

Somaiya Vidyavihar Communicator

October 2018

International Symposium on 'Jainism: Past, Present & Future'

K J Somaiya Centre for Studies in Jainism organized an international Symposium on the theme of 'Jainism: Past, Present & Future' on 27 October 2018. The esteemed speakers were from multidisciplinary background from within India and abroad. The chief guest of the function was Shri Pana Chand Jain former Justice High court. The Guest of Honour was a well-known industrialist/ philosopher Shri Vallabh Bhanasali. The one-day international symposium was attended by more than 400 people.

Best research paper

Mr. Rudraksha Sakrikar, Assistant Professor at **K. J. Somaiya Bharatiya Sanskriti Peetham** wrote a research paper on 'Inter-connection of Karma-siddhānta and Daiva-vyapāśraya cikitsā' and it was selected as the best paper at the International conference on 'Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Panchakarma and Medical Astrology' organized by held at Rohtak, Haryana on October 29-31, 2018.

Somaiya Sports Academy planned and successfully executed the second season of Staff Athletics on 25 - 26 Oct

More than 141 staff and faculty members participated in the athletics meet this year as compared to 67 numbers in the last year's. They competed in events including racing, relays, long jump, shot-put. Once the races began, the air was filled with cheering and tons of encouragement for the athletes.

The **Somaiya Sports Academy** created a wonderful and fun atmosphere which helped participants not only showcase their skills but also improve their fitness along the way and challenge their own records the next year.

A total of 28 new records were made this year. Mr Vikas Zunjarrao, mathematics teacher from The Somaiya School was the top athlete of the day, winning 4 Gold medals.



Somaiya Public Lecture

On 25 October Prof B M Hedge, Distinguished Educationist & Former Vice-Chancellor, Manipal University delivered a public lecture on **The aim of education: wealthy career or healthy mind**. Prof Hedge stated that the actual aim of education (as

taught in our gurukuls) should be in strengthening the mind, to learn develop ourselves and become better human beings, a better citizens of your country and the world but today sadly it teaches us only how to earn money and make great careers.

The purpose of education should evolve from, merely preparing workers for the industrialized 20th century workplace to preparing young people for their futures according to the needs of society who contribute to the well-being of the community, to create wise adults who can engage in meaningful relationships.



Experiential Learning

Somaiya Center for Experiential Learning conducted a 5 day program from 24 to 30 October at Sirsi, Karnataka for the students of K J Somaiya English Medium School, Sameerwadi on learning about forest, ecosystems, conservation and connecting with our heritage - both natural and cultural.

Solid Waste Management Workshop

With a view to create awareness on the massive challenge of waste management in housing societies, the Department of Environmental Sciences of **K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce** conducted a workshop for students and teachers of **Smt Sakarben K Somaiya Junior College of Education** on 17 October.

The main objective of this Train the Trainer workshop was to create an effective value chain, by educating the future teachers of India about *solid waste management at home*, so that they while contributing their part in solid waste management, can also forward this knowledge to their students, friends and family to achieve a better solid waste system in society.

World Osteoporosis Day

World Osteoporosis Day (20 October) was celebrated at **K J Somaiya College of Physiotherapy**, a symposium was organised to present the Orthopaedic, Nutritional & Physiotherapy perspectives of Osteoporosis. Also, a camp on Bone mineral density was organised along with Orthopaedic, Physiotherapy consultation and diet advice. A 132 people participated in the camp.



How to extract your own DNA

Somaiya Bioriidl organized a fun, engaging & hands- on workshop on 'How to extract your own DNA using readily available material at home' on Oct 20 in the Riidl office in the Vidyavihar campus. Ms Bhavna Pandya, innovation catalyst riidl, was the trainer at the workshop which was attended by 20+ participants who learnt isolate their own DNA from their mouths while learning sound scientific principles through a process of discovery.



National Aerobics Championship, Goa

Our students from **K J Somaiya English Medium School, Sameerwadi** won **silver medals** at National Aerobics Championship 2018 held at Goa.



KJSIEIT placed in Platinum Category by AICTE-CII survey 2018

K J Somaiya Institute of Engineering and Information Technology has been placed in **Platinum Category** by **AICTE-CII Survey 2018** (AICTE-All India Council for Technical Education, CII-Confederation of Indian Industry). Among the 9581 Institutes that participated. KJSIEIT scored:>30 points (Maximum score is 34). The Institute was in the Gold category for last two years.

