

K J Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training and Research

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# Annual Report 2016-17

Fulfilling Student Aspirations with Innovation & Enterprise

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## **Education at Somaiya is transformative**

"We aspire to be an internationally recognized premier institution that offers to the society globally competent teachers Who are humane, collaborative and multicultural in their out-look"

#### A message from the Principal



My dear young students,

Your role as teachers in the new millennium has become multifaceted and challenging. Teachers are nation builders. You will need to cultivate social, moral and spiritual values in children. Your role as facilitators for social transformation will require you to develop in children nationalism and internationalism; prepare them to be global citizens; develop in them self learning skills and ICT skills and develop in them high emotional and spiritual quotient.

To play this role effectively, we at the K. J. Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training and Research strive to equip you with the appropriate knowledge, habits, attitudes and values. You should not only develop the necessary competencies as a teacher but also have a desire for life long learning and for 'reaching the unreached'.

With this mission, our institution endeavors to instill in you the urge to be creative and innovative, inspiring your student fraternity to strive for equity and social justice. It is with a sense of pride that I look at the alumni of our institution who have gone on to transform society as the institution enters its 25th year of the existence

#### **Faculty Development Initiatives**

## "The role of leaders is not to get other people to follow but to empower others to lead"

Teachers Training on concept mapping was conducted by Dr. Vasundhara Padmanabhan and Ms. Hema Bhadawkar in Ashoka Universal School, Nashik on June 3-4, 2016. The aim of the program was to enrich the teachers to use concept mapping as a effective tool to induce interest in teaching learning process.

Dr. Kalpana Kharade & Ms. Hema Bhadawkar also conducted a faculty development program at Vishwakarma Institute of Technology, Pune on May 30, 2016 with the aim to equip the teachers teaching at engineering level about the concept of Blooms Taxonomy & Rubrics

Dr. Kalpana Kharade and Ms. Apurva Joshi made significant contribution through a virtual presentation of a paper at International Symposium on Knowledge and Communication Dept., Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, KhonKaen University, Thailand-10-11 June

### Faculty Development Initiatives: Convener for Gender, School & Society "Efficiency is doing things right whereas Effectiveness is doing the right things"

As a part of faculty development initiative Ms Usha Sharma got the opportunity for being the Convenor for the Orientation of Course 9.1: Gender, School& Society which was conducted at K J Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education ,Training & Research on 23 June ,2016 along with Dr. Sabeeha More.

#### Lesson planning workshop

#### "Success at anything will come down to this Focus & Effort."

The workshop on lesson planning was conducted by Ms Rupal Thakkar and other faculty member son 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>june wherein different aspects of the lesson plan such as Aims, Objectives, Content analysis, Learning Experiences, Evaluation, inculcation of core elements etc were taught to the B Ed students.

#### Internship Program for B Ed

#### "Expert in anything was a beginner"

As a major training program, Internship for second year B.Ed began from 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 where the students conducted 26 lessons (in ten weeks) in their respective methods.

#### **IGNOU** exam preparations

"No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it."

#### -H.E. Luccock

Like every year the institution conducted IGNOU examination successfully with cooperation and conviction of the non teaching staff. The team was well directed towards the different roles of arranging paper to writing of the numbers on the desk and so on.

#### Supervision in IGNOU exams

As a student support scheme, the college gives opportunity to students to develop at each step of the course. In this view the B. Ed. Students got the opportunity to invigilate in the month of June 2016.

#### Workshop on Content Generation

"Before you create anymore great content figure it out how you are going to mark it first"

#### Joe pullizzi& Newt Barrett

Content generation workshop was given by Shri Satyasai Vidya Vahini Ms. Shailashree Ail, Alumni from Shri Satyasai Vidya Vahinia along with her team conducted a two day workshop (on 17<sup>th</sup>& 18th June) on training the B.Ed students on how to give effective lessons and aiming at manking holistic education accessible for all.

