

**SIES COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE & COMMERCE
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CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE Report (2010 – 2011)

The Centre for Excellence was setup in the academic year 2008 – 2009. The main objective behind starting the Centre is to ensure overall development of the students in professional courses and to train them as per the global needs. To acquire a job in this competitive world, only academic activity or a degree is not sufficient. Courses like language proficiency classes, numerical skills, self enrichment programmes are needed. Such courses are conducted under the banner Centre for excellence in the college premises for the benefit of the student. The Centre also supports the courses like Training in Computer & IT skills, Fitness & Nutrition and 360 Degree learning programme. We try to motivate students who enroll for the course and guide them in right career options. We also conduct orientations & workshops like Skin care, Fitness and Nutrition, Personal Grooming & Etiquettes, Development of Leadership & Managerial skills and Six Sigma Black Belt training for all the college students irrespective of those who enroll.

The class to class campaign and spot registration were held between July & August 2010. This year following new courses were introduced –

Saral Hindi, German, Spanish, Dutch, Portuguese, Chocolate Making.

A brief report is as follows:

A) LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY CLASSES

Language is a tool for communication. To have good communication skill one should have mastery over the language to secure better jobs. The world is shrinking and therefore Indian Languages along with Foreign Languages help a person both at the national as well as international level.

1. Japanese Certificate Course:

This is an ongoing programme which was introduced during the academic year 2007 – 2008 which enables the students to appear for the International examination conducted by Japan Foundation. This year 30 students have registered.

This programme is highly successful and is well appreciated by the Japan Foundation. As a mark of appreciation the Foundation is sponsoring every year 2 to 5 students for a 10 day tour of Japan since December 2008 under JENESYS program or SAARC Nation. This year 10 students have benefitted from this tour.

The Japanese teacher **Ms. Dimple Vipul Vasa** successfully completed “*Special Invitation Programme for Japanese – Language Teachers*” implemented as a part of JENESYS programme held in Japan from May 2010 – July 2010.

This has added value to the college and has shown path to initiate a Students Exchange program to Japan by American Field Service from 2010 onwards.

2. Sanskrit Bhasha Sadhana:

The Sanskrit course was introduced from 2009 - 2010 and is conducted by Sanskrit Bhasha Sanstha in the college premises – A course to learn Shlokas, Vedas, etc.

3. French Certificate Course:

The course was initiated in 2008 – 2009 in association with Alliance Française De Bombay and its success has helped us to initiate the autonomous course in French from 2010. Soon we will be getting affiliation from University of Mumbai. The basic level A1 commenced from August 2010 with a batch of 15 students.

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This year we propose to commence the following courses under French:

- French certificate course for **Teachers / Professionals**, a course for those who want to make career in French.
- French course for **School kids**, a course which will include French study as a playgroup for school kids in the summer vacation.

4. Spanish Certificate Course:

A course introduced from 2010 – 2011 in association with the **Academia de Español**. The curriculum is designed by the Academia which is recognized by Government of Maharashtra (Level I & II) and University of Spain (Level III & IV).

The Level I commenced from September 2010 with a batch of 10 students. Level II will be commencing from February 2011.

5. German Certificate Course:

A course introduced from 2010 – 2011 in association with the **Academia de Español**. Soon we will be getting affiliation from University of Mumbai. The Level I commenced from September 2010 with a batch of 10 students. Level II will be commencing from February 2011.

6. Dutch Certificate Course:

The course is available in 4 levels. Registration for Basic level is in process and the course will be commencing soon.

7. Portuguese Certificate Course:

The course is available in 4 levels. Registration for Basic level is in process and the course will be commencing soon.

8. Saral Hindi Certificate Course:

A course conducted by *Hindustani Prachar Sabha* funded by H.R.D. Ministry (Govt. of India). It includes basic Hindi grammar, Functional Hindi, Conversations, poetry, etc.

Due to the demand to start new batches from the students, fresh batches for French, German, Spanish & Sanskrit course will be commencing in February 2011.

B) NUMERICAL SKILLS

VEDIC MATHEMATICS:

This is an ongoing programme held by ISMCC since 2008 – 2009. The course is designed to enhance the numerical skills and to overcome the Maths phobia. The course started with a batch of 22 students and Level I was successfully completed. Certificates were given to successful candidates by the organizers. The level II has commenced from January 2011. Level III registration is open.

C) SELF ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

PERSONAL GROOMING & ETIQUETTE:

The course was introduced from 2009 – 2010 to master *The Art of Public Speaking*. The course says “**Words make a language but Etiquette & Grooming make Mankind**”. This year the batch started in the month of November with strength of 10 students and was successfully completed in December 2010.

