



## **Association of Christian Students**

*Where all are jubilant in the Lord!*

The ACS is one of the oldest sororities of Sophia College Mumbai. We are a non-denominational Christian club, running with the mission of providing a dynamic interactive space for Sophians. In the academic year 2020-21, with the agendas of *Service, Fellowship & Spiritual Growth*, we aim to promote attitudes of integrity, gratefulness and faith through our activities and collaborations. Our institution & the ACS were quick to adjust to the pandemic's new normal. This year's online initiatives like, weekly Fellowship Meets, seminars on hotly debated issues through biblical lenses, feast celebration masses, etc. have received very positive and encouraging responses. We hope to facilitate and encourage students involvement in and service to the campus and community.

## Fellowship Meets

(JULY 2020 - APRIL 2021)

Fellowship Meets were a collaborative initiative with Jesus Youth Mumbai, aimed at facilitating intimacy through Christian companionship amidst the pandemic and the hustle of online. These meets were weekly online 40 minutes sessions. Quizzes, prayer meets, fun chit-chat sessions, testimonials, discussions, games and more, every Fellowship Meet had a theme. What's most exciting is, all those who attended also participated in every meeting! This became the motivation to get together in times of uncertainty and limited interactions. Throughout this academic year we conducted 25+ Fellowship Meets. Good fellowship, as it always is, was an encouragement and a source of hearty counsel to the regularly attending members of the ACS & JY. Everyone looked forward to this small time of companionship & growth.

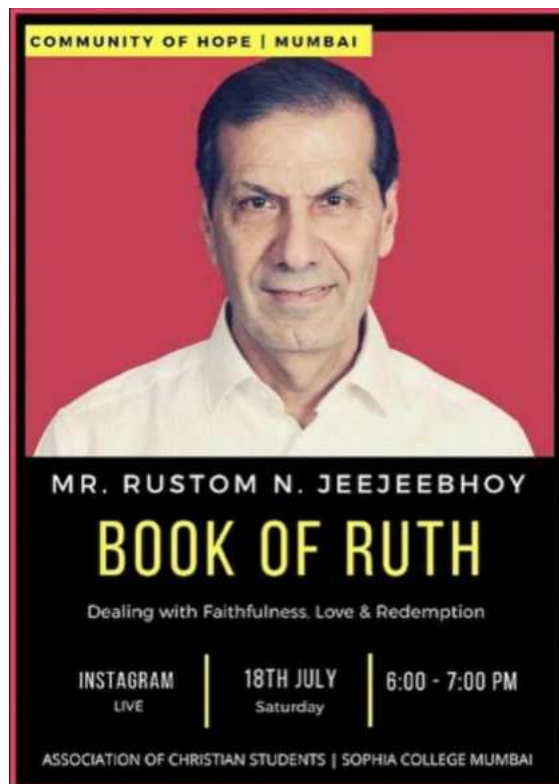


## Event - Seminar on the Book Of Ruth

**Date - 18th July 2020**

With the agenda of spiritual growth, the ACS organised an Instagram live seminar on the Biblical book of Ruth. This 1 hour session was conducted by Mr. Rustom Jeejeebhoy, from the Community of Hope Church, Mumbai. Sir gave deep insights into the life of Ruth, explaining how she perfectly came in obedience to the Lord through love, faithfulness & redemption. The secession was much appreciated by the club members.

