided free lunch under the 'Mid-day meal scheme'. Lotus Foundation supported our initial efforts. The late Shri. Nani Palkhivala blessed our initiative and encouraged us to expand so as to reach out to as many blind students as possible. Sun Pharmaceuticals, Barclays Bank, Ausenco Foundation and Sion Seniors Citizens Association have also contributed to creating the required infrastructure. Eventhough the centre started for visually impaired students, over the years, it has extended its activities to Learning Disabilities – Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Discalculia, students with maladjustment problems / emotional crisis.

During the year, the Library was extensively renovated. Shri. Vidyasagar Rao, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra inaugurated the renovated facilities on 30th June 2018.



Activities during 2018-19

- Mr. Siddhant Shah from 'Access for all' foundation conducted a 'Heritage Walk in Churchgate on 29th December 2018.
- Mr. Krishnamurthy from Help the Blind Foundation (HTBF) distributed Scholarships to visually challenged students on 14th December 2018.
- A workshop on Collage Art was conducted by Mr. Siddhant Shah from 'Access for all' foundation on 25th August, 2018.
- A cooking session was conducted by Ms. Sushmeetha from Voice Vision on 17th July, 2018.
- Students participated in Enable India Workshop conducted in Victoria Memorial School on 14th & 15th June 2018.
- Smt. Samjuben Girdharlal Vora Educational Library for the visually challenged Students along with Student's Council, Rotaract Club and Cultural Association conducted various events for holistic development of the students.
- The college conducted an eye check-up session for visually challenged students at KEM Hospital.



SIES CHARITY MUSIC BAND

Hymn Humanity aims to orchestrate a better society through symphonies. It's an effort to build a foundation that leads to social sustainability, education being an essential tool in the process. SIES has been gifted with several musicians who were groomed during their college days and later became outstanding singers of our times. Padmashri Hariharan, noted Ghazal exponent, Padmashri Shankar Mahadevan, National Awardee Shreya Ghoshal, Padmashri Aruna Sairam, noted Carnatic Vocalist, the Bombay Sisters, Ghanshyam Vaswani, disciple of the late Jagjit Singh and an acclaimed Ghazal singer, Naresh Iyer, a Bollywood singer of repute have been amongst the several musicians who shaped their careers in the SIES campuses. Even today there is a vast reservoir of talented singers and percussionists.

Hymn Humanity is a Charity Band exclusively of SIES Alumni and present students. The Band was created after filtering through several layers of audition and took the stage for the first time on 15th August 2017 when the nation celebrated 70 years of independence. The Charity Band had a mega launch on the 25th February 2018 at the Sri Shanmukhananda Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi Auditorium when a packed house of over 2500 students and teachers witnessed enchanting music that was loaded with mercy and compassion and stirred the hearts to be of services to others. The charity band would perform all across the country. The gross collections crossed Rs. 15 lakhs giving early signs that Hymn Humanity can be a powerful financial vehicle to drive socially responsible projects. The entire professional fees net of expenses incurred would be given to educational institutions in rural India and for the upliftment of Ghoteghar Adivasi Girls Tribal School in Shapur Taluka, Thane District.

VISION

To construct an edifice that enables education to be porous, in order to flow through all sections of society. Elevation of the underprivileged strata in accordance with literacy and the provision of a platform to use music as a means of binding people to achieve upliftment of the deprived.

MISSION

Music is omnipresent. If you listen close enough, music is everywhere. Right from the sound of the wind to the dwindling pace of a wind chime. It connects to all kinds of beings. It is the lifeblood to existence.

We wish to make a difference in the society by reaching out to people in need through music. Let's 'string along' for the love of music. Let's 'string along' for a better tomorrow.

Each year Hymn Humanity would have a mega performance in the city of Mumbai and would also rope in International / National Artistes and raise funds for educating the poor.



Chords to Conquer



Awards and Recognitions

Awards and recognitions are a constant reminder of a grateful society acknowledging the contribution of a person to the betterment of the Society by excelling in the chosen field of specialisation. They also inspire others to emulate the winners and move from an ordinary life to one of purpose. The awards also reflect the changing dimensions in the Society and new fields of public work that deserve encouragement to bridge the deficit gap that exist.

The SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award and Principal P. S. Ramaswamy Best Teacher Award are firm steps in this direction.

The Society set up a corpus fund in 1998 through a generous donation to perpetuate the preachings of His Holiness Pujyasri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi, the 68th Sankaracharya of the venerated Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam. In seeking to honour men and women of eminence who devote their lifetime for the cause of this nation and Sanatana Dharma, the Society seeks to institutionalise a forum through which these awards could be given. The benevolent sage of Kanchi gave a century of spiritual guidance to millions of devotees all over the world.

