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MA (Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship)

MA (Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship) is a two-year masters' programme designed to enable students to develop and use business skills to address complex social problems, especially in the context of India. The expectations from the students is that they will be able to demonstrate the role of social innovators and entrepreneurship in creating innovative responses to critical social needs (e.g., hunger, poverty, inner city education, global warming, etc). This course enables students personally and professionally for meaningful employment by reflecting on the issues of social innovations and entrepreneurship. After the completion of the programme students are expected to start their own venture.

This Programme has been approved by the Statutory Bodies of the College of Social Work (Autonomous) Nirmala Niketan and notified by the University of Mumbai as per the letter dated 14th Sept, 2022 to introduce M.A. (Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship) under the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies from the academic year 2022-23.

Programme/ Year Wise	Batch	Students Admitted
MA (SIE) First Year	Four	9
MA (SIE) Second Year	Three	14
Total		23

MA (SIE) was launched in September 2022. In the first year six students had enrolled, however only three completed the program. During the second year July 2023 an addition of 11 students (Batch Two) registered for the MA programme and in 2024 eight students completed the programme in April 2024. In June 2024, 14 Students (Batch Three) registered for the MA (SIE) programme and are currently all 14 students are pursuing Semester 4. In June 2025, 9 students registered for the MA(SIE) programme and eight of them are currently pursuing Semester 2 of the programme.

From this academic year 2025-26, the College decided to shift the location of the MA(SIE) programme to the Nirmala Niketan Extension Centre at Goregaon. The year was marked by vibrant academic, cultural, entrepreneurial, and social engagement activities undertaken by students of the MA-SIE programme. Aligned with the institution's vision of nurturing socially conscious leaders, the year witnessed the students academic learning through regular lectures as per academic class time tables and the yearly calendar, the rural immersion to MPSM, Nashik and the Internship Placement of Students at both corporate, startup enterprises and social work organizations. The students led the Arambh Fests 2025 and actively participated in intercollegiate festivals, student led national conference, market-based learning, and student-led cultural initiatives both at Churchgate and at Goregaon.

JUNE 2025

International Yoga & World Environment Day Celebration (28th June 2025)

International Yoga & Environment Day was celebrated on 28th June 2025 to promote physical health, mindfulness, and holistic well-being. Students participated in guided yoga and meditation sessions, followed by a campus nature walk focusing on environmental awareness. The activity reinforced the importance of sustainable lifestyles and mental well-being in social innovation education.



JULY 2025

Orientation Workshops for Second Year Students – Semester 3:

The Inauguration to MA-SIE Second Year Students – Sem 3 began on the 13th June 2025 with a formal Inauguration and a declaration of the second year open by Ms. Swati Rane the Programme Officer for Pravas Project. During the Session that followed Ms. Swati introduced the Students to the Campus and also explained to them the guidelines and policies of the Extension Centre. Mr. Cletus took a Session explaining the Class Time Table and the schedule of the Orientation Programme. Mr Yadnesh Kadam briefed the students on the requirements of Research especially in terms of submissions which were going to be due in March followed by Vivas in April.



A comprehensive two-day Induction Programme was organized for Sem 3 students on the 14th and 15th June which consisted of giving the students a foundation for professional competence with three workshops

The Workshop on Communication Skills & Documentation & Presentation Skills was facilitated by Mr. Sandesh Lalde (Project Officer of Anubhav Mumbai). This session covered verbal and non-verbal communication essentials for effective professional engagement and introduced the students to structured documentation, data management using Excel, and impactful presentation techniques.

The Second Workshop covered Career Orientation & Branding through a process of “Crafting an Effective Resume” by Mr. Yadnesh Kadam who guided students through the nuances of resume construction, highlighting distinctions between CVs and resumes, and also outlined a job-ready structure.

The Third Workshop was entitled, “Venture Project Planning”, a session by Mr. Cletus Zuzarte who dwelt on the various steps on working with a venture project and the expectations of the College through the Venture Project. He outlined the academic roadmap, including timelines and evaluation strategies. He also dwelt on the Annual Calendar Plan for the entire year.

The Fourth Workshop entitled “Personal Branding on LinkedIn” was conducted by Mr. Moses Gomes a marketing expert and visiting professor at various colleges. During this session he emphasized building a professional digital presence aligned with students’ social impact goals. He shared with them his personal guidelines on effective ways to make their LinkedIn presence felt through well thought out techniques.

Induction Programme for First Years – Newly Admitted Batch 2025-27:

The MA-SIE Batch 4 2025-27 enrolled 9 students and they were inducted to the entire Programme and the Campus from the 9th to 12th July 2025. The course was formally inaugurated by Principal Dr. Lidwin Dias, marking a significant milestone for the program. The week introduced students to the essence of social innovation and entrepreneurial thinking through a series of interactive sessions, exposure visits, and dialogues with practitioners.

Orientation - Exposure Visits:

The Students visited the Social Enterprise RUR Greenlife Pvt. Ltd at Mahim where the Programme Manager, Ms. Sumedha Bhirde, offered insights into green entrepreneurship and their environment friendly products created out of recycling and reusing tetrapak packs. The unit of recycling home and office garbage too was demonstrated.

The next organization the students visited was IRFT - International Resources for Fair Trade at Goregaon. The students were introduced to the social enterprise by the CEO – Ms. Gaynor Pais and Ms. Ragini (Programme Head) who focused on their various projects and the process of engaging in fair trade through ethical and inclusive market practices through research based approach.

Taking on the core aspect of women entrepreneurship and expanding the livelihood opportunities through a simple skill of sewing Mr. Johnny Joseph the CEO of Creative Handicrafts and Ms. Saroj led the students through the Production Unit of Creative Handicrafts which showcased various

departments where women worked through a whole process of cutting, stitching, labeling, quality checks, packaging and the sale outlet too.

