

H. Special Activities

A Brief Note about 'College with Potential for Excellence'

CPE Award by UGC

The College is awarded with status of 'College with Potential for Excellence' (CPE) by University Grants Commission for the duration of five years starting from the year 2016 to 2021 and a grant of Rs. 1 crore is sanctioned. This is a recognition of College's outstanding achievements in academic, co-curricular, sports, cultural, extension and research activities. The grant shall enable the College to further strengthen physical, human and research infrastructure to achieve the potential for excellence. The following paragraphs give a brief detail of the same.

Background of Scheme of 'The College with Potential for Excellence' by UGC

University Grants Commission (UGC) introduced a Scheme called "Universities with Potential for Excellence" (CPE) to encourage selected universities to reach world-class standards in their chosen domain(s) by providing additional funds to them under the Scheme.

It was realized that apart from universities, there were also a number of colleges in the country where teaching and research were of high quality. These colleges have achieved good standards in teaching and research by harnessing human and physical resources in innovative ways. Many of these colleges have potential for academic excellence. Recognizing the need to pay special attention to such colleges, the UGC introduced a Scheme for colleges, corresponding to the one for the universities, known as "Colleges with Potential for Excellence" (CPE).

The Scheme identifies colleges which have attained high standards in academic, sports, cultural, research and extension activities and hold promise of excellence. A college selected under the CPE Scheme is provided additional funds to improve and strengthen its infrastructure that would help it in attaining further higher academic standards.

Excellence with Reference to CPE

Excellence refers to a state of exceptional or outstanding achievement in one's field of activity. Excellence of an academic institution involves reaching outstanding levels of performance in teaching, sports, cultural, research and related academic pursuits and attaining peerless position in the areas offered for study and research. Excellence is achieved in stages through a process of continuous improvement in content and quality of the pursuits. A dedicated academic community and adequate infrastructural facilities are essential ingredients of excellence. UGC realized that institutions with such potential need to be recognized and nurtured for the realization of their full potential.

The Selection Procedure by UGC

For the awarding of CPE status, the College has undergone the following stringent steps for evaluation before being selected :

- ★ The VNSGU invited application from Colleges of VNSGU to apply under the scheme.
- ★ Our College was shortlisted by VNSGU and application forwarded to UGC for further procedure
- ★ The standing Committee of UGC of 9 members, consisting of UGC Chairman Representative, a Vice Chancellor, 5 experts and UGC officer scrutinized all the proposal received by various Colleges and prepared a state wise list of applicant colleges as per their ranks based on score as per the criteria developed by standing committee.
- ★ The colleges short listed by standing committee were called for Inter-face meeting with UGC Expert Committee. The Committee examined in-depth the proposal of the college in a detailed discussion on it with Principal Dr. V. D. Naik and Dr. H. S. Oza. In addition to other things, the Committee was to verify the strengths of the college.
- ★ The recommendations of the Expert Committee were finalized by the Standing Committee and submitted for approval of the Commission.
- ★ The Commission awarded CPE status to the College with a grant of ₹ 1 crore.

CPE Grant Approved by UGC

? The grant consists of 60 lakhs non-recurring grant and Rs. 40 lakhs recurring grant. The non recurring grant shall be utilized for strengthening physical and human infrastructure by investments in language lab, teaching aids, library automation, computers, books and journals, internet connectivity, up-gradation of seminar hall and skill development programs.

? The recurring grant of 40 lakhs is meant for recurring expenditure on softwares, skill development, internet connectivity, teachers' skill development and sports activities.

Expected outcomes of the Scheme

The college is expected to achieve the following objectives:

- ★ To strengthen the academic and physical infrastructure for achieving excellence in teaching, research and outreach programmes
- ★ To enhance the quality of learning and teaching process
- ★ To promote academic programmes relevant to the socio-economic needs of the nation in general and the region in particular.
- ★ To improve undergraduate education in colleges by interfacing of the postgraduate programmes.
- ★ To promote networking with university departments, research centres throughout the country.
- ★ To promote skill oriented programmes.