The award carries a citation, a huge ornamental lamp, scroll and a cash prize of Rs. 2.5 lakhs. The award is given each year in Mumbai proximate to the annual Aradhana (death anniversary) of the Mahaswami.

This award in the past and the current year, has been conferred on 79 distinguished persons comprising of

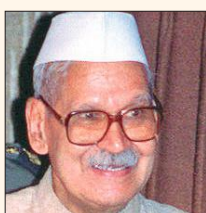


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Social Thinker / Philosopher / Pravachana Kartha	18
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President of India	3
Vice-President	1
Prime Minister	3
Speaker of Lok Sabha	2
Governor	3
Chief Minister	4
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SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award

1st SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 1998



Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma,
Former President of India
Public Leadership

2nd SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 1999



Dr. P. C. Alexander,
Governor of Maharashtra
Public Leadership

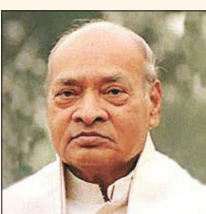


Dr. Nani Palkhivala,
Jurist
Community Leadership



Bharat Ratna
Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam,
Principal Scientific Advisor to Govt. of India,
Science & Technology

3rd SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 2000



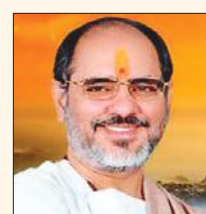
Shri. P. V. Narsimha Rao,
Former Prime Minister of India,
Public Leadership



Bharat Ratna
Dr. M. S. Subbulakshmi,
Community Leadership



Dr. Ram Narain Agarwal,
AGNI,
Science & Technology



Bhaishree Rameshbhai Oza,
Social Thinker

4th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 2001



Shri K. Ramkrishna Hegde,
*Former chief minister of Karnataka,
Public Leadership*



Shri. Sunil Dutt, M. P.,
Community Leadership



Dr. K. Kasturiranga,
*Chairman, ISRO,
Science & Technology*



**Shri. Pandurang
Shastri Athvale,**
Social Thinker

5th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Jan 2003



Shri Purno Agitok Sangma,
*Former Speaker of Lok Sabha,
Public Leadership*



Dr. Veerendra Heggade,
Community Leadership

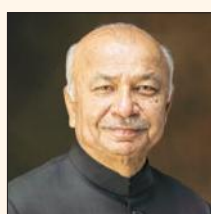


Dr. R. Chidambaram,
Science & Technology

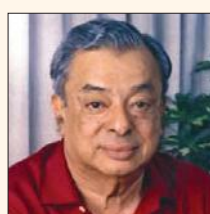


Shri B. Sunderkumar,
Social Thinker

6th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Nov 2003



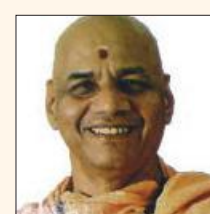
Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde,
*Former chief minister of Maharashtra,
Public Leadership*



Dr. Verghese Kurien,
Community Leadership



Dr. M. S. Swaminathan,
Science & Technology



Acharya Kishore Vyas,
Social Thinker

7th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 2004



Shri Sunderlal Bahuguna,
Community Leadership

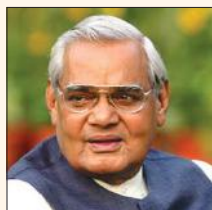


Dr. R. A. Mashelkar,
Science & Technology

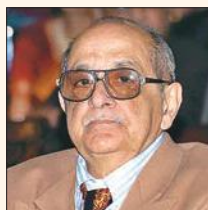


Shri. Pithukuli Murugadas,
Social Thinker

8th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Feb 2006



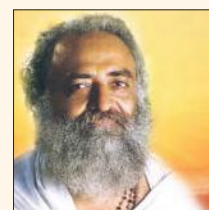
Bharat Ratna
Shri. Atal Bihari Vajpayee,
*Former Prime Minister of India,
Public Leadership*



Shri. Fali Nariman,
Community Leadership



Bharat Ratna
Dr. C.N.R. Rao,
Science & Technology



Pujyasri Asaram Bapu,
Social Thinker

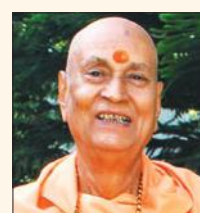
9th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Feb 2007



Dr. S.S. Badrinath,
*Chairman, Sankara Netralaya,
Community Leadership*

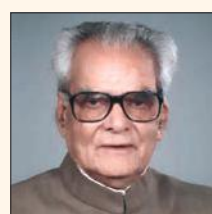


Dr. Madhavan G Nair,
*Chairman, ISRO
Science & Technology*



Mahamandaleshwar Swami
Satyamitranand Giri Maharaj
Pravachana Kartha

10th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 2007



Shri. Bhairon Singh
Shekhawat,
*Former Vice President of India,
Public Leadership*



