

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2021

JUNE 2020 - MAY 2021

2020 has been a year of challenges for the whole world. Challenges with health – both mental and physical, the economy and the entire educational scenario. In spite of all these hurdles placed in our tracks, we at Jyoti Nivas continued to take winning strides forward. We glided over every hurdle and obstacle with panache.

Institutional Achievements:

➤ Our greatest achievement this year has been our going through the **4th Cycle of Re-accreditation** by the National Assessment

and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in these extremely challenging, difficult and unprecedented times. Months of toil, labour and sacrifice finally culminated in the **on-site visit** by the **NAAC Peer Team** on the 25th and 26th of February, 2021 - two days of exhaustive and intensive discussions, deliberations, inspection and interaction between the Peer Team and faculty and staff of Jyoti Nivas. **I am very happy to announce that we secured an A+ grade and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.43 on a scale of 4 in the 4th Cycle of Re-accreditation by NAAC in March 2021.**

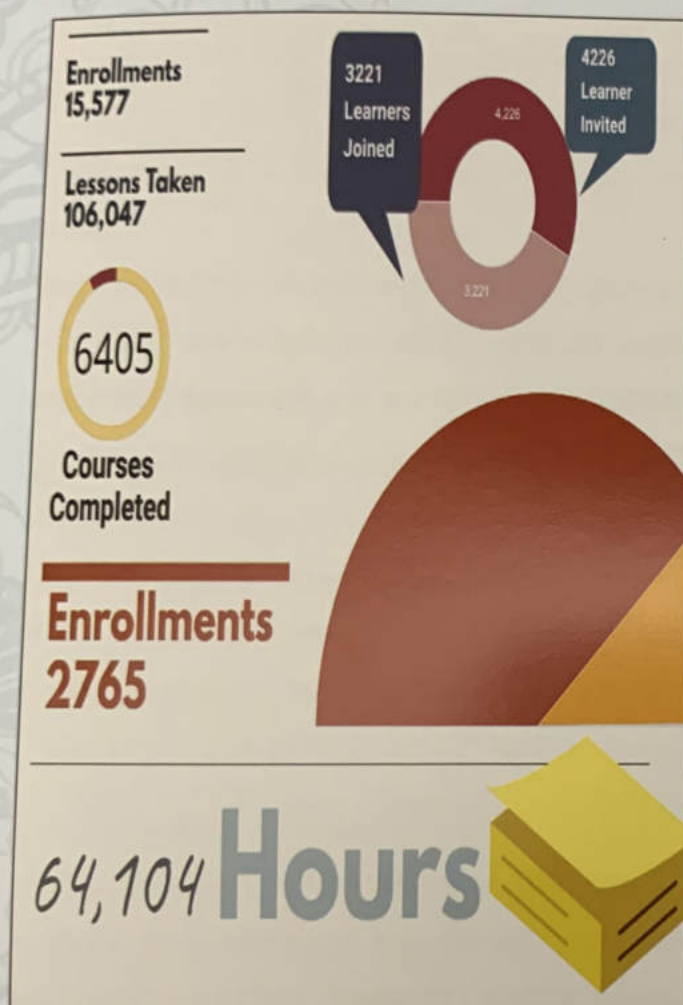
➤ Another significant achievement of the institution was the **launching of the Lumiere application** in November 2020. Through this application, students can now access various e-content put out by the institution including syllabi and library resources. The app has enabled both students and teachers to receive timely updates, circulars and notifications from the institution. **It is indeed a milestone in the growth and development of the institution.**

➤ The **Centre for Media Studies** inaugurated various additions to their prestigious department on 25th January, 2021. The new



facilities include a separate staff room for Journalism, a **new upgraded News Studio, Advanced Editing Studio and a New Media Lab.**

- **Coursera** - Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous collaborated with Coursera. Staff and students joined the platform and completed 6405 courses.



Congratulations to our staff for your 25 silver years of service: Ms Geeta Mathew, Department of Zoology and Genetics, Ms Naureen Aziz, Department of English, Ms Grace Samuel, Department of Commerce and

Management, **Ms Rosalia**, Office Assistant, **Mr Stanislaus**, Lab Assistant, **Mr Jayaram**, Lab Assistant, **Ms Poondi Mary**, Attender and **Ms Lourde Mary**, Attender. We thank each one of you for your dedicated service and wish you many more years of fruitful service in Jyoti Nivas College.

Online teaching brought with it unforeseen challenges. Our staff worked ceaselessly from the time of the first lockdown in March 2020, gearing themselves up for the eventuality of **launching into the new semester online.** We collaborated with technical service providers, implemented new platforms and got the methodology and supporting technology in place.

The staff underwent **training for online classes** via Microsoft Teams in a 5-day Faculty Development Programme from 9th June to 13th June, 2020. Microsoft Teams were set up and 3000 logins were created.

Intensive and meaningful virtual **orientations and interactive sessions** with students were carried out periodically to brief them about important issues.

Continuous Internal Assessment, practical examinations, project viva, end semester examinations, supplementary exams and special supplementary exams, Boards of Studies meetings and the 17th Academic Council Meeting have been conducted online successfully.

**STATEMENT SHOWING THE COURSE-WISE RESULTS OF
SIXTH SEMESTER - 2020-21**

Course	Number appeared	Distinction	I class	II class	Pass class	Number passed	Percentage
Arts	286	46	147	48	07	248	86.71%
B.Com	249	109	126	04	00	239	95.99%
B.Com TM	46	17	25	00	04	42	91.30%
B.Com LSM	57	24	28	00	00	52	91.22%
B.Sc	301	56	168	25	00	249	82.72%
BCA	41	37	03	00	00	40	97.56%
BBA	60	26	25	01	00	52	86.67%
B.Voc (BF)	47	18	23	00	00	41	87.23%
B.Voc (VP)	25	10	11	02	00	23	92.00%

Regular staff meetings, departmental meetings and meetings of various committees to chalk out academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for the academic year 2020-2021 on the virtual MS Teams platform kept us all united in spirit.

