

## WDC Activities organised in academic year 2020-21

### K J Somaiya College of Engineering

#### Summary of the Events

Sr No	Title of the program	Period (from-to)	Participants
1	An online event (Webinar) on the topic “ <b>Menstrual Health &amp; Hygiene awareness</b> ” by Dr. Anjali Kumar	<b>February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 5.30pm – 6.15 pm</b>	150 (Open for all)
2	Campus Placement for Female candidates	<b>Feb 2021</b>	Open for female candidates
3	Women’s Day Celebration 2021, theme “ <b>World Under her wings</b> ” online on Zoom meeting	<b>March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 5:00pm- 7:00 pm</b>	200 (Open for all)
4	An online event (Webinar) on the topic “ <b>Busting myths of stress in women through Ayurveda</b> ” by Vd. Pooja Shah	<b>March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm</b>	150 (Open for all)
5	Female Placement (Girl students)	<b>Feb 2021</b>	37

Apart from the above mentioned celebrations, there is equal participation of girls in several technical and non-technical committees, events and councils like Student council, EESA, BloomBox., ISTE, etc.!

#### Event-1:

Committee/ Department Name: Women Development Cell	Academic Year: 2022-2023
Title of the Event	<b>Menstrual Health &amp; Hygiene awareness</b>
Type of the Event (Webinar/Seminar / Conference /FDP / Workshop /Training / Guest Lecture)	Webinar
Level of Organization (Local/State National /International/ Intercollegiate)	Local

/Intracollegiate)	
Collaborators if any	KJSCE- Students Council
Date of the event	7 February 2021
Time	5.30pm to 6.15pm
Venue	Zoom platform
Name of the Resource Person \ Guest	Dr. Anjali Kumar
Brief profile of the resource person	The Chief Guest: <i>Dr. Anjali Kumar</i> : is a renowned obstetrician and surgeon with <b>over 29 years of experience</b> . She is counted amongst some of the most experienced obstetricians, gynaecologists, and laparoscopic surgeons in Delhi NCR..
Objective of the Event	Spotlight menstrual health and hygiene
Report (Not more than 500 words)	<p>On February 07 2021, a Menstrual Health &amp; Hygiene awareness Webinar.</p> <p>The program started with the reciting of Somaiya prayer, followed by a warm welcome by WDC-KJSCE Convener, Mrs. Jyoti Varavadekar.</p> <p>It was then followed by welcoming Dr. Anjali Kumar, the Guest for the event.</p> <p>We then, asked Dr. Anjali Kumar various questions surrounding the topics Menstrual hygiene, different products to use, STDs and preventive measures, Menopause etc. which she answered precisely and also cleared a lot of myths and stigmas involved in the same.</p> <p>We also took anonymous questions via the audience in the zoom meet through google forms and requested Dr. Anjali Kumar to Address the same.</p> <p>After answering many of the questions from the audience, Nandana Prabhu – Member, WDC – KJSCE gave a vote of thanks to the guest and participants in the zoom meeting.</p> <p>The session was concluded by Niti Shah &amp; Pooja Kaulgud - Ladies Representatives – WDC- Students’ Council - KJSCE</p>
The number of beneficiaries	150
Expected Outcome	Valuable insights on the important topic
Documents Attached	Flyer


 K.J. Somaiya College of Engineering, Mumbai-77  
 (A Constituent College of Somaiya Vidyavihar University)





**Dr. Anjali Kumar**  
 (Gynaecologist)  
 Founder of  
**MAITRI**  
DR ANJALI KUMAR

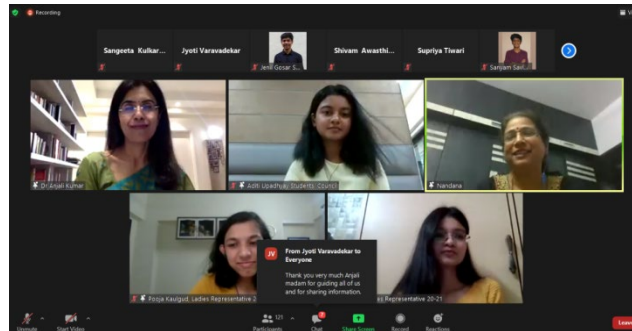
Date: 7th Feb 2021  
 Time: 5:30pm

Topic:  
 Menstrual hygiene,  
 different products to use,  
 STDs (preventive measures).

