

ST. MIRA'S COLLEGE FOR GIRLS, PUNE

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COVID RESOURCES STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (2020-21)

Covid Resources Students' Association is a initiative started by Taarini Das, Urvi Shetty and Karuna Das, our students who came together to help India heal via Social Media!

They thought it was important for such a campaign to be carried out because it clearly was the need of the hour. They wanted people to spend time with their loved ones during these times rather than run around for resources.

CRSA India helps people by providing well researched and accurate verified information to fulfill their requirements. They have a team of enthusiastic volunteers from around the country helping them to be more, learn more and help more. In the span of 3 weeks, they have been able to help around 2000 people around India and have decided to be there for people as long as they're needed to be.

They have a team for collection of well researched data and resources from different social media platforms, websites. One the resources have been sent on the group. CRSA India volunteer heads for every state make sure that most of the data is verified and updated on the spreadsheet that consists of all genuine and verified data made available for everyone in need.

The group has a Google meeting from 10 AM to 10 PM every day for the entire team whoever is free to join. On this call, the team helps in verification of all data. They personally call up all the resources on the spreadsheet every day to confirm availabilities.

The team gets a lot of requests through their personal social media handles and also their main Instagram page - @CRSAIndia. The team try to help as many people as they can.

Urvi
Co-ordinator



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List of CRSA Volunteers 2020-21

	Name list of NSS volunteers for CRSA -
1	Sherin George
2	Revati Khanna
3	Tejal Gore
4	Pooja Sanjay Thakkar
5	Silvia D'Souza
6	Harshada Rajendra Agarwal
7	Vaishnavi prakash kshirsagar
8	Pooja Motiram Kotambe
9	Nishi Porwal
10	Sharvari Kurundwad
11	Nivedita Sahoo
12	Christina D'souza
13	Chrislynn Rodrigues
14	Laksaya G
15	Sidhi Singh
16	Shirley Sequeira
17	Apeksha Balasaheb Gawde
18	Summer Scott
19	Prapti Appasaheb Sawant
20	Swati Tiwari
21	Mitali Mehta
22	Preeth Reddy
23	Kanishka
24	Pooja Chavan
25	Disha Daryanani
26	Delna Anklesaria
27	Sukanya Mangesh Rahate
28	Bhavika Anand Naik
29	Sarrah Aliasgar Polishwala
30	Rechal Madipag
31	Arya Galande
32	Vasudha Ramani
33	Neelam Kamble
34	CHETNA Ramesh thorat
35	Khushi Dhariwal
36	Jessica Mathias

	Name list of all volunteers for CRSA (St. Miras)
1	Olivia Fernandes
2	Sakshi Raheja
3	Dhanashree Kalal
4	Harshita Rao
5	Creeshu Pinjani
6	Kumari Jyotshana
7	Zainab Nagarwala
8	Sherin George
9	Lavina Waghalekar
10	Maheer Seth
11	Durga Daundkar
12	Juveria Qureshi
13	Muskaan Khan
14	Janhvi Sharma
15	Sofia Khatun
16	Tanaya Patil
17	Lesha Samtani
18	Sonal Pawar
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45	Amatullah Lightwala
46	Mugdha Navale
47	Rutuja Ghule
48	Dhriti Hegde
49	Pradnya Vijayan
50	Pratiksha Tiwari
51	Sriradha Gupta
52	Priyanka Chaurasiya
53	Sakshi Dhile
54	Bhavika Dyavarshetty
55	Milan Dubey
56	Khushboo Kumari
57	Sukanya Mangesh Rahate
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New initiatives, courses, apps and more...**Smart classrooms**

Haryana CSR Advisory Board has recently launched an initiative to empower all schools in the state with Smart Classroom Solutions so that educators can teach interactively and inspire students. Power Grid Corporation has offered to establish 330 Smart Classrooms in 165 Government Schools. Globus Infocom has also collaborated with the government to implement this project.

Study abroad collaborations

To broaden the scope of international education for Indian students, Prodigy Finance, a cross-border fintech platform offering loans for postgraduate programmes abroad, has joined with six popular universities in the U.S. and the U.K. With these collaborations, students can now have a wider choice of universities to choose from and make informed decisions to have a brighter tomorrow. The fintech platform aims to disburse loans worth more than \$1b to over 20,000 deserving Indian students.

