



WORD FROM PRINCIPAL

Happiness

Poet Shri Makarand Dave, who has done tremendous writing in Gujarati language has written a beautiful poem called 'Gamata No Kariye Gulal'. It means, that anything you like, you share with others and the way during the festival of Holi we rub gulal (colour) on the face of our nearest and dearest ones or sometimes even the unknown people. We have to spread that happiness of what is in our possession simply by sharing it with others.

A story below is something that I encountered while random reading and wish to share with you all:

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Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolf hound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle. I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience. The next day, Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. The procedure was followed and within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after

Belker's Death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that dogs' lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try and live. He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life — like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that. If a dog was the teacher you would learn things like- When your loved ones come home, always run to greet them. Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy. Take naps. Stretch before rising. Run, romp, and play daily. Thrive on attention and let people touch you. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do. On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass. On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree. When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk. Be faithful. Never pretend to be something you're not. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it. When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently". The six-year-old concluded, "This is why dogs don't have to stay for as long as we do."

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It is so simple to be Happy but it is so difficult to be simple.

Principal Dr. Himanshu Dawda

FACULTY NEWS

DISTINCTION

Prof. Akash Gupta, Dept. of BMS, successfully completed the One Year's Post Graduate Diploma in Higher Education (PGDHE) with submission of Project Report on 'Factors Influencing Use of Technology by Higher Education Teachers and Impact of Covid-19' from Indira Gandhi National Open University in June 2021. He successfully qualified the Maharashtra State Eligibility Test (MH-SET) from University of Pune in the examination held in Sept. 2021 and the result was declared in Jan. 2022. He also successfully qualified for the Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) & National Eligibility Test (NET) from University Grants Commission examination conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) in Nov. 2021 and the result declared in Feb. 2022.

ON PANEL

Dr. Saraswathi Moorthy, Dept. of Commerce, was appointed as a member of the Board of Studies by University of Mumbai, in the subject of Accountancy, at Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science and Commerce on Nov. 29, 2021. She was nominated as a Subject Expert of Accountancy on the Selection Committee constituted for promotion under CAS at SVKM's N.M. College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous) on Feb. 4, 2022.

Mrs. Shubhangi M. Vedak, Librarian, was invited as a Subject Expert to conduct the Library Audit of the Library Department of KJ Somaiya College of Arts & Commerce, Vidyavihar, Mumbai, on Feb. 11, 2022.

Dr. Sucheta Joshi, Head, Dept. of Economics, was appointed as VC Nominee Subject Expert in Economics for CAS Committee in L. S. Raheja College of Arts and Commerce on Feb. 16, 2022.

Dr. Amita Valmiki, Head, Dept. of Philosophy, was appointed as VC Nominee for CAS Interview in Philosophy as Subject Expert at Ramnarain Ruia College on Feb. 17, 2022.

Dr. Abhay D. Sawant, Dept. of Chemistry, has been appointed as VC Nominee in the Board of Studies for the subject of Chemistry at K.V. Pendharkar College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), Dombivli.

PUBLICATION

Dr. Amita Valmiki, Dept. of Philosophy, published an article on 'Revisiting Martin Buber's Theory of Knowledge' in *Kala Sarovar*, Referred, Peer Reviewed Quarterly Journal published by Kala Avam Dharma Shodh Sansthan, BHU, Varanasi – 221005, Vol. 24, No. 4-2021; RNI No. – 46269/87; ISSN No. 0975-4520, pp. 62-66.