**Photos**

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1. Resource person engaging the session
2. Ongoing session



Name of the Principal: Prof. (Dr.) Shubha Pandit

Name of Co-Convenor: Ms. Jyoti Varavadekar

**Event-2:**


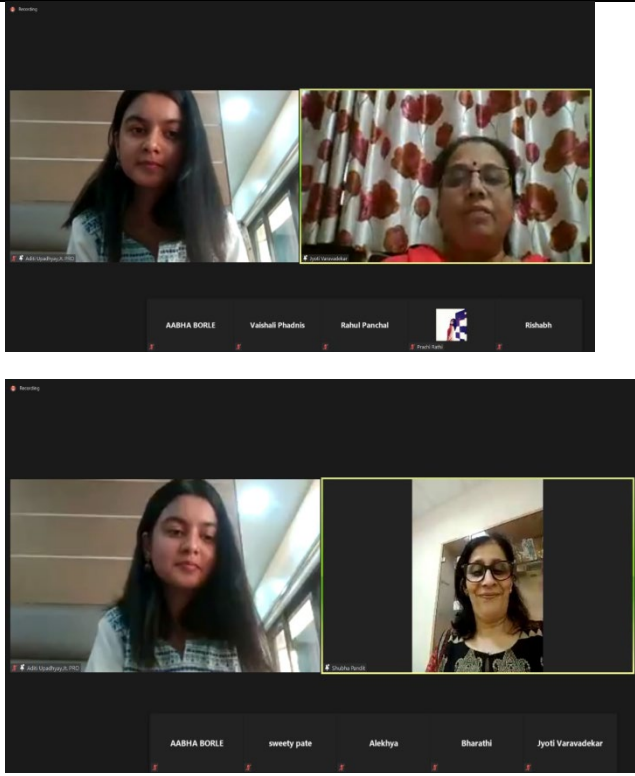
Committee/ Department Name: Women Development Cell	Academic Year: 2022-2023
Title of the Event	Campus Placement for Female candidates
Type of the Event (Webinar/Seminar / Conference /FDP / Workshop /Training / Guest Lecture)	Placement- Interview
Level of Organization (Local/State National /International/ Intercollegiate /Intracollegiate)	Local
Collaborators if any	Internship cell
Date of the event	Feb 2021
Time	10am to 5pm
Venue	B-001
Name of the Resource Person \ Guest	Mahindra Logistics Ltd.
Brief profile of the resource person	<b>Mahindra Logistics Ltd.</b> Unit no – 3 & 4, 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Techniplex II, Techniplex Complex Veer Savarkar Fly Over Goregaon (West), Mumbai - 400 062
Objective of the Event	Empower female students
Report (Not more than 500 words)	The interview for the female students were conducted in Feb 2021. 37 candidates had applied and 4 candidates were selected
The number of beneficiaries	37
Expected Outcome	4 female students were selected
Documents Attached	Report
Photos	

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1. Resource person engaging the session	
2. Ongoing session	
Name of the Principal: Prof. (Dr.) Shubha Pandit	
Name of Co-Convenor: Officer- Internship cell	

### Event-3:

Committee/ Department Name: Women Development Cell	Academic Year: 2020-2021
Title of the Event	<b>World Under her wings</b>
Type of the Event (Webinar/Seminar / Conference /FDP / Workshop /Training / Guest Lecture)	Webinar
Level of Organization (Local/State National /International/ Intercollegiate /Intracollegiate)	Local
Collaborators if any	KJSCE- Student council
Date of the event	5 March 2021
Time	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Venue	Online- Zoom platform
Name of the Resource Person \ Guest	<b>Ms. Sweety Pate, Ms. Anubha Maneshwar</b>
Brief profile of the resource person	<b>Ms. Sweety Pate-</b> A Satellite Operations Systems Engineer at QinetiQ ( KinetiQ), she has a strong network of collaborations and is the recipient of several awards in her industry for her outstanding research and accomplishments as a young professional. Leading the Women in Aerospace Europe


