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Criteria VII: Institutional Values and Best Practices

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

Disha Darshan





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	<p style="text-align: center;">Goals and Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To build a strong Academia-Industry bridge• To provide flexibility in the courses offered and proactively adapt to the changing needs of students and the society• To establish a centre for multidisciplinary activities• To mould individuals who would nurture the cultural heritage of our country and contribute to the betterment of the society.
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The institution values dissemination of knowledge through its students, thus fostering strong connections between students, educators, and the society. Thus, the learning is not restricted to the classroom but reaches out to a broader community. This is in alignment with the goal of contribution to society. Disha Darshan is designed to inspire and motivate students of schools and junior colleges to pursue higher education and popularize basic sciences.

The objectives of this practice are as follows:

- To provide information about career opportunities in various courses in Science and Commerce degree programs
- To inspire and motivate school children to pursue higher education and careers in various fields
- Popularization of basic sciences
- Information on multidisciplinary flexible courses of college
- To familiarize the students with guidelines and recommendations of NEP

2020 Disha Darshan comprises two parts.



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1. School Connect

School children being the primary stakeholders in the education system, apprising them of NEP can acquaint them about the benefits and enhancement in their learning journey. Career prospects, major-minor courses, language-based courses, values-based courses, co-curricular and open elective courses, the salient features of NEP lead to the holistic development of the student. Disha Darshan-School Connect is an initiative by the institute, to familiarize students with these aspects.

IQAC Members and faculty members from K. J. Somaiya Senior College of Science and Commerce presented the guidelines and recommendations of NEP-2020 to the XII standard students of K.J. Somaiya Junior College of Science and Commerce S K Somaiya Vinay Mandir and Junior College. Aspects like the career prospects, major-minor courses, language-based courses, values-based courses, co-curricular and open elective courses were discussed briefly with the students. Faculty members also shared with the students the accolades earned by the College, subject combinations offered at the first-year undergraduate programme, infrastructure-related facilities and co-curricular avenues to be explored.



Awareness about NEP

2. Open Day

The decreasing interest in basic sciences is a matter of concern. Social media, technology, entertainment lure the young mind and distance them from academics. Disha Darshan aims to rekindle the scientific spark in students and explain the relevance of science and commerce in daily life.

School Connect- Open Day was organized by IQAC of college to enable the school and junior college students to connect with the degree courses and career opportunities. There were 122 students who attended the program. There was participation of 5 schools i.e. S.



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K. Somaiya Vinay Mandir Highschool and Junior College, Shree D. J. Doshi Gurukul English Medium High school and Junior College, K.J. Somaiya secondary School Dahanu, and K. J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce. The students were divided into twelve groups. All the groups of students visited the various science departments and commerce departments as per the given schedule. In addition to the knowledge about the subject and its career opportunities the students were shown the museums of Geology, Zoology and Botany department. The Commerce students demonstrated through various activities how Commerce is a part of our day-to-day life. Activities such as budget in everyday life, impact of advertising, marketing strategies etc were demonstrated. All the departments engaged the school students through encouraging their active participation.



Open Day

Disha Darshan, thus steers the institute towards the journey of the National Mission of 50% GER in higher education by 2035.



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