

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

Aqsa College has so much to be proud of, and we want to share the progress we are making on our goals. Like most any other academic year, disruption became the norm as we felt the effects of the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic starting in early March 2020. Our staff and students switched to online mode, online learners continued and faculty and staff met new challenges daily to continue offering high-quality online educational experiences.


Due to Covid-19, the college remained closed from April (the new session) 2020-21. Since we could not have regular classes in the college, we started online classes using Zoom app and Google meet. Many students faced issues due to lack of smart phones, network problem and so on. Class tests, semester exams, seminars, workshops were conducted online which were later uploaded in the college YouTube and Instagram account.

Aqsa Degree College creates offers outstanding programs and curriculum. Classes emphasize experiential learning and include hands-on elements, allowing students the opportunity to offer interdisciplinary-team solutions to real-world problems faced by the program's corporate affiliates

A comprehensive College, Aqsa is a destination campus offering girl students a broad spectrum of quality academics, a growing and vibrant campus life, and a wide array of athletic offerings. A year ago, I wrote that Academic Year 2018-19 had been an incredible year for Aqsa College, and observed that Academic Year 2019-20 promised to be at least as amazing. And we wish to begin again with an incredible start.

Since its inception our college has paid special attention to female education. Hundreds of girl students from poor and traditional families have benefited immensely from higher education at Aqsa Degree College.

2019-20 has been a memorable year for our College. In the ever-changing and deeply uncertain world around us, Aqsa Women's Degree College continues to attract the most brilliant students and the most talented teachers/researchers from across Bhiwandi. They convene here, as they have always done, to learn, to push at the frontiers of knowledge and to improve the domain in which we find ourselves.


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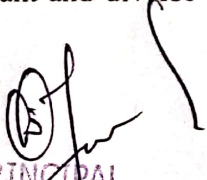
My annual report speaks about what we have accomplished and our strategies for the approaching year. As we look to the future, it is helpful to look back at some of the decisions that were made in the past and the impact that they have had on Aqsa Women's Degree College. Many of the decisions we are making today will help shape the future of this great institution. That's why we have been so deliberative and thoughtful about how we invest and where we place our emphasis.

The number of applications received by the Under Graduate Admissions Office has nearly doubled over, with new courses added each year and an increasing number of part-time study options available. Aqsa has continued to develop initiatives that target support for students – a key strategic priority for the College. The values and priorities that matter to us are support for faculty and students. Over the previous year's our faculty have focused on improving the classroom experience of our students and have continued to experiment with the power and reach of technology. We have a hardworking, reliable and active faculty who is in touch with various colleges on the latest updates as they attend different workshops and seminars related to Syllabus making, skill improvement etc. We provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate their creativity, intellect and leadership. Over the last years our college results continued to be exceptionally good.

Faculty Development & Alumni

I would say that 2019-20 was an exemplary year in which we, as a faculty, carefully shepherded our resources, while making important strategic investments that support both our notable broad excellence and our role as an institution that advances knowledge. As we work to build our faculty, there are many ways for departments and areas to measure the effectiveness.

Many research papers were published in various journal by the staff of Aqsa College. From furthering innovative and impactful research across the academic divisions to creating opportunities for students at undergraduate and graduate level. These efforts are part of a comprehensive plan to help all our colleagues make their best contributions to research, teaching, and our community. We strive to promote a positive culture of support through recruitment and retention efforts aimed at building a vibrant and diverse faculty. We also continue to listen and


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respond to faculty needs in order to make Aqsa an outstanding place for all faculty to do their best work.

Dr. Oneza Tanveer Farid and Mrs. Sana Don successfully completed a 4-Week Induction/Orientation Programme for "Faculty in Universities/Colleges/Institutes of Higher Education" from February 11 - March 13, 2021 and obtained Grade A+.

Infrastructure

On the Aqsa College building has been completely renovated; 9 classrooms have been added and an auditorium fitted with cutting-edge information and educational technology; new roofs were added to the Recreation Center and the college Library.