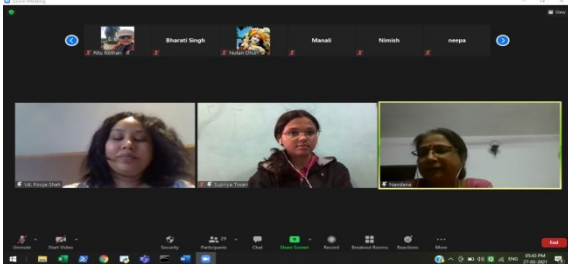
	<p>organization from Belgium, Ms Sweety is also a core member of the Space Generation and Advisory Council Belgium. She is promoting science among students as the National Coordinator of Scientist of a Day NASA JPL competitions.</p> <p><b>Ms. Anubha Maneshwar-</b> founder of GirlScript Technologies and Foundation. Her initiatives have impacted more than 1 lakh learners with tech and employability skills. GirlScript has been named in the top 2 Upskill &amp; Reskill Program of the year 2020 across the globe by Women Tech Network/. Ms Anubha has been featured in Forbes Asia Under 30, Society of Women Engineers Magazine, ElasticSearch Cause Awards etc.</p>
Objective of the Event	Encourage start-ups
Report (Not more than 500 words)	<p>This year owing to the pandemic the Women’s Day Celebration was conducted for the very first time in online mode on 5th March, 2021 on Zoom meeting.</p> <p>The program started with the Somaiya Prayer After which WDC Convener, <b>Mrs. Jyoti Varavadekar</b> welcomed all. She gave us insights on Women’s day also explaining the theme, “World Under her Wings”. She introduced the chief guests- <b>Ms. Sweety Pate</b> (Space Systems Engineer QinetiQ Space - NASA   ESA Space Missions) and <b>Ms. Anubha Maneshwar</b> (Founder- GirlScript technologies and Foundations) Then our Principal Madam- <b>Dr. Shubha Pandit</b> gave warm regards to all After the speech of the guests of honour there were a few <b>cultural programs lined up</b> After the cultural performances, we <b>felicited girl student achievers.</b></p> <p>After which the vote of thanks was given by <b>Mrs.Nandana Prabhu-</b> a WDC member. The event was ended by the speech of the Ladies Representatives- <b>Niti Shah</b> and <b>Pooja Kaulgud.</b> As everyone celebrated this momentous occasion, the greatness and uniqueness of the fairer sex was seen, acknowledged and most definitely, saluted throughout the event. The token of appreciation was couriered to the Guests of Honour</p>
The number of beneficiaries	200
Expected Outcome	The female students were highly motivated by the speech of the speakers


<p>Documents Attached</p>	<p>Flyer</p> 
<p>Photos</p> <p>(Two Geotagged)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Resource person engaging the session</li> <li>2. Ongoing session</li> </ol>	
<p>Name of the Principal: Prof. (Dr.) Shubha Pandit</p>	
<p>Name of Co-Convenor: Ms. Jyoti Varavadekar</p>	

**Event-4:**

Committee/ Department Name: Women Development Cell	Academic Year: 2020-2021
Title of the Event	Busting myths of stress in women through Ayurveda
Type of the Event (Webinar/Seminar / Conference /FDP / Workshop /Training / Guest Lecture)	Webinar
Level of Organization (Local/State National /International/ Intercollegiate /Intracollegiate)	Local
Collaborators if any	KJSCE- Student council
Date of the event	27 March 2021
Time	5.30pm to 6.30pm
Venue	Online- Zoom platform
Name of the Resource Person \ Guest	Vd. Pooja Shah
Brief profile of the resource person	
Objective of the Event	To provide insights on stress issues
Report (Not more than 500 words)	<p>On March 27 2021, a Busting myths of stress in women through Ayurveda Webinar.</p> <p>The program started with the reciting of Somaiya prayer, followed by a warm welcome by WDC-Member , Mrs. Nandana Prabhu.</p> <p>It was then followed by welcoming Vd. Pooja Shah, the Guest for the event.</p> <p>The Chief Guest then enlightened the participants on the harmful effects of stress on the female body and many ways and daily routines to cope and deal with stress.</p> <p>We then asked Vd. Pooja Shah various questions surrounding the same topic to which she answered them in detail.</p> <p>After answering some of the questions from the audience, Mrs.</p>



	<p>Sangeeta Kulkarni – Member, WDC – KJSCE gave a vote of thanks to the guest and participants in the zoom meeting. The session was concluded by a member of Students’ Council - KJSCE</p>
<p>The number of beneficiaries</p>	<p>150</p>
<p>Expected Outcome</p>	<p>Participants became aware of methods to deal with stress.</p>
<p>Documents Attached</p>	<p>Flyer</p>  <p>The flyer is for a session titled 'Naari 2021' at K.J. Somaiya College of Engineering, Mumbai-77. The topic is 'Busting Myths of stress in women through Ayurveda.' The speaker is Vd. Pooja Shah. The date is 27th March and the time is 5:30pm. The flyer includes logos for SOMAIYA and Somaiya T.R.U.S.T.</p>
<p>Photos (Two Geotagged)</p> <p>0. Resource person engaging the session</p> <p>0. Ongoing session</p>	 <p>A screenshot of a Zoom meeting showing three participants in a grid view. The meeting interface includes a top bar with participant names and a bottom bar with system icons.</p>

	
Name of the Principal: Prof. (Dr.) Shubha Pandit	
Name of Co-Convenor: Ms. Jyoti Varavadekar	

### **K J Somaiya Institute of Management**

Women’s Development Cell (WDC) operates with an objective to create a gender sensitized environment by spreading awareness through events, workshops and theme based competitions. WDC utilizes offline as well online platforms effectively for campaigns and programmes on gender amity, women’s welfare and to recognize individual efforts towards equality and empowerment.

