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INTRODUCTION:

The academic year commenced on the auspicious date of July 8th, 2022, marking the inauguration of a new formative period. The community warmly welcomed seven new students embarking on their first-year journey of graduation and philosophical inquiry. This influx of fresh perspectives brought the total strength of the house to 24 students, supported by the dedicated guidance of 6 staff members.

1. SOCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAMES



Throughout the year, the students and staff were deeply engaged in various social outreach programs at key community centers, including:

- Home for the Aged and Handicapped, Untkhana
- Shanti Bhavan, Katol Road
- Yuva Jyoti, Street Children Centre

Target Groups and Activities

The primary beneficiaries of these outreach efforts were children, the sick, and the elderly—groups that require special care and attention.

- **Children:**

The students provided tutoring to support their academic growth and conducted regular classes focused on personal hygiene and moral values, fostering holistic development.

To nurture creativity and confidence, various competitions were organized periodically, allowing the children to discover and showcase their hidden talents.

- **Sick and Elderly:**

The elderly and sick residents received compassionate counseling aimed at addressing emotional and psychological needs. Additionally, the students and staff assisted them with daily chores, ensuring comfort and dignity in their everyday lives.





Impact

These outreach initiatives not only enriched the lives of the vulnerable but also instilled in the students a profound sense of empathy, responsibility, and community service. By combining education, care, and encouragement, the program fostered an environment of hope, healing, and empowerment for all involved.

2. INTELLECTUAL GROWTH

In addition to their in-house formation, the students actively pursue their Bachelor's degree in Arts at Hislop College, attending regular classes and engaging fully in the academic life of the institution. Throughout the year, they diligently completed oral and written assignments, participated in tutorial sessions, and took part in a variety of cultural and sports activities, fostering both intellectual growth and holistic development.

- Library and Intellectual Resources

Our well-equipped library serves as an invaluable resource for personal study and intellectual enrichment. It is systematically updated each year with new books and reference materials, encouraging students to deepen their knowledge and broaden their academic horizons. Students are motivated to utilize this resource extensively to support their coursework and independent learning.



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- “Gyan Sangam” Wall-Paper Initiative

To further stimulate critical thinking and creative expression, the students actively contribute to the “Gyan Sangam” wall-paper initiative. This platform offers them a unique opportunity to articulate their philosophical reflections and innovative ideas. Each student contributes thoughtfully crafted articles covering a wide spectrum of socio-economic

and political themes, fostering a vibrant intellectual community and encouraging dialogue on contemporary issues.

This integrated approach to education—combining formal college studies, resource-rich environments, and creative platforms—ensures that students develop as well-rounded individuals equipped with knowledge, critical insight, and a strong voice for social engagement.



3. ELOCUTIONS AND DEBATES

Elocution and debate competitions were organized on 24th August, 19th October, and 20th February, focusing on socially relevant topics. These events provided a platform for students to enhance their communication skills, critical thinking, and confidence while engaging with important societal issues.

Moderators and Guidance

The sessions were moderated by Fr. Ben Rodrigues, Mr. Alex Coutinho, and Fr. Steevan Dsouza, who brought their expertise to the discussions. They guided the students in structuring their arguments, presenting evidence, and articulating their viewpoints effectively. Their insights enriched the debates, encouraging

students to explore diverse perspectives and deepen their understanding of the topics under discussion.



Key Benefits of Participation

Skill Development: Students honed their public speaking, persuasive communication, and analytical abilities through structured debates and elocutions.

Critical Thinking: The competitions required thorough research and evaluation of various perspectives, fostering

intellectual growth. **Confidence Building:** Overcoming stage fright and successfully presenting arguments boosted self-esteem and prepared students for future challenges.

Empathy and Open-Mindedness: Debating opposing viewpoints encouraged students to appreciate diverse perspectives, promoting tolerance and understanding.



These competitions not only enhanced academic skills but also prepared students to become articulate, informed individuals capable of addressing real-world issues with clarity and conviction.

4. MISSION EXPOSURE AT TUMSAR AND BHOPAL



The students participated in a transformative week-long mission exposure in both Tumsar and Bhopal, Maharashtra. This immersive experience was designed to provide them with a firsthand understanding of rural life and the unique challenges faced by village communities.

Community Immersion and Service

- **Living Among the People:** The students resided within the villages, sharing daily routines and building genuine relationships with the local residents. This close

interaction fostered empathy, cultural sensitivity, and a deeper appreciation for the simplicity and resilience of rural life.

- **Assisting in Daily Work:** By actively participating in agricultural and household tasks, the students not only offered practical help but also gained valuable insights into the hard work and cooperation that sustain village communities.

Educational and Recreational Initiatives

- **Conducting Classes for Children:** Recognizing the importance of education, the students organized and led classes for local children. These sessions covered academic subjects as well as essential life skills, aiming to inspire curiosity and a love for learning.
- **Organizing Programs:** To further engage the children, the students arranged a variety of programs, including games, storytelling, and creative activities. These initiatives provided



opportunities for the children to express themselves, develop new talents, and build confidence.

Impact and Personal Growth

This mission exposure program was a powerful



catalyst for personal and professional growth. The students returned with:

- **Enhanced empathy and adaptability**
- **Stronger leadership and teamwork skills**
- **A deeper commitment to service and social justice**

By living and working alongside the villagers, the students not only contributed meaningfully to the communities of Tumsar and Bhopal but also prepared themselves to be compassionate, effective leaders in their future ministries.

CONCLUSION

In summary, this academic year has been both wonderful and successful, marked by significant achievements and meaningful growth. We have prioritized the all-round development of our students, equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to serve humanity with compassion and competence.

Throughout the year, both students and staff have demonstrated single-minded dedication, consistently aligning their efforts with the core objectives of our society. Their commitment has enabled us to reach out to diverse sections of the community, addressing both material and spiritual needs in and around the city.

We are deeply grateful to God for His abundant blessings, which have guided and sustained us at every step. Our heartfelt thanks go out to our well-wishers and the parent society for their generous financial and moral support, without which our initiatives would not have been possible.

Looking ahead, we remain hopeful and confident that, with continued dedication and enthusiasm, we will be able to carry forward our mission, touching more lives and making a lasting impact in the years to come.