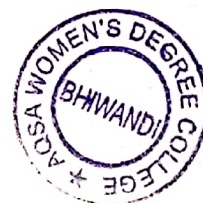
Aqsa Women's Degree College was established in 2006, with five faculty twenty four students in Science and nine students in Arts. Located in Bhiwandi, Aqsa Women's Degree College is a leading women's college committed to educating and empowering women through advance science & technology. Aqsa stands out as a different kind of institution with 100 percent female staff, encouraging and developing the revolutionary skills of the 21st century. Aqsa is equipped with the extremely rich source of an outstanding student body and faculty, support from management and alumni.

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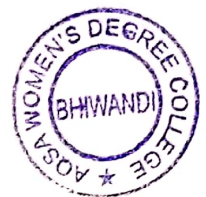
Aqsa College has been responding to challenges and opportunities. Our enrollments continue with an upward trend as more and more students are making Aqsa their first choice college. We have undergraduate courses in the faculties of Arts, Science and Commerce. We are also accredited distance education center to S.N.D.T Women's University with various courses specialty designed for women. Alongside the college regularly organizes innumerable extracurricular activities to bring out the hidden talent of our students in the form of artistic self-expression. Above all the college gladly carries out its social responsibility by serving the physically challenged and socio economically deprived students also.

In 2015 our college was accredited by NAAC. We organize national & international seminars every year, where faculties and students from nearly colleges attend it. We have strong National Service Scheme (N.S.S) team, which organizes different activities like blood donation camp, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, distributing food stationary to nearby preschoolers of Balwadi etc. N.S.S unit of the college provides opportunities to students to participate in various urban and rural projects. Its objective is to train students to understand educational, socio-economic health and hygienic problem of weaker section of the society and to inculcate in them social awareness, sense of belonging, fellow feeling and love for hard work. Our N.S.S students also carry out projects for upliftment of the poor and backward community in Thane rural areas.

We have students with a very low socio-economic background and most of the time unable to pay fees. So we take partial fees or give some subsidy to students and let their education to be continued. We also give students installment facilities. We are proud that almost 50% of our students' alumni are independent and working professionally today. Our students are also studying further and doing MBA, Fashion designing, B.Ed. and D.Ed., MLT, Post-graduation in Chemistry & Zoology, Montessori, M.A, and M.Sc. etc. we at Aqsa also provide free coaching for UPSC and MP SC examinations. We also offer skill development courses and income generating courses for the poor.

This academic year our college introduced the DMLT (Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology) course in August 2019-20, with 14 students. Thus, we feel proud and confident that our work, we have done since past so many years has positioned Aqsa for an ever great future.


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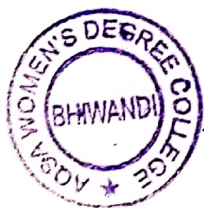


Today I think it is fair to say that Aqsa has never been stronger, more confident or more committed to serving wider society. It is the dedication of our management, faculty, students, staff who made it possible with their undertakings. Apart from the academic year 2018-19 was another successful year during which the institution progressed towards expanding its existing activities and initiated new activities. Our institution has grown manifold, under the vision and dedicated efforts of our management members. It goes beyond mention the hard work of my teaching and nonteaching staff. I continue to be proud by their deep commitment to providing a dynamic lifelong learning environment for current and future Aqsa college students.

I take this opportunity to convey my profound gratitude to our guests, parents, benefactors and my lovely students without whose cooperation it would have been virtually impossible. I unequivocally believe that we all can collectively achieve our goals of women education and empowerment. I have enclosed all the reports of the various events conducted throughout the year in detail.

I express my acknowledgment to all who in their own way have helped in raising the institution where it stands today. Working together, we can continue to do so, living up to our potential as an institution and helping individuals in the Aqsa community to live up to theirs. Our Institute is a continuum. The innovations, support, and planning that we start today, and the Aqsa community we continue to build, will bear fruit in the future.

From the lens of the present, I am mindful of the phenomenal leadership, vision and commitment it took to move this college forward. Our predecessors have built a solid foundation for sustained growth and development. I feel honored that the accomplishments during the last academic year continue the proud tradition. I express my acknowledgment to all who in their own way have helped in raising the institution where it stands today. As always, I am amazed by the seemingly limitless energy and ideas of our extraordinary students. I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish and look forward to all the advances sure to come in the new academic year.



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