To conclude, we are looking forward to strengthen our infrastructure further and thereby attain our potential for excellence.

Glimpses of Silver Jubilee Souvenir Release Function

Our college celebrates 25 years of excellence this academic year. The release of the souvenir is an attempt to commemorate the wonderful journey so far. The Silver Jubilee Souvenir Release Function organized on 18th march, 2017 proved to be a nostalgic event bringing together colleagues, friends and associates – a walk down memory lane.

Dr. Daxesh Thakar, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University was invited as the Chief Guest for the function. Shri Ashit Gandhi, President, Sarvajanik Education Society, Shri Yatish Parekh, Chairman, Sarvajanik Education Society, Shri Shreyas Gandhi, Chairman Local Administrative Committee and our Principal Dr Vipin Naik were the other dignitaries on the dais.

Dignitaries off the dais included past principals of the college, present and past office bearers of the Sarvajanik Education Society, members of the syndicate, heads of departments, principals of other colleges, visiting faculties, alumni of the college and all who had their association with SPB college during these 25 years. Our principal Dr. Vipin Naik extended a warm welcome to all who graced the occasion with their presence.

On this occasion, the college felicitated the past principals Dr. G. J. Kapadia and Dr. D. G. Patel and fondly remembered late Ms. Janet Hiradhar – ex vice principal of the college for their note worthy contribution in the growth and progress of the institute.

The Silver Jubilee Souvenir was released by honourable Vice Chancellor Dr. Daxesh Thakar. Both the past principals became very emotional while remembering those initial years of struggle and strife. The release of the souvenir was followed by the sharing of experiences and memoirs by invitees and guests. Dr. Girish Kazi, senior most President of Sarvajanik Education Society recalled how the initial idea of starting an English medium commerce college was envisioned by the then office bearers of Sarvajanik Education Society and how the sapling turned into a fully blossomed tree. Representatives of sports, academics, cultural, alumni current staff – all shared their experiences and remembered those wonderful moments of their association with the college.

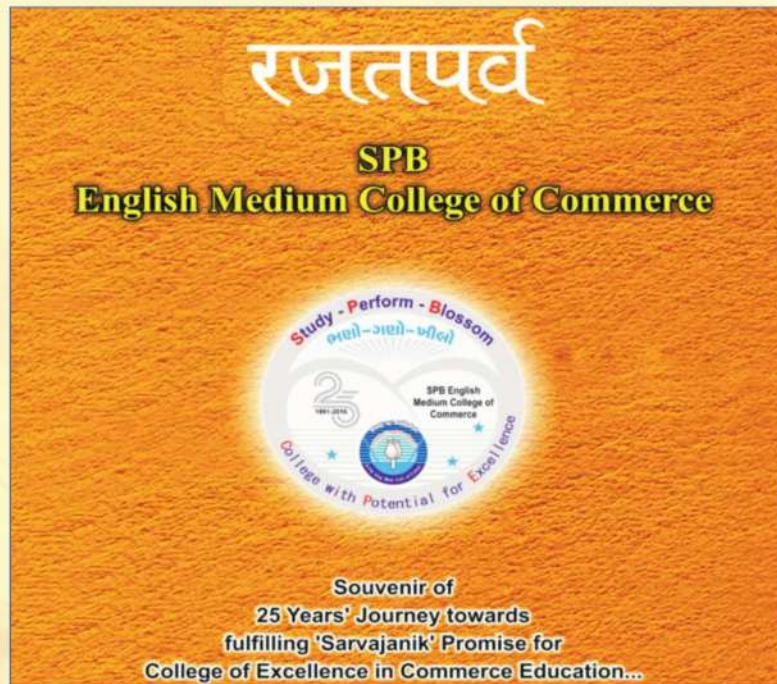
Chief Guest Dr. Daxesh Thakar, Honourable Vice Chancellor, VNSGU addressed the gathering and conveyed his good wishes for the progress and development of the institute in years to come. Shri Ashit Gandhi, President- Sarvajanik Education Society shared his memories of the inception of the college and showered his blessings projecting a dynamic future for the institute. Shri Yatish Parekh, Chairman, Sarvajanik Education Society also shared his experiences and blessed the institute for achieving greater heights in the future.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks delivered by Shri Shreyas Gandhi, Chairman of the Local Administrative Committee of the college and was followed by dinner thereafter.