Dr. Kiran Bedi, IPS
Community Leadership



Dr. Anil Kakodkar
Science & Technology

11th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 2008



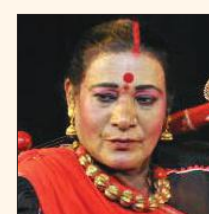
Dr. Karan Singh,
Public Leadership



Shri. Nanaji Deshmukh
Community Leadership



Dr. M. M. Sharma
Science & Technology



Dr. (Smt) Teejan Bai
Pravachana Kartha

12th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 2009



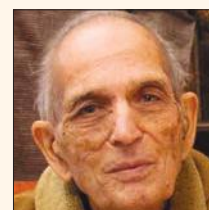
Shri. Somnath Chatterjee,
Public Leadership



Dr. E. Sreedharan,
*Chairman, Delhi Metro
Community Leadership*



Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai,
*Project Director, Chandrayan
Science & Technology*

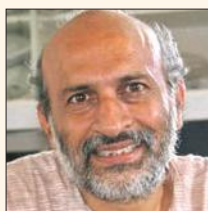


Dr. Satya Vrat Shastri,
Pravachana Kartha

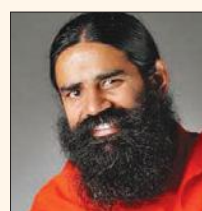
13th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Jan 2011



**Bharat Ratna
Dr. Lata Mangeskar,**
Community Leadership



Shri. Arvind Gupta,
Science & Technology

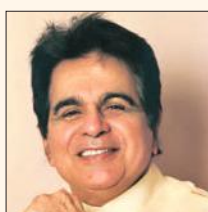


Shri. Baba Ramdev,
Yoga

14th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 2011



Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi,
Public Leadership



Thespian Dilip Kumar,
Community Leadership



Dr. Jayant Narlikar,
Science & Technology

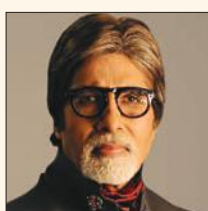


**Dr. Hanif Mohammed
Khan Shastri,**
Pravachana Kartha

15th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 2012



Smt. Sushma Swaraj,
Public Leadership



Shri. Amitabh Bachchan,
Community Leadership

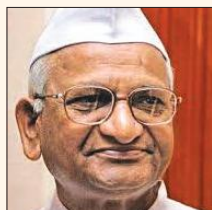


Dr. Sam Pitroda,
Science & Technology



Swami Tejomayananda,
*Global Head – Chinmaya Mission
Pravachana Kartha*

16th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 2013



Shri Anna Hazare,
Community Leadership



H.R.H. Princess Irene,
Community Leadership

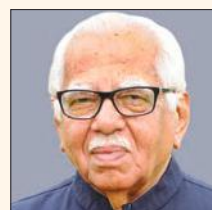


Dr. Palle Rama Rao,
Science & Technology



Br. Sri. Nochur Venkataraman,
Pravachana Kartha

17th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 2014



Shri. Ram Naik,
Public Leadership



Dr. Ilaiyaraaja,
Community Leadership



Prof. Krishnaswamy Vijayaraghavan,
Science & Technology



Sri. Chaganti Koteswara Rao,
Pravachana Kartha

18th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 2015



Shri. Suresh Prabhu
Public Leadership



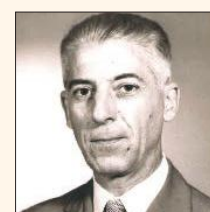
Smt. Rajashree Birla
Community Leadership



Dr. R. K. Sinha
Science & Technology



Dr. David Frawley
(Pandit Vamadeva Shastri)
Pravachana Kartha



Dr. Serge Emile Demetrian
Special Award

19th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 2016



Shri. Devendra Fadnavis,
Public Leadership



Shri. A. S. Kiran Kumar,
Science & Technology



Thanjavur Smt. T. R. Kamala Murthy,
Pravachana Kartha/ Sangeetha Harikatha

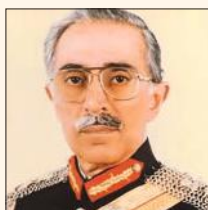


Dr. John Ralson Marr,
Special Award

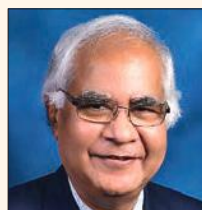
20th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 2017



Shri. Pranab Kumar Mukherjee
Public Leadership



General Vishwa Nath Sharma,
PVSM, AVSM, COAS, 30 April 1988 - 30 June 1990, Armoured Corps, 16 Light Cavalry, Community Service