The Covid crisis has not blunted our keenness to share and gather knowledge. **Research and publication** have gone on alongside teaching and evaluation. 42 papers were presented and 2 books, 6 chapters to published books and 56 papers were published.

Webinars have become the trend now. **We conducted 27 webinars in the period June 2020 to May 2021** to facilitate continued exchange of ideas and expertise inspite of restrictions on physical proximity. Resource persons and experts in various fields from India and abroad were roped in for the purpose.

Among the **myriad webinars** conducted since June 2020, the most significant was the 2-day **National webinar on the National Education Policy, NEP**, titled “The Trajectory of Academic Development: The Thrust of the National Education Policy (NEP)”, on Sept 22-23, 2020; and a 5-day Faculty Development Programme and **International webinar on Covid-related issues**, titled “Reconfiguring the Mind: Post-COVID Consciousness”, June 23 – 27, 2020.

In order to make sure that our students do not miss out on the opportunity of electing representatives of their choice to form the Student Council, which leads the student body in all sports and cultural activities, the college conducted online **Student Council elections**, through Google forms. Approximately 2700 students actively participated in the process of virtual voting for the Student Union.

A **Leadership Camp** for the newly-elected Student Council and Class and Sports Representatives and an **Investiture Ceremony** were also held.

To ensure that our students' overall holistic development through cultural activities is not hampered by Covid restrictions, the Student Union organized Rhapsody 2021, online inter-class cultural activities.

Celebrations of Independence Day, Foundation Day, Teachers' Day and Christmas on a virtual platform expanded creative expressions beyond our own expectations, bringing together the staff and entire student body in a mood of joy, harmony and gratitude.

Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous along with its academic excellence also aims to provide **career guidance and placements**. Due to Covid restrictions this year, all the trainings and drives were conducted online. 55% of registered students are placed.

The **Social Action Forum** of Jyoti Nivas College comprising of the AICUF, NSS, NCC, E-Cell and Rotaract Club, carried out several outreach programs, both real and virtual, to create social awareness among our students and sensitize them to social issues.

In Jyoti Nivas College, students are provided with various **support facilities**. Our **Counseling Centre** focuses on attending to student problems and enhancing their confidence and self-esteem

and fostering life-skills in them. During the pandemic, we reached out virtually to help every student find reassurance and faith in a better future.

Book Bank provisions, Scholarships, Remedial coaching/classes and many other facilities are made available to socially and economically less privileged students through the **Student Welfare Committee**. The library constantly provided them online books and articles.

The mental health and well-being of our students being our topmost priority, the staff and mentors were regularly in touch with their students and wards via WhatsApp, phone calls and mails; talking to them, reassuring them, giving them advice, courage and hope, boosting their morale and keeping their spirits up in these troubled and testing times. Online Mentor-ward meetings were also held.

In March 2020, when the nation went into lockdown mode, the great need of the hour was to reach out to the poor, less privileged people - the migrant labourers, construction workers, footpath vendors, street hawkers, sweepers, pourkarmikas, garbage clearance workers, slum dwellers, Class IV workers, families of JNC employees, families of JNC students, security personnel - those who were most severely impacted by the lockdown and the pandemic. Jyoti Nivas provided food grains and groceries, financial support and medical assistance to 220 families from St. Anthony's Parish, Little Sisters

of the Poor and other NGOs - to the tune of Rs. 6,91,490/-.

Covid testing drives and **vaccination drives** were conducted on the college premises as per Government of Karnataka guidelines.

We bid a fond farewell to two of our beloved staff who have **attained superannuation** in Jyoti Nivas College. **Dr. Geeja S Kurian**, Head of the Department of Botany and Biotechnology and **Ms Genevieve** of the Department of Commerce and Management. Our heartfelt thanks to them for their unwavering support and service to Jyoti Nivas College. Jyoti Nivas College appreciates their commitment. We pray for their good health and peace as they begin their second innings in life.

We deeply **mourn the passing away** of 4 pillars of our Jyoti Nivas Community - **Sr Philomena Cardoza**, former Principal, Jyoti Nivas College, in July 2020, **Sr Josephine Hoover**, Animator, Jyoti Nivas Community, in April 2021, **Sr Lucy Pinto**, Animator, Jyoti Nivas Community in May 2021 and **Dr. Sr Elizabeth C S**, Principal, Jyoti Nivas College in June 2021. An era has ended. Jyoti Nivas will never be the same without them. They will continue to live in our memories. But memories fade with time. The true testimony to their eternal presence is the home of God above, our hearts below, and every brick and stone and blade of grass that makes up this great institution - Jyoti Nivas.

It is now time to place on record my sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude to each and everyone of my faculty and staff for their unwavering support, indefatigable commitment and unstinted loyalty to the institution inspite of herculean challenges and in the face of great odds.

I would particularly like to place on record my thanks to Ms Naureen Aziz, Ms Roseline Gomes and the entire Editorial Committee for bringing out this edition of 'Dhwani'.

As we commit ourselves to give our students the best we can under the given circumstances, we surrender ourselves to God's will and pray to Him to help us think rationally, judge wisely, speak judiciously and act generously.

Our students' welfare and well-being being our topmost priority, we put ourselves and our students in God's hands, having full faith in His wisdom, His love and His strength which we hope, we trust and we believe, will guide us through these turbulent times and bring us to safe shores, regenerated lands, rejuvenated lives and redeemed spirits.

Thank you

God bless us all

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