Souvenir Release Function



Release of 25 years silver jubilee souvenir



Souvenir

Souvenir Release Function



Principal, Dr. V.D. Naik - Sharing the experience of journey of 25 years



Vice Chancellor's Speech



Guests and Invitees at the Function



Honouring the Young Achievers

Souvenir Release Function



Lighting of Lamp



Release of 25 years silver jubilee souvenir



Welcoming the guests and invitees with flowers



Honouring with flowers Ex Principal
of SPB Dr. D.G.Patel



Honouring with flowers Ex Principal
of SPB Dr. G.J.Kapadia

National Faculty Development Programme

INTRODUCTION

Good Academic Research is very critical for the economic and social development of the society. It is also critical for the enrichment of the mission of our universities.

IQAC Cell of SPB English Medium College of Commerce, Surat and Indian Accounting Association, South Gujarat Branch jointly organised One Week National Faculty Development Programme on “Research Methodology with SPSS” from 27th February, 2017 to 4th March, 2017 to facilitate the participants to equip themselves with research methodology with the aid of statistical software of Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS).

The focus of the NFDP was to enhance the research effectiveness and efficiency of Faculty Members & Research scholars and thereby furtherance of the quality of research output. The workshop was framed to provide an interactive platform to the researchers to enhance understanding of advance statistical techniques as well as providing hands-on experience in analyzing data using latest versions of SPSS including AMOS for statistical analysis.

The programme was attended by 50 participants out of whom 7 were external participants (all over India) 43 local participants. Participants included Research Scholars & Academicians form varied background. While designing the structure of the programme it was kept in mind that there are going to be people from different background that's why emphasis was given on research methodology as a whole not pertaining to one single field so that maximum can be benefitted out of it. 2 high tea (Morning & Evening) and Lunch was provided to participants daily and one kit with pen-drive including SPSS software was issued to each participant at the time of the registration.

OBJECTIVES

The major objectives kept in mind while framing this Faculty Development Programme were as follows:

- To understand what is research.
- To understand how to do review of literature.
- To make participants familiar with techniques for different research approaches.
- To understand the application of right tools and techniques while conducting a research.
- To understand the use of SPSS in data analysis.
- Enhance the Analytical Skills.
- Facilitate researchers in writing research work.

Day 1 : 27th February, 2017

Inauguration Function:

The One Week National Faculty Development Programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. Dakshesh R. Thakar, Hon. Vice Chancellor, VNSGU and CA Shri C.S. Jariwala, First Vice Chairman, SES with the lightning of lamp followed by Prayer song. Later the Chief Guest was formally welcomed by the Principal, Dr. V.D. Naik by presenting a book as a token of gratitude on behalf of our College. Thereafter the Chief Guest addressed the Participants with some life-long learning necessary to succeed and a few examples of certain reality which he has seen in his

academic career. His spellbinding oratory motivated the participants to get the best from this seven day workshop.

Other distinguished guests present at the inaugural function were Mr. J.M.Nayak, Dean of Commerce faculty and Principal of N.H.Shah College, Dr. K.N. Chavda, Principal, Amroli College and Chairman of South Gujarat Branch of IAA. The inaugural function came to an end with the vote of thanks followed by National Anthem.

Pre Lunch Session:

Resource Person - Dr. Vendant Pandya, Associate Professor of Management, M.K. Bhavnagar University

The very first day Dr. Vendant Pandya explained what is research □ He connected things starting from the rig Vedas to the modern philosophy of doing research. The second issue which he emphasised on was the collection of data and sample size.