Dr. Rina Pitale Puradkar, Dept. of Philosophy, published a research article on 'Yoga as Psychotherapy: An Alternative and Complementary Solution' in *Dianoesis: A Journal of Philosophy*, 11th Issue, ISSN: 2459-413X (print) ISSN: 2732-7507 (on-line), pp. 105- 115, Oct. 2021. She also published an article on 'Varkari's Concept of Happiness: An Introspection' in *Pursuit of Happiness: The Path of Philosophy and Counselling*, Emphyreal Publishing House, India, Nov. 2021. She published a research article on 'Environment, Ecology and Ethics, Revisiting Ecological Concerns in the Literature of Varkari Saints' in *Environment and Unsustainable Human Life (Volume -I)*, V L Media Solutions, New Delhi, Nov. 2021. She published a research article on 'Cangdeva-Pasathi: A Philosophical Discourse', on *Sources of Knowledge in Faculty of Humanities* (Special issue), Kala Sarovar Quarterly UGC Care Listed journal Journal, Vol. 24, No. -4-, RNI No. -46269/87 ISSN-0975-4520, pp. 25-33, 2021.

Dr. Neeta Chakravarty, Head, Department of English, published a paper on 'Response to Crisis of Islam: Spirituality in Tariq Ali's Works' in *Modern Thamizh Research* (Special Issue), UGC Care Listed Journal, ISSN 2321-984X, Oct. 12 and 13, 2022.

Dr. Mithilesh Sharma, Head, Department of Hindi, published an article published an article on 'Premchand Ke Katha Sahitya mein Gandhivaad' in the journal 'Mahatma Gandhi ke Sapno ka Bharat aur Azadi ke 75 Varsh' published with ISSN No. 2277-5730 by Ajanta Prakashan, Aurangabad in Oct.-Dec. 2021. She also published an article on 'Samakalin Hindi Kavita mein Baal Vimarsh' in the UGC Care listed Quarterly Journal 'Hindi Anusheelan', Quarterly, Year - 62, Volume 4' with ISSN No. 2249-930X published by Bhartiya Hindi Parishad, Dept. of Hindi, Allahabad University, Prayagraj in Dec. 2021. She published an article 'Lok Sahitya aur Bhavani Prasad Mishra' in the book titled 'Bhavani Prasad Mishra ki Kavya Yojana' with ISBN - 978-81-950506-9-7 by Gyaan Prakashan, Kanpur in 2022. She published an article 'Soor Kavya mein Braj Sanskriti' in the book titled 'Bhartiya Sant Sahitya Parampara' with ISBN - 979-888606829-0 by Notion Press, Chennai in 2022.

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Prof. Smita Jadhav, Dept. of Biotechnology, published a research paper on ‘Effect of Seed Priming and Direct Soil Application of Agro-Organic Waste Formulations on Growth of Triticum Aestivum and Brassica Nigra’ in *Journal of Advanced Scientific Research* (pp. 51-58) in Dec. 2021. She also published a research paper on ‘Isolation and Screening of Microorganisms from Traditional and Modified Agro Organic Formulation’ in *Journal of Food, Agriculture & Environment*, 19(1): 87-91 in Jan. 2022.

Prof. Laxmi Podoli Desiti, Dept. of Commerce, published a chapter titled, ‘A Critical Study on Various Property Rights of Women’ in the book ‘*New Perspectives on Commerce and Management, Volume 2*’ published by INSC International Publishers, ISBN No. 978-1-68576-143-1, pp. 264-269. She also published a chapter with **Prof. Dr. Vilasini G. Patkar** titled ‘Problems of Women Employees Working In Industrial Areas of Thane District’ in the book ‘*New Perspectives on Commerce and Management, Volume 2*’. The book was published by INSC International Publishers, ISBN No. 978-1-68576-143-1, pp. 166-174.

Dr. Saraswathi Moorthy, Dept. of Accountancy, and **Prof. Reeta Singh**, Dept. of Commerce, published a chapter on ‘A Study on Facilities Layout in Urban Low-Cost Housing Development Projects (LCHDP) And Housing Affordability (HA) in Maharashtra’ in the Book ‘*Innovative Business Practices Towards Sustainable Development*’ published by National Publisher, ISBN No. 978-93-92108-58-7.

