

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2017 -18**

We believe that imparting education should not just end up in offering academic degrees, but more importantly, to unleash the human potential within every student. The higher educational institutions have to respond appropriately and timely to the demand, preferences, and expectations of the employment market on the one hand and the society on the other. The higher educational institutions have to deliver quality, relevance, and excellence to stay ahead of times.

In this Annual Report, the main areas and events and the departmental events and developments covered in the respective coordinator's report.

### **Students, Programmes and Faculty**

The academic year 2017-18 of the Degree College commenced on June 6, 2017. The college currently offers under graduation programmes in B.Com. B.Com. (Banking & Insurance), B.Com. (Accounting & Finance), BMS, B.Sc.(IT), BMM and post graduation programmes in as M.Com and M.Sc.(IT) and a Ph.D. centre in commerce. The total strength of the college stands at 2226 students which is an all time high number. All programmes are filled to the sanctioned capacity of University of Mumbai. Currently, there are in all 33 full time Assistant Professors, 23 visiting faculty and 24 non- teaching staff including 6 General Administrative Staff on the roll. The college has appointed a full time physical director and also a full time counselor for the benefit of students.

### **Results**

In the last 2016-17 university examinations, the college secured the following results: B.Com.-85.62%, BAF-98.36% , BBI- 89.29%, BMM (Journalism and Advertising)-96%, B.Sc.(IT)-73.26%, M.Com.- 84% and BMS-87.23%, M.Sc.(IT)- 85%. I am happy to state that Ms. Jasjyot Kaur, Ms. Pooja Jat and Ms. Fiona D'Souza secured 100/100, University ranks in the subject Computer Applications and Direct Taxation respectively.

### **Awards and Recognition**

During the academic year 2017-2018, the college has secured two prestigious Awards and one such Award is for '**Educational Excellence**' given by Indus Foundation , Hyderabad and New Jersey , USA, in a function, 'Indo- Global Education Summit & Expo 2017' held on July 17, 2017 at Hotel Lalit, Mumbai. The college has fulfilled and satisfied the parameters set for this award such as, Educational Transformation, Sustainable Investment, Innovation and Inclusion and Diversity. The development and progress made by the college during the last nine years have clearly satisfied the above four criteria and that's why the college was rightly selected for this coveted Award at the National Level.

Another Award secured by the college during the academic year was **Gold Level 'Healthy Work Place'** by Arogya World 2017. This award was given on November 9, 2017 in Vivanta Taj, Bangalore. Bunts Sangha's S.M. Shetty College of Science, Commerce & Management Studies, Powai has provided a conducive and congenial environment for its students and

teachers. Yoga, meditation and Planetary Peace Meditation and rhythmic breathing exercise by YPV Sadhana are practiced for the promotion of physical and mental well being. Hygienic environment, safe drinking water and focus on cleanliness have provided a healthy atmosphere in the college. Visuals are put up to educate the ill-effect of tobacco and drugs. The college has provided two full time counselors to counsel the students, a medical centre with a full time nurse, and student representatives in each class as mental health soldiers taking care of problems of students of the entire college. In the canteen junk foods and aerated drinks are prohibited and instead healthy drinks like buttermilk, fruit juices, milkshakes and fresh lime water are served.

The Oxford Happiness Questionnaire Administration helped measure Happiness Quotient of the faculty. From this academic year onwards, management has started Cashless Group Mediclaim Policy for all those who have completed minimum two years of services in this Institution. Also students are involved in a lot of community services to sensitize the students on the difficulties people face in the society.

After visiting the college the team of Arogya World headed by Dr. Gita Baradhvaj declared that Bunts Sangha's S.M. Shetty College of Science, Commerce & Management Studies, Powai has been awarded with 'Gold Level' of the Arogya World for Healthy Workplaces for the year 2017'.

### **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)**

The IQAC of Bunts Sangha's S.M. Shetty College of Science, Commerce and Management Studies is the quality guardian that strives to maintain standards in every aspect of the academics and administration. It constantly works towards the realization of quality enhancement in teaching, learning research and extension. Quality checks through periodic academic audits, preparation and submission of Annual Quality Assurance Report, collection and analysis of students' feedback are the tasks undertaken by the IQAC. Thus IQAC plays an important role in stimulating every individual in the institution to work effectively in the pursuit of excellence in both academic and administrative endeavors. It has set the theme for the year 2017-18 "**Grooming Youth for Future India**". IQAC has been instrumental in securing two important awards during the year, namely, 'Educational Excellence Award' and 'Healthy Work Place Award' by Arogya World.

