

ST. MIRA'S COLLEGE FOR GIRLS, PUNE

Autonomous (Affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University)

7.1.8 Describe the Institutional efforts/initiatives in providing an inclusive environments i.e., tolerance and harmony towards cultural, regional, linguistics, communal, socioeconomic and other diversities (within 500 words).

The very ethos of St. Mira's College rests on the cornerstone of inclusivity, tolerance and harmony. This is validated through our College activities which strive to showcase how a beautiful confluence of cultural, regional, linguistic, communal, socio-economic and other diversities can be attained.

Cultural: The College encourages the conduct of different cultural events on-campus which include the Annual Social Gathering, Rangoli Competition, Teachers Day celebration, Intra-collegiate Music Festival, *Amor* – Celebrating Love [a feast of song and dance- both folk and Bollywood), E-merge-Let's merge electronically, and visit to Tribal Art and Culture Museum.

Regional: The College belief in promotion of 'Unity in Diversity' is witnessed in the myriad activities conducted on-campus which include credit course on 'Kathak Dance: History and Form' culminating in a 'Kathak' performance by the students in College; celebration of festivals like Onam, Ganesh Utsav, Guru Nanak Jayanti, Christmas and the like to appreciate their significance.

Linguistic: The College provides suitable platforms to showcase the communication and oratory skills of students through the conduct of the annual English, Hindi, Marathi Declamation Contests, celebration of Marathi and Hindi *Divas*, conduct of credit courses on foreign languages like German and Spanish, the communication and editing skills of the student periodical -The Mira Press.

Communal: The annual Peace March is a secular rally organized by the Sadhu Vaswani Mission- our parent institution on the occasion of our revered Founder, Sadhu T. L. Vaswani's Birthday on 25th November. The conduct of this secular Rally helps to create awareness about abstinence from food of violence and animal rights amongst stakeholders of educational institutions in Pune, including ours and lends support to promotion of communal harmony.

The spirit of nationalism is also inculcated in staff and students by celebrating and observing Independence Day, Republic Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Martyrs' Day, conduct of Poetry Composition Competition on the theme of 'patriotism'.




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Socioeconomic and other diversities: Our Founder, Sadhu T.L Vaswani's vision is disseminated to the students by encouraging the act of 'giving' through conduct of extension (class social service) and community outreach activities, imbuing the spirit of 'inclusion' into the student and staff psyche through observance of Helpers Day (by Student Council), World Disabilities Day (by Sports Dept), Anti-Ragging activities (all streams).

Conduct of Meditation Sessions, observing of International Yoga Day, instituting a Mental Well Being Programme, conduct of empathetic Mentoring Sessions, institutionalization of a Student Aid Programme help the College staff comprehend the diverse needs of our most important stakeholders-the students.

A Signature Campaign was also undertaken by the staff and students of the College in 2019-20/2020-21 requesting the Government to pass stricter laws against 'Rape' and ensure speedy justice.



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