Post Lunch Session:

Resource Person - Dr. Gaurang Rami, Professor, Department of Economics, VNSGU, Surat.

On the same day the post lunch session was conducted by Dr. Gaurang Rami, professor of Economics, VNSGU. Parametric test, on what type of data parametric test can be applied or used and how to calculate sample size, how to test normality of the data, t-test and its types were the issues focused by him.

Day 2: 28th February, 2017

All Sessions :

Resource Person: Prof. (Dr.) Sanket Vij, Professor -Department of Management Studies, Chairperson - Department of Commerce, Director – UGC Human Resource Development Centre (ASC), Coordinator – NAAC, Member - Academic Council, Member – Court, and Member of various prominent committees at Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat, Haryana (BPSMV)

Prof. (Dr.) Sanket Vij was the resource person for the second day. The first session started with the ice breaking session in which the participants were asked to give their introduction. The session was carried forward discussing the various techniques for review of literature, various sources for data collection. In the second session he emphasized on the various techniques for data changing, data cleaning and data transformation. After lunch, Prof. Vij detailed the participants about the hypothesis testing. He emphasized on the concepts like outliers, normality tests and how the hypothesis have to be tested. He also discussed on correlation and regression techniques.

Last but not the least when the house was open for questions the academicians were keen to ask and with the same level of enthusiasm they were justifiably answered by professor.

Day 3 : 1st March, 2017

Pre Lunch Session:

Resource Person - Dr. Jayesh Desai, Incharge Principal, BRCM College, Surat.

Prof. (Dr.) Jayesh Desai was the resource person of the Pre Lunch session. He started with the types of scale – nominal ordinal interval and ratio and discussed the different types of test which

can be applied depending upon the type of data and scale we use. He then highlighted the on the concept of Non-parametric test and its application.

Post Lunch Session:

Resource Person - Dr. Gaurang Rami, Professor, Department of Economics, VNSGU, Surat.

Post lunch session was conducted by Dr. Guarang Rami. He gave an insight on the concept of regression. He threw light on the assumptions of regression and the steps of regression.

Day 4 : 2nd March, 2017

Pre Lunch Session:

Resource Person - Dr. Gagan Sahu, Centre for Social Studies, Surat.

Prof. (Dr.) Gagan Sahu was the resource person of the Pre Lunch session. He explains the methods of analyzing the relationship between two quantitative variables. He discussed that the most commonly used techniques for investigating the relationship between two quantitative variables are correlation and linear regression. He stated that correlation quantifies the strength of the linear relationship between a pair of variables, whereas regression expresses the relationship in the form of an equation.

He then highlighted the on the concept of correlation and regression. He explained that correlation is a measure of association between two variables. The two most popular correlation coefficients are: Spearman's correlation coefficient rho and Pearson's product-moment correlation coefficient. When calculating a correlation coefficient for ordinal data, select Spearman's technique. For interval or ratio-type data, use Pearson's technique. After performing an correlation analysis, the regression statistics can be used to predict the dependent variable when the independent variable is known. Regression goes beyond correlation by adding prediction capabilities.

Post Lunch Session:

Resource Person - Dr. Prashant Joshi, Dean, Faculty of Management, Uka Tarsadia University, Bardoli.

Post lunch session was conducted by Dr. Prashant Joshi. He gave an insight on the concept of time series analysis. He threw light on the applications and techniques like moving average and smoothing techniques.

Day 5 : 3rd March, 2017

Pre Lunch Session:

Resource Person - Dr. Heena Sunil Oza, Associate Professor, SPB English Medium College of Commerce, Surat.

