

SADHU VASWANI MISSION'S

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ANNUAL REPORT ON ALUMNI ACTIVITIES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21

The St. Mira's College Alumni Association opened their account of the series of annual activities for 2020-21 with a webinar on 17th June, 2020 titled 'Entrepreneurship for Tomorrow' for the fellow college students. The three esteemed alumni speakers presiding over the webinar were Dr. Sunita Adhav, Principal of Modern Law College, Pune; Ms. Kirti Singh, HR Project Manager Vmware Bangalore; and Ms. Mihika Bhanot, International Image Consultant and Entrepreneur. The President of Alumni Association, Ms. Kashmira Parekh along with the Assistant Professors Ms. Dimple Buche and Ms. Smita Borkar hosted the wonderful event. Dr. Sunita Adhav gave an insight to the career in Law and encouraged the students to remain optimistic amidst the prevailing corona pandemic situation. Ms. Kirti Singh emphasized on the importance of LinkedIn profile, internship and a Masters Degree. Students were also taught the six steps of facing an interview. Ms.Mihika Bhanot expressed the value of soft skills. She shared her experience about how perception can bring in transformation, personal growth and success.

On 29th October 2020, the St. Mira's College Alumni Association undertook a noble initiative under the Social Outreach Programme to donate a handsome amount of Rs. 22,000 to Ms. Ashlesha Onawale, the Director of Deep Griha Society to help needy students face the challenges of Covid-19. Founded by a medical practitioner Dr. Neela Onawale and her husband Rev Bhaskar Onawale in 1975, Deep Griha Society is an independent charitable organisation working to better the lives of low income, informal communities in Pune. St. Mira's College, following the footsteps of the Great Saint, Revered Dada T. L. Vaswani, has signed a MoU with the NGO to be an associate with their welfare programmes encompassing education, healthcare, child development and women's empowerment. The Association members donated generously. The fund has helped Deep Griha Society render critical service to the needy amidst the pandemic. They helped overcome the challenges faced by families losing jobs, supplying books and mobiles to children for their online courses.

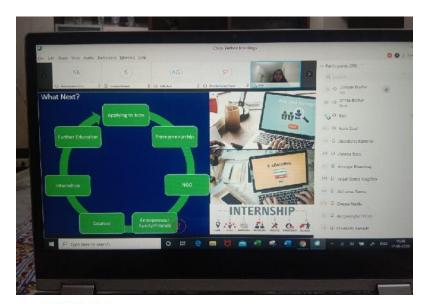
The Alumni Association organized an outstanding event in Diwali where alumni were asked to share their inspiring stories of kindness and gratitude along with a Diwali selfie in traditional wear on Facebook and Instagram starting from 13th November to 21st December.

The first virtual Alumni Meet of St. Mira's College was organised on The International Women's Day, the 8th of March, 2021. The St. Mira's College Alumni Association proposed a Felicitation Ceremony to honour the journey of the three stalwarts of St. Mira's, Dr. Gulshan Gidwani, Principal, Mrs. Stella Ambrose, Coordinator Unaided Section and Dr.Soniya Chavan, HOD Economics. The virtual Alumni Meet was cheerfully graced by the Sadhu Vaswani Mission Board Members, Faculty members past and present and Alumnae. The Meet was presided over by the dynamic President of the Alumni Association, Mrs. Kashmira Parekh. Ms. Aradhana, an alumna, garlanded the event with her beautiful rendition of ae malik terebande hum. As the three women of substance rose to share their long and beautiful journey with St.



Mira's, the audience got a glimpse of their humility, simplicity and benevolence embroidered with grit and perfection. The Board Members also enthralled us with their words of wisdom. Krishna Didi, an epitome of goodness, mesmerized the audience with a witty and simple parable which reminded us of our beloved Dada. Dr. Manju Nichani showered immense love and warmth through her words of praise. Dr.Bhagwanti Nanwani, magnetic as ever, regaled the audience with her perfect characterization of the three stalwarts. The house was stirred by the emotive words of Dr. Shalini Iyer, a friend non-pareil. As tears of love rolled down her cheeks, we could gauge her selfless journey with these three icons. The Meet also witnessed rich and heartfelt tributes by other faculty colleagues and alumnae. It was concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Ms. Asha Panicker, the Vice President, St. Mira's College Alumni Association. This special event brought together many generations of Miraites. It evoked a strong sense of camaraderie and nostalgia that will bind us all for many years to come.

St. Mira's College Alumni Association in collaboration with Artsphere, Pune, organized a dance show titled DANCE FOR RELIEF on 30th May, 2021 for reaching out to the students adversely affected by Covid-19. The show was telecast live on both ZOOM and YouTube. The dance performance included some of the best talents of Pune: Shambhavi's International School of Kathak (SISK), Rama Kuknur, senior disciple of Smt. Sucheta Chapekar and Akshata Parekh, MugdhaShivapurkar and Karishma Harlalka from Artsphere. The programme was presided over by an eminent alumna, Anubha Doshi, Founder-Director, Soulsphere, Psychologist, Mindfulness Based Facilitator, Arts-Based Therapist, Dancer & Reiki Practitioner. The Member Emeritus of Alumni Association, Dr. Gulshan Gidwani, the new Chief Patron of the Alumni Association and Principal-in-charge, St. Mira's College, Dr. Jaya Rajagopalan and Mrs. Kashmira Parekh, President, Alumni Association expressed their gratitude for the noble fundraiser endeavour. Dance for Relief has been able to collect adequate funds to lend a helping hand to the Covid impacted Miraites.





Entrepreneurship for Tomorrow: Alumna Kirti Jaiswal Presenting Donation by St. Mira's Alumni Association to Deep Griha Society

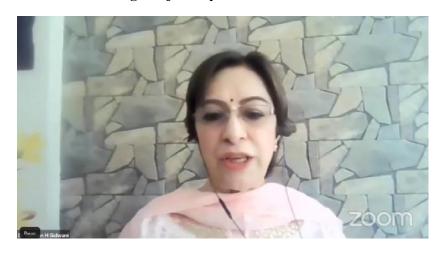


Stories of Kindness_shared by Alumna Heshma Daryanani





Dr. Gulshan Gidwani – sharing her journey with Mira's on the occasion of Women's Day



Dance of Relief to help Covid-impacted Miraites