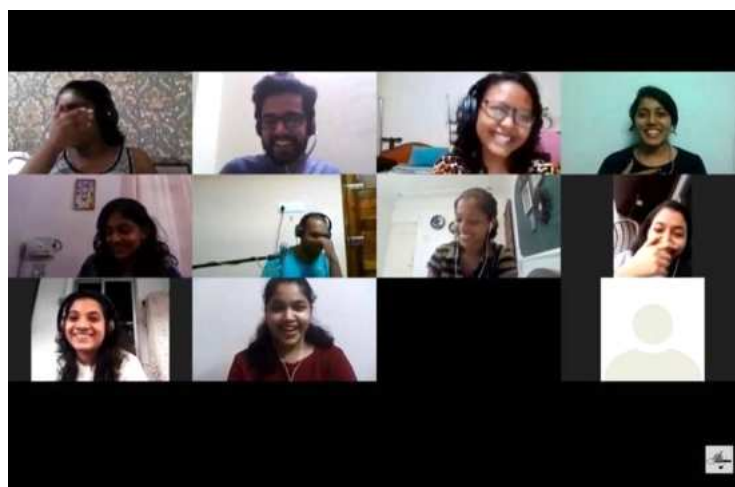
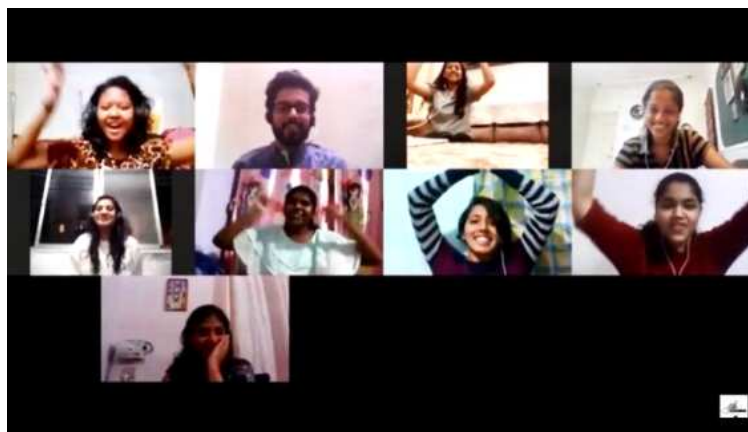
“Love brings obedience, Obedience brings challenge & Challenge brings Reward!”  
- Rustom N. Jeejeebhoy



**Event - JY Orientation for FYs**

**Date - 6th October 2020**

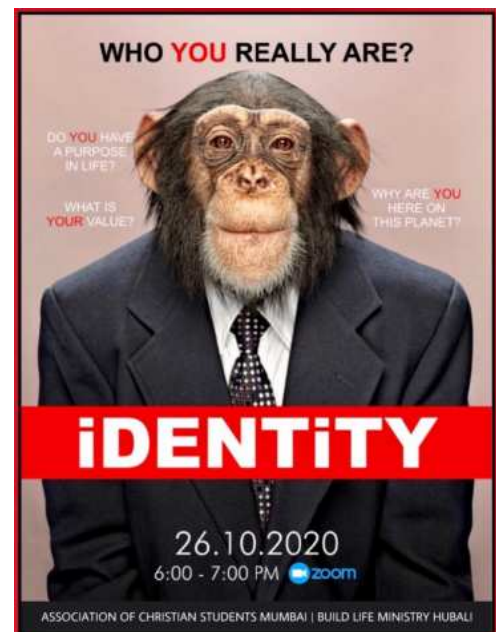
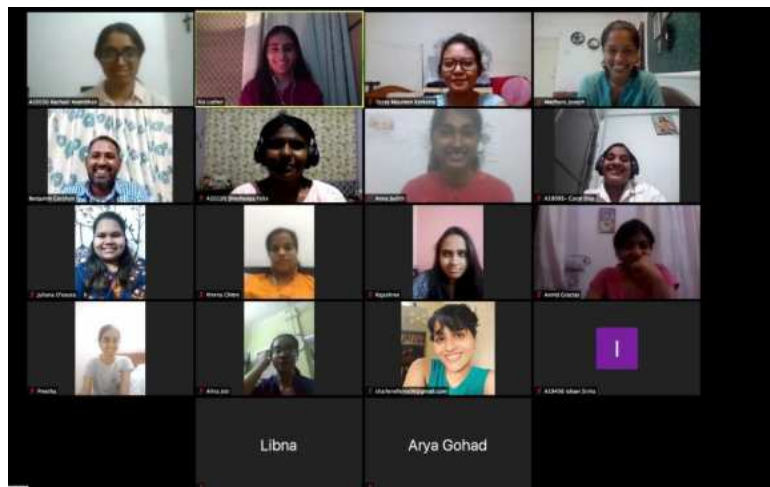
ACS in collaboration with Jesus Youth Mumbai conducted an online orientation of the JY Campus Ministries Mumbai for the students of Sophia College. The theme of this year's collaboration was SPARK - The Bloom of Youth. The programme started with a small presentation about what this year's collaboration entails. This was followed by interactive games, personal testimonials by team JY & ACS members who attended, a praise and worship session & ended with a short time of prayer.