#### **Pre PhD classes:**

The Pre Ph.D classes were conducted by Dr. Kalpana Kharade, Dr. Divya Sharma & Dr. Pooja Birwatkar to help the students with their research work.

#### Alumni meet

#### "Connecting for a better cause"

The first alumni meet for the year 2016-17 was held on July 16, 2016. The main agenda of the meet was as to plan the activities of alumni association for Silver Jubilee Celebrations, Scholarships for deserving students, Instituting awards for highest marks in B.Ed & Awards and felicitations of distinguished alumni.





#### A souvenir

#### "Encapsulating Quality Education World Wide"

Thejourneybeganin January wheneachofthefacultymembertooktheinitiative of discovering some of the accomplished educational institutes, excellent teaching and





powerful learning, innovative practices adopted worldwide and compiling it in a book which was successfully completed in July. Each chapter had unique contributions by all the method masters of the institution. The book is a souvenir which was supposed to be released on August 29, 2016 on completion of silver jubilee year.

#### Scholarships offered by Global

#### **Foundations**

#### "Lending a helping hand"

Global Foundations agreed to sponsor scholarship for the economically disadvantaged students. Six of the students from different levels –Undergraduate, Post graduate level were identified according to the family conditions by the overall consensus of all faculty–teaching as well as nonteaching staff.

#### **Orientation to the concept of Co teaching and Theme based lessons.**

On July 30, 2016, Dr Divya Sharma & Dr Pooja Birwatkar oriented the second year B.Ed students to the concept of Co teaching and Theme based lessons. The students came out with examples of concepts which could be related in the different methods.

#### **Independence day Celebrations**

*"I am no bird; and no net ensnares me; I am a free human being with an independent will."* 

- Charlotte Bronte.

With this will we remember the day of Independence 15th August and pay respect to the leaders who fought for us. Thus we celebrated this day as the Pre Independence Day on 13th August, 2016, with entire hall decorated in saffron, white and green giving the feeling of patriotism. The First year B.Ed students presented the message of secularism through the beautiful skit and dance.

#### Silver Jubilee Celebration (29th August, 2016)

Our Principal, Dr. Vasundhara Padmanabhan rendered the welcome speech and spoke about all the previous heads of the institution who have contributed immensely towards the growth of the organisation.

A college documentary – "The Journey From 1990 Till Date" was presented, on 25 years of the institution which gave a glimpse of the endeavours undertaken through the period.

Following this the souvenir magazine was launched by the chief guest, Dr. Adarsh Nayyar, along with all the respected dignitaries. Best alumnus, Best Promising alumnus and Best Lesson Plans were awarded.

Dr. Kalpana Kaharde who has been associated with the organisation right from its inception was also one of the speakers on this day. She enthralled the audience with her words of wisdom.

It was immediately followed with a very stimulating speech by Dr. Rangarajan who stressed upon the changing paradigm from a traditional way of schooling to a more quality based education system.





#### **EVS students on Site based learning**

Mr. Dinesh Acharya and Ms. Rupal Thakkar oriented students and made them sensitise towards the issue of Waterwastage and gave students the idea of an effective management system through site based learning intheir environmental education class on the topic rain water harvesting in Somaiya campus on 20<sup>th</sup> august 2016.

#### **Faculty Development Initiatives**

#### "If opportunity does not knock, build a door"

Ms Usha Sharma got an opportunity of attending an International conference in Switzerland in August 2016 and used this opportunity for putting forth her findings through the research work at this conference, which dealt with making the teacher education institutes into a community which caters to the needs of transgender who are the most disadvantaged lot of people in the society.

#### Internship

As the two year B Ed had 10 weeks of internship, the program which began in the end of June was carried over till the end of August .Students had by now learnt to give effective lessons. Feedback from the mentors for these lessons in addition to the method masters helped to make improvements in future lessons.

