



IQAC Initiatives 2019-2020

Ghanshyamdas Saraf College has continuously strived for excellence in academics and skill development. Through a series of multifarious schemes, the college has enabled its students to enhance their capabilities, skills, and community-based responsibilities. The year 2019-2020 marked a significant period of innovation and growth, both in terms of student skill development and outreach programs. This report outlines the key initiatives taken by the college under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), detailing the various practices adopted to foster employability, skill development, community responsibility, and awareness.

1. Multifarious Schemes for Capability Enhancement, Skill Development, and Awareness Programs:

- The college conducted several add-on courses, workshops, skill development sessions, and awareness programs, aimed at providing real-world knowledge and enhancing student employability.
- Some of the key programs conducted in 2019-2020 included:
 - BSE Institute Courses: 145 students enrolled in certificate programs such as "Campus to Corporate" and "Financial Markets".
 - Youth Employability Skills Program by Technoserve: 239 students participated in 3 batches.
 - Bloomberg Course: 145 students and faculty members completed the Bloomberg Course, gaining exposure to real-time financial data.
 - TISS NUSSD Programs: Multiple certificate and diploma courses in Banking, Financial Services, and Management.
 - Workshops and Seminars: Topics covered included GST, capital markets, soft skills, and banking sector preparatory courses.
 - Placement and Career Development: 343 students participated in interviews conducted by 14 different companies, including HDFC Bank, Tech Mahindra, and Tata BSS.

2. Community-Based Practices and Their Outcome:

- Blood Donation Camps: The college organized blood donation drives to raise awareness about the need for regular donations.
- Awareness Rallies: Students participated in rallies addressing road safety, child labour, noise pollution, and other social issues.



- **HIV/AIDS Awareness Campaigns:** Students performed skits to promote awareness and support for those affected by HIV/AIDS.
- **Environmental Initiatives:**
 - Tree Plantation Drives were held to encourage nature conservation.
 - Plastic waste reduction activities, including paper bag making and plastic fishing.
 - E-Waste Management: E-waste collection boxes were installed, and awareness programs were held.
- **Community Service:** Students participated in activities like visiting orphanages and old-age homes to raise awareness about underprivileged sections of society.
- **Disaster Management Workshops:** Students attended workshops on disaster management and mock drills.
- **Celebration of Key Days:** The college organized events on International Yoga Day, Senior Citizens' Day, and other significant days to promote health and well-being.

3. Placement and Career Development Initiatives:

- **Organizing Workshops and Seminars:** Several workshops and seminars were conducted to help students plan their careers. Institutions like Mahesh Tutorials, Visara Technology Services, and Bombay Stock Exchange held certificate courses and seminars on various topics like Core Java, Python Programming, Animation, Digital Transformation, and Banking & Finance.
- **Placement Drives:** The college organized campus recruitment drives with leading firms such as Tech Mahindra, HDFC Bank, Karvy, and Tata BSS. 343 students participated in interviews and several students secured placements.
- **MoU with National and International Institutions:** The college signed multiple MoUs with reputed institutions, including:
 - CASI Global New York for courses in Corporate Social Responsibility.
 - Technoserve for Youth Employability Skills programs.
 - Bombay Stock Exchange for financial market certification.
 - TISS NUSSD Program to offer various skill development courses free of cost for financially weaker students.



4. One Day Inter-Disciplinary National Conference:

In the year 2019-2020, IQAC organized a One Day Inter-Disciplinary National Conference on ICT and AI in Business, Accounting and Finance: The Game Changers for Economic growth. It was held on 15th February, 2020 and 170 participants attended the conference. Papers were also published in UGC Approved ISBN journal.

5. Establishment of Bloomberg Lab:

- The lab is equipped with 12 Bloomberg Terminals, allowing both faculty and students to use real-time market data for academic and research purposes.
- The lab was used to integrate the latest industry data into classroom teaching, significantly enhancing the learning experience.
- It helped bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application in finance and investment.

Conclusion

The multifarious initiatives undertaken by Ghanshyamdas Saraf College in the academic year 2019-2020 have proven highly effective in enhancing student skills, fostering community responsibility, and promoting environmental sustainability. The college's focus on skill development, career readiness, and community engagement has garnered positive responses from students, faculty, and the wider community. The establishment of the Bloomberg Lab has further strengthened the academic infrastructure, providing students with real-time market exposure.

The efforts of the college, under the guidance of the IQAC, continue to ensure holistic development for students, equipping them with the necessary skills and values to succeed in their careers and contribute meaningfully to society.



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