**Foundation Day**

Jagran Lakecity University (JLU) recently concluded celebrations to mark eight years of its establishment. The Foundation Day of JLU, celebrated with the theme of 'Educating with a

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...the university took this opportunity to launch JEE, an online entrance test for UG & PG degrees at the university.

School of Data Science and AI

Indian Institute of Technology-Guwahati has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Mehta Family Foundation (MFF), the U.S., to set up the Mehta Family School of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence with the objective to promote Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (AI) courses at a undergraduate and postgraduate level. The first batch of B. Tech students for this school will be admitted through JEE in the academic year 2021-22.

New hires

Yocket has announced plans to expand its team size by 300 employees in 2021 as a part of its recruitment drive. Out of the 300 employees, the company plans to hire 120 talented minds by the end of 2021 first quarters (FY 21-22). The company intends to expand its team in multiple domains including Marketing, Sales, Product, Software Development, Business Development and others. The company aims at hiring 1,000 employees in the next three years.

New President

Pearl Academy recently announced the appointment of Aditi Srivastava as its new President. Prior to joining Pearl Academy, Aditi was the Global President of Inter National Institute of Fashion Design (INIFD) and spearheading its academic operations in London, New York, Jakarta, and India. In her new role, she will drive the overall pedagogy, academic excellence, faculty development and engagement across Pearl Academy's campuses in Delhi-West, Delhi-South, Jaipur, Mumbai and Bengaluru.

HR Conclave

JK Business School (JKBS) organised its annual HR Conclave virtually this year on the theme "The Future Workforce Reset – 2021 and Beyond". Over 500 eminent corporate personalities, industry, academia and student community participated and gave students an opportunity to gain industry insights from renowned industry dignitaries and their views on the current trends.

Placements sealed

NMIMS Deemed-to-be-University's School of Design (SDS), Mumbai, has announced 100% placements for the first batch of B. Des. (Humanising Technology). Top recruiters included organisations such as Deloitte, The Minimalist, Axis Bank Freecharge, YUJ Designs, Parallax Labs, among others. Students were placed across sectors, with 52% recruited by design agencies, 19% by consulting firms, 14% going into edu tech, 10% in banking and 5% in



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placement season were, Operations Designer, Innovation Designer, Digital Product Designer
- AR, Associate XR Designer, Design Researcher and Interaction & Technology Designer.

Student resources

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Upskilling initiatives

In order to upskill the Indian IT workforce with evolving enterprise tools and technology, SpringPeople has become an SAP Education partner to bring world-class training courses and certifications to India Inc. The focus will be on providing Indian organisations with a skilled workforce through its cross-skilling and upskilling initiatives. Enterprises will now have complete flexibility to define and drive SAP Education and certification initiatives within their organisations.

Stress management webinar

SkillingIndia recently organised an online webinar on 'Exam Stress Management' in which over 600 students of colleges across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra participated. The objective was to build skills to manage exam stress and develop a learning mindset. The sessions covered why and how stress happens, causes of stress, signs of being stressed out, coping strategy, awareness and relaxing techniques to deal with stress.

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Graduating students were placed successfully. About 500 companies visited the campus during the placement drive and students received one or more job offers in reputed companies. Efforts are being made to ensure that all students are placed.

Global Impact ranking

Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences (SIMATS) was ranked among the Top 101+ globally in the 'Affordable and Clean Energy' category of the SDGs in The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2021. In the 'Good Health and Well-being' category it was ranked in the 301+ and 401+ in the 'Industry Innovation and Infrastructure' and 'Quality Education' categories.

New Chancellor at PRIST University, Thanjavur

Educationist M. Ponnaiyah Nageshwaran has become the youngest chancellor of a university following his recent appointment to the top post of PRIST University, Thanjavur. His appointment comes after the sudden demise of Prof. Dr. P. Murugesan, who founded the institution in 1985 and served as its Chancellor till his death. Mr. Nageshwaran will focus on expanding the reach of the university by signing strategic Institutional Collaborations and academic tie-ups with reputed higher educational institutions abroad.

