

**ANNUAL REPORT: 2025–2026**

**Nirmala Niketan Hostel**

## VISION

To provide a safe haven to empower young women to live with dignity based on human values.

## MISSION

To facilitate accessible, affordable and safe accommodation for women and young girls towards their all-round development and empowerment.

## OBJECTIVES:

- To create a space to believe in themselves and to bring out their best
- To promote physical, emotional, mental and spiritual growth towards holistic development of girls.
- To help them pursue a suitable career through accompaniment and conducive atmosphere.
- To inculcate human democratic values, responsible citizens and leadership qualities through life skill education.
- To uphold human dignity, gender equality and environmental sustainability.

## INTRODUCTION



Nirmala Niketan Hostel provides a welcoming and secure residential environment for female students pursuing their education at the College of Home Science and the College of Social Work, institutions under the Institute of Social Service and other close by colleges. The hostel primarily serves students coming from outside Mumbai, offering them a comfortable and supportive home away from home during their academic journey.

Situated at 38, New Marine Lines, in close proximity to the college premises, the hostel enables students to balance their academic responsibilities with a meaningful experience of community living. Students from different parts of the country and from varied cultural and social backgrounds come together under one roof, creating an environment of mutual learning, friendship, cooperation, and respect.

The hostel experience extends beyond providing accommodation. It seeks to contribute to the overall development of young women by encouraging independence, responsibility, leadership, cultural awareness, and concern for others. Through daily community living and a variety of academic, cultural, social, and spiritual activities, students are given opportunities to discover their abilities, develop confidence, and build lasting relationships.

The academic year **2025–2026** was a year of growth, learning, celebration, fellowship, and personal development for the hostelities. The hostel continued to provide a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment where young women could pursue their studies, develop their talents, strengthen their values, and grow into responsible and confident individuals. This was also time to make new bonds and create lasting memories.

Through academic support, value education, cultural celebrations, spiritual activities, sports, counselling, leadership opportunities, and community living, the hostel sought to promote the holistic development of every hostelities.

- A total of **73 students** were accommodated, pursuing studies in institutions such as College of Social Work, College of Home Science, St. Xavier’s, Government College of Law, and K.C. College.

**OBJECTIVE 1: Creating a space for self-belief and personal expression**

The hostel provided several opportunities for hostelities to express themselves, discover their talents, and develop confidence and leadership skills.

- **Freshers' Welcome Party- 9 July 2025:** The academic year began with a vibrant Freshers' Welcome Party to warmly receive the new students into the hostel community. The programme included icebreaker games, talent showcases, and informal interactions that helped the new residents get to know one another and feel comfortable in their new environment. The senior hostelities took the initiative in planning and organizing the event, ensuring that the freshers felt welcomed and included. The celebration concluded with music, dancing, and refreshments, creating an atmosphere of joy and friendship and setting a positive tone for the year ahead.











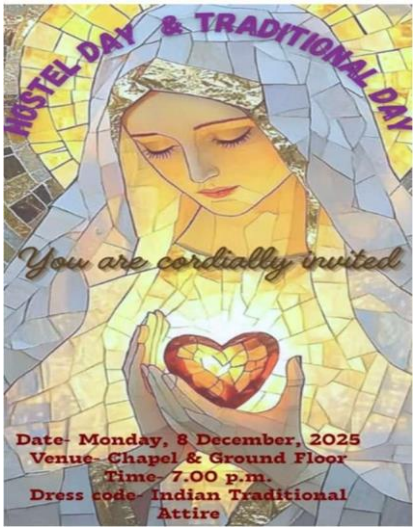


- **Farewell – 1 March 2026:** A heartwarming Farewell Party was organized to honour the final-year hostelities. The event included tribute speeches, farewell letters, video montages, and memory-sharing moments. Gifts and tokens of appreciation were given by juniors, and many emotional goodbyes were exchanged. To celebrate their journey and contributions, the night concluded with a final dance celebration, filled with nostalgia, joy, and gratitude.