## Event - Identity - Our Worth in Christ!

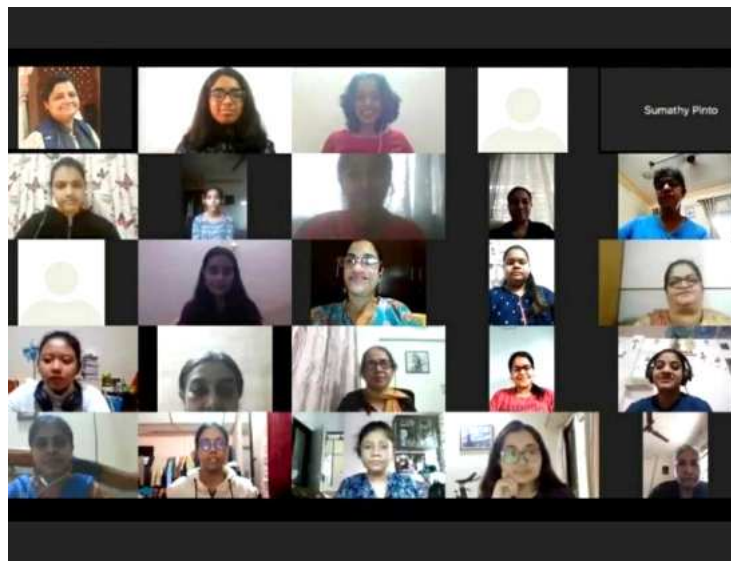
Date - 26th October 2020

ACS in collaboration with Build Life Ministries, Hubali, Karnataka, organized a seminar on Identity. This 40-minute seminar was conducted by Brother Benjamin Gershon on 26 October, 2020. Brother shared with us Biblical insights about identity and where we derive our identity from. This was followed by a question answer round covering topics ranging from mental health to tackling everyday challenges like academia and peer pressure. This event prompted us to understand God's calling and the choice of realising and accepting it.



**Event - College Day Mass**  
**Date - 12th December 2020**

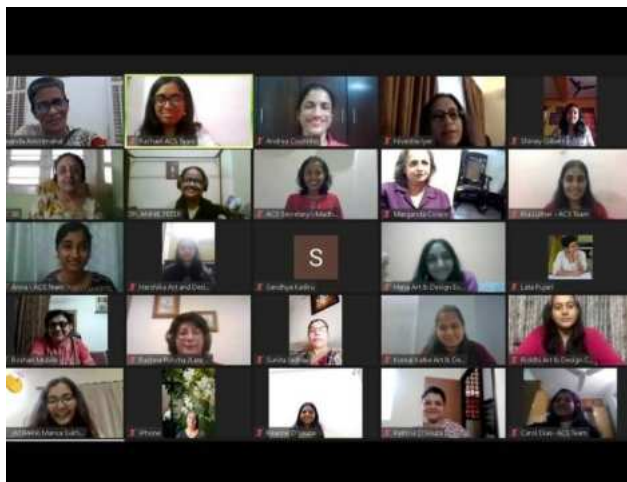
December 12th is a triple-dhamaka celebration at Sophia. The entire college dresses up in traditional attire to celebrate College Day, the Feast of St. Madeleine Sophie and Principal's day. This year the College day mass was celebrated online at 8 AM by Reverend Fr. Avin Franklin, from the Holy Name Cathedral. The teaching and non teaching staff, sisters and students attended the eucharistic celebration in large numbers.