Prof. (Dr.) Heena S. Oza was the resource person of the Pre Lunch session. The topic covered by her was on Sources of Information for Researchers. She emphasized on the methods of the collection of data. According to her the two sources of data collection are the primary and the secondary sources and one has to choose among the two in accordance to the question which has been framed. She emphasized on the framing of the research question and held it to be the fundamental and initial step to do research. She made the session interactive and based on various examples for better understanding of the participants. Last but not the least when the

house was open for questions the participants were keen to ask questions especially the fresher to research work and with the same level of enthusiasm they were justifiably answered by professor.

Resource Person - Dr. Kiran Pandya, Professor and Head, Department of HRD, VNSGU, Surat

The next session of the FDP started with Dr. Kiran Pandya on a very high note. He started with that a research starts with a theory followed by literature review formation of hypothesis and finally collection of data.

Further in his session he explained how a researcher has to choose and go about the literature review. Next topic in his session was how to approach the literature. He explicitly stated that while surveying the literature a researcher must start with the data available on the respective topic and check the dominant theories in that area of research. The top journals, cited papers leading associations and important conferences act as a lot of input to the researcher's literature. He concluded stating the importance and purposes of literature review.

Post Lunch Session:

Resource Person - Dr. Ms. Smruti Bulsari, Department of HRD, VNSGU, Surat

Post lunch session was conducted by Dr. Ms. Smruti Bulsari. She delivered expert sessions on Factor Analysis using SPSS. Dr. Bulsari took sessions on Exploratory Factor Analysis, Confirmatory Factor Analysis, Difference between Exploratory and Confirmatory Factor Analysis, Determining Validity and Reliability of Scale using CFA, Cronbach's alpha: a coefficient of internal consistency, etc on SPSS software.

She also explained the topics on Cluster Analysis. Dr. Bulsari took various examples and gave all the participants hand-on practice on their laptops. All the queries were resolved by the expert. She then gave an insight on the ways to write the analysis of result which is being produced by the software. He explained in depth the techniques like Factor Analysis and Cluster Analysis.

Day 6 & 7 : 4th March, 2017

Pre Lunch Session:

Resource Person - Dr. Bhavesh Vanpariya, Professor, Department of HRD, VNSGU, Surat.

Prof. (Dr.) Bhavesh Vanpariya was the resource person of the Pre Lunch session. The topics which he covered were Structural Equation Modelling (SEM), Discriminant Analysis and Reliability and Validity concepts. Dr. Vanpariya took case study and made all the participants to work live on their laptops. All the queries were resolved by the expert very thoroughly. He also gave the insight on the ways to write the analysis of result which is being produced by the software (AMOS). The complete revision of SEM with Case Studies on Arya India Ltd. Employee Retention Study (Practical sessions) by working on SEM (in AMOS).

Valedictory Function

On seventh day post lunch certificates were distributed to the participants. Shri Kamlesh Yagnik, Second Vice Chairman, SES Dr. Hemaliben Desai, Principal, Rofel Arts & Commerce College, Vapi & Dr. K.N. Chavda, Principal, Amroli College and Chairman of South Gujarat Branch of IAA. honored the participants with the certificates. Vote of thanks was delivered by Professor Dr. P.K.Chakraborty. Finally participants were asked to come on the dice and share their experience and learning of the whole NFDG Programme. The programme was concluded with National Anthem and Happy Note from everyone.

One Week National Faculty Development Programme



Registration Desk



Lighting of Lamp



Address by Honorable Vice Chancellor,
Dr. Dakshesh Thaker



Dignitaries on the dias



Sessions by Experts

One Week National Faculty Development Programme



Participants of NFDPP



Participants Of National Faculty Development Programme



Distribution of certificate to College Faculties

SPB FEST 2017

Annual function, 'SPB Fest 2017' was organized on 17th March 2017 at University Convention Hall.

Honorable Vice Chancellor Dr. Daxesh Thakar was the Chief Guest. Chairman Shri Yatish C. Parikh, Sarvajanic Education Society's chaired the programme. Syndicate members, HODs of various University Departments, Principals from various colleges were special invitees.