Participants are helped to create self-awareness empowering them to shed their inhibitions and negativity. Particular care is taken to enhance their pronunciation, diction, voice modulation, communication skills, phone etiquette, table manners and dining skills in particular.

The course was also conducted for specially challenged students of PRAJNYA - A Centre for Visually Challenged and was well appreciated.

D) EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

1. SELF EMPLOYMENT COURSE:

The Self Employment Course includes the analysis of oils, spices, honey, tea and preparation of domestic household products like detergents, phenyl, liquid soap, herbal shampoo, aloe vera shampoo, washing powder, creams, etc.

The 15 day certificate course had a group of 5 students. The 3 day short term course was held for a group of 30 students in the Diwali vacation.

The course also includes workshop on *Perfumery and Aromatherapy, Candle-making* by **Miss. Nisha Shah**, Silver Oak Innovations and a visit to *T.D.M Laboratory*, Sion (E) for Drug analysis where they learnt how to use modern instruments like GC, GLC, HPLC, LC-MS, etc in monitoring the drugs.

2. CHOCOLATE MAKING COURSE:

The course introduced from this academic year which includes making of 10 different varieties of chocolates like Basic molded, Stuffed, Praline, Almond rocks, etc.

This was the inaugural as well as the introductory course of Centre for Excellence this year. The first batch was held on 11th August 2010 with a group of 11 students. The success of this course prompted us to conduct more batches in October & December. Thus a group of 30 students benefitted. The response from the participants was overwhelming.

E) AUTONOMOUS COURSES

The centre also includes the following individual courses run by various departments:

1. CERTIFICATE COURSE IN GARDEN CRAFT:

This is an ongoing certificate course in Horticulture and Gardening ideal for all nature lovers. The course includes Flower arrangement (Indian & Western), Hanging baskets, Terrarium (Bottle Garden), Dish garden, Food preservation, Vegetable carving, etc.

2. VALUE ADDED COURSE IN STATISTICS:

This is an ongoing certificate course since 2009 – 2010. The subject of Statistics has witnessed a phenomenal growth in the last two decades. Its usefulness in the analysis of socio-economic problems has been widely recognized. Measures of Central Tendency, Dispersion, Correlation and Regression, etc were covered. These were the basic requirements for the participating B.A students who were specializing in Economics. The student feedback of the course was very encouraging. All the students claimed that it is very useful.

3. Fitness & Diet Nutrition:

A 3 month course on Food & nutrition is conducted in the college. It is affiliated to the University of Mumbai.

4. Free Remedial Teaching in English:

A certificate course conducted for students as a part of UGC sponsored Development Grants and Merged Schemes under the XIth Plan since 2009 – 2010 onwards. The module

includes grammar, oral communication, writing skills and presentation skills. This year two batches of students benefitted.

5. **Post Graduate Diploma in Special Education**
6. **Diploma in Early Childhood Education**
7. **Post Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education**
8. **Diploma in Guidance Counselling**
9. **Short term course in Counselling.**

F) COLLABORATIVE VENTURES

1. ***Business Excellence: Quality Programs and Leadership & Managerial Skills*** has been introduced which will benefit the students to build the bridge gap between academia and profession. This includes a series of workshop like Power of Lean, Six Sigma, Presentation Skills, Time Management, etc by our prominent alumni **Mr. S. V. Vishwanathan**, 3V Consultant Ltd.
2. **Technology Centre:**

SIES in coordination with M/S Technology Management Consultants (TMC), Mumbai impart career oriented training in various fields of modern technology to the youth so that they can proudly stand on their feet.

It includes courses like – *Masters Diploma in Computing & Information Technology, Advanced & Computerized Diploma in Fashion Designing, Advanced & Computerized Diploma in Interior Designing.*
3. **ILS 360 Learning:** To help bridge the **INDUSTRY AND ACADEMIA GAP**, *karROX Technologies* in coordination with SIES, have crafted a well-researched program in association with global industry leaders. The program is aimed at the overall skills development of students with a view to build individuals who are sought by corporate India. **The program called ILS 360 Learning helps a student win their “RIGHT FIRST JOB” & building a successful career.** This program is customized to teach critical skills applicable to the industry but is missing from the academic curriculum. This is an ongoing program since last year.
4. **RAO IIT Academy:** SIES in association with RAO IIT Academy is conducting training for IIT exams to strive and enable the students to make their cherished dreams a breathtaking reality and shape the destiny of students as IITians.
5. **Tally Accounting:** It is a value added program which adds computing skill and value to all the students of FYBCom. A special and exclusive computer laboratory has been setup in the first floor for the Tally Program conducted by Tally Academy.

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