The team of IQAC has successfully uploaded the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) in the month of September which is mandatory for all NAAC Accredited colleges. It organized 'Planetary Peace Meditation' for faculty and students by YPV Sadhana, New Delhi. Keeping in mind, the changes taking place in teaching learning process, IQAC had arranged a workshop on MOODLE – a tool for digital learning. IQAC has planned many value added programmes on the eve of Decennial Year of the college (2008-2018). Dr. Liji Santosh is the coordinator of IQAC.

### **Research Centre in Commerce**

Teaching, learning, evaluation and research are the hallmark of any progressive and result oriented academic institution. Research activities both by the faculty as well as by the students enhance the quality of academic programmes and also academic standard of the

Institution. In this context, I am happy to state that the University of Mumbai has approved Ph.D. centre in the faculty of Commerce and in the subject of 'Business Policy and Administration' leading to Ph.D. degree from October 2017 onwards.

### **Research Cell**

Research Cell of the college has taken the initiative to promote Research among faculty and students. To encourage Research, 'Seed Money' is provided both to the faculty and students. During the academic year 2017-2018, our faculty have attended 85 workshops and participated and published 12 research papers. Student Research Forum has encouraged students to develop research bent of mind and scientific temper to involve in research activities. Students are encouraged and guided to actively participate and present research papers in 'Avishkar', a state level research convention. Ms. Sujata Rizal and Mrs. Sahana Raviprasad are guiding the students in this respect.

### **Certificate Courses**

To enrich the curriculum and to enhance employability of our students, short term certificate courses such as Microsoft Certification - Advanced Excel, Ethical Hacking, Financial Markets, Goods and Services Tax (GST), Digital Marketing are being conducted in the college.

### **Faculty Contribution**

Faculty has contributed substantially in the syllabus revision exercise and question paper setting of T.Y. programmes of University of Mumbai. The areas included Economics, Mass Media, Management Studies, Accountancy and Information Technology. A few faculty members have authored books in their domain areas.

### **Fee Concession**

Ours is a Kannada linguistic minority institution. The college provides fee concession to the most deserving and economically poor students of the community. In this academic year, we have provided fee concession of Rs.11, 05,900 to 78 students at the degree level. Four students other than the community were provided with fee concession amounting Rs. 53,021/-

### **Library**

Our library truly lives up to its name of "Learning Resource Center" by providing a variety of Information Resources for Teaching, Learning and Research. The library is fully air-conditioned and the overall ambience of the library is very conducive for learning with 12 hours of library timing. The library possesses both print and e-resources to satisfy the information needs of its users. The current collection of the degree college section is 11,743 volumes of books, 55 periodical titles and 13 newspapers. The library has subscription to N-LIST E-resource database (by UGC - INFLIBNET), through which students and teachers can access many electronic resources like full-text of more than 6000+ e-journals and 31,35,000+ e-books. Students are provided with 15 computers in the library with internet facility for their study and research. In addition to this, Wi-Fi connectivity is also provided to the students. The library also offers book bank facility to the economically poor students.

The library has membership to British Council & Tata Institute of Social Sciences Library. Other facilities include online catalogue of the library collection and customized access to many subject related online resources through Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). Latest news and additions to the library is conveyed through a LED screen kept in the library. To keep the teaching fraternity abreast with the latest developments in their field, the library provides contents page service of current periodicals on a regular basis. News alert through Whats App is provided to the teachers daily. Digital Repository created by the library offers access to past years question papers & other online resources. To inculcate good reading habits amongst the students, various events like Book Review Competitions and Book Exhibition are arranged. The library has also formed a 'Reader's Club' with students from various programmes as its members.

### **Students' Council**

Mr. Harikrishnan Pillai was selected General Secretary of Student's Council with 14 core committee members for 2017-18. The Investiture Ceremony was held on August 11, 2017 and oath to council members was administered by the Principal and badges were distributed. Students' council is empowered to plan and execute co-circular, extra circular and extension activities of the college. During the year many meaningful programmes were organized by students' council such as International Day on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The council also organized Friendship Day to spread happiness with children in an orphanage, Divyaprabha (a home for girls in distress), Teachers Day and participated in 'Swami Vivekananda Run'. Mr. Sandesha Shetty, Mrs. Rohini Shetty and Ms. Raveena Shetty are ably guiding Students' Council.