#### Orientation to B .Ed course for the year 2016-18

The orientation to B .Ed course was conducted on 2 September, 2015 by Ms Hema Bhadawkar. The students were oriented to the entire program, the semester wise theory & practicum. The aim of this session was to have a smooth journey for the two year B Ed program. Student queries were clarified

#### **Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration**

On the event of Ganesh Chaturthi the cultural committee organized Akshara Ganesh Competition. The aim was to make student teachers come out with different fonts of calligraphy so as to write their names such that it would look as Ganesha idol.





#### **Teacher's Day Celebration**

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."

- William Arthur Ward.

On 3rd September, 2016, the cultural committee celebrated Teacher's Day in most enthusiastic way with the participation of both students and teachers to create yet new memories.

#### **Onam Celebration**

The cultural diversities in the classroom are depicted through the variety of celebrations that are organised year after year. It shows a beautiful mosaic of cultures existing in our country .On 13th September the onam festival was



celebrated together by the entire class by organizing a Flower Rangoli making competition.

#### **Celebrations of Eid celebrations**



On 14 September, 2016, the students came together for a wonderful Eid celebrations. On this event the cultural committee kept a singing competition keeping in mind the beauty of Urdu language.

#### **Student Achievements: CTET**

In the month of September the CTET was held. The Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi takes up the initiative for improving teacher quality nationwide

through this exam. It aims at identifying the right candidates eligible for the field of teaching especially for classes I to VIII.

#### Workshop on Unit Test Preparation

Ms Hema Bhadawkar conducted a Workshop on Unit Test Preparation from 26 September to 30 September, 2016. The aim of the session was to train the student teachers on how prepare a question paper.



#### Workshop on Micro teaching

Moving ahead towards our first endeavour a workshop on Microteaching was conducted by the in charge Ms. Rupal Thakkar and other faculty members for our new batch of B.Ed students. On 1 September, 2016, students were oriented to the Skill of Stimulus Variation, Bridge lessons and concept of coreelements.

#### Post Graduate Diploma In Education For Peace

On 17 September, orientation for the Part time one year Diploma Program Education for Peace was done consisting of 3 papers. These papers were briefed by our renowned faculty members to the aspirants.

#### **Content Enrichment Program**

#### "A little progress everyday adds up to big results"

As a part of student progression this year onwards the main focus was to broaden the mental horizons of student through an extensive content drilling program.

#### **Student Financial Support: Post Matric Scholarship**

On 28th September, Ms. Usha Sharma faculty incharge along with Mr. Sameer Lokhande, Clerk, oriented the students from minority groups Hindus Muslims Jains etc., to the scheme of Post Matric scholarship.

#### **Placement Cell Initiatives**

Under the placement cell initiatives the faculty decided to orient the students of first year as well as second year to the 21st century concepts and prepare them for the global challenges in the field of work.

#### **Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations**

"If humanity is to progress, Gandhi is inescapable. He lived, thought, and acted, inspired by the vision of humanity evolving toward a world of peace and harmony. We may ignore him at our own risk."

-The Words of Martin Luther King,





#### **Navaratri Celebrations**

"Yadevisarvobhuteshushaktirupensamsthitanamastasyainamastasyainamastasyainamon amah..."The celebration of Navratri was organised by students of FY B.Ed. students with





great zeal. Event started by sowing a video on the significance of navratri, followed by garba dance.

#### **Muharrum Celebrations**

It followed immediately after the Navratri celebrations. There was a Dua sung which is recited by every Urdu school as their school prayer. Then there was singing of holy Naat. There was a feeling of great unity in diversity as two festivals of Hindu and Muslim were celebrated together.

#### Workshop on 'Strategic Planning and Non Violent communication'

It was held on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct' 2016 by Dr Patricia Gokhale and Manju Pednekar. Dr Patricia Gokhale showed and taught what is strategic planning and using it in daily lives. Observe people and don't judge was the theme of NVC (Non-violent communications) though it's very difficult to implant in real life but one can follow.

#### Session on Women Mental Health through Yoga

The session aimed at reducing the stress of women/men, which they come across in their day to day life. The session was conducted for 30 minutes.

