

Report of the St. Francis Alumnae Association for the Academic year 2019-2020

St. Francis College for Women has distinguished itself for excellence in education and has over the last 60 years created women of substance who make a difference wherever they are placed. The alumnae in turn have gratefully formed an Association to contribute in whatever manner possible to the good of the institution. Established in the year 1994, the Alumnae Association of St. Francis College has since been actively involved in supporting all the activities and initiatives at college.

We are proud to be a part of this great Alma Mater which shaped us and prepared us to meet with the many challenges that we may encounter in life. It is indeed a proud privilege for each one of us to be a part of this great institution that has celebrated its Diamond Jubilee this year. During this milestone year as with every department & auxiliary agency of the college, the Association also contributed to the celebrations.

Programs & activities:

- > **Alumnae Executive Board:** The Executive Board meets regularly and efforts are being made to strengthen the association. The board has regular meetings at least once in two months. This academic year the alumnae association had 4 meetings on 10th July, 17th August, 27th September, 14th December 2019 respectively.
- > **Service Excellence award:** This award instituted by Alumnae Association for significant contributions to the alumnae and college was awarded to Dr. Anitha Thomas on the occasion of Teachers Day - 5th September, 2019.
- ^ **AGM:** The 15th Annual General Meeting was held on 27th September, 2019. The Financial statement, Committee report and Auditors report were shared and approved and as also a plan of action for the year ahead.
- > **Social Outreach:** An amount of Rs. 60,000/- was contributed by the Association to the Premanjali orphanage, commemorating the Diamond Jubilee celebrations this year.
- > **Distinguished Alumnae Guest Lecture:** This year as a Diamond Jubilee initiative the association launched the "*Distinguished Alumnae Guest Lecture Series Fund*" in the presence of our very distinguished Alumna Ms. Smitha Sabharwal, alumna of the 1995 B. Com batch. Ms. Sabharwal is IAS officer of the 2001 batch, currently serving as Secretary to CM, Government of Telangana.
An amount of one lakh rupees was instituted by the Alumnae Association towards the conduct of an annual 'Distinguished Alumnae Guest Lecture'. Speaking on the occasion Smitha spoke about her journey after St. Francis and interacted freely responding to impromptu questions from the delighted students. This event was conducted on 27th September, 2019.

> **Alumnae Reunion:** 14th Dec 2019, marked a memorable day as the Franciscan family got together to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee alumnae reunion in the college premises.

The gathering comprised of alumnae from the latest batch to as far back as 38 years ago. The meeting began with a nostalgic rendering of the prayer song of our college by the staff alumna followed by a fun cultural programme by students which included vibrant dances by the students of B. Sc & B. Com, a Qawwali by students drawn from various departments & an acapella performance by the COFEE choir.

Principal Sr. Sandra Horta welcomed all the alumnae and thanked the Association for the support in many initiatives of the college. President Ms. Shalini Deen Dayal, outlined the significant contribution & achievements of the association over the years. Ms. Deepa James, Joint Secretary of the Association & Convenor Diamond Jubilee celebrations briefed the audience of the Diamond Jubilee initiatives and the events conducted during the academic year. The meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks by Ms. Anitha Thomas, Coordinator of the Alumnae association.

The Association will assuredly continue to work for the cause of the alumnae and the college in future as well.

On behalf of the Alumnae Executive Board .



(Sr. Sandra Horta)

Principal
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Alumnae Guest Lecture Series by Ms. Smitha Sabharwal, IAS Telangana Cadre on 27th Sept 2019



Faculty and student interaction with Ms. Smitha Sabharwal on 27th Sept 2019.



Alumnae Reunion- 14th Dec 2019.