Following are some of the efforts undertaken by WDC in past one year towards creating awareness:

#### **1. Super Woman of The Week campaign:**

This campaign celebrates women who have achieved extraordinary feats in their respective fields. This is a weekly campaign which WDC runs across all major social media platforms like Instagram, Facebook and Twitter for better reach. US Vice President Kamala Harris, France’s National Order of Merit awardee Rohini Godole and Alliance Air CEO Harpreet A De Singh are some of the popular faces that WDC featured in the campaign.

#### **2. Kalamkaar:**

Annual theme based content writing competition Kalamkaar was held in the 3rd week of November, 2020. The central theme for the content writing was given as Diwali. But that's not all! Participants had to choose one from five key words namely - Safety, Equality, Go Green, Vocal for Local and Mother and pair it up with the central theme of Diwali and come up with their write-ups. The competition was a success with students registering from more than 40+ institutes all across India.

### 3. Manasvini 2021:

This is the week long annual flagship event of WDC which is held in the 2nd week of March starting from International Women's Day i.e. 8th March. This year, WDC organized numerous events engaging a significant audience involving alums, faculties and students. Theme for Manasvini was in line with the International Women's Day 2021 campaign - "Choose To Challenge". Manasvini 2021 saw a total of 4 events details of which are as follows:

1. A **Guest Lecture** held on 8th March, 2021 which saw the students blown away by the discussion on the topic "Women Empowerment and Challenging Gender Bias".

The speakers were: Sushmeetha Bubna, Founder and CEO at Voice Vision and Faiyda, helping and uplifting the specially-abled through social entrepreneurship and training and Anupriya Chowdhary, an alumna of K J Somaiya Institute of Management (Batch of 2009) and the Founder of WonderSkills India, enriching lives as a Career Coach, Soft Skills Trainer, Author and Blogger.

2. **AdVision 2021** - A theme-based case study competition that went live on 8th March, 2021 and was held exclusively for the students of K J Somaiya Institute of Management which saw some brilliant minds come together and provide innovative ideas and solutions to the topic "Household Product Innovation for Women".

The topic was revealed to the 7 teams 24 hours prior to the event and the competition was held live on 10th March, 2021.

3. **Digital Poster Making Competition** - The competition went live on 7th March, 2021 with the theme "Woman Who Inspires Me". Several students from across 20+ institutes registered for the competition. The deadline for submissions was 12th March, 2021. The first position was bagged by Kanika Gopal from Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW) while Sharmishtha Dash from Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Bangalore was declared the runner-up.

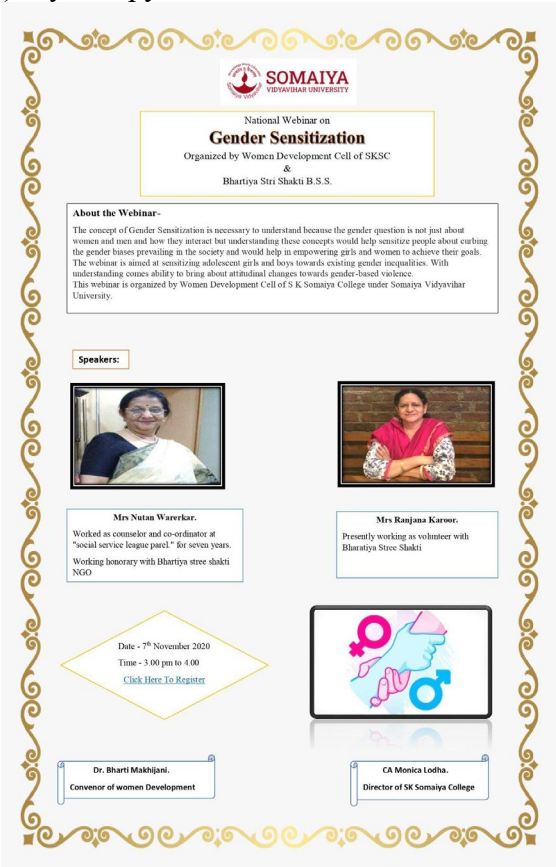
4. **Seed Stars 2021** - The final day was concluded by 6 of our fellow batchmates, who are budding entrepreneurs, sharing some interesting anecdotes about the problems they faced, the pressure they endured, the success they achieved and their plans for the future regarding their respective entrepreneurial ventures. The event acted as a platform for them to interact with the other students and give them a glimpse into the mind of an entrepreneur.