- **OBJECTIVE 2: Promoting holistic growth – physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual.**
- **Cleanliness and water**: The hostel premises were cleaned and maintained regularly, and clean drinking water was provided to ensure the health and well-being of the hostelities.
- **Value Education:** Monthly value education sessions were conducted to help students reflect on important human and personal values. Resource persons also interacted with the students during meals, providing spiritual guidance and meaningful reflections.
- **Counselling Support:** Counselling services were made available whenever required to support the emotional and personal needs of the students. Guidance was also extended to parents when concerns related to discipline or behaviour arose.

- **Sports achievement:** Hostelities actively participated in college-level sports and brought recognition to the hostel by winning prizes in various competitions.
- **Catering Services:** The catering services provided by Acme Caterers, led by Mr. Clive, continued to serve healthy and balanced meals to the hostelities. The quality and hygiene of the food were regularly monitored by the warden.

- **Hostel Day cum Traditional Day- 8 December 2025:** Date: 8th December 2025 This celebration marked the founding of Nirmala Niketan Hostel. A special prayer service was conducted, followed by student speeches reflecting on the hostel's values and history. Hostelites shared their experiences and gratitude towards the hostel environment. The event was formal and reflective but concluded with group games, music, and a simple yet joyful celebration of community. An inspiring keynote address by the chief guest, Dr. Alaanha Fernandes, who shared insights on shaping of career and following your passion with focus and balanced life.












**OBJECTIVE 3: Supporting career pursuits in a conducive environment**

- Hostel infrastructure provides space for studies and work on assignments.
- **Student Achievements:** The hostelities demonstrated commendable academic performance and active participation in co-curricular activities during the academic year.
    - Anjali Shinde (M.Sc.) excelled academically and topped her class.
    - Christina Sebastian successfully completed her Master's degree with an impressive 9.10 CGPA getting a gold medal.


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- Sarah Joseph participated in the Youth Festival Elocution competition and won a prize, showcasing her confidence and public-speaking skills.

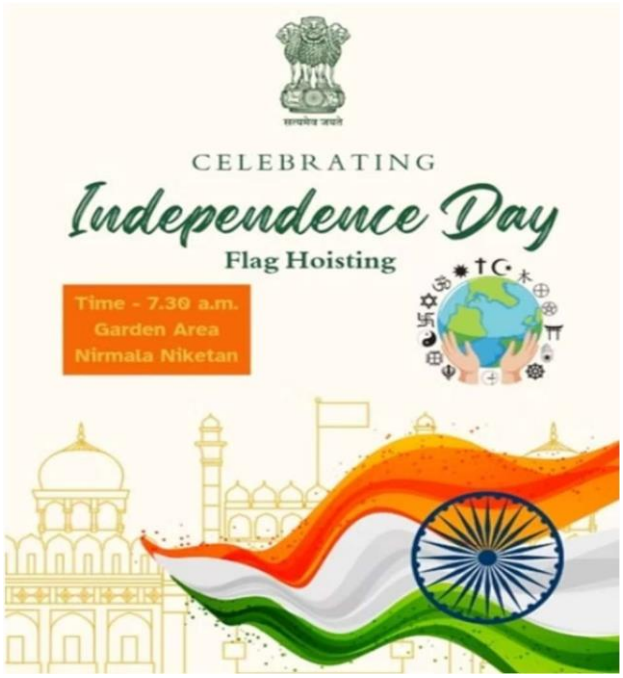
- Several other students participated in research presentations and various co-curricular activities.

- **OBJECTIVE 4: Instilling values, leadership, and responsible citizenship**
- **National Festivals** – National festivals like Independence Day and Republic Day were celebrated **Independence Day Celebrations- 15 August 2025 and Republic Day 26 January 2026:** Both the days were celebrated with patriotic spirit and enthusiasm. A flag-hoisting ceremony was held on the hostel premises, followed by patriotic songs, group dances, and spoken-word presentations by the hostelities. The programme provided an opportunity for students to reflect on India's history and freedom while expressing their sense of national pride. The celebration also gave residents an opportunity to showcase their talents. The formal programme was followed by group games and bonding activities, strengthening the spirit of unity and togetherness