Prof. Baldev Raj
Science & Technology



Pujya Swami Omkranada
Social Thinker / Philosopher / Pravachana Kartha



Dr. David Dean Shulman
International Award for Promoting Indian Culture

21th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award, Dec 2018



Dr. Manmohan Singh
Public Leadership



Prof. Manjul Bhargava
Community Leadership



Dr. V. K. Saraswat
Science & Technology



Swami Chidanand Saraswathi
Social Thinker/ Philosopher



Dr. Sengaku Mayeda
International Award for promoting Sankara philosophy



Prof. P. S. Ramaswamy Best Teacher Award

Prof. P. S. Ramaswamy was the Principal of SIES College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Sion (W) between 1997 and 1987. He was associated with the college since inception. The college made rapid progress under his stewardship. He died on 1st February 1997. To perpetuate his memory, it was decided to institute an endowment lecture in his name. An endowment of Rs. 6,25,000/- was created out of the resources of the society. The scheme of Endowment provides for an annual lecture to be delivered by an eminent teacher of the city selected by the college as the Best Teacher. The Award carries a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-. The Awards ceremony is followed by the Endowment Lecture by the Awardee.

The Endowment lectures were delivered by :

18.4.2010	Ethics in Governance	Dr. Marina Pinto, Retired Professor, Dept. of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai and Former Head of Politics Department, SIES College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Sion (W)
6.3.2012	Role of a Teacher as Mentor in Education System	Prof. Nandini Sardesai, former Head Mentor in Education, Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College and Professor of Sociology, SNDT University, Mumbai

April 2013	Drought	Dr. Usha Mukundan, Principal, Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College, Ghatkopar, Mumbai
14.3.2016	Reimagining Higher Education in India – Towards Inclusion with Quality and Excellence	Prof. S. Parasuraman, Director – TATA Institute of Social Sciences
18.2.2017	Transforming the marginalised through education	Dr. Girish M. Kulkarni, Snehalaya, Ahmednagar
17.3.2018	Chemistry for Sustainable Life	Prof. Bhalchandra M. Bhanage, Dean (Infrastructure and Campus Development), Department of Chemistry of the Institute of Chemical Technology (formerly UDCT).
9.3.2019	Experiments with Inclusive Education	Shri. Yajurvendra Anil Mahajan of Deepstambh Foundation, Jalgaon. Educationist, Social Worker and Teacher.



SIES School of Packaging

The SIES SOP/PTC had instituted in the year 2017, the SIES SOP STAR AWARDS for Packaging excellence in “Innovation, Creativity, Development and New Concepts” in the field of packaging covering all aspects and sectors of packaging.

The year 2018 witnessed the second edition with a larger number of entries (193) from 48 companies from all over India with the spread of newer geographical locations viz Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Delhi, Faridabad, Hyderabad, Manipal and Vadodara.

The Award presentation function was held on 5th January, 2019 graced by Padma Vibhushan Dr. R. Chidambaram (former Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India and Chairman, Baba Atomic Research Centre) and Mr. AVPS Chakravarthi, Global Ambassador, World Packaging Organisation.

The additional feature was the institution of “SIES President’s Special Award” for excellence in Eco Friendly Packaging and Sustainability. The event was sponsored by M/s. Mespac India Pvt. Ltd., M/s. IMA PG India Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Henkel Adhesives Technologies India Pvt. Ltd., M/s. R3 Flexo India Private Limited and M/s. Wraptech Machines Pvt. Ltd., Award Winners’ Brochure released on the occasion was supported by as many as 19 Companies. The increased participation and industry support had added considerably to the credibility and value of the SIES SOP Star Awards. The 2018 edition also had 3 newer categories added.



“SIES SOP STAR AWARDS”
for Innovation, Creativity,
Development, Design and
Concepts

Awards Category

- **Primary Packaging:** Paper/board and Cartons, CFBs, Glass, Metal, Plastics, Flexibles, Jute/Hessian, Composites, IBCs, FIBCs – Materials and Containers.
- **Ancillary Packaging:** Caps, Closures, Wads, Labels, Cushioning, Reinforcements, Tapes, Inks, Varnishes, Lacquers and Adhesives.
- **Product Packaging:** Fresh and Processed Foods, Pharmaceuticals, Cosmetics, Personal Care Products, Engineering, Electronics, Chemicals etc.
- **Enviro Friendly Packaging:** Bio degradable, Photo degradable, Edible Packaging.
- **Packaging Aesthetics,** Graphics and embellishments.
- **Packaging Machinery, Equipments and Systems,** including ancillary equipments, testing and QC equipments.
- **Package types and materials** for diversified and non packaging applications.
- **Special Awards** for Academic and Student Projects.