#### Women Development Cell Initiatives: Self-defence Techniques

#### "Be an opponent, not a victim"

With this aim the Women Development Cell year after year aims to prepare the women students to be opposing to each act of injustice and not be the victim .On 8 October, 2016 the session on 'Art of Boxing for Self Defence' was conducted. The entire focus was on self-defending techniques for different disadvantaged groups –blind, kids and old people.

#### Teach tech Tech teach Workshop

"Education is the key to success in life, and teachers make a lasting impact in the lives of their students."

- Solomon Ortiz.

The alumni students of 1995 batch of K. J. Somaiya did an exciting workshop for students of B Ed. PratimaShridhar and Bharti Shinde gave their precious time and contributed for college by showing innovative ways for teaching in school.

#### Literary Club Activities: Debate

Under the guidance of Ms. Takshashila Jadhav, Debate-literary activities were organized on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. The topics were 'Ban on china products' and Should There Be A Ban on Exams Till 8th Std.'

#### **Quiz Competition**

#### "We don't grow when things are easy; we grow when we face challenges"

On 15th October, 2016 Literary quiz was organized under the guidance of Ms. Takshashila Jadhav on the birth date of Dr. APJ Kalam. The aim of the event was to give challenges to the student teachers which willencour age to aim

#### Literacy Awareness Program

As a part of B Ed practicum the second year B Ed students had to conduct a literacy awareness program with an aim to serve the community. Since one of the major issue we have is access of quality education to all, the second year BEd students took up the task of contributing to the quality education through diagnosing the weaker areas and providing there mediation program. Students were grouped according to their subjects. Out of the seven schools identified, three schools were in Mumbai and four out of Mumbai. It began from 3rd October2016 to 8th October 2016. The Mumbai based schools were IES Bandra, Gurukul School & Junior College, S K Vinaymandir School & Junior College. The out of Mumbai schools were Nareshwadi School, Dahanu, Somaiya Vidyamandir Sakharwadi, Somaiya Vidyamandir, Laxmiwadi & Sharada School, Kopargaon.

#### Karwa Chauth

In order to make this day special for married ladies with an intention to build a strong bond with our seniors (S. Y. B Ed), our cultural head, Ms. Vaishnavi Menon came up with an idea of applying henna on their handson 19 October, 2016.

#### Diwali celebration

"No matter how little their light is, they can still light up the whole world and bring us out of our dark agonies."

Diwali being called "the festival of lights" was celebrated by organizing Diya making competition, Rangoli making, and farsan stalls were held in our college on 27th October, 2016. Beautiful diyas were made from innovative ideas.



#### Igniting the spark for reaching the final destination.....

The university exams would be scheduled on from last week of November .Thus a mock preparation of the university was given through the preliminary examinations on November 10 & November 11, 2016. Students developed the importance of time management & presentation skills. The weaker students were identified and proper remediation program was chalked out for them so as to enable them to cover the weak areas.

#### Guest talk by Mr. B.L. Sharma on Health Education

"The food you eat can be either the safest& most powerful form of medicine Or the slowest form of poison"

By Ann Wigmore

Mr. B. L. Sharma, the National General Secretary of International Human Rights Council was invited as a guest speaker on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016. He gave some insights on the theme of Health Education. His talk focused on healthy life style, health awareness, health &wellness and basics of diet therapy.



#### Documentary filmmaking on the theme of Women Empowerment

#### "YatranaryastupujyanteramantetatraDevata,

#### Yatraitaastunapujyantesarvaastatrafalaahkriyaah".

The aboveshlok from manusmriti is one of the most influential social texts that havemolded much of practical social behaviour and practices of Hindu society in India.As a part of women development cell activity on November 19, 2016, Minal Mistry and group of F.Y.B.Ed presented a short documentary on women empowerment. They highlighted about the confidence of the women acid attack survivors and the Sheroes movement.