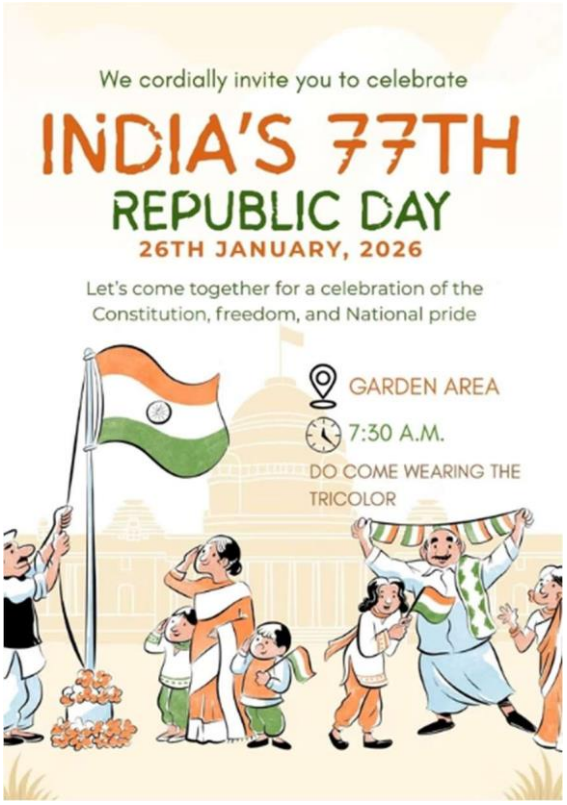







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CELEBRATING
Independence Day
Flag Hoisting
Time - 7.30 a.m.
Garden Area
Nirmala Niketan




We cordially invite you to celebrate
INDIA'S 77TH
REPUBLIC DAY
26TH JANUARY, 2026
Let's come together for a celebration of the Constitution, freedom, and National pride
GARDEN AREA
7:30 A.M.
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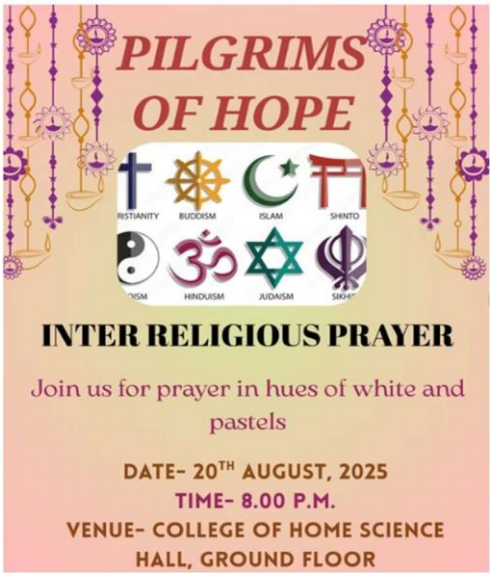

- **Inter-Religious Harmony Event - 20 August 2025**: The Inter-Religious Prayer Gathering celebrated the spiritual and cultural diversity of the hostel community. It was service was conducted in the Adelaide De Cice Hall. Students shared readings, quotes, and teachings from different religious traditions, including Hinduism, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam. A small

talk was given by Fr. Anthony emphasizing the need to peace and communal harmony. The gathering created a peaceful and inclusive atmosphere in which students reflected on common values such as compassion, respect, peace, and harmony. The programme encouraged students to appreciate different religious beliefs and traditions and promoted mutual understanding and peaceful coexistence.












- **Festival Celebration -**
- **Christmas Party – 18 December 2025:** The Christmas celebration brought warmth, joy, and togetherness to the hostel. The premises were decorated with a Christmas tree, handmade decorations, and festive lights, creating a cheerful atmosphere. The programme included carol singing, a Secret Santa gift exchange, skits, and a collective dinner. Hostelities actively participated in the preparations and celebrations. The evening concluded with music and dancing, providing the hostelities with an opportunity to relax, celebrate, and enjoy one another's company. The celebration reflected the spirit of Christmas through sharing, giving, friendship, and gratitude.