**S K Somaiya College**

<b>Sr. No</b>	<b>Name of the Event</b>	<b>Date of the Event</b>
1.	Gender Sensitization Webinar	18th September 2021

Committee/ Department Name WOMEN DEVELOP MENT CELL	Academic Year 2020-21
Title of the Event	GENDER SENSITIZATION
Type of the Event (Webinar/Se minar / Conference /FDP / Workshop /Training / Guest Lecture)	National Webinar
Level of Organization (Local/State National /International / Intercollegiat e /Intracollegia te)	National
Collaborator s if any	Bhartiya Stri Shakti
Date of the event	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Time	3- 4 pm
Venue	Online
Name of the Resource Person \ Guest	Mrs. Nutan Warerkar Mrs. Ranjana Karur
Brief profile of the resource	Volunteers- Bhartiya Stri shakti and social workers.

person	
Objective of the Event	To make students and faculties aware of the gender sensitization.
Report (Not more than 500 words)	Students and faculties of different colleges participated in the webinar and got benefit of gender sensitization.
Number of beneficiaries	Students UG: 300                                  Students PG: 170 Teaching:60
Expected Outcome	Attendees of the programme became aware of the gender sensitization.
Documents Attached	<p>i) Attendance ii) Feedback Form iii) Flyer copy</p>  <p>iv) Certificate copy v) Feedback Analysis Report (Graphical Presentation) vi) Thank you and Invitation letters of Resource person</p>

NAAC Criterion No.	VII	Sub-Criterion No	7.1.1
Photos (Two Geotagged) 1. Resource person engaging the session 2. Ongoing session  *In case of multiple sessions attach daywise/ sessionwise photos			
Name & Signature of Convenor/Head of the Department Dr. Bharati M. 			
Name & Signature of Co-Convenor- Tejal Bowlekar for 			

**K J Somaiya College of Education**

**Summary sheet of the events**

Date	Topic	Resource person
27-06-2021	How Do I Look After My Mental Health If I Can't Afford Therapy?	Ms Pooja Barve ,Practicing counselor
14-10-2020	Celebration of International Girl Child Day (Online photography and storytelling Competition)	Pooja More ,B Ed student
8-3- 2021	Talk on “My Empowered Women”	Professor M.T Joseph, Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai

**Event no 1:**

<b>Organizing Committee:</b> Women Development Cell - K J Somaiya College of Education	<b>Academic year:</b> 2020-2021
<b>Teacher In Charge</b>	Miss Usha Sharma
<b>Title of the event</b>	How Do I Look After My Mental Health If I Can't Afford Therapy?
<b>Type of event</b>	webinar
<b>Expected outcome</b>	To honor the Pride Month and create mental health awareness.
<b>Level of organization:</b> (Local/ State/ National/ International/ Intercollegiate/ Intra-collegiate)	Intra-collegiate
<b>Date of the event</b>	27-06-2021
<b>Time</b>	4:00pm to 6:00pm
<b>Venue</b>	Online – Zoom platform
<b>Objectives of the event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To honor the pride month</li> <li>● To create awareness about mental health</li> <li>● To provide help to take care of mental health</li> </ul>
<b>Event schedule</b>	<p>4:00p.m - Welcome note by Miss Usha Sharma and introduction of the speaker</p> <p>4:10p.m - Address by the Guest Speaker</p> <p>5:10p.m - Question Answer Round</p> <p>5:45p.m –Address by Miss Usha Sharma</p> <p>5:55p.m - Vote of thanks by WDC Secretary Shifa Sharif</p>
<b>Resource person</b>	Ms Pooja Barve ,Practicing counselor

<p><b>Participants list</b></p>	<p>Pooja Barve ,Practicing counselor worked towards mental wellness of her clients .She has been working in the area of mental health of youths and elders .She is interested in pursuing research on behaviour of criminals .She has read widely in the area o0f criminology and mental health.</p>
<p><b>Report</b></p>	<p>Women Development Cell of K J Somaiya College of Education organized a mental health awareness program to honour the pride month. The session was held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 4pm online on zoom meeting application. Miss Usha Sharma shared the link for the event and as the students and guest speaker joined the session started. With the started Miss Usha welcomed one and all and being first event of academic year 2021-2022 under WDC, Miss Usha introduce the aims and objectives of WDC and introduced the new WDC secretary Miss Shifa Sharif. Moving on she introduced the guest speaker Miss Pooja Barve and the topic of discussion. She also spoke on the importance of pride month and then handed over the session to our guest speaker. Miss Pooja Barve thanked Usha Ma’am for the introduction and giving her platform to talk about mental health and its importance and the Miss Barve started to speak on the topic. She shared her experiences and valuable information she had on the topic. She provided the students with very practical and DIY type of tips to take care of their mental health and how to keep one’s self stable and motivated. On the request of Miss Usha that how the students must take care of their stress level Miss Barve also suggested some ideas for that as well. After she was done speaking we started with the question answer round where students asked about their personal problems individually and Miss Barve tried her level best to answer all the queries put forward by the students. Once questions were done WDC secretary Miss Shifa Sharif ended the session with a formal vote of thanks to the guest speaker Miss Barve for her presence and valuable insights on the topic, she thanked Miss Usha Sharma, WDC in charge and Dr. SarlaSantwani, principal for the approval of the event and the audience too for their patient presence to make the event successful.</p>