Dr. Anil Avhad, Dept. of Botany, published a paper ‘Effect of Soil Abiotic Factors on Population of Helicotylenchus Steiner, 1945, associated with mulberry, *Morus alba* L. from Gangapur, Aurangabad (M.S.), India’, in an *International Journal of Entomology Research* (UGC CARE list II) ISSN: 2455-4758, Volume 7, Issue 2, 2022, pp. 135-140. He also published a paper ‘Biodiversity Assessment and Carbon Sequestration Potential of Tree Species along the Water Body - a case study of Kala-Talao, Kalyan – Maharashtra India’, in a peer reviewed journal *Galaxy Link*, ISSN 2319-8508, pg. 31-36.

Dr. Vaishali Raikwar, Dept. of Physics, published a paper titled ‘Synthesis and study of carbon quantum dots (CQDs) for Enhancement of Luminescence Intensity of CQD@LaPO₄:Eu³⁺ nanocomposite’, in *Materials Chemistry and Physics*, Vol. No. 275 (2022) pg. 125277, published by Elsevier, ISSN No. 0254-0584 (Impact factor 4.094).

Prof. Nandini Jagannarayan, Dept. of B.Com (Banking & Insurance), published an e-book titled *Derivatives Market*, ISBN Number : 978-93-5273-362-0, Himalaya Publishing House.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Mithilesh Sharma, Head, Department of Hindi, presented a paper on ‘Hindi Sahitya mein Mahatma Gandhi ke Vicharon ki Paasangikta’ in the two- day online International Webinar on ‘Mahatma Gandhi ke Sapnon ka Bharat aur Azaadi ke 75 Varsh’ organized by UGC sponsored Gandhian Studies Center at Birla College on the occasion of International Day of Non-Violence on Oct. 1-2, 2021.

Prof. Nandini Jagannarayan presented a paper titled ‘A Study on Impact of Work From Home on IT and ITes employees in Mumbai City’ at an International Level Conference on ‘GMCEE-2022’ organized by KJ Somaiya College, Mumbai on December 4, 2022. She presented a paper titled ‘An Empirical analysis of Select Sectoral Indices of the sensx’s Movement’ at an Interdisciplinary International Level Conference on ‘Siffico-2022’ organized by KJ Somaiya College, Mumbai on January 22, 2022. She presented a paper titled ‘Impact of Select Macroeconomic Variables on the movement of Sensx’ at an Interdisciplinary International Level Conference on ‘Siffico-2022’ organized by KJ Somaiya College, Mumbai on January 22, 2022. She also presented a paper titled ‘Trends in Tobacco Consumption and its economic burden on the lower income groups’ at an international level conference CEPAR, Conducted by the KJ Somaiya on February 13, 2022.

Dr. Amita Valmiki presented a paper on ‘Philosophical Explorations through Films’ in a webinar organized by Philosophical Forum of Chennai, Tamil Nadu, on ‘Film as Philosophy’ on Dec. 26, 2021.

Dr. Anil Avhad presented a paper on ‘Fighting Climate Change with Gardening in Limited Space’ in an interdisciplinary National Conference on ‘Climate Change and Youth: Time for Action’ organized by B. K. Birla College on Jan. 12, 2022.

Dr. Nisha Muni, Dr. Anil Avhad and Dr. D. B. Singh presented a paper on ‘Dye Decolorization using Laccase from *Pleurotus Sajor-Caju*’ in a National Conference on ‘Environment & Biodiversity: Present Status and Future Challenges’ organized by Sonopant Dandekar Arts, V.S. Apte Commerce and M.H. Mehta Science College, Palghar, on Jan. 15, 2022.

SEMINAR

Prof. Akash Purswani and **Prof. Prachi Vankiani**, Dept. of Mass Media, attended a webinar on 'NAAC Accreditation, A First Step Towards Achieving Excellence in Quality Education' for Legal Education Colleges, organised by Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College of Arts, Science & Commerce on Dec. 20-21, 2021.