- **South Indian Harvest Celebrations- 19 January 2026:** Pongal, the traditional harvest festival of South India, was celebrated with enthusiasm and cultural warmth. The hostel premises were decorated with colourful kolams, and students participated in the celebration wearing traditional attire. A symbolic Pongal preparation and offering formed part of the programme, along with songs, storytelling, and an introduction to the cultural and agricultural significance of the festival. The celebration enabled students from different backgrounds to learn about and appreciate South Indian traditions.
- **Birthday Celebrations** – Hostelities were encouraged to celebrate birthdays to make peers feel valued.
- **Hostel Meetings** – Once a month meeting is held to discuss programs and issues. This served as a forum to voice concerns, share feedback, and strengthen communication between hostelities and management.

Each of the activities were planned and executed along with the hostelities giving them opportunities to take up leadership roles and tap their potential.

**OBJECTIVE 5: Upholding human dignity, gender equality, and environmental sustainability**

The hostel continued to promote respect for human dignity, equality, inclusiveness, and responsible care for the environment. Students were encouraged to appreciate individual differences and create a safe, caring, and respectful community.

- Hostelities were encouraged to respect the dignity, individuality, and personal boundaries of every resident, fostering an atmosphere of mutual respect and acceptance.
- Students from diverse regions, cultures, religions, and backgrounds lived together, promoting inclusiveness, equality, and appreciation of diversity.
- Inter-religious prayer gatherings and celebrations of different cultural and religious festivals helped students understand and respect diverse traditions and beliefs.
- Students were encouraged to share responsibilities in maintaining the hostel and to care for common spaces, developing a sense of responsibility and cooperation.
- Hostelities actively used solar-heated water for bathing, promoting the use of renewable energy and environmentally sustainable practices.
- Students were regularly reminded to conserve water and electricity and to avoid unnecessary wastage.
- Several hostelities nurtured indoor plants, contributing to a greener and more pleasant living environment.

- Students were encouraged to show compassion towards animals and develop sensitivity towards all forms of life.
- Students were engaged in recreational activities like chess, playing, dancing and drawing
- Through daily community living, students were encouraged to support one another and contribute towards creating a caring, inclusive, and responsible hostel community.
- Students interacted with the senior citizens during small walks together.







**SUCCESS STORIES**

Most hostelities excelled academically, with several securing distinctions in their examinations. Ms. Christina Sebastien got a gold medal in M. Com and was awarded a certificate and a medal during her convocation.

**SHARING WORDS OF APPRECIATION:**

Dear Respected Wardens, Sisters, and My Dear Hostel Family,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and happiness. It truly pains me to write this instead of being there with you in person on such a special day.

Our grand farewell celebration was something I had been eagerly waiting for. Unfortunately, due to a sudden brain attack and seizure, I was hospitalized and was not able to attend the function. It was one of the most disappointing moments for me, as my heart was present there even though my body was not.

This hostel has always been more than just a place to stay for me. It has been my second home — a place filled with warmth, care, laughter, memories, and countless beautiful moments. The rooms, the corridors, the study hours, the late-night talks, the shared meals, the celebrations — every small moment has shaped my journey and given me lifelong memories.

I am especially grateful to our respected wardens and sisters. Your guidance, discipline, encouragement, and motherly care have helped us grow not only academically but also personally. You have corrected us when we were wrong, supported us when we were weak, and motivated us to become better individuals. Your patience and kindness will always remain in my heart.



To my dear friends and juniors, thank you for making my hostel life unforgettable. The bond we built here is beyond words. Even though I missed the farewell celebration physically, I carry all of you in my prayers and memories.

Please forgive me for not being present on such an important occasion. Once I recover fully, I hope to visit and meet everyone personally to express my gratitude.

Thank you for giving me a home away from home. I will always cherish my hostel days as one of the most beautiful chapters of my life.

With love, respect, and gratitude,

Yours lovingly

Pradnya
(Law Student)

With their collaboration and God’s blessings, the hostel has continued to flourish, offering a nurturing space for young women to learn, grow, and thrive.

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