#### **Constitution Day**

"The strength of the Constitution lies entirely in the determination of each citizen to defend it."

#### By Albert Einstein

in India is celebrated on 26th November and this year Honourable judge, Dr. Sonawane was invited on 24th November to speak on the Salient features of the Indian Constitution. In an enlightening session he gave insights on how the draft committee was set up under the chairmanship of Dr. BabaSaheb Ambedkar and the important articles and there need in the constitution.



#### Study Leave

Before jumping into the pool for the final race students took a leap back with the help of study leave. Students were given tutorials with most probable questions for university examinations.

#### University Examinations Sem 3 S Y B Ed

The University examinations were scheduled from November 25 and November 28, 2015 for the Semester 3 for S Y B Ed students. There were in all 100 students for B Ed section. Due to the team effort, the exam was successfully conducted. The courses were Pedagogy of School Subjects and Pedagogy Study (Optional Course)

#### **Community work**

Community work for FY B.Ed was arranged in collaboration with Pratham NGO. Ms. Takshashila Jadhav was aware of the good work that Pratham was doing for the betterment of the society. In this regard on November23, 2016, Mr. SmitinBrid the Area Head of Pratham was called to elucidate the students on the kind of work they did. He introduced students to the recent project called the Read India project which aimed at identifying the ability of government school students up till class 5. From November 28 to December 1, 2015 all the First Year B.Ed students participated in this project. Groups were made and they were sent in the community to gather the data.

#### **Health Fair Food Fest**

On 8th December 2016, the Healthy Dessert Preparation (Vegetarian Only) was organised. Overall the event was very fascinating as everyone got to get innovative ideas in dessert making.

#### Guest Lecture By Ajay Nair On Self Awareness.

On 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2016, Mr. Ajay Nair Teaching Faculty (Happiness & Rural Happiness Program at Art of Living was invited to give a guest talk on the theme of Self Awareness alongwith his expertise in Holistic Wellness & Yoga.

#### **Placement cell activities**

#### - Guest talk by Ms. Kavita Vaidya on 'Competencies for a teacher in 21st Century'

Ms Kavita Vaidya, Principal from The Somaiya School was invited as the resource person for the activity organized by the placement cell, with an aim to empower the to be teachers about the 'Competencies for a teacher in 21st Century'

#### Role expectations and competencies of a teacher in an International (DSB) School'

On 14 December, Mr Howard Gee, Head of Secondary section from DSB, Babulnath (following the German Curriculum) was invited under placement cell initiative to give a guest talk on the theme of 'Role expectations and competencies of a teacher in DSB school'

#### **Campus Interviews**

Every year the placement cell identifies the best schools following different boards and invites them for the job fair. This year schools like Aseema School and Avalon heights came for campus interviews. Depending on the convenience of the schools the dates were fixed. Students were oriented on making resumes and some good templates were given according to the vision and mission of the schools coming for interviews. Even this time the orientation given helped to gain insight into what was the philosophy of the school, the curriculum followed as well as the expected roles of the teachers were stressed in this session.

#### Guest lecture by Dr. Reni Francis from Pillais College of Education

Dr. Reni Francis (Alumnus, presently faculty of Pillai College of Education) never left any opportunity to lend a helping hand to those who need. Being an alumnus she picked the opportunity to collaborate with the institution and giveback multifold whenever needed. She was the resource person so as to guide the commerce students with a few topics in the syllabus and students were benefitted by the enriching inputs by Dr Reni.

#### **Christmas Celebrations**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2016 the F Y B Ed students organised Christmas party. The events included were Carol Singing, Games & Secret Santa.

#### Communication skills workshop by Dr. Kalapana Kharade and Takshasila Jadhav.

From 19<sup>th</sup> December to 23rd December, 2016 Presentation was giving by Takshashila ma'am about why communication skills are importance in today's scenario, how it is useful for teachers and how students can build it. To check the communication skill of students each students were asked to prepare PowerPoint presentation and give presentation further each students were asked to right letter addressing principle for leave to check the students grammatical skills, each students were given feedback.