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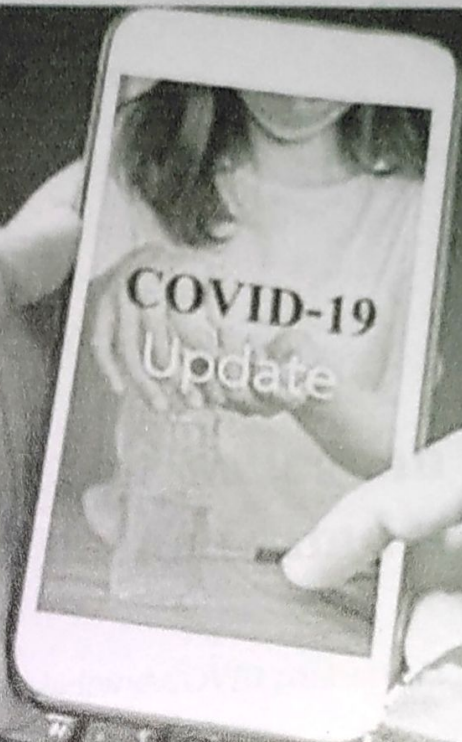
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Punekars help each other tackle Covid-19 crisis



People in the city are trying to help each other in this crisis situation
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BHAVJEET WALIA,
Student

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The second wave of Covid 19 has been brutal as compared to the first one in 2020. Reportedly, the cases went more than 2,80,000 in a single day in the country with shortage of oxygen, hospital beds, medicines and injections, which caused a panic and a sense of chaos across the country where people resorted to social media asking for help.

In Pune, citizens took it on themselves to bridge the gap between people who were seeking the resources and the people providing it. Bhavjeet Wallia, 22, student, says, "We're essentially trying to collate, verify and deliver information existing on public domains, to people who may need it. There are volunteers who are either trying to find information like beds or ICUs available in a particular city, making phone calls to verify leads that are found and facilitating SOS messages requesting information/resources about their specific needs." He adds



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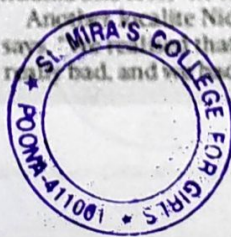
DR GULSHAN GIDWANI,
Principal, St Mira's College

that these people are not from medical backgrounds, not emotionally prepared for horrid realities of what's going on in the world around them. "Most of these people are doing it out of an immense amount of grief, trauma and loss," he shares.

Another volunteer, Nida Siddiqui says, "Things are really bad, and we had to do

something. We made a linktree list of all the major resources we could find. I call up the numbers and verify the contacts, and check if the resources are available and share it further." She adds, "It takes a toll on your mental health. We were looking for oxygen for a patient the entire day, and by the time we procured it I was exhausted and it was really difficult."

Dr Gulshan Gidwani, principal, St Mira's College, says, "I was getting requests from relatives of patients for resources in the city and I was sharing the same with student and alumni groups to look for leads. The NSS students came together as I couldn't call and verify all the numbers and check for availability." She adds they contacted all the resources and managed to help people with oxygen cylinders, hospital beds, plasma donors and even money.



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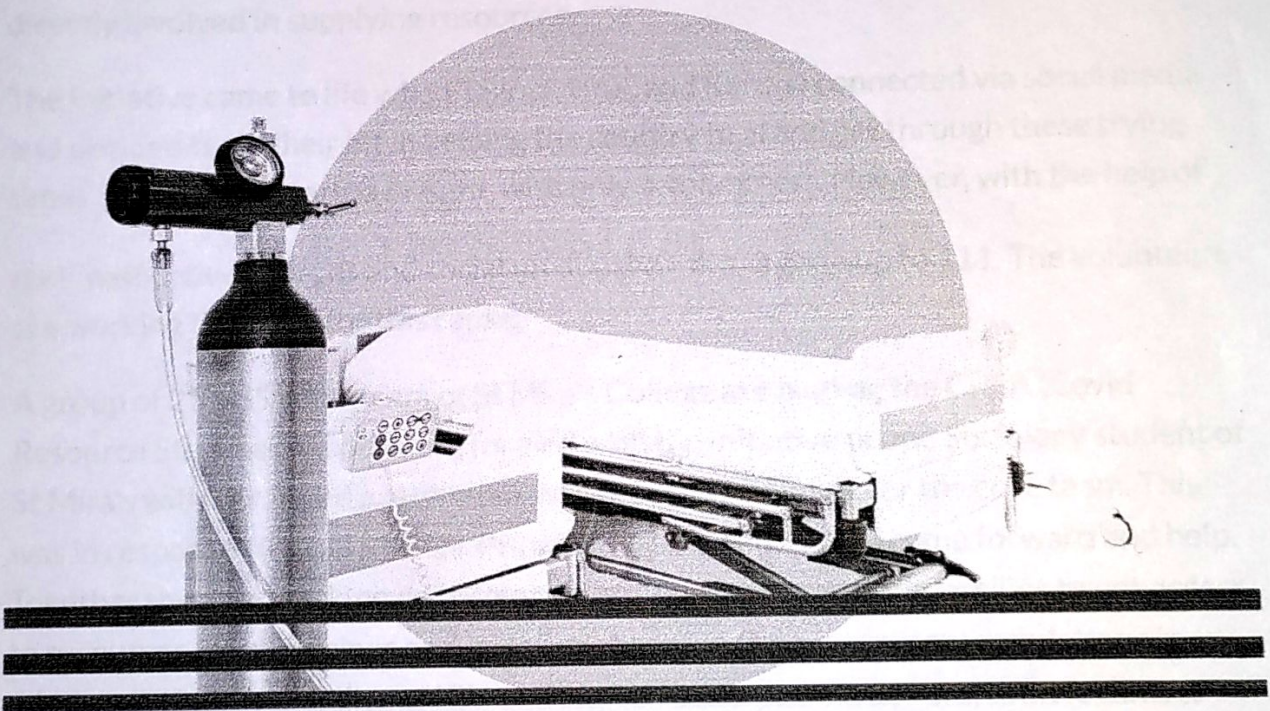