The programme started with the lighting of the lamp by dignitaries followed by Ganesh Stuti dance performed by Joshi Drashti, Mehta Mansi, and Unnati Rathod.

Folk dance which got prize at University Youth festival and Group Song which stood first in state level competition were items of special performance at SPB Fest 2017.

Group dance competition has been another attraction of the function, where 7 groups took part in the competition. Several auditions taken by faculties made the stage performance of these dances of very good standard. '**Zero Dance Crew**' stood first, 'Shakti Vrund' stood second and 'Mumma's angel' stood third. Mrs. Payal Bhatt and Ms. Ayushi Desai renowned dance experts were the judges for the competition.

The names of participants of Group Dance Competition and other items are given in below Table

Participants of Intra College Dance Competition and other performances

Name of the Groups	Name of the Participants
Dhakkad girls	Drashti Joshi, Mehta Mansi, Simron Narang, Divya devda, Yashika Jain, Shailaja Soni, Nancy Carudwala, Dency Suratwala
Freedom Dance	Himani Patel, Krina Jariwala, Ghata Desai, Geet Hunair, Vaibhavi Modi
Zero dance crew	Vatsal Bhagatwala, Parth Patel, Jenish Patel, Mayur Chauhan, Nirmal Mehta, Jay Prajapati, Pratik Advani, Satish Prajapati, Nikita Panchigar, Kruti Desai, Ferry Gandhi, Priyal Bhagat, Saloni Gandhi, Pooja Nanvati, Twinkal Prajapati
Mumma's Angel	Henny Dalal, Bhavya Godiwala, Bhanvi Patel, Bhumika Parmar, Ayushi Modi, Jinal Shah, Drashti Patel, Vidhi Thakkar

Name of the Groups	Name of the Participants
Mime group	Donga Hiren, Jagani Krunal, Rathod Kalpesh, Sardhara Parth, Talshaniya Prasant , Hingu Krunal
Wrong Coins	Amit Tharwani, Ankita Bardal, Kajol Shah, Kartik Vekariya, Hardik Gohil, Lajwanti Mirchardari, Kevil Desai
Shakti Vrund	Hitharathi Diwan, Somya Paramguru,Ujala Patel, Upasana Mali, Yashvant Rawal, Ritvik Modi, Darshana ,Ghanshyam Shukla, Ankit Sanghavi, Tanmay Dhanik, kapil.

Niki Dugar also performed solo dance and Priyanshu Bharadwa Performed Solo Singing to add the beauty to the show. Ms. Palak Pathak and Shailaja performed mono-acting very effectively.

The programme was anchored by team of students led by Kajal Sangavi, Priyanka Sanchaniya, Akash Mehta, Priyanshu Bharwada, Yashika Jain, Tvisha Desai, Vaishnavi Gajjar , Kapil Pareek, Ankit Sanghvi, Pooja Mehta, Riya Bhojwani. Vote of thanks was given by General Secreatary Ms. Ashi Bhavangari. Students volunteers also decorated the hall with Flower rangoli. The programme was well attended by students, parents and guests.

The Cultural Committee extends special thanks to one and all who contributed directly or indirectly in making the year eventful.

SPB Annual Cultural Fest 2017



Dignitaries on the Dias



Lighting of Lamp

SPB Annual Cultural Fest 2017



Vice Chancellor Dr. Dakshesh Thaker
Addressing the students



Prayer Dance



Judges (Payal Ravi and Ayushi Desai)
alongwith Faculties announcing Results



Welcome Rangoli



Students Compering the event

SPB Annual Cultural Fest 2017



Mono Acting by
Shailja



Mono Acting
Palak Pathak



Solo Performance
by Ms. Niki Babel



Song by
Priyanshu



SPB Fest Dance Competition
First Prize Zero Group



SPB Fest Dance Competition
Second Prize Shakti Vrund



SPB Fest Dance Competition
Third Prize Mamma's Angels