In-House Sessions:

During the inhouse sessions for the Students the Course Structure and MASIE Roadmap was facilitated by the HoD - Mr. Cletus Zuzarte. Mr. Yadnesh Kadam explored the various career opportunities that would open through Entrepreneurship. The Session on Values in Action by Dr. Gracy Fernandes put into perspective the need to have a strong principle-based foundation while engaging through the process of Entrepreneurial Thinking. The Workshop on Entrepreneurial Skills, Attitude and Behavior facilitated by Sandesh Lalde through active games and interaction let the students to examine their own skills and attitude required in order to take their education to the level of implementation.

Two sessions by former NN students – Ms. Nicole Coutinho – founder of GenoMove and Ms. Brigit Viji – founder of TierraGram helped students visualise the entrepreneurial path ahead as they shared their entrepreneurial journeys and the steps taken to actualize their path ahead. The week concluded with student reflections, team-building, and a deeper commitment to drive inclusive, sustainable change through innovation and enterprise.





AUGUST 2025

Freshers Party:

The MA-SIE 2nd-year students organised a Freshers' Party to formally welcome first-year students on 3rd August 2025. Second-year students hosted the programme, which included interactive games, cultural performances, music, and dance. Refreshments were arranged, and welcome gifts were presented to the new cohort. The event promoted senior–junior bonding and fostered a supportive departmental environment.



Friendship Day Celebration:

The department celebrated Friendship Day on 09th August 2025 to strengthen peer relationships and emotional well-being among students. Interactive games, musical performances, and reflective sharing sessions were conducted with participation from both batches and faculty members. Handmade friendship bands were distributed, fostering empathy, collaboration, and a positive learning culture.

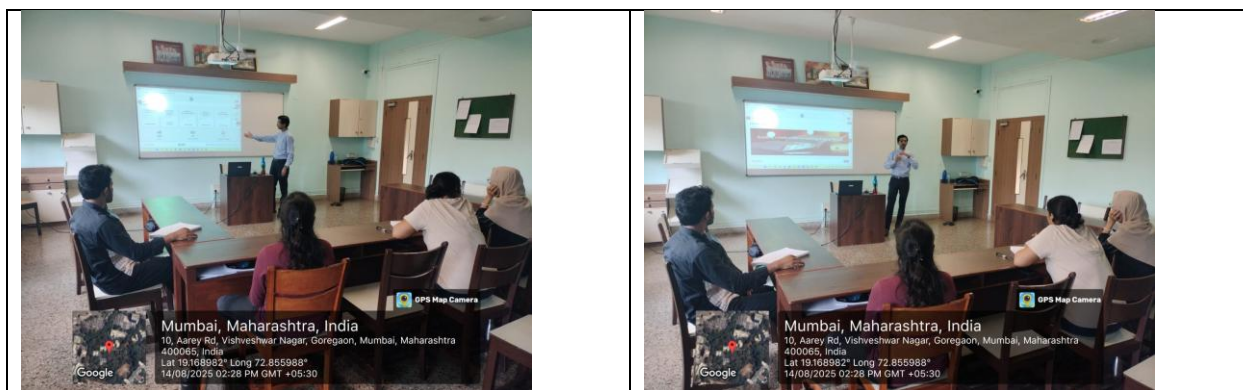


MA-SIE Library Inauguration and Orientation for Access to Library Resources

The MA-SIE Library was inaugurated by Librarian – Mr. Pravin Gavli (Asst. Professor) from the College of Social Work, Nirmala on the 14th August, 2025 from 11.00am to 1.00pm. The students were introduced to the various sections of the books as per their Syllabus which was neatly arranged for their reference which Mr. Shankar, the Goregaon Campus Librarian had been diligently working on.

Pravin Sir then took an Orientation Session on “Access to Library Resources” which are available at the College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan at the Churchgate Campus both in the offline form of books, periodicals, journals and research dissertations. He then went on to explain about OPAC the library online access forum that the students could access where they could search for the required books and also then save their time by sharing only the coded number which can be obtained from the library cupboards. He then went on to explain about online forums to access books through government and other portals including TISS and Mumbai University. These libraries and forums could be accessed to search for books relevant for their studies and research dissertation.





SEPTEMBER 2025

Market Day Activity (15th September 2026) : As part of experiential entrepreneurship learning, MA-SIE students participated in the College's Market Day Stall Exhibition at Churchgate campus. Participants included Snehal and Om (MA-SIE, Second Year), and Bhakti, Tanzila, and Shereena (MA-SIE, First Year). Snehal and Om showcased Ovii – The Solid Scent of Impact, a sustainable personal care venture, while Shereena presented handmade, fresh chicken pickle. Bhakti exhibited hand-painted decorative diyas, and Tanzila showcased handmade crochet flowers and earrings. The activity enabled students to apply entrepreneurial skills in a real-market setting while engaging students and faculty in impact-driven entrepreneurship.



Entrepreneurial Fest – Arambh'25(17th September 2025)

The MA in Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship (MA-SIE) department organized Arambh'25, an Entrepreneurial Fest on 17th September 2025 at the Goregaon Campus of Nirmala Niketan. The Fest Head Ms Arshiya Pathan (MA-SIE 2nd year), along with the MA-SIE 1st year and 2nd year students



The fest comprised two flagship competitions: a Business Pitch Competition and an Idea Hackathon on the theme of E-Waste Management. Arambh'25 attracted 283 registrations from across India, with over 150 attendees including students, faculty, jury members, sponsors, and guests. The event promoted innovation, feasibility, and social impact through structured evaluation, jury feedback, and award recognition.