Kazakhstan President's Awards to Shri Samir Somaiya & Dr Kala Acharya

Our President **Shri. Samir Somaiya** and Director of K J Somaiya Bharatiya Sanskriti Peetham, **Dr. Kala Acharya**, were honored with **Kazakhstan President's Awards** for their significant contribution to the Congress and substantial contribution to the Interfaith Dialogue. The medals were ceremoniously conferred upon them on the occasion of the VI Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions held at Astana, Kazakhstan on 10 October 2018.



Somaiya Robo Festival 2018

K J Somaiya Institute of Engineering and Information Technology organized Somaiya ROBO Festival on 11-12 October. The unique ROBO FEST attracted talents from an unusual combination of the schools and junior colleges from Urban, Semi-urban, Rural, Tribal and Slum areas of Maharashtra and Karnataka. A total of 110 students from 11 schools and 50 students from junior colleges participated



Lecture Series 'Learn from Stalwarts'

Prof C. P. Rao (IIT Mumbai), Prof Arun Venkatnathan (IISER, Pune), Prof. Suvaran Kulakarni (IIT Mumbai), Prof M. S. Balakrishna (IIT Mumbai), Dr. Rajesh Vatsa (BARC, Mumbai) were the experts at a Lecture Series 'Learn from Stalwarts' organised by **K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce** on 4-5 October 2018. The college organises this series every year for their PG Students and teachers by inviting renowned experts, researchers and academicians from premier institutes like BARC, IISER Pune and IIT Mumbai...

A new Course on Cancer Biology

The diploma course has been started in **K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce** with the foresight of Dr. S. Mani and Shri. Samir Somaiya who felt the dearth of cancer research in India and the need to make more young minds aware of the gravity of Cancer, its effect on the society, treatment modalities and related research.

An Undergraduate, who completes this six-month course, will be well informed of the basics of Cancer Biology its terminologies, basic concepts, causes, types, genetics and treatment of cancer theoretically. There will be no hands-on practical in Cancer Biology however the students will visit existing cancer research labs in the city, attend seminars and interact with cancer scientists and experts. Motivating students to take up cancer research in the future is the USP of this course.

World Arthritis Day

It is celebrated every year on **12 October** to raise awareness of issues affecting people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs). **K J Somaiya College of Physiotherapy** celebrated World Arthritis Day inline with this year's theme 'It's in your hands, take action'. Awareness and educational presentations on arthritis were held for patients and others, followed by supervised exercise program for the prevention and management of the disease. The college had invited Dr. Bhavana Mhatre, an academican from PT School and Centre, Seth GSMC and KEMH who gave an informative talk on Movement Analysis to the students and teachers.

Saptrang 2018: The annual cultural festival

K J Somaiya School and College of Nursing organised their annual cultural festival from 8-10 October. Saptrang is one of the most awaited events at the college campus. This is an event where students take a brief time off their busy schedule and strive hard to acclaim proficiency in the field of fine arts and performing arts.

This year's festival included a number of informal events such as painting competition, on the spot extempore, quiz competition, personality contest, poetry recitation, mehndi designs, salad decorations etc Also, a lot of performances Singing (Solo & Group), Dance (Solo & Group) made the day extremely enjoyable.

Daan Utsav 2018

Each year **The Somaiya School** organizes the Joy of Giving Week in the first week of Oct where in the students and staff, likewise are encouraged to donate whatever they can, to those in need and the less fortunate citizens of our society. The school saw an overwhelming response towards the drive and received monetary donation as well as books, stationery, dry ration, toiletries, clothes, shoes, bags, were amongst the items so collected. The week proudly saw a collection of over Rs. 3,16,000/- which was donated to GOONJ an NGO and Somaiya Trust's Nareshwadi Learning Centre.



RiiDL received its third grant of Rs. 5 crore from the State for establishing an Incubation Centre

Somaiya RiiDL has been sanctioned a grant capital of Rs 5 crore by Maharashtra State Innovation Society, Dept of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Govt of Maharashtra.

The objective of this initiative is to promote entrepreneurship in the state and provide a start-up ecosystem. Only three education institutions were selected from Mumbai RiiDL being one, the other two institutions selected for the grant are NEERI & Mumbai University.

Abhyantriki 5-6 October 2018

Abhyantriki 2018, the annual technical festival by **K J Somaiya College of Engineering**, received an overwhelming response from school and colleges across the city.