## Glimpses of Event

Women Development Cell  
 of  
 K. J. Somaiya College of Education  
 Organizes  
 A guest talk to honor the month of pride

**How do I look after my mental health if I can't afford Therapy?**

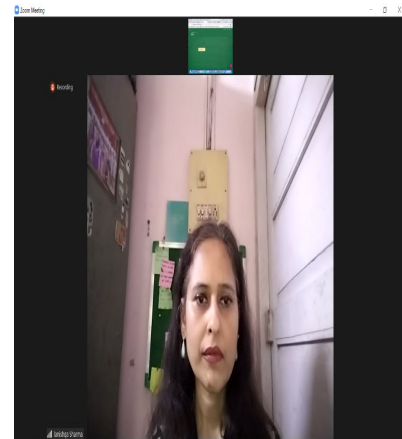
ON  
 27TH JUNE 2021, SUNDAY  
 4PM TO 5PM

**Ms. Pooja Barge**  
 Practicing Psychologist

**Organizers**

**Dr. Sarla Santhwani**  
 Principal

**Ms. Usha Sharma**  
 WDC - Head



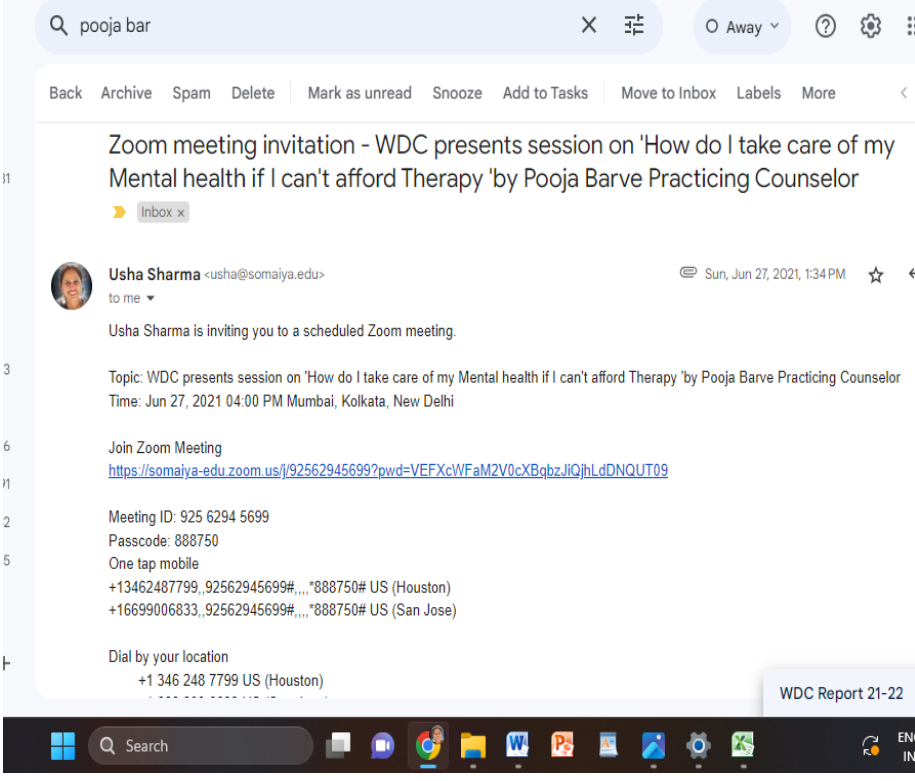
Zoom Meeting  
 37 MAITRI is talking...

Grid of participants including: 16 Shradha, 64 Honey Thakkar, 33 Hiteshwar Mehta, 34 Manali Mehta, 49, Prachi Mehta, 31 KM Mahima Meurya, 25 Sheefa Khan, 41 Amol Parab, 08: Zenia Fernandes, 55 Mehvab shaikh, 44 Pooja, 13 Hiteshree jain, 62 Chanchal Take, 51 - Nisha Sayed, 63 Hetika, 56-Saman, 27 Falguni, 15 vipasha jasani, 54 Lman Shaikh, 30 pooja manchekar, 01 Amina Ansari Khatoon, 68 CHANDANI TIWARI, 67 Shalet, 47 PreemaR.