The Idea Hackathon focused on addressing India's growing e-waste challenge through technology-driven, community-based, and circular economy solutions. The Business Pitch Competition featured over 25 entrepreneurial ideas spanning waste management, inclusive communication, and sustainability.

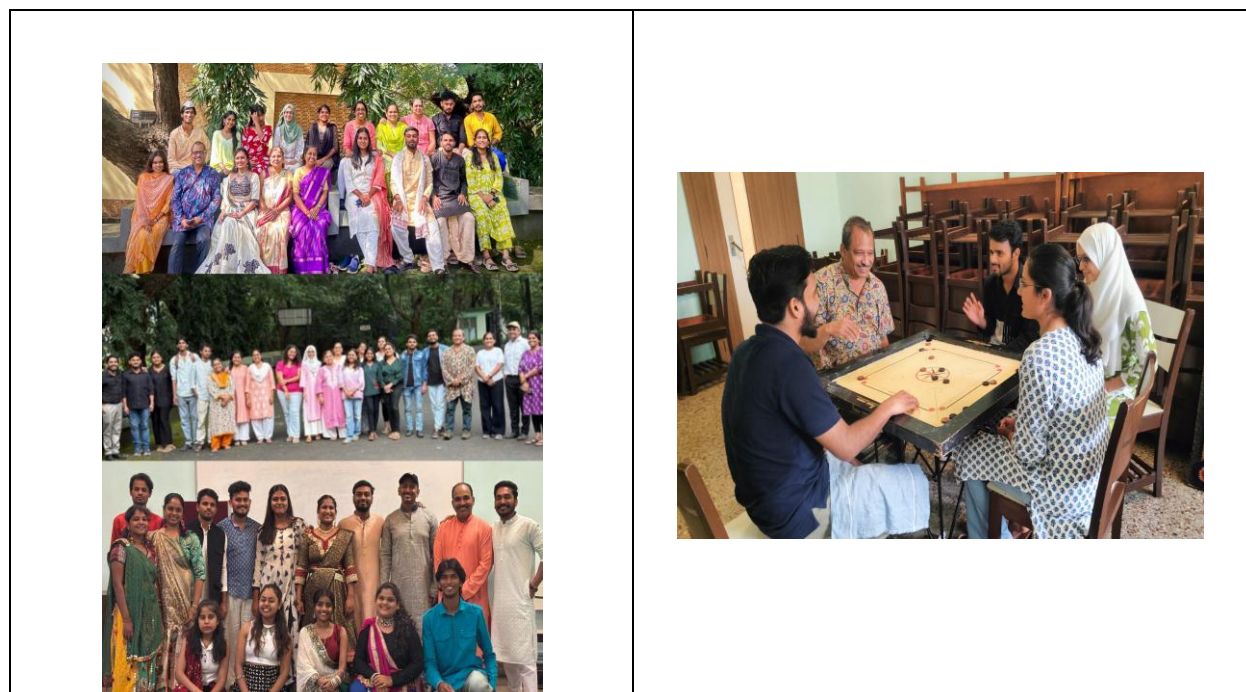
Business Pitch Competition: At Arambh'25(17th September 2025), Ms Snehal Tiwari and Mr Om Raghushe (MA-SIE II) participated in the Business Pitch Competition by presenting “HaathBol,” a social enterprise idea focused on inclusive communication. The presentation articulated the venture’s social relevance, business model, and scalability potential.

Cultural Week Celebration (25th to 27th September 2025)

A three-day Cultural Week was organised from 25th to 27th September 2025, featuring *Traditional Attire Day, Twinning Day, and Navratri Outfit Day*. Students and faculty actively participated through cultural presentations, themed dressing, and interactive activities. The celebration promoted creativity, inclusivity, and appreciation of cultural diversity within the academic community. Best Attire of the Series Male was awarded to Mr. Kaif Muhammad (MA-SIE 1st year) and Best Attire of the Series Female was a tie and was awarded to Ms. Bhakti Mundada (MA-SIE 1st year) and Ms. Vaishnavi Wankhede (MA-SIE 2nd year).

Indoor Sports Activity – Carrom Competition(4th October 2025)

An indoor Carrom Competition was conducted on 4th October 2025 to encourage sportsmanship and faculty-student interaction. Students from both first and second years participated enthusiastically, along with faculty members. The activity followed a league-match format, and the final match was won by Bhakti Mundada (MA-SIE 1st Year) and faculty Mr. Cletus Zuzarte.



OCTOBER 2025

International Workshop for MA-SIE Students on Research:

Prof. Raisuiyah Bagwan, Durban University of Technology Field Exposure along with Dr. Wafa Singh from Ahmedabad, India met with the Nirmala Niketan Extension Centre Staff and Faculty on the 30th September in the morning session to learn about the various programmes in terms of academic

programmes that included the degree, diploma and certificate courses. Ms. Nilima Rodrigues explained about the history and progress of the Extension Centre over the years. Mr. Cletus shared about the MA-SIE Programme that started from June and then each of the programme staff – Mr. Sandesh and Ms. Swati from NN (Anubhav) Youth Development Centre and the Pravas Project shared about the projects and their interactions with the project stakeholders. Post lunch the team along with Extension Centre Staff – Ms. Nilima, Mr. Shankar and Ms. Swati led the visiting team for visits to the community where they interacted with various stakeholders that included the senior citizens and youth from Vithbhatti community.

The next day on the 1st October the two visiting professors conducted an International Seminar for Students on “Community Engagement and Service Learning: Perspective and Practices” for the MA-SIE students of both first and second years. The students understood about the community engagement practices at Durban University in South Africa. She shared about the various experiences and research studies done with students on field engagement. She emphasized her ongoing study on holistic creative pedagogies, decolonizing approaches, and integrating locally contextual knowledge while students engage in field practices during their academic journey. She engages in collaborative international partnerships with scholars in the United States and India and that’s how she was now working along with Dr. Wafa Singh on a research study across various universities. She then went onto conduct focused group discussions with students where students shared about their experiences of field engagement. The workshop ended with tea.



