# Mahatma Education Society's Mahatma Night Degree College of Commerce & Arts Chembur Naka, Chembur Mumbai 400071 SWOT 2015-16

# SWOT Analysis as on 29 September, 2016

## **STRENGTHS:**

- Best Practice: YEP, YLP and ISSC - Youth Employability **Programme** and Youth Leadership programmes organized to improve employability and leadership skills in students. ISSC - Intensive Supervised Study Camp for T.Y.BCom students.
- Collaborations: with Department of Commerce, University of Mumbai, TISS Tata Institute of Social Studies. Deonar Mumbai. Technoserve India Pvt. Ltd, Bombay Stock Exchange, SEBL **Securities** and Exchange Board of India, SNEHA **SOCIETY FOR NUTRITION**, **EDUCATION** ACTION, T-AND HEALTH

### **WEAKNESSES:**

- Academically and economically underprivileged students, hence results are not excellent.
- Set in a composite college complex hence have to share infrastructure available.
- Campus is a vertical building in a busy residential central suburb of Mumbai. Hence, space constraint for expansion.
- Working students find it very difficult to keep terms with the college and complete the B.Com course in our college. – Earning and Learning students.
- Students are highly stressed and find it difficult to

(Saint Mary's GEMBA Moraga, California), Teach India, TIMES OF INDIA, SIGBI - Soroptimsit International of Great Britain and Ireland. NASI – National Association of Soroptimist International of India, SIBC - Soroptimsit International of Bombay Chembur (our advocacy project - World Literacy Day was nominated for a SIGBI award)

- Community Service and extension activities.
- Establishment of Nature Club.
- Establishment of WDC –
   Women Development Cell.
- Publications and website: MNDCJAS MNDC JOURNAL
   OF ARTS and SCIENCES, Elixir
   - College Magazine,
   Mahatmandc.ac.in (college
   website)
- Fully aided and permanently affiliated to the University of Mumbai 2(f) 12 B
- Supporting and encouraging management.
- Inclusive and empathetic philosophy

- manage time challenges of Time Management.
- Students are first generation learners and have to face several challenges.
- Working students are tired, hungry and stressed when they enter the college as they are returning after a long day of work at office.
- The vernacular medium, working students, stress, nutrition issues all pose challenges that have to be overcome by students.
- The working students find it difficult to participate in inter-collegiate events as these are held in the day by day colleges.

- Principal leads from the front – Good Leadership
- A well known brand, MNDC

   Mahatma Night Degree
   College of Arts & Commerce
   Serving the academically and economically underprivileged since 27 years thus enjoy patronage from the immediate neighbourhood.
- Fully qualified and well trained faculty
- A good mix of young and old teachers guiding the students.
- Fully equipped computerized library
- NSS, NCC, Sports, Cultural activities all conducted with full enthusiasm.
- Book Bank scheme offered to the students.
- BEST PRACTICE ISSC –
   Intensive Supervised Study
   Camp
- Four teachers have registered for Ph.D
- Two teachers are Ph.Ds and one is M.Phil
- One teacher has submitted is thesis and awaiting viva

voce.

- Good Research climate in college with importance to research paper, conferences, minor research projects etc.
- Research Journal MNDCJAS-Mahatma Night Degree
   College Journal of Arts and Science – A multidisciplinary bi-annual journal published by the college to promote research work.
- Senior teachers contributing to Mumbai University in various departments for setting University Examination Papers, Moderation, Vigilance squad, Joint Conductor of Examinations duty undertaken by senior teachers.
- Senior teachers are invited as resource persons for seminars, conferences and workshop by Mumbai University departments and affiliate colleges of the MU.
- One Senior teacher is invited to train students for the PET exam – Ph.D Entrance Test and is also on the interview

- panel for selecting students for Ph.D. programmes.
- Principal participates in all meetings called by the University, JD, Principals' Association etc. She is proactive and networks well with principals of other colleges. She is a good team builder and excellent communicator.
- The Management and college are engaged in Social Work and celebrate the Community Service Day ever year over and above the regular NSS NCC stipulated programs.
- Teachers are on national and international organizations particularly Soroptimist International of Mumbai Chembur affiliated to SIGBI – Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland. Both the Principal and a Senior teachers have been past presidents of this social organization of professional working women, working for a better life for women and

the girl child. Dr. Lata
Krishnan HOD Commerce is
the NASI President 2016-18
term. President of National
Association Soroptimist
International of India.

### **OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Counseling is provided for students as Yvette Lee our professional counselor helps students understand, cope and overcome personal problems and complete their B.Com programme.
- YEP and YEL programmes help improve employability and leadership skills and help students perform well in interviews and get better jobs.

### **THREATS:**

- Night College social stigma faced by students and teachers.
- Students in the first year and second year often leave the night college once they clear the first year or second year to take admission in a day college.
- Girls find it very difficult to manage time since they are

- Community service and extension activities help us build our image and respect in society.
- Sports, cultural activities, NCC, WDC, NSS. Nature Cell Club, **Placement** help activities students develop their personality all round and get an development opportunity.
- All teachers will complete their Ph.Ds in three years time.
- BEST PRACTICE ISSC –
   Intensive Supervised Study
   Camp will be adapted to the
   needs of the students to
   improve final year
   T.Y.B.Com students.
- We can expand over a period of time to start selffinancing courses.
- We do have the opportunity to begin the Post Graduate M.Com programme

- responsibilities at their work place, domestic chores and college studies. Many girls leave the college without completing the programme.
- Girls get married and leave the college
- New night schools and colleges opening in the vicinity are offering competition to our college.
- Students come from economically and educationally underprivileged families and have little family support.