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Good Samaritans from this college in Pune are helping COVID-19 patients find useful resources

NSS Volunteers of a college in Pune are helping COVID patients find useful resources such as beds, ICUs, plasma donors and more



People are looking out for medical oxygen cylinders and bed availability during tiring times of COVID-19 The Bridge Chronicle



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Pune: With the entire country battling the second wave of COVID-19, we need all the help we can get. Even as the fight against the COVID outbreak in the state is on a war footing, COVID patients are finding it difficult to find hospital beds. In a bid to tackle the problem, a group of 25 NSS volunteers of St Mira's College are helping the CRSA (COVID Resource Students Association) formed with the initiative of one student of St Mira's with her friend to help patients find verified resources.

COVID Resource Student Association (CRSA) is an initiative started by Taarini Das, Urvi Shetty (a Sociology student of St Mira's College) and Karuna Das. The initiative is fully run by students to help people in dire need of COVID resources by providing verified and well-researched data.

According to the group, it was important to conduct such a campaign simply because it is the need of the hour. CRSA wanted to help people with verified information so that instead of running around for resources, people could attend to the needs of their loved ones. It was also set up to boost people's morale since the association couldn't be directly involved in supplying resources.

The initiative came to life when Taarini, Urvi, and Karuna connected via social media and decided to do their bit in helping the country heal and get through these trying times. The project started in April, with only 4 volunteers. However, with the help of their respective colleges and social media, the toll has gone up to 111. The volunteers are working tirelessly for this cause.

A group of 25 NSS volunteers of St Mira's College are helping the CRSA (Covid Resource Students Association) formed with the initiative of one Sociology student of St Mira's with her friend as the work was too overwhelming for the core team. This was in response to a call by their Principal, Dr GH Gidwani to come forward and help. Together they are working on helping COVID patients and their families to get access to resources like medicines and injections keeping the government regulations in mind, real-time availability of ICU and oxygen beds, plasma donors, tiffin facilities, ambulance services to name a few.

In this huge endeavour, the NSS volunteers group is helping them in the data collection and verification of the data across the country. In a short span of three days, the team has succeeded in helping about 30 patients. The team has helped patients not only from Pune but also from the cities like Agra, Bengaluru, Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur, Jhansi and Dehradun. This group of volunteers together were able to help around 2,000



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people across the country through various social media platforms.

According to the core team, "Over the last two weeks, we've seen people cry out for help. We have helped as many as we could have. Even though the number seems small and sometimes the person in need fails to get the resources on time, this does not stop us from taking the next step towards kindness. All it takes is 20 seconds of courage to make the next call, to look for people in need, find more resources, to help as many as we can. The three of us have found a home away from home in each other."

"Finding our way back to our WhatsApp group, talking about how our day went, becoming each other's checkpoints, and we eventually have become a big family. Managing everything with college and home is extremely difficult, but the fact that we can provide someone with something that they urgently need gives us purpose -to do more, to be more and to learn more," it added.

When the CRSA volunteers receive messages from people thanking them for leads, resources or even some moral support, they feel even more encouraged to keep helping people every day.

Every day posts dire challenges, but it is the relentless spirit that keeps students motivated. With a strong workforce, they intend to stay on board as long as people need them.

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