JPC Inauguration and Workshops:

The Job Placement Cell (JPC) of the College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan, organised a structured series of career-oriented and skill development sessions at the Nirmala Niketan Extension Centre,

Goregaon East. These sessions were designed to strengthen students' professional readiness, employability skills, and career awareness across the MA-SIE, PGD-CSR, PGD-TC and Para Professional Self Financed Programmes of CSW-NN Goregaon Campus. The students were first enrolled into the JPC where they signed an undertaking to attend the sessions in November and December and participate actively in the pre-placement talks that would be organized in January to March. A detailed brochure was prepared by the students profiling a one page introduction to each of the students that would serve as an introduction to all the recruiting organizations. The brochure was released on the 2nd November in a programme where the JPC was formally inaugurated by Ms. Nilima Rodrigues

The following Workshops were conducted for the Students on Sundays for two hours – 4pm to 6pm:

Topics	Dates	Students Present	Resource Persons	Learnings
C.V. / Resume Re-fashioning as per Job /Corporate Requirements	2nd November	28	Ms. Avni Patel - HR Consultant	Crafting professional resumes and preparing for job opportunities. Equipped students with practical skills and information to enhance their employability and career readiness.
Job Portals Platforms for Better Job Opportunities	23rd November	18	Mr. Sandesh Lalde	Provided hands-on exposure to digital job-search tools and employment platforms. Creating and optimizing professional profiles. Uploading resumes and maintaining updated profiles Searching and applying for relevant job and internship opportunities Understanding digital recruitment processes
Professional Communication & Office Etiquette	30th November	22	Mr. Adrian Rosario - HR Consultant & Management Trainer	Developing essential communication skills and professional etiquette required in academic, internship, and workplace environments.
Exploring Career Options within one's Specialization	7th December	25	Dr. Ronald Yesudhas Ms. Merlyn D'souza	Explored career options in CSR, ESG, social enterprises, impact consulting, development organisations, research, policy advocacy, and entrepreneurship. Emphasis was placed on aligning personal values with professional roles in the social impact ecosystem.
Interview Skills & Group Discussion	7 th Dec		Dr. Ronald Yesudhas	Resume structuring and presentation Effective self-introduction Answering common and situational interview questions Body language, confidence, and professional demeanor Interview ethics and follow-up practices
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving for	14th December	24	Mr. Adrian Rosario - HR Consultant &	Strengthened students' analytical thinking, decision-making, and problem-solving abilities especially in defining

Efficient Decision Making			Management Trainer	problems, applying critical thinking, evaluating perspectives and developing solutions to complex realities.
Campus to Corporate - For MA-SIE Students (others can attend)	19th & 20th Feb – Thur, Fri	18	Magic Bus Trainers	Corporate Communication

The JPC Coordinator along with Students have been in the process of contacting organizations to invite them to the Campus for Recruitment. The status of On Campus Recruitment is as follows:

Name of Organization	Date Campus PPT	Students Attended	Students Applied	Placed Students
Renovate India	10 th Feb	6	4	TBF
TransUnion CIBIL Ltd.	No		1	Nikita Gangurde
IRFT	Absorbed after Internship			Seavignya Poluri
Lighthouse Communities Foundation	23rd Feb - Mon	11	7	TBF
Balkranti Foundation	25 th Feb	25	0	
Connect For	JDs share	5	Anna & Maria	Nil
Concern India	13 th March	13	CVs shared	Nil
Equibeing Foundation	10 th March	8	8	Vaishnavi Wankhade & Gauri Khandalkar
GTT Foundation	31 st March	8	6	Nil – Retracted Placements
Sampark Foundation	6 th April	8	8	
Thevar Foundation	NA			Snehal Tiwari
Undisclosed	NA			Om Raghushe

To be placed – Arshiya, Rushikesh, Ashwini, Mamta, Minal, Saurabh & Raj & from CSR – Bhikan & Anna

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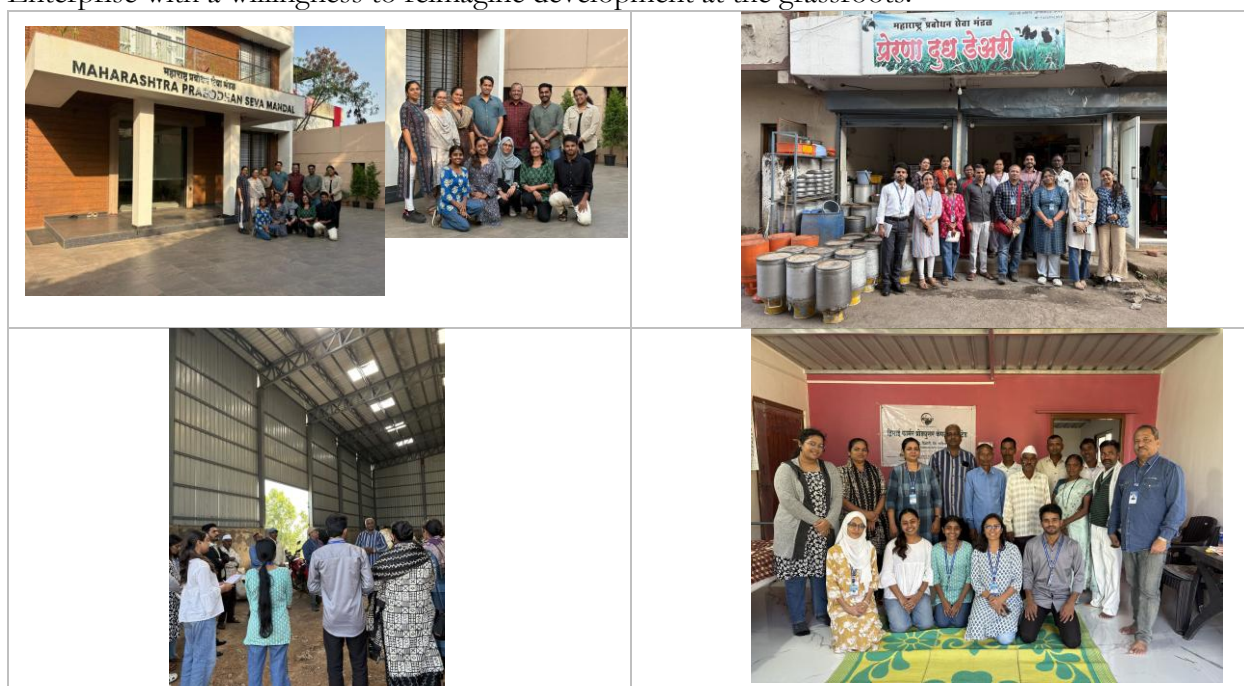
Rural Immersion Visit to MPSM

