

**K. J. SOMAIYA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND COMMERCE**

**(AUTONOMOUS)**

**CRITERION 5 - STUDENT SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION**

**5.4.1 The Alumni Association and its Chapters (registered and functional) contribute significantly to the development of the institution through financial and other support services:**

The Institution has **registered Alumni Association known as 'Ex-Som'**. The Alumni association of this College although always functioning from early days was formally established in the **2009** by registering with Assistant Registrar of Societies, Greater Mumbai vide registration # 2570 of 2009 GBBSD and with Joint Charity Commissioner of Greater Mumbai. Till date, there are **129 registered alumni members**.

The association aims to bring alumni to together **to create a pool of experience, talent and other resource** which shall be involved in various activities like **mentoring students, arranging and / or conducting seminars and workshops, raise funds to provide assistance to under privileged students, imparting life skill training and many more for the benefit of students and society at large**.

The association feels happy & proud to see alumni making remarkable contributions in various fields of arts & culture, fashion, performing arts, social service & politics, NCC, sports, education, literary, journalism, civil services, industry & entrepreneurship, finance, corporate management and many more. The College motto has always **"Gyandev Tu Kaivalyam"** meaning **"Knowledge alone liberates"**.

The Association aims at uniting and gathering past students. The association provides platform for ex-students to keep in touch with the college. It organizes a number of activities for the benefit and betterment of the present students.

The alumni of this college have always been in the forefront of multiple activities for the college including, amongst other:

- **industry interaction lectures**
- **guidance seminars on career related topics**
- **subject board members**
- **member jury for college events**
- **recruiters for companies**
- **supporting poor students by way of fees.**

### **Academic Support**

**Board of Studies & Academic Council:** The Alumni Association is actively involved in the academic revision mechanism of the college. Representatives from the Ex-Som take part in the Board of Studies and Academic Council meetings and provide important suggestions on quality enhancement of teaching and learning processes.

### **Placement Support**

Our Alumni help students to join industry / consultants / professional as trainee / employment. Many students undergo CA Article training under our Alumni who are practicing Chartered Accountants. They also provide employment opportunities to students in their firms / client organizations so the students' learning can translate into application & they have hands on experience of delivery at ground zero.

### **Financial Support**

The Alumni Association also contributes to students' growth through financial means by providing scholarships for economically backward and meritorious students.

12 Management Committee Meeting and 5 Annual General Meeting are held to discuss various aspects.

Some alumni are also now teaching in the college as professors / lecturers or working as non-teaching staff members with great distinction. Lately the immediate past as well as current Principal, Vice Principal, Dean of the college is also an Alumni of this college!!

Alumni Association has conducted webinar on Organization Compliance and Taxation, association in Collaboration with NSS could have jointly collected Flood relief fund for Konkan Floods. Association has also contributed for social work as COVID warrior as volunteers, workshops on Career Opportunity in Digital World, imparted knowledge on "Transforming HR in the Digital World, workshop in Fund Planning before Start - workshop with '3D Animations' on "Indian Languages and Digital World, Chocolate making workshop, workshop on Digital Marketing and many more on the records.