

## Director's Report

A very good evening to our esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Ranjini Krishnaswamy, Principal St. Gregorios High School, Chembur, Shri Ramamurthy, former Hon Secretary of SIES and present member of the managing council, Shri Viswanathan, member of the Managing Council, special invitees, guests faculty and my dear students of the past batch and the present.

- It gives me immense pride and privilege to present before you the Director's report of the Institute.
- Before I begin the report, I would like to thank Dr. Ranjini for having graciously accepted our invitation to preside over today's function. Thank you very much Madam.
- I also would like to express my deep gratitude to my predecessors, our former directors Dr. Vijaya Murthy and Ms. Sarasaswathy Radhakrishnan for having mentored and guided me to carry on the mantle with pride.
- SIES ICE as we all know conducts need based programs in teaching, counselling and special education. Our vision is to make our students competent professionals, sensitive to the needs of the society.

I now begin with the report of activities.

- The second year students of the two year University affiliated program in ECCED commenced their academic year on 20 June followed by the first year students on 27 June, 2011. The counselling programs began on 15 July 2011 followed by the Special education program on the 6 July. The Certificate in Counselling course began on 4<sup>th</sup> of August and Advanced Course in Counselling followed in December.
- On commencement of the courses, we conducted a number of workshops aimed at changing the mindset of the students by making them aware of their responsibilities when they take up such professions as teaching, counselling and special education. Workshops such as developing sensitivity, bringing about an attitudinal change in teachers, enhancing self-

esteem, cultivating listening skills to name a few were conducted. Presentations on Indian Festivals, theme based projects, ailments and agencies working for children, puppet shows to name a few were carried out by the teacher trainees. The counselling students carried out presentations on geriatric counselling, religion, abnormal psychology and issues related to children.

- Visits were organised to different schools and agencies to give the students an understanding of their chosen field.
- The internship for the teacher trainees began on 3<sup>rd</sup> of August, for the Special educators on 12 Sept and for the PGDC and PGDGC in December 2011. This year too, the 2nd year DECCEd students did a two-week internship stint at the day-care centre The Learning Company at Vikhroli in July.. This was followed by their regular internship in the first and second standard in schools from July onwards. We would like to place on record our gratitude to all the schools and agencies for giving our students an opportunity to learn under the guidance of senior and experienced teachers, special educators and counsellors. They have a major share in the success of our students.
- The 2nd year DECCEd students were exposed to intensive practical coaching for application of ICT in preparing teaching aids. I would like to tell the audience that this batch of SY DECCED students were the first to come up with an audio CD of stories along with a well-illustrated story book which is displayed in our exhibition. Though this has not been a part of the university syllabus, we strive to make our students adept at the use of technology and hence we carry out this activity.
- The special education students prepared specialised remedial kits and teaching aids. They were honed in the art of role playing in the same manner of the counsellors and teacher trainee teachers.
- The first terminal examination for all the courses was held in October-November, the second terminal examination was held during March and the Final examination during April. We

attained 100% results at the university examination for the SYDECED. The results were as follows:

- DECE – 75%
- PGDECE- 100%
- PGDC- 80%
- PGDGC-100%
- PGDSE -100%
- Teachers day, a very important day for us was celebrated in the usual fervour at the Institute along with the celebration of Traditional day and colour days.
- The year 2011-12 has been an eventful year for SIES-ICE as after a lull of many years, we made our presence felt in the international forum. The Director Vidhya Satish guided by Dr Anuradha Bakshi of Nirmala Niketan made a presentation at the international symposium on Language, Literacy and Cognitive Development organised by Promise Foundation Bengaluru and the Centre for Reading, and Language, University of York in December 2011. The topic was “Use of Educational Software to Facilitate Language and Mathematics Learning in 4 to 7 years old school children in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai Region.
- Ms Rupal Vora, Counselling Coordinator participated in the 3rd Annual Workshop organised by Ford Pathways to Higher Education and Innovation and Research Applications (HEIRA) in Bengaluru in December 2011.
- Story telling somewhere became the focus last year. Director Ms Vidhya Satish, Ms Suman A and Ms Jayalekshmy V. worked actively as part of a team to organise the International Story-telling Conference under the aegis of University of Mumbai. They participated in all the workshops on the Art and Technique of Story-telling. It was for the first time that students of SIES-ICE were able to closely observe stalwarts like Naseeruddin Shah, Ratna Pathak Shah and international story tellers like Laura Simms display their craft. The faculty also participated in the four day story telling workshop by Eric Miller organised by the

University of Mumbai.