Exploring Initiatives of Social Entrepreneurs through Immersive Reflective Learning Experiences. At CSWNN true learning goes beyond classrooms as it unfolds amidst real communities, where challenges meet innovation. Rural Immersion Program was organized by CSWNN in collaboration with Maharashtra Prabodhan Seva Mandal (MPSM), Nashik. It was conducted from 9th November to 12th November 2025, the student of MA in Social Innovation Entrepreneurship. We were guided by Mr. Cletus Zuzarte and Mr. Yadnesh Kadam as they explored the heart of grassroots innovation and social entrepreneurship. The objective of this program was to expose students to the realities of rural life, social entrepreneurship, collective enterprises, and the diverse socio-economic dynamics of rural communities in Maharashtra. The immersion program had been designed to bridge the gap

between theoretical learning and practical understanding by offering hands on experience of rural development practices. It provided me the opportunities to interact directly with rural entrepreneurs, farmers, and field organizations engaged in sustainable livelihood initiatives, cooperative models, and community-based enterprises.

The four-days visit began with an orientation session at MPSM, where students were introduced to the organization's viewpoint and work in social innovation, grassroots leadership, and collective empowerment. The exposure visit included field visits to Sahyadri Farms, Digital Impact SQ and Prerana Dairy to understand the operations of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and the importance of value chains in agricultural and dairy sectors. They had interactive session with the Board of Directors of HIMAI to learn about the socio-political challenges of managing rural collective enterprises. The Wadi visit provided firsthand experience of farmers' livelihood strategies, sustainable agricultural practices, and the community's approach to self-reliance.

The Visits to the Samyak Greens highlighted the role of organic farming, and green entrepreneurship in rural development. The reflection, learning sessions of each evening and participants connected their field experiences to classroom theories. The students gained a deeper understanding of social entrepreneurship, community organization, and development management. The program concluded with a sharing and reflection session at MPSM, where the students shared and presented their key learnings and personal insights. Overall, the rural immersion program was a transformative educational experience which enabled them to appreciate the difficulties and strengths of rural India. This immersion reaffirmed how innovation, sustainability, and community empowerment can go hand-in-hand to shape students as they take their first steps towards crafting their own Social Enterprise with a willingness to reimagine development at the grassroots.





DECEMBER 2025

Intercollegiate Research Achievement – Aavishkar’ 2025-26

Ms Snehal Tiwari (MA-SIE II) participated in the 20th Aavishkar Inter-Collegiate Research Convention (Zonal Round – Mumbai I Zone), organised by the University of Mumbai on **2nd December 2025** at D.G. Ruparel College, Mahim, under the guidance of her academic guide,



She presented the MA-SIE Research Project titled “Role of Entrepreneurial Traits in Securing Funding Opportunities for Early-Stage Entrepreneurs in Mumbai” under the Commerce, Management, and Law category.



Her research was adjudged for its academic rigour, originality, and strong intervention model, earning selection for the Final Round of the Aavishkar Research Convention. This achievement highlights the programme’s emphasis on research-driven social innovation and academic excellence.

University of Mumbai Youth Festival (58th Inter-Collegiate Youth Festival – Final Round)

Students from the MASIE-II years, Mr. Rushikesh Nighot and Mr. Saurabh Chaudhary participated in Short Film Making Competition.

Participation in Mood Indigo, IIT Bombay (2025) (15th to 17th December 2025)

Five MA-SIE First Year students – Bhakti Mundada, Muhammad Kaif, Tanzila Malek, Durva Uttekar, and Akshada Kengar participated in Street Play Competition. Muhammad Kaif also participated in Urdu Slam Poetry, while Bhakti Mundada participated in the Quiz competition.



Bhakti Mundada served as the Contingent Leader (CL) and Muhammad Kaif as Assistant Contingent Leader (ACL).

Contingent Leadership in Mood Indigo'25 (15th to 17th December 2025): MA-SIE students participated in Mood Indigo'25, Asia's largest cultural fest, organised by IIT Bombay from 15th to 17th December 2025. Bhakti Mundada (MA-SIE First Year) served as the Contingent Leader (CL) and Kaif Muhammad as the Assistant Contingent Leader (ACL), representing the College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan. Under this leadership, 10 students were registered for competitions across street play, classical dance, debate, Hindi, English, and Urdu slam poetry. The engagement strengthened student leadership, coordination skills, and institutional representation at a national platform.



