

SCESA

Sophia College Ex-Students' Association

Cultural Programme

On July 6th, 2019, Saturday, **Padma Shri Dr Soma Ghosh** held a folk music recital on Bharatiya Lok Sangeet at the A.V Hall, Sophia College.

This event was in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Govt. Of India and was organized and supported by **SCESA**. The event began with the introduction and felicitation of Dr. Soma Ghosh, her accompanists- Shri Omkar Agnihotri on the harmonium, Janab Nazish Hussain on the tabla, Shri Krishna Mohan giving the side rhythm and Mr Shubankar Ghosh.

This was followed by the screening of a short film directed by the national award winning Director Mr Shubankar Ghosh.

After the screening, Mr Shubankar Ghosh handed the stage over to Dr Soma Ghosh. She first briefed the audience about the history of folk music and the current deteriorating knowledge about folk music among youth. She then, along with her accompanists, mesmerized the audience with their outstanding recital. Mahima Bhardwaj, the lyricist, was also present in the event and later performed a small piece of her own. Dr Ghosh's recital of the famous song 'Mast Kalandar' left the audience in awe.

The event ended on a cheerful note with a vote of thanks.



Padma Shri Dr. Soma Ghosh

Coffee and Cake

SCESA organized Coffee and Cake for the Teaching Staff of the College on **9th August, 2019**, to thank them for the support that they have given us through the years in various ways. The special guest on the occasion was **Prof. Sushama Deo**. Glowing tributes were paid to **Prof. Deo** by **Mr. Ivan John** and **Dr. Sr. Ananda Amritmahal** who spoke about her association with her, and her many years of service to the College. Prof. Deo was overwhelmed by the tributes and spoke fondly about her years in Sophia.



Ms. Sushama. Deo

The Spirit of Sophia Awards

SCESA proudly instituted *The Spirit of Sophia Award* as a tribute to all those who have spent long years in the service of the college and inspired generations of students with their wisdom, untiring devotion, commitment and loyalty to the College—in the true spirit of Sophia.

The awards were presented on College Day on 12th December 2019 to the teaching and non-teaching staff who had completed 25- 30 years of service in Sophia College. The awardees were **Dr. Anagha Tendulkar, Dr. Trevor Allis, Ms. Nivedita Iyer, Mr. Ivan John, Ms. Sheelamma Xavier, Late Mr. Noel Martis, Mr. Ramesh Ramane, Mr. Suresh Bargode, Mr. Jaywant Bhambarkar, Mr. Ankush Salkar, Mr. Shantaram Tambe, and Mr. Milind Kadam**



The English E-Teach Programme in Dahanu

SCESA, as part of its rural education initiative, has been supporting the English E-Teach programme in Dahanu. The programme aims to give under-privileged primary school children from non-English-speaking backgrounds a foundation in spoken and written English with the help of audio-visual programmes based on the existing English curriculum and textbooks prescribed by the department of education. SCESA has been supporting the effort by sponsoring a facilitator who works with 22 schools in Nareshwadi, Dahanu, in the Talasari region in Maharashtra and an additional cluster of 15 schools at Ambeshwari.

The programme is being implemented by The Bombay Community Public Trust [BCPT] which conducts the programme in various schools in Mumbai and rural villages of Maharashtra. **Ms. Nirupa Bhangar** initiated SCESA's involvement in the programme, and Ms. Roweena Kavadia is overseeing its implementation in Dahanu.



SCESA AGM 2019

The SCESA Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the year 2019 was held on 23rd November 2019. The AGM was followed by a talk **Ms. Apurva Purohit** president of "**Jagran Group**". She is also known for a leading voice in advocating gender diversity in the Indian business landscape and has authored a national best seller for working women titled *Lady You're Not a Man!* In her recently launched book titled, *Lady, You're the Boss!* Apurva aims to empower women and encourage them to achieve their full potential. Drawing from her personal experiences she talks about how women minimize themselves, suffer from the imposter syndrome and settle for less than they are capable of, because of external prejudices as well as misguided internal self-beliefs.



Ms. Apurva Purohit

Donation of Bedsheets

SCESA came across the message sent by Sr. Ancy from Shanti Avedna Sadan, Mumbai. SCESA donated bedsheets to sisters asking for help by donating bedsheets for patients that have oozing wounds.

Sugar and Spice

Sugar and Spice an initiative on wellness had five sessions. These were held twice a week on Monday and Wednesday from 3rd February to 17th February 2020, 11.00 am to 1.00 pm at the A.V. Hall in Sophia College.

The sessions were on Emotional well-being, Dancing, Physiotherapy and Phone- technology. **Rajni Desai**, Hon. Chairperson, SCESA, welcomed the eleven participants that had enrolled for the sessions. Positive feedback was received from the participants. Phone technology was the most highly rated session. Art and Dance were much appreciated.



SCESA BAZAAR

Every year three to four SCESA Bazaars are held during the year. Fifteen N.G.O's participated and were given a platform to promote their activities. An opportunity for the staff and students to shop for a cause.



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