## Event - Christmas Wishing

Date - 23rd December 2020

The Christmas Wishing program is a long set tradition at Sophia and this year, for the first time, we took it online. It is the flagship of ACS in which teachers and students from the different departments and clubs participate to celebrate Christmas. It is held on 23rd December, officially marking the beginning of the much-loved Christmas break. This year, we had a special Christmas wishing video featuring the students of Sophia, who told us why they love Christmas. Ma'am Rashna Poncha from the History Department and Ma'am Elwin John from the English Literature Department, spoke about the true meaning of Christmas. This was followed by a thrilling do-it-yourself origami session conducted by the Art and Design Club. Everyone was requested to bring a square sheet in order to take part in this enjoyable task. Followed by this, we had the principal's message. The programme ended with an interactive exchange between the sisters, teachers and students across all departments and clubs.



**Event - Republic Day Mass**  
**Date - 26th January 2021**

Bhaartiya Samvidhan Sarva Pradhan Hai! In this spirit, to prayerfully honour the Indian Constitution, staff and students of Sophia came together to celebrate the Republic Day mass online at 9 AM. The celebrant of the mass was Father Clifton Mendonca from the Archdiocese of Mumbai. Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus were also in attendance.





## Event - Discipleship Calls For More!

Date - 24th February 2021

With the agenda of spiritual growth, the ACS under Mizaaj, organised an intriguing seminar on Discipleship. Deacon Ivan Fernandez from the Archdiocese of Mumbai was the keynote speaker. The session began with a word unscramble game and the participants enjoyed every bit of it. The game was followed by a very insightful lecture by deacon. It was a blessed evening!



**Event: Aagaaz-e-Ehsaas**

**Dates - 5th, 6th &7th April 2021**

ACS in collaboration with A&D and SIGMA clubs organized, Aagaaz-e-Ehsaas, an exciting 3 day photography competition, with 3 different themes each day. These themes were relevant to the clubs' agendas. With the ACS agenda of Social Service and Compassion, the theme for day 3 was 'Capture Kindness' with 'Furtography' and 'Click Convey' as the sub-themes. The themes encouraged students to capture an act of kindness shown to animals or to analyse a poem through the lens of photography. The challenging twist was that the 3 themes were disclosed at 12:00 AM and participants got 24 hours to complete the task. 1 overall winner & 3 winners for each day were announced by an esteemed wildlife photographer, Swaroop Singha Roy. This inter-collegiate event deemed to be a success.