Campus Ambassador Engagement: Ms. Snehal Tiwari (MA-SIE II) served as Campus Ambassador for IIT Bombay E-Cell, actively contributing to entrepreneurial outreach, student engagement initiatives, and ecosystem-building activities within the campus.

Riwayat - A Socio-Cultural Fest(10th,12th & 20th December 2025)



Riwayat, the annual socio-cultural festival of the College of Social Work, was organized at the Goregaon campus on 10th, 12th & 20th December 2025 and witnessed vibrant participation from the first-year MA-SIE students. Tanzila Malek played a pivotal role as a member of the Core Committee, while Bhakti Mundada took charge as the Logistics Head. Muhammad Kaif and Durva Uttekar actively contributed as PR Volunteers, and Akshada Kengar, Olina Almeida, and Shereena provided valuable support with logistics. The MASIE team also attended various meetings and prepared at both the Churchgate and Goregaon campuses. This festival not only fostered a sense of community but also enhanced the students' leadership, coordination, and organizational skills.

IIC Western Regional Meet

On behalf of CSWNN IIC, Mr. Cletus Zuzarte – IIC Coordinator & Faculty Representative along with Mr. Parth Rajput Student IIC Student Representative participated in the IIC Regional Meet 2025 which was held on the 2nd December, 2025 at DV Sanghvi College of Engineering, Vile Parle. They participated in the Local and Central inauguration of the Regional Meet which took place in the Big Seminar Hall and part of it was Online where other 10 States Regional Meet Representatives shared their message. The Chief Guest and Alumni of Sanghvi College Shri. M.P. Lodha shared experiences of the ecosystem prevalent in Maharashtra and the Government Support to take Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurial Enterprises to the next level. The Keynote Address was given by the Mumbai

University Vice Chancellor Prof. Ravindra Kulkarni encouraged participants on the use of AI and its importance in the context of Technology for Startup Enablers supported by IIC Institutions.

The Regional Meet showcased various impactful sessions on startup and innovation along with Demonstrations by YUKTI Startup Founders, Poster Exhibition & Competition by all the participating Colleges & Universities. The “Vocal for Local” Udyami Bazaar had many products that could be purchased by the participants. The best-practice sharing by IIC institutions, mentorship support, Training of Trainers (ToT) for Innovation Ambassadors, and discussions on YUKTI Innovation Pipeline, IPR and TRL/IRL/MRL frameworks gave a perspective and insights into how CSWNN could actually take their IIC participation to the next level.

The event concluded with the felicitation of Best Innovators and Innovation Ambassadors and also the Colleges/Universities for the best Poster depicting their activities and progress. The Regional Meet served as a powerful platform for cross-institution collaboration, strengthening the entrepreneurial culture in HEIs, and accelerating student-led innovation toward national development.



JANUARY 2026

Orientation Workshops for Second Years – 4th Semester on 2nd & 3rd Jan, 2026

An Orientation Workshop was held for MA-SIE Second Years – Sem 4 Students on the 2nd & 3rd January. On the 2nd Jan, a Workshop was facilitated by Ms. Fatema Kanchwala from 11.00am to 1.00pm on the topic “From Intention to Impact: Resetting Goals for Semester IV” She asked the students to share on their learnings through Internship and the Academic Programmes of Sem 3 and then went on to gather in the learnings through a game where she emphasized how one needs to learn smartly and not necessarily working hard will produce results. The mantra of success for Semester 4 should focus on working smartly to produce results. In the afternoon session from 2pm to 4pm Mr. Cletus and Mr. Yadnesh focused on how the students can work at “Becoming a Professional in the Making” by transitioning from being a learner to an emerging professional. They could do this by exploring pathways i.e. through higher studies and exploring careers with social impact. One would need to be a responsible citizen and be professional in the digital age. For these two videos were shown on building one’s ability through languages and picking up AI related skills.

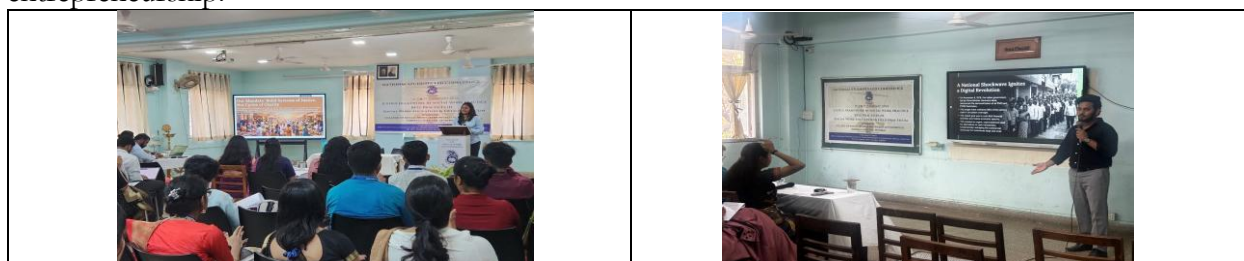


On the 3rd Jan, 2026 the Vivas for Internship was conducted for students with Ms. Shreya Sudhir being the external resource person and in the afternoon a Workshop was organized on the topic of “Compassion based Cognitive Training” which focused on two points – staying grounded in a fast changing world and the second acquiring cognitive and emotional self regulation skills. The session was facilitated by Ms. Cynthia Fernandes and Mr. Blaise D’souza. Through an exercise on clay

moulding and a meditation mindfulness session the participants learnt the importance of giving time for oneself in compassion and being kind to oneself.



Research Paper Presentation(16th & 17th January,2026): Ms Snehal Tiwari and Mr Om Raghushe also presented a research paper at a_National Student-Led Conference on the 16th & 17th Jan, 2026 organized at CSWNN, Churchgate, contributing to scholarly discourse in social innovation and entrepreneurship.