### **National Service Scheme (N.S.S.)**

Currently two units of NSS are functioning with 150 Volunteers. Prof. Tushar Sambare, Prof. Darpana Manjarekar and Prof. Sandesh Shetty are guiding the NSS units. The NSS units of the college had organized blood donation camp in collaboration with J.J. Hospital and collected 180 units of blood and arranged for 176 thalassemia checkups. The last residential annual camp of 7 days was held from 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at Chahadenaka, Maswan village of Palghar district. The camp site was an adivasi village with a very high dropout ratio of school children. During the camp cleanliness drive, construction of protective layers for around 200 saplings, socio-economic survey of the area and teaching to Adivasi children of the school were the highlights of camp activity. Books and clothes collected in the college were donated to Adivasi school children and to the workers of brick industries of the local area.

A point worth noting is adoption of Vikhroli Railway Station for cleanliness purpose under Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan. Our NSS volunteers visited Premdaan (home to sick and destitutes) and engaged them during weekends. Our NSS Volunteers were also involved in the Road Safety Drive, International Yoga Day, Tree Plantation, paper bag making, waste management, voter ID awareness etc.

## **Department of Life Long Learning & Extension (DLLE)**

The Department of Life Long Learning & Extension (DLLE) has enrolled 132 students for the academic year 2017-2018. The main objective of DLLE is to sensitize the students towards socio- economic and cultural realities of the contemporary world. The students were awarded ten additional marks at the final exam for the assigned project on completion of 120 hours of work and the submission of a project report which are undertaken by degree college students. Students were oriented and trained to empower them learn objectives and functioning of the department. Students were also trained on projects of Annapurna Yojana (APY). Field Coordinators Dr. Aakanksha Gawda had visited the college and addressed the students. Ms. Pooja Pandey and Ms. Sujata Rizal are taking care of DLLE.

## **Women Development Cell (WDC)**

The central purpose of WDC is to empower our girls against to face the challenges in their domestic life and work life. This year's theme is '**I am the change**'. Women Development Cell was inaugurated by Mrs. Nirmala Samant, former Mayor of Mumbai. In her address, she guided the students to make a career of their choice and explained various government schemes available for empowerment of women. On February 2, 2017, a workshop was conducted to educate women on sexual harassment and a brief session on Indian Penal Code and how to lodge an FIR. Other workshops conducted include 'Rights of Women' in August by our internal faculty Adv. Jimit Maradia. He covered a host of Indian laws from different fields. WDC was also involved in cleanliness drive undertaken by the Times of India at Girgaon Chowpatty. Mrs. Neha Bhatia, Ms. Nabila Kazi, Mrs. Atisha Khinvsara and Adv. Jimit Maradia are guiding the students.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Youth Festival of University of Mumbai**

College is grateful to University of Mumbai for offering an opportunity to host the most prestigious 50<sup>th</sup> Youth Festival of University of Mumbai. It was organized on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 and more than 1000 students who are highly talented from 39 colleges of Zone-II participated in the event. Ms. Sharbani Mukherjee and Mr. Shashank Udapurkar, from Bollywood graced the occasion. Mr. Nilesh Sawe, cultural co-ordinator, University of Mumbai, guided the smooth conduct of the festival. Our students bagged 8 prizes at the zonal level and 7 prizes in the final round.

## **Cultural Committee**

The aim of the Cultural Committee is to discover hidden talents of students and to provide an opportunity to showcase them at different platforms. An intra-collegiate event called Talent Hunt was organized in the last week of July, 2017 to identify, promote and to prepare for inter-collegiate competitions and Youth Festival of University of Mumbai.

Emmorzeal – 'Expressions With More Zeal' is the college festival, held on 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. This year's theme was '90's Kids Will Remember!' Cultural activities are guided by Ms. Steffi Salve, Mrs. Neha Bhatia, Ms. Sujata Rizal and Mr. Nitin Singh.

## **Theatre Club- Kalaamanch**

Theatre Club aims to provide direction to the talented students of acting and arranged theatre workshops and training sessions to educate and fine tune the acting abilities of the members of Theatre Club. Theatre Club is instrumental in making the students compete in the 50<sup>th</sup> Youth Festival. The students won first prize in Skit Group A ( Marathi), third prize in Mono Act Group C ( English) and Skit Group C ( Hindi). Ms. Dhanashree Patil of Theatre Club got selected for the cultural team of University of Mumbai and her team won Championship Trophy at State level competition 'Indradansush'. Theatre club of the college is guided by Mr. Sandesh Shetty and Ms. Darpana Manjarekar.