Participants (68)

Find a participant

- 57 - Shifa Sharif (Me)
- 49 Foram (Host)
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- 01-Amina Ansari Khatoon
- 02 Manali Barge
- 03 pooja bhati
- 04 Kanchan
- 05 Deesha Dedhia
- 06 Christina Dias
- 07 - Jessica
- 08: Zenia Fernandes
- 10-Khushnuma Gandhi
- 11 Shivani Gawade

	
<b>Feedback</b>	<p>In general, very intuitive, well organized, well planned event. The time limit exceeded but the students stayed till the end with interest. The session turned out to be helpful for the students.</p>

**Event no 2:**

<p><b>Organizing Committee:</b> Women Development Cell - K J Somaiya College of Education</p>	<p><b>Academic year:</b> 2020-2021</p>
<p><b>Teacher In Charge</b></p>	<p>Miss Usha Sharma</p>
<p><b>Title of the event</b></p>	<p>Celebration of International Girl Child Day (Online photography and storytelling Competition)</p>
<p><b>Type of event</b></p>	<p>webinar</p>
<p><b>Expected outcome</b></p>	<p>To enable the women to speak out their stories through the medium of arts.  To develop confidence in the women participants in a patriarchal world.</p>

<b>Level of organization:</b>  (Local/ State/ National/ International/ Intercollegiate/ Intra-collegiate)	Intra-collegiate
<b>Date of the event</b>	14-10-2020
<b>Time</b>	-
<b>Venue</b>	Zoom & instagram
<b>Objectives of the event</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to provide a non-judgemental platform to portray one's art.</li> <li>2. to help build confidence in the participants</li> <li>3. to provide different perspectives on social struggles faced by women.</li> <li>4. to help give exposure to the hardships endured by women.</li> </ol>
<b>Resource person</b>	Pooja More ,B Ed student
<b>Report</b>	<p>Women Development Cell of K J Somaiya College of Education organized a mental health awareness program to honour the pride month. In the age of Corona where people couldn't find much hope with their heads clouded with despair, our resource person came up with the idea to put a fresh perspective on the international girl child day. Ms Pooja More a B Ed student conducted a competition where she presented the theme of International girl child day on the social media of Instagram . She started the online photography competition for every social media user. The competitors needed to capture candid unstaged moments that felt true to the moment and contributed to the theme; the page where these photographs were posted is still up till date. Along with this she also took it on herself to organise a story telling competition to add drama</p> <p>Overall, the events provided a great platform for the students portray their interests and thought process which indeed helped to self express and build confidence.</p>

**Event no 3:**

<b>Organizing Committee:</b>  Women Development Cell - K J Somaiya College of Education	<b>Academic year:</b> 2020-2021
<b>Teacher In Charge</b>	Miss Usha Sharma
<b>Title of the event</b>	Guest talk on 'My empowered women ' under the event # Bojh nhi josh hu main.
<b>Type of event</b>	webinar
<b>Expected outcome</b>	
<b>Level of organization:</b>  (Local/ State/ National/ International/ Intercollegiate/ Intra-collegiate)	Intra-collegiate
<b>Date of the event</b>	8-3-21
<b>Time</b>	3:00pm to 4:00pm
<b>Venue</b>	Online – Zoom platform
<b>Objectives of the event</b>	To develop critical thinking skills among the women participants.  To create an awareness of the stereotypes that the society passes in the young minds .
<b>Resource person</b>	M T Joseph ,Assistant Professor , Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai
<b>Report</b>	The Women Development Cell of our institution aimed towards women empowerment through set of events .One such event was a guest talk on 'My empowered women ' under the event # Bojh nhi josh hu main.The speaker of the session was M T Joseph ,Assistant Professor , Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai. The



	<p>vibrant exposition of the speaker helped to make students aware of what it means to view the society through a gendered lens. Through this session our students could know the importance of critical thinking power. They also understood the society creates stereotypes. Women need to know the need for revisiting the different aspects of the society so as to achieve gender equality</p>
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### **K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies**

<b>Department Name:</b> KJ Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies	<b>Academic Year:</b> 2020-2021
<b>Title of the Event</b>	Online Lecture by Jerry Pinto and Neela Bhagwat
<b>Type of the Event</b> (Webinar/Seminar / Conference /FDP / Workshop /Training / Guest Lecture)	<b>Lecture</b>
<b>Level of Organization</b> (Local/State National /International/ Intercollegiate /Intracollegiate)	<b>National</b>
<b>Collaborators if any</b>	--
<b>Date of the event</b>	29th Jan 2021
<b>Time</b>	5 pm
<b>Venue</b>	Online
<b>Name of the Resource Person \ Guest</b>	Jerry Pinto and Neela Bhagwat