Sports Day(24th January 2026)

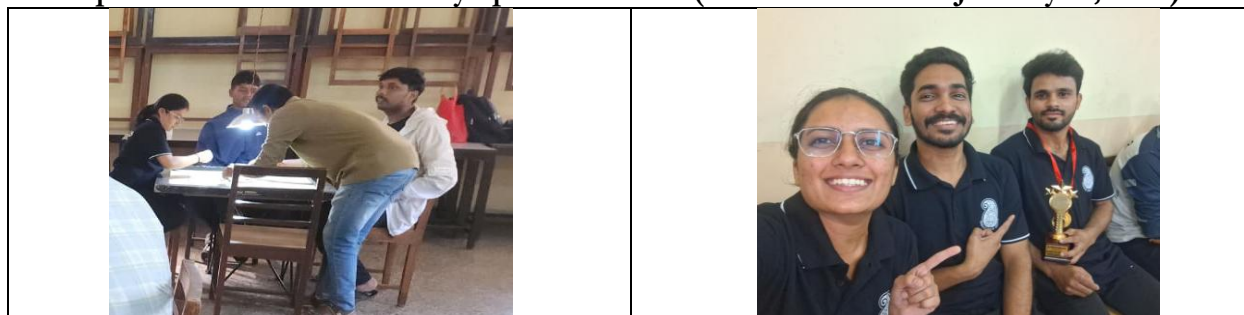
On 24th January 2026, CSWNN Annual Sports Day was held at St. John the Evangelist School Grounds at Marol, Andheri. Six of the MA-SIE students participated which included Ms. Snehal Tiwari from 2nd Years and MA-SIE 1st-year students Muhammad Kaif, Olina Almeida, and Shereena actively participated. Kaif competed in multiple events, including the 100m race, sack race, shot put, crossfit race, and discus throw, and won the first place in both the 100m race and sack race. Olina also joined the competition, participating in the 100m race, shot put, and discus throw, and



secured 3rd position in the Discus Throw. Meanwhile, Shereena represented the department with enthusiasm and sportsmanship in the shot put and discus throw events.



Participation in NNYDC Friendly Sports Matches (December 2025 to January 11, 2026)



First-year students from the MA-SIE program, Kaif, Bhakti, Tanzila, and Akshada, participated in the Nirmala Niketan Youth Development Centre (NNYDC) Friendly Sports Matches, held from December 2025 to January 11, 2026. This event promoted youth-building activities and attracted students from colleges affiliated with NNYDC, demonstrating active engagement in sports.

Muhammad Kaif secured the first prize in men's singles badminton, while Tanzila Malek achieved third place in women's singles badminton. Additionally, Bhakti Mundada earned the third place in carrom. As a team, Kaif, Bhakti, and Tanzila also finished third in mixed (boys and girls) cricket, showcasing their teamwork and sportsmanship.

FEBRUARY 2026

Annual Day.

Annual Day of CSWNN was held on the 7th Feb, where the MA-SIE students of both first and second years put up a skit entitled “My Family” – depicting the current situation of many families and how hope can bring in a ray of sunshine and change towards a healthy childhood and better relationships in family and society. The play was facilitated through the leadership of student leader – Ms. Durva. Uttekar supported by 5 others in the act and other students for backstage preparations. Ms. Snehal Tiwari was the Anchor for the entire Annual Day along with other 3 students from the main campus.

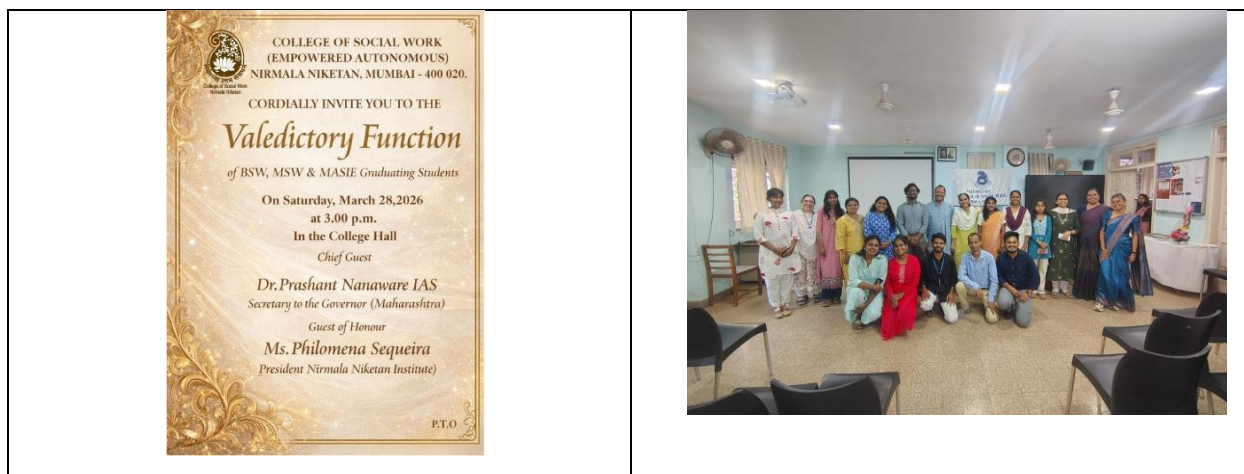


MA-SIE Students Farewell

The Second Years (Batch 3 Students) were given a warm send off on the 12th March (Thursday) at 4.00pm in the First Year Classroom. An invitation was sent out by Ms. Durva the Event Planner who expressed special words of invitation for a heartfelt celebration to cherish their precious memories together with laughter, dances, and summer vibes as they bid goodbye and wish them for success for their future endeavors!