#### Intercollegiate competitions

Ms. Shefali Subraniam & Ms. Manju Navani designed creative lesson plans in Civics & Economics for Rizvi College of Education and came out with best ideas.

#### Guest Lecture on Peace Education by Shreya Jani

On 3 rd December ,2016 Ms Shreya Jani the founder and managing trustee of STEP and the first person to receive a Masters in Peace Education in the country was invited and she spoke on the theme of Non Violent communication.

#### A visit to XRCVC: St. Xavier's Resource Centre for Visually Challenged

The visit made student teachers aware of how the barriers are broken down at XRCVC an institution with a clear motto of inclusion, which was correctly displayed throughout our enriching interaction with them. Through the session the student - teachers were made aware of various techniques and technology via which they can effectively teach a visually impaired student.

#### **Sports Day**

Annual college day was held with much vigour and enthusiasm, with most of the students participating in some or the other events.









#### NEW CHALLENGES AND NEW PEDAGOGIES FOR21ST CENTURY EDUCATION

(24<sup>th</sup> in the Senior Scholars' Seminar Series)

K. J. Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Research and Training in collaboration with Global Foundation had organized a two day National Seminar on the topic.

The Chief Guest for the inaugural session was Shri Vipul Shah (Principal Scientist, TCS). The guest of honour and keynote speaker was Dr Sugra Chunawala (Dean, HBCSE, Mankhurd). The chair person was our very own Shri V. Ranganathan (Hon. Secretary, Somaiya Vidyavihar, Mumbai).

Our respected Principal Dr. Vasundhara Padmanabhan highlighted the theme of the seminar by stressing on the fact that even today educators are focusing only on teaching from the textbook, impaired evaluation techniques are implemented and when we reflect on the teaching learning process later, we realise that not much learning have taken place

Post speech,. Dr. Pooja Birwatkar announced the release of the ISPN book, containing combined research papers, that were presented in the last seminar on the theme EDUCATION FOR PEACE." The ISPN book was launched by all the dignitaries.

It was followed by enlightening speeches from ous chief guests...Dr. Sugra Chunawala, Shri Vipul Shah and Shri V. Ranganathan. Next their was expert talk by Ms. Shantala Kasargod on 21<sup>st</sup> century education followed by paper presentations by the participants of the Senior Scholars Seminar where they presented potentials, challenges, recommendation, role of teachers etc on the theme NEW CHALLENGES AND NEW PEDAGOGIES FOR 21ST CENTURY EDUCATION.







#### C S Pathshala: Workshop on Bringing Computational Thinking to schools

Dr. Paritosh Pandya talked at length about digital media, internet, E commerce and E governance, smart phones and apps and why it is necessary to bring computational thinking in India.

Shri. Vipul Shah (Principal Scientict, TCS) further enlightened the audience about the working of C. S. Pathshala. He demonstrated Scratch software and highlighted certain role of schools in computing education such as focus on problem solving skills, taking ICT in schools beyond basic digital literary skills and bring a shift of focus from computer skills to computer science.

#### **Holi Celebrations**

There was a HOLI celebrations, on 11<sup>th</sup> March'17, celebrated with full colours, spirit and joy! Holi celebrations will stand out being having the maximum involvement by the students so far. Activities with natural organic colours, skit, T-shirt painting, etc., were organized.

