

ANNUAL ACADEMIC AWARDS

The BCS Annual Academic Awards event was held on 10 December 2017 at St Michael Auditorium, Mahim.

The President, Ms Rita D'Sa, welcomed the audience comprising the toppers from Class X to CAs and MDs, their parents and the wellwishers of the Sabha. She explained how the focus of the BCS has been to encourage the academic success of our students, and to channelise their intelligence towards the growth of the community. Fr Felix D'Souza, the Ecclesiastical Adviser, asked the students to aim at excellence, and not be satisfied with mediocrity.

The Chief Guest, Mr Vivek Mendonsa – MD of Lawrence & Mayo – spoke at length on the need to be 'best of class' – constantly striving to be in the forefront of one's profession. He used various tools to drive home the point of building knowledge, and offered a summary of the professions in demand in the future.

The prize distribution saw 82 scholarships being awarded to toppers across various streams; in addition, 42 Merit certificates were given to Class X (SSC & ICSE) students who had crossed the cut-off mark. This year, the BCS also felicitated two specially abled children – one of Class X and the other of Class XII – who had performed well at the exams, in spite of their difficulties.

The smooth distribution of the prizes was followed by a speech by one of the toppers – Ms Velissa Rodrigues, who echoed the gratitude of the other winners.

A brief Vote of Thanks by the Secretary General, Mr Bento Lobo, was followed by singing of the National Anthem. Truly a heart-warming event that acknowledged the effort and intelligence of our young ones.