The Juniors – First Years prepared a video with pics and short clips where all were able to relive their journey from the 1st year to the 2nd year with beautiful memories of moments experienced together as a class. Ms. Bhakti and Mr. Kaif anchored the programme with a Campus Treasure Hunt and a Quiz where in the participants were given a clue and the person was identified. The 2nd Year then had to perform a small gig and express a few words. Everyone spoke including the Staff and the Faculty.





The Valedictory Function – the official Farewell given by the College was held on the 28th March at 3pm in the Churchgate College Campus in the First Floor Hall. Ms. Vaishnavi on behalf of MA-SIE students shared her journey as a student and recounted her experiences and learnings during the two years in the College. IAS Officer Dr. Prashant Nanaware was the Valedictory Chief Guest and delivered the Valedictory Speech. Ms. Philomena Sequeira, President of NNI and Dr. Lidwin Dias, Principal of Nirmala Niketan too addressed the students with their words of encouragement and guidance.

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Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan – Awareness Rally

As part of strengthening the Drug-Free India Campaign, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, in coordination with the State Government, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, and University of Mumbai, organized a large-scale Awareness Rally on the 25th March, 2026 from 9.00am to 11.00am. The Campaign Rally began and culminated at the Gateway of India with a walk around Fort, University and Colaba.

The programme aimed to create awareness about addiction, educate citizens about its harmful effects, promote positive social change, and encourage youth participation in building a Drug-Free India. Nearly 10,000 students, faculty and citizens from various colleges participated along with 200 Students from the College of Social Work Nirmala Niketan including the MA-SIE students.

The event was conducted in the presence of Hon'ble Governor, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister along with the Hon'ble Social Justice Principal Secretary, and other dignitaries. The event was coordinated by Dr. Anita Machado, IQAC Coordinator ably assisted by all the faculty from each of the classes representing BSW, MSW and MA-SIE. The students displayed their placards and voiced out slogans making common citizens aware of the need for a drug free India. From the MA-SIE Unit, Mr. Yadnesh Kamble along with three students represented – Ms. Jayanti, Ms. Shereena and Ms. Olina.



MA-SIE Flagship Event – Arambh 2025 – The Social Entrepreneurship Fest!

Arambh 2025 was held on the 17th September, 2025 at the NN Extension Centre. The core highlight of the day, the Business Pitch & Idea Hackathon, was energized by the insights of our distinguished jury: Ms. Ashwini Jadhav, Ms. Garima Jindal, Mr. Mohit Dave, and Ms. Ketki More. Their expertise not only evaluated but also mentored participants with practical feedback.

The Business Pitch segment saw exciting and innovative ideas such as Haven of Hope (a mental health initiative), an innovative ad agency, HaathBol (inclusive communication for the deaf community), Chichaul (eco-bags from waste cloth), IntelliRack, ReBOOT, and many more. The winning title went to **Vikram Shahi** for Textile Waste Initiative Network (TWIN), followed by **Paras Kumbhar** and his team for IntelliRack as the 1st runner-up, and Baby Rani and Harsh Jaiswal Jaiswal from their amazing pitch on Humble Dry as 2nd runner-up.



Parallely, the Idea Hackathon - themed on E-Waste Management - captured the creativity of young minds in tackling one of the country's pressing environmental challenges. The winner of this track was Parth Rajput, with Zainab Saifee & Niraj Bhasarkar securing the runner-up spot.

Student Coordinator Arshiya Arifkha Pathan Pathan (MASIE II year) under the guidance of faculty and in collaboration with the entire student organizing team displayed their commitment, from planning to execution ensured Arambh'25 creating an unforgettable impact. Arambh'25 was more than just a competition, but a celebration of youth-led innovation, entrepreneurship, & collaboration!



NCSIE Incubator Workshops

The **NCSIE Incubator Financial Planning Workshop** was held on the 26th July from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. The resource person was CA Ms. Lumena Kolwankar. Mr. Cletus reported that the five incubatees (Nicole, Basten, Irene, Sharon, Brigit and Sandesh) who attended appreciated the inputs and said that it was an informative session and was well structured and focussed in terms of their startup and the requirements in terms of the due diligence required – Bank Opening and Filing of Returns. The Incubatees met for their formal bi-monthly meeting and followed up on their financial compliance as per the requirements of LLP be fulfilled before the end of the financial year.

Workshop on 'Intellectual Property Rights

The Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights for StartUps'for NCSIE Incubatees was held on the 11th Sept, 2025 from 9.00am to 10.30am at the Conference Room of Nirmala Niketan Extension



Centre, Goregaon. The Resource Person Adv. Shraddha Patil. The participants were Incubatees Ms. Irene Tayshete, Ms. Sharon D'souza, Ms. Brigit Viji, Ms. Basten Fernandes, Ms. Karishma Fonseca along with 12 MA-SIE Students. The Session began with a brief introduction of the resource person – Adv. Shraddha Patil by Mr. Cletus Zuzarte. The resource person Adv. Shraddha began by sharing a brief about what and how IPR is understood in the context of its various forms like Trademarks, Patents, Copyrights, Design, GI Plant Varieties.

She then went onto the specifications on the process of how to register IPRs. She first opened the government website for registration – ipindia.gov.in and then explained each of the processes starting with opening of an account and the basic information that needs to be provided. Then she went onto explaining each of the types of IPR requirements of document submissions. This would be followed by going to the actual office and completing the legal formalities.

There were some queries that were responded to like in case of unique recipes, the process would need to be patented. Also in the case of plants, a copyright would need to be obtained. The model of Tieragram being the Community Participation Process Model, the community would benefit hence LLP registration would help. Similarly the Batli Project would need to register their name. In the case of Sylvereid the symbol would need a trademark. For Basten's initiative the process of the various nutritious products would need to be patented. The session ended with a thank you note by Ms. Durva on behalf of the students and the incubatees.



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