- The students participated in the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities with a lot of enthusiasm. The department held events related to rhyme recitation, action song, story narration, elocution, debate and creative writing. There was a festival like atmosphere on the three days of Funtoosh, a time for extra-curricular events where our students participated in large numbers and bagged numerous prizes.
- Our students also bagged handsome rewards in the intra-collegiate event, 'Expressions' organised by the NGO, Majlis. They won prizes for their skits, dances, posters in which they displayed their knowledge, creativity and sensitivity in dealing with a subject like domestic violence.
- We received many letters from esteemed schools like Avalon Heights Vashi, DAV Panvel, St Colomba Grant Road, Thakur Vidya Mandir, Kandivli, New English School Landewadi, near Pune to name a few seeking teachers for their primary and pre-primary sections.
- Universal Group of Schools and Smart Potato conducted campus recruitment. Smart Potato in fact selected fourteen students to conduct their summer camp at various centres.
- Most of our students who are receiving their diplomas today have been absorbed by various schools for their current academic year 2012-13.

In keeping with our tradition to give back to society through education, the 2nd year DECCED students

- Demonstrated and distributed healthy snacks to children and parents of NGO Muskaan run for the underprivileged sections in Dharavi, Sion. Later they also held a poster exhibition and parent education programs on nutrition, cleanliness, and early childhood years along with a puppet show.
- The counselling and DECCED students conducted pertinent career talks, workshops, puppet shows, games, role plays for children from class I to class IX at DC School Khandala and

Antar Bharati, Balgram, Lonavla.

- The Counselling students collected over Rs 9000/- as part of Rose Day celebrations organised by the Cancer Patient's Aid Association.
- All our students together raised more than Rs 17000 for Alert India an organisation that works for leprosy patients.

As part of the professional enhancement

- Ms Vidhya Satish and Ms Rupal Vora participated in the national-level one-day seminar on “Professional Counselling across the life span, challenges, innovation and future directions.”.
- All the faculty members participated in the workshop on “From goodness to greatness” by Arvind Marwah.
- Ms. Vaishnavi Sashital attended a workshop on Learning disability.

The Director Ms Vidhya Satish, Ms Suman A and Vaishnavi S were incorporated as members of the panel organised by Mumbai University Board of Studies for syllabus revision for the two-year university affiliated DECCED programme.

- The Annual Prof. Ram Joshi Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr Chandra Krishnamurty, Director, Academics and Administration, the topic was, “Attitude of Gratitude.....”. It was well attended by the staff and students of the SIES group of institutions. Kalandika, the annual teaching aids exhibition was held in February to showcase the creative abilities of our trainee students. A special talk by Ms Salma Prabhu on Enhancing emotional intelligence was organised and our students presented puppet shows and theme based projects.
- The 32nd Annual Convocation was held on 19th November, 2011. Dr Perpetua Machado, Principal Nirmala Niketan was the Chief Guest. Mr Ramamurthy, Hon. Secretary of SIES felicitated the Chief Guest.

- All these accomplishments would not have been possible without the support of my team.  
To make any endeavor truly successful, there are three basic qualities needed – Integrity, Inspiration and Insight. All these are present in my team members. As much as the Institute stands because of its students, it also derives a special name because of its faculty.
- Ms. Rupal Vora, counseling coordinator, the charioteer of the counseling programs
- Ms. Rukhshana, special education coordinator – a perfect planner, extraordinarily organized and committed person. She is indeed our asset.
- Ms. Suman Ananth – Ms. Initiative, takes care of so many things in teacher education at terrific ease.
- Ms. Vaishnavi- extraordinarily committed, patient and wonderful teacher totally dependent
- Ms. Chitra – very supportive, student friendly and hard working.
- Ms. Keyuri – our visiting faculty organized, extremely dependable and systematic in her work
- Ms. Supriya Kher - one of our committed teacher for the counseling course
- Ms. Apeksha – a student turned faculty, extreme knowledge of the subject and a wonderful human being.
- Ms. Mitali – another student turned teacher and all the other teaching staff. I owe you all a lot.
- Last but not the least, our office assistant Jitesh Bawkar, literally the all-rounder be it taking care of our department or be it participating and winning medals for the college in various sports activities, he is truly our pride. I thank all these people for being there to fly the flag of SIES ICE right up in the sky.
- I congratulate all the students on this day and thank each and every one of you all for being here with us. It is indeed a glorious moment for all of us at SIES ICE.