### **Collaborations**

We are proud to our collaborations with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) for NUSSD (National University for Students' Skill Development) and IIT Bombay for Spoken Tutorials. TISS is imparting at 3 levels, namely, Foundation Course, Domain Course, Programme in Analytical Research (PAR) and Spoken Tutorials by IIT Bombay is to acquire basic computer knowledge mainly by self-study. Both these collaborations would enhance the employability skills of our students which is the need of the hour and the college will remain grateful to these two premier educational institutions of India.

### **College Festival- EMMORZEAL**

Emmorzeal – 'Expressions With More Zeal' is our college festival and, it is needless to say that it is close to our heart. This year, we celebrated 8<sup>th</sup> Year of our college festival on 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 and the theme was '90's Kids Will Remember!' The students of our college have put their absolute vigor to make this festival a powerful one. Various events like Performing Arts, Management Games, IT Games and Games were organized. The event also owes its success to various sponsors. In all, 73 colleges took part in the festival. We thank to all our sponsors and participants for making this festival a grand success.

### **Sports & Games**

We strongly believe that Sports & Games are the integral part of the education system. It is said that sports do not reveal character but builds character. Sports give our lives structure, discipline and fulfillment that few other areas of endeavour provide. The college has been giving due care and importance to Sports & Games. Gymkhana facility both for girls and boys has been provided to our students. This year, we have formed and developed Football, Volleyball, Kabaddi, Volleyball for Girls, Handball, Power- Lifting, Weight- Lifting, Judo and Athletics .

Our Students brought laurels to the college in sports and games by winning various events at University level. Following are our achievements: (i) Our football team entered quarter finals and reached fifth place out of 148 colleges across University of Mumbai (ii) Mr. Mrudul Parab, Mr. Akash Nair and Mr. Nehal Shetty were selected for selection trial for representing University of Mumbai in Football Team. (iii) During Reliance Youth Football Tournament, our team reached Quarter finals. Our five students were winners of 'Man of the Match' in the Reliance Youth Football Tournament (iv) Our Volleyball boys team reached the 8<sup>th</sup> position in Zone –I of University level tournament. On December 11, 2017, the 8<sup>th</sup>

Annual Sports meet of the college was organized at Naval Dockyard Ground, Kanjurmarg. Mr. Abhishek Nayar, Cricketer, was the chief guest. Mr. Aadesh Kumar of TYBMS and Ms. Shivani Choudhary of S.Y.B.Sc.(IT) were declared as Men and Women Champions respectively.

### **Associations and Committees**

Many Associations and committees are formed course - wise and activity wise for the benefit of students. They include Commerce Association, Management Association, I.T. Association, Nature Club, Drama Club, Health Club, Theatre Club- Kalaamanch etc. These Associations and committees are under the charge of competent teachers as advisors and have undertaken numerous activities to unleash the potential of our students during the academic year.

### **Career Guidance and Placement Cell**

Mr. Virendra Singh and Mr. Tushar Sambare are in- charge of Placement Cell. Placements as well as Career Guidance activities were conducted by various organizations and companies for the students.

This year the following companies visited our campus and recruited 235 students from the college:-

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Company Employed</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>
1	HERE SOLUTIONS LTD.	24
2	IKS HEALTH SERVICES	28
3	ICICI PRUDENTIAL	24
4	COPERGATE	25
5	WNS GLOBAL SERVICES PVT LTD.	60
6	ZIPGRID	40
7	WAA MEDIA	15
8	IDEALAKE	12
9	PEPPERMINT COMMUNICATIONS	07

### **Alumni Association**

This year the first meeting of core committee of Alumni Association was held on September 9, 2017 to discuss the future course of action. In the meantime, core committee was expanded so as to include new members across years and thus, we have batch wise representatives from each stream. Thus, the new core committee has 34 members with Mr. Armand D' Costa as the president. The Alumni meet was organized on October 8, 2017 and in that meeting Mrs. Nidhi Chandorkar, Mrs. Kalpana Rai Menon and Principal Dr. Sridhara Shetty shared their views and thoughts of the future course of action. Likewise, student representative also shared their views and thoughts on the occasion. A grand get together is planned on the eve of Decennial Year (2008-2018).