This year Dr. S. Cristopher, former Chairman of DRDO (Defense Research and Development Organization), graced the festival with his presence as the chief guest to encourage the youth towards innovation. The audience was thrilled with the Inauguration Ceremony where they witnessed humanoid robots singing, dancing, and showcasing other life-like movements to entertain the spectators. Apart

from the exhibits by the Indian Army, other ingenious innovations by local innovators like INDRO 3.0, Mini Humanoid Robot, R2D2 and many more were also on display. There were panel discussions on diverse topics such as 'How technology helped advance transportation' and 'Online streaming vs native film and theatre'. Technical and non-technical companies were present to recruit prospect interns. The voice of the Mumbai Dabbawalas, Mr. Vilas Shinde was also present, who gave a lecture explaining the working of the dabbawala service and much more.

Seminar on Sector Analysis

On 6 Oct 2018 the Bachelor of Finance Management Department of **S K Somaiya College of Arts, Science and Commerce** organised a one day seminar on 'Sector Analysis'. The seminar conducted by Mr Prashanth Seth, a Credit Analyst from Citi Bank was attended by 70 students

Gandhi Jayanti

K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce planned week-long events on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. The week began with a rally on the plastic ban followed by poster exhibition, an essay competition, guest lectures, peace march and a cleanliness drive.



World Cerebral Palsy Day

K J Somaiya College of Physiotherapy joined the rest of the world to celebrate World Cerebral Palsy Day on 6 October. The celebration included decorating the ward, fancy dress, music and dance performances by the paediatric patients. The event managed to bring smiles on the cute faces of our patients as well as their parents. Principal Dr Shweta Manwadkar also gave a talk to the parents and care givers present on 'Correct Handling and Carrying Techniques'



'Anubhuti' by Somaiya Centre for Experiential Learning

The Somaiya School students attended a residential Anubhuti programme at **Nareshwadi Learning Centre** on 1-2 October 2018. It was an immersive programme that helped stimulate curiosity and interest among participating students regarding our tribal communities with a focus on their art and culture.

The programme also introduced students to the concept of sustainable farming. They spent a day at a school run for tribal children supported by the Somaiya Trust. Students interacted with the children of the school and learned more about Warli tradition and culture by experiencing and participating in their dance, music and the very famous tribal drawings.



Republic Day Camp 2018



Akshata Tiwari Air Force NCC cadet, a student of **S K Somaiya College of Arts, Science and Commerce** who participated in Republic Day camp 2018 held in Delhi. She was also nominated as **Best Cadet** to represent Maharashtra in state-level competitions like All India Firing Competition and All India Cultural Competition. She was among 5 cadets from India selected for the Youth Exchange programme in Kyrgyzstan 2018.

Little Taekwondo Champs from The Somaiya School promoted to Yellow Belt



Jagruti our M.Com student from K J Somaiya College of Science and College won the Gold medal at All India Table Tennis Tournament held in Goa on 27 October





Somaiya Social Cell of K J Somaiya Institute of Management Studies and Research conducted a Financial Literacy Workshop for housekeeping staff members.



The PGDM retail management students organised the annual National Retail Summit (NRS) on 24-25 October 2018



K J Somaiya Polytechnic invited Dr. Mohini Billore, Assistant Professor, VJTI for an expert talk on the topic 'Emotional Intelligence'



To fulfill, Mahatma Gandhi's vision of Clean India, our K J Somaiya Private Industrial Training Institute conducted a poster making contest. The theme was Swachh Bharat

Navratri celebrations at Somaiya Vidyavihar



Upcoming events

1. Somaiya Super Sixes

Date: 17-18 November 2018

Where: Somaiya Vidyavihar

Organised by: Somaiya Alumni Relations

Email: alumnirelations@somaiya.edu

2. General Management Conference

Date: 23-24 November 2018

Where: SIMSR

Organised by: K J Somaiya Institute of Management Studies and Research

Email: gmcee.simsr@somaiya.edu

3. Vacation classes Life skills workshop series

Date: 12-16 November 2018

Organised by: K J Somaiya Private Industrial Training Institute

Email: info.vti@somaiya.edu

HR Corner

Work with us - Current Openings November 2018

Professionalism, Respect, Quality, Team Work, Work-Life Balance, People Development and Outstanding Achievement is what we look for in individuals. Please click on the job title for detailed job description.

<u>Assistant Manager- Finance</u>	<u>Accounts Assistant</u>	<u>Fitness Instructor</u>
<u>Assistant Basketball Coach</u>	<u>Sports Operations Executive</u>	<u>Assistant Athletics Coach</u>
<u>Assistant Cricket Coach</u>	<u>Assistant Kho-Kho Coach</u>	<u>Assistant Kabaddi Coach</u>

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