<p><b>Brief profile of the resource person</b></p>	<p>Neela Bhagwat is a renowned exponent of the Gwalior gharana. With her background of Masters in Marathi, she has been engaged in composing khayals based on her own experiences as well as social concerns. After the 1993 riots in Mumbai, she turned to mediaeval saint poetry, which reflects the inner voice of love for all, irrespective of socio-cultural differences. That was when her compositions of Kabir, Meera, Sahajo and Marathi saint-poets like Tukaram, Chokhamela, Soyarabai and others appeared on the music scene. She has twenty audio CDs to her credit-some showcase Gwalior gharana khayaal while others are based on saint poetry. She is also the author of four books.</p> <p>Jerry Pinto has translated several books from Marathi including the seminal dalit autobiography, Baluta by Daya Pawar; When I Hid My Caste and other Stories by Baburao Bagul and Strike a Blow to Change the World by Eknath Awad (all published by Speaking Tiger). He is on the board of MelJol, an NGO that works in the sphere of child rights and teaches at the Social Communications Media department of the Sophia Polytechnic.</p>
<p><b>Objective of the Event</b></p>	<p>The objective of the lecture was to celebrate the brave and passionate voices of women such as Muktabai, Janabai, Soyarabai, Nirmala, Vatsara, Kanhopatra, Rajai and Gonai.</p>



<p><b>Report</b> <b>(Not more than 500 words)</b></p>	<p>K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies, Somaiya Vidyavihar University has organized Online Lecture by Jerry Pinto and Neela Bhagwat on 29th January 2021 in online mode. Lecture was open to all.</p> <p>Neela Bhagwat and Jerry Pinto have translated selections of the poetry of ten women bhakti poets from Maharashtra. These have been published by Speaking Tiger as The Ant Who Swallowed the Sun; The Abhangs of the Marathi Women Saints. The book has already been lauded as a "splendid achievement" (Ranjit Hoskote).</p>
<p><b>Expected Outcome</b></p>	<p>The workshop was engaging for the participants. Many, participants asked different questions relevant to the topic which led to meaningful discussions.</p>
<p><b>Documents Attached</b></p>	<p>1/18/24, 3:54 PM Somaiya Vidyavihar Mail - Online Lecture by Jerry Pinto and Neela Bhagwat (29th Jan 2021)</p> <p> <b>SOMAIYA</b> VIDYAVIHAR UNIVERSITY BHAGYASHREE BAVARE &lt;bhagyashree.bavare@somaiya.edu&gt;</p> <hr/> <p><b>Online Lecture by Jerry Pinto and Neela Bhagwat (29th Jan 2021)</b> 1 message</p> <p><b>K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies</b> &lt;dharma@somaiya.edu&gt; 20 January 2021 at 14:12 Reply-To: dharma@somaiya.edu To: bhagyashree.bavare@somaiya.edu</p> <p> <b>SOMAIYA</b> VIDYAVIHAR UNIVERSITY K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies</p> <p>Dear friends,</p> <p>Neela Bhagwat and Jerry Pinto have translated selections of the poetry of ten women bhakti poets from Maharashtra. These have been published by Speaking Tiger as The Ant Who Swallowed the Sun; The Abhangs of the Marathi Women Saints. The book has already been lauded as a "splendid achievement" (Ranjit Hoskote). Join us for an evening of song and poetry as we celebrate the brave and passionate voices of women such as Muktabai, Janabai, Soyarabai, Nirmala, Vatsara, Kanhopatra, Rajai and Gonai.</p> <p>Neela Bhagwat is a renowned exponent of the Gwalior gharana. With her background of Masters in Marathi, she has been engaged in composing khayals based on her own experiences as well as social concerns. After the 1993 riots in Mumbai, she turned to mediaeval saint poetry, which reflects the inner voice of love for all, irrespective of socio-cultural differences. That was when her compositions of Kabir, Meera, Sahajo and Marathi saint-poets like Tukaram, Chokhamela, Soyarabai and others appeared on the music scene. She has twenty audio CDs to her credit—some showcase Gwalior gharana khayaal while others are based on saint poetry. She is also the author of four books.</p> <p>Jerry Pinto has translated several books from Marathi including the seminal dalit autobiography, Baluta by Daya Pawar; When I Hid My Caste and other Stories by Baburao Bagul and Strike a Blow to Change the World by Eknath Awad (all published by Speaking Tiger). He is on the board of MelJol, an NGO that works in the sphere of child rights and teaches at the Social Communications Media department of the Sophia Polytechnic.</p> <p>Date: Friday, 29th January 2021, 5.00 pm Kindly register <a href="#">here</a> to receive the Zoom link for the event.</p> <p>with best wishes, Dr Supriya Rai Director</p>