## Event's Name – Spark Meet

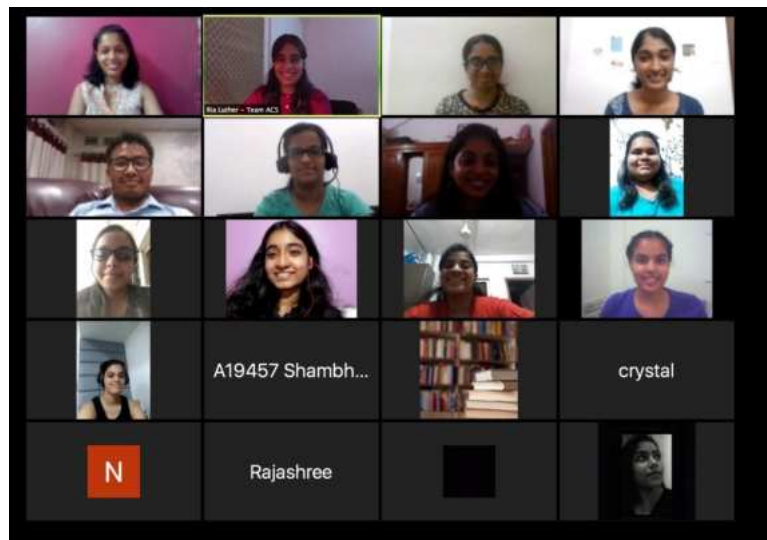
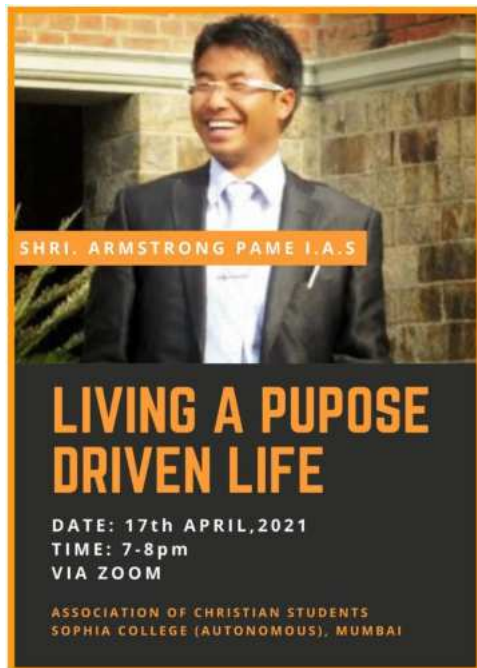
Date- 11th April 2021

The Association of Christian students conducted the Spark Meet in collaboration with the Jesus Youth on 11th April 2021. The meeting was a casual get together where we could learn, interact and have fun while sipping along on our cool beverages. The event started with a time of praise and worship, followed by brief testimonies about ACS members' experiences with the JY & a round of mind-boggling Biblical games. The meeting ended with everyone joining in a lively action song. Truly, we all had a blessed evening and we all enjoyed every bit of it.



**Event - Living a Purpose Driven Life**  
**Date - 17th April 2021**

This event was an inspirational interaction between the members of ACS and the esteemed IAS officer Shree Armstrong Pame, the ‘Miracle Man’ of Manipur. His testimony included instances of his life when by God’s grace he got the opportunity to help change the lives of countless others. He explained the importance of choosing to live God’s will and encouraged everyone to follow their passion.



## **Just A Caption (JAC) & Quick Bible Peek**

These two WhatsApp Activities were creative ways intended to stir in youth a hunger to know God's Word.

Quick Bible Peek! - 3 times a week, one Bible verse was to be posted in three languages, Hindi, Marathi and English, so as to understand it in deeper depths. Club members meditated on these verses by repeated reading and mulling their meaning.

JAC - Just A Caption! - A picture was posted every Saturday and members were encouraged to use their GOD given creative juices and give a caption to the picture. The captions could be anything like a Bible verse, a quote or something original. The weekly JAC winners were announced in the Fellowship Meets and received shoutouts on ACS official instagram page.

## **ACS Secretary Fellowship**

Perhaps nothing better exemplifies the cultural diversity and creative energy of Sophia than our alumni. Therefore this year we set up the *ACS Secretary Fellowship* to keep our little ACS family connected. It is an initiative to keep the former club secretaries of ACS updated about all things Sophia. Our mission is to make the Fellowship a super interactive space in the years to come. This vision will definitely be a blessing for Sophia!

## **Team ACS 2020-21**

ACS Secretary - Madhura Joseph

Executives - Anna Judith

Ria Luther

Juliana D'souza

Rachael Arambhan

Carol Dias

Staff Incharge - Sister Rosa Makil (Dean of Students, Sophia)

Sister Patricia D'souza (HOD Psychology, Sophia)

## **Let's Connect!**

If you are looking for companionship with women of faith to boost the Sophia experience, then you've come to the right place!

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