# 7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

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# CRESCENDO – The Tech-Fest of Fr.CRCE

The purpose of education is to make a person self reliant and confident enough to face the challenges of life with social and moral responsibilities. At Fr.CRCE we mould each one of our students to be self reliant, confident and socially and morally responsible individuals. To make this possible we provide rigorous academic training, supplemented by co-curricular activities and complemented by extracurricular activities. CRESCENDO is one such extracurricular activity and as it is aptly named it has been growing intense and loud since its inception.

The primary goals of extracurricular activities focus on the individual student level. These activities exist to complement the university's academic curriculum and to augment the student's educational experience. Any type of student involvement in college positively affects student learning and development. Extracurricular activities provide a setting to become involved and to interact with other students, thus leading to increased learning and enhanced development.

Involvement in extracurricular activities is a key tool in a student's personal development and it plays an integral role in the collegiate experience. Students become involved in extracurricular activities not only for entertainment, social, and enjoyment purposes, but most important, to gain and improve skills.

As the development of the well-rounded individual is a principal goal of extracurricular activities, they positively impact students' emotional, intellectual, social, and inter-personal development. By working together with other individuals, students learn to negotiate, communicate, manage conflict, and lead others. Taking part in these out-of-the-classroom activities helps students to understand the

importance of critical thinking skills, time management, and academic and intellectual competence. Involvement in activities helps students mature socially by providing a setting for student interaction, relationship formation, and discussion. Working outside of the classroom with diverse groups of individuals allows for students to gain more self-confidence, autonomy, and appreciation for others' differences and similarities.

Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering organizes Inter-College Technical Festival, *CResCEndo* every year*.* It is a two day extracurricular activity conducted by the student council of Fr.CRCE during the even semester. It is a platform for all the students to showcase their skills and originality by puzzling over the innovative tasks and events throughout the two days. The activities consist of technical and non technical events organized by technical & non technical councils of Fr. CRCE. These two days witness a huge number of participation from students across the colleges. CRESCENDO trophy has been introduced for the best performing class who secured the maximum points in participating different events to enhance the participation and involvement of students. Depending on the nature of events points are assigned in advance and displayed. There are points for participation and points for the winners. The class that secures the highest point will be awarded the CRESCENDO trophy. The best performer trophy is given to the participant who secures the highest points in the entire event. In order to avoid conflict and controversy, the registration process is made fool proof by using a mobile based Registration App. The App was developed in house by our student Shantanu Iyengar. All registrations are done at specified locations on each floor, by designated student volunteers through Mobile App by creating an account for the participant and recharging the account. The teacher in charge is given supervisory access to the App for monitoring the registration process. The trophies are distributed on the second day after the culmination of all the events in the concluding ceremony.

# A list of events organized during the **Crescendo-2019** are given below

| Council Name | Event Name | Council Name | Event Name |
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| CSI | Counter Strike | ASME | Quiz Up |
| CSI | Code Swapping | ASME | Suspension Bridge |
| Mozilla | Capture the flag | SME | CAD Wars |
| Mozilla | Image Capture | SME | Tech Pong |
| IIIExCRCE | Techno-talks | CodeLabs | PUBG Gaming |
| SAE | Fasten the Fasteners | TEDxCRCE | Escape Room |
| SAE | Re-search the Research | IEEE CRCE | Project Competition |
| ACM | Web Master | WIE | Line Follower Competition |
| ACM | Linux Master | WIE | Circusign |
| IIIExCRCE | Paper Planes | NSS CRCE | Photography Competition |
| CodeLabs | Blind Coding | Rotaract Club | Footpool |
| IIIC | Hackathon | E Cell | Idea Competition |
| Mavericks | Drone Flight Simulator | | |

**NSS Report**

It is said, "Those who do the most for others are the happiest". While it is true that it can be done by just acting as a member, why join the council? The answer is simple. Just helping others is not always enough. True social service comes in convincing others to reach out to the less fortunate as well. We express our heartfelt gratitude towards Prof. Saurabh Koregaonkar and Prof. Dipali Bhise, for their sturdy support and encouragement throughout the year. Just like every year, our membership drive received an overwhelming response and a team of roughly 100 volunteers was formed.

Our first official event was Stem Cell donation Registration, in collaboration with the NGO,Datri. The event that followed, was the NSS Orientation-2k18 where the activities of the previous year and the objectives of the present year were discussed with the volunteers in the presence of the Principal. In all, we planned to organize four beach clean-up drives this year, out of which three have already been conducted. The first beach clean-up took place at Versova Beach, along with an activist Mr. Afroz Shah and group. Our volunteers got together and cleaned up a plastic-filled beach located adjacent to a slum habitat. The next cleanup drive was organized at Vasai Beach, and the third one again with Mr. Afroz Shah in Malad.

On the beautiful morning of Synergy, CRCE's tech-fest, NSS volunteers gathered together at Bandra Station and marched all the way to college as part of the Anti-Plastic Rally. We received the support and praise of the Bandra police in this enterprise and we believe that we managed to spread knowledge about the harmful effects of plastic, amid the eyes of curious on-lookers in our way.

*We are grateful to all students as well as faculty members who donated their blood and helped in making the event a huge success.* Next was a back-to-back session on Fire Safety Awareness Workshop and Seminar in association with FSAI that helped our students learn the basic techniques of fire safety, i.e. how to operate a fire extinguisher, etc. A tree plantation drive was organized at the Kalina University Campus, where volunteers were taught exactly how a tree is planted so that it gets maximum nutrition and is able to sustain itself.

From the 26th Dec to 1st Jan, the most anticipated 7-Day camp to our adopted village, Khamgoan, Raigad was organized. All program officers accompanied us during the camp. We had various events lined up there such as documenting of village information for the gram panchayat, street plays, career-counseling for school kids, rice factory visits, etc.

Throughout the year we have lived up our motto, "Not me, but you" and we will continue doing so. We sincerely thank our college for providing us a platform full of opportunities and for supporting all our endeavors. Cheers!

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