STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI SCEED Activities for the year 2020-2021

The Stella Centre for Effective Education and Development continued its activities and worked towards enhancing and sustaining quality in education in Stella Maris College. This year has been significant in more than one ways. The pandemic had far reaching effects on education and the immediate closure of colleges worked as a catalyst and propelled teachers and students to learn and adapt to online teaching and - learning and evaluation. These challenges were dealt with a positive attitude and the faculty acquired the required skill sets through faculty development programmes organised by the college and other organizations. The submission of the SSR for NAAC accreditation was taken up this year. Considerable amount of time and effort was put in for the SSR preparation. Activities under the Paramarsh scheme continued through regular virtual and physical interaction with the Mentee colleges during the pandemic period. Some of the activities are mentioned below Webinars for Faculty was conducted on "Issues and Challenges in implementing Outcome Based Education" by Dr.M.G. Sethuraman, Prof. of Chemistry & Director (R&D), The Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram , Dindigul.

In collaboration with St. Thomas College of Arts and Science, Koyembedu, a webinar was organised for faculty titled "NAAC Evaluation and Assessment – New Format for Quality Enhancement for Higher Education". The resource person was Dr. Ganapathy, Head, Dept of Corporate Secretaryship, SA College of Arts and Science, Chennai



The unexpected circumstances have made student community anxious about their health and to create awareness on boosting immunity, a webinar was organised in which Dr. Anna Rangini Chellapppa, a noted Nutritionist and Associate Professor, Dr. Ambedkar Govt. College of Arts and Science spoke on "Stepping Towards a Safer and Healthier You". The participants were from all over India. An interactive webinar for students on the most relevant topic "Sustainable Living: Where there is a Will, There is a Way" was organised for students. The speaker of the day was Mr. Sethuraman P, CEO, Samy Consulting Group – Clean Energy Projects





Webinars were also conducted in collaboration with the IQAC, Dept of Botany and Dept of Biotechnology.

Continued engagement with the Mentee Colleges were done regularly. Dr. Geetha and Dr. K.Shyamala visited the Mentee Colleges to plan the timeline for the NAAC accreditation. They had review meetings to update the plan of action and discussed the data to be evaluated criterion wise



Dr. Priscilla and Dr. Nirmala visited all the Mentee colleges to evaluate the data compiled thus far and the Paramarsh team assessed and suggestions were given appropriately.





Both online and offline workshops were conducted for all the colleges by Ms. Vyjayanthi, Corporate Soft Skills Trainer on topics such as Success Skills, Communication and TEAM –Together Everyone Achieves More.



A one day seminar was organised for the IQAC members and faculty of the Mentee colleges on "Significance of Career Guidance Cell". The seminar was moderated by Ms. Madhavi, Placement Officer, Career Guidance Cell, Stella Maris College.





The SCEED team comprising of Dr. Geetha Swaminathan, Dr. K.Shyamala, Dr. Mary George, Dr. Hima Bindu and Ms Charulatha were members of various working committees and were actively involved in all aspects of compiling and submission of the SSR for NAAC accreditation. The Centre was also involved in report writing for various ranking agencies such as NIRF, The Week, India Today and so on

Though this year was challenging, the outcome was encouraging and will enhance the ability of our college to continue making significant contributions to its mission, teaching, research, mentoring of students and public outreach. With hope we look forward to a bright and better tomorrow.