#### **Inter Collegiate Competition**

**Ripple** - *the throb of talent* 2017 organized by Oriental College of Education and Research on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. Where our 1<sup>st</sup> year students performed and fared well including 1<sup>st</sup> prize in skit. 2<sup>nd</sup> year students have bagged the prizes in following categories at Rawal College of Education rawal fiesta

- Bronze medal for Story Telling.- MathangiAiyyar
- Bronze medal for Mono acting -TejalGanatra

#### **Faculty Development Initiatives**

#### Workshop on Research Methodology

K J Somaiya College of Education, Training & Research organised ICSSR Sponsored 6 Days' Workshop on Research Methodology and Data Analysis Using Excel for Social Sciences from May 15 - 20, 2017. The major topics that were covered included were Positivist and Non Positivist approaches to Knowledge generation, Types of Research & Research design,





Quantitative & Qualitative Research Designs, Reviewing the Related Literature, Online Database Searching, Publications and Plagiarism, Parametric & non Parametric tests, SPSS software, Mechanics of Writing a Research

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Report, Bibliography etc. Various experts from the field came in for sharing their expertise in the field of research. The in house resource persons were Dr. Vasundhara Padmanabhan, Dr. Kalpana Kharade, Dr. Pooja Birwatkar & Dr. Hema Bhadawkar. The external resource persons were Dr. Satish Kanamadi, Librarian, TISS & Priyanka Dixit from TISS. Overall the program was appreciated as the participants could actually get lot of inputs related to their own topic.









#### Workshop on Microsoft 365

Every year the institution gives opportunities for the faculty members to get empowered with the skills required for being a 21<sup>st</sup> century teacher .This year the capacity building session included a session on Microsoft 365 by Sahil Siddique, Microsoft Teacher Ambassador. On 23 May, 2017 the faculty members got exposure about the latest Microsoft's basket of freely available tools and technologies i.e., Microsoft Office 365, OneNote, Office



Mix, Sway and many more. The main feature that attracted the faculty member was the features from learning tools which enabled to record the sound and converting it in the print form .They also learnt to access to learning resources, lesson plans and tutorials.

#### **PGDME examinations**

The institution prepares the teacher faculties for effective management by running a course of Post graduate Diploma in Management of Education. Theory and Function of Management of Education, Organizational behavior, Institutional planning and Development, Human Resource Management in Education were the four papers for the course. The PGDME examinations began in full earnest from May 18 to May 24, 2017. In all The PGDME examination was conducted smoothly by the faculty members. 19 students appeared for the examinations.

#### **Orientation to CET for B Ed**

The institution adopted a proactive approach for preparing students for B Ed CET examinations by organizing a preparatory program for all the B Ed aspirants. The objective was 2-fold: to allay the fears of these learners about the impending CET exams and to acquaint them about our illustrious institution. All the faculty members took the efforts to explain different topics as per the entrance exam. The result of our efforts is yet awaited.

#### First year B Ed University Exams

First year B Ed University Exams was conducted from May 15 to May 17, 2017. Nearly 54 B Ed students appeared for the exam through our institution. Dr. Hema Bhadawkar, the Senior Supervisor of the examination smoothly conducted the University examination. All the team members coordinated well and could manage to demonstrate a well conducted the university examination.

#### **Exams for PG Diploma course on Education for Peace**

• This year onwards the institution has taken the lead for preparing the teachers for spreading peace and harmony in the society. A Post graduate diploma course on Education for Peace is initiated by the institution sponsored by the Global Foundations. The classes went on throughout the year on Saturdays from 11 am to 2 pm. Finally the month of May was for testing the effectiveness of the course. From May 27 to May 31, 2017 the exams would be conducted. There would be three papers namely Philosophical

and Sociological Perspectives of Education for Peace, Psychological Perspectives of Education for Peace and Strategies for Integrating Peace in the Curriculum.

• Achievements

**Bagging 5<sup>th</sup> Position ranked by India today Survey** 

#### **Decide Commit Succeed**

 One of the proud moments for the entire team of our college was when in a survey related to India's Best Colleges 2017, India Today rated our college K J Somaiya College of Education, Training & Research as fifth best colleges in India in the field of Education. The first one being Central Institute of Education (CIE), of the University of Delhi. The institution has bagged the seventh position in the year 2016 by the same survey



conducted by India Today. The entire team was thrilled at this achievement since the efforts of all were geared since years to prove the excellence in the field of education. Finally it came to be true

"If you want to go big stop thinking small"