Prof. Rekha Shetty, Dept of BAF, attended a webinar on 'NAAC Accreditation, A First Step Towards Achieving Excellence in Quality Education' for Legal Education Colleges organized by Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College on Dec. 20-21, 2021. She also participated in the National Level Webinar on 'Investor Awareness Program' conducted by Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College in association with Ambition Learning Solutions on Feb. 25, 2022.

Dr. Devraj Pawar, Dept. of Physics, participated in a three-day Science Academies' Virtual Lecture workshop on 'Recent Developments in Classical, Quantum and Condensed Matter Physics' organized by PG & Research Department of Physics, National College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli from Jan. 4 - 6, 2022.

Prof. Jeba Roselet, Dept. of Information Technology, participated in an 'Extension Work Training Programme for Extension work Teachers and Students Managers' in online mode hosted by DDLE Unit of K J Somaiya College on Jan. 10, 2022.

Prof. Anita Gaikwad, Dept. of Computer Science, attended a National Webinar on 'Blockchain as a Gamechanger for Digital Business' organized by V. K. Krishna Menon College on Jan. 13, 2022.

Dr. Tania Karipel and **Prof. Jasvinder Kaur**, Dept.of Biotechnology, attended a webinar on Online Science Setu Lecture organized by Star College Participating Departments of Vidya Pratishtan's Arts, Science and Commerce College, Vidyanagari, Baramati, to commemorate 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsava' on Jan. 18, 2022.

Prof. Jewel Sabhani, Dept.of Bachelor of Vocation, attended a five-day online workshop on 'Research Methodology' conducted by Research Cell & IQAC Of Shailendra Education Society Arts, Commerce And Science College held from Feb. 1-5, 2022.

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Prof. Jasvinder Kaur, Dept. of Biotechnology, attended a three-day online National Level FDP on 'Empowering the Faculty in Personal & Professional Skills' organized by IQAC in Collaboration with Training Cells, KLE Society's Science and Commerce College, Kalamboli, Navi Mumbai, from Feb. 3 - 5, 2022.

Prof. Subodh Barve, Dept. of Commerce, attended a National Conference conducted by Shree L. R. Tiwari Degree College of Arts, Commerce & Science and Mumbai University on 'Industrial Revolution 4.0: A Synergistic Approach Through Resilience, Reinvention and Sustainable Development' on Feb. 5, 2022.

Prof. Anita Gaikwad completed a two-day STTP on 'Data Handling using Python' organized by Sheth L. U. College of Arts And M. V. College of Science, Andheri, from Feb. 12-13, 2022.

Prof. Ajaykumar Shukla, Dept. of Mathematics, attended a National Webinar on 'Partial Differential Equations – Geometric Approach' organized by Dept. of Mathematics, Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar, Solapur University, Solapur, on Feb. 14, 2022.

Prof. Selvi Nadar, Prof. Pratibha Khedekar and Prof. Akash Gupta, Dept. of BMS, attended an Awareness & Training Programme on 'Certification and Implementing Quality Management System, Environmental Management Systems, Information Security Management System' conducted by HVPS Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College on Feb. 24, 2022.

Prof. Pooja Bhardwaj and Prof. Prachi Vankiani Dept. of Mass Media, participated in a National Level Webinar on 'Investor Awareness Program' conducted by Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous) in association with Ambition Learning Solutions on Feb. 25, 2022.

ORIENTATION/REFRESHER/STC

Prof. Bharati Bhole and Prof. Jeba Roselet, Dept. of Information Technology, attended a seven-day Short Term Training Program on 'Data Science and Analytics', conducted by UGC HRDC, University of Mumbai from Dec. 1-7, 2021.

ACADEMIC OUTREACH

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Dr. Amita Valmiki delivered three lectures in the workshop on ‘Religion and Beyond’ organized by St. Andrew’s Centre for Philosophy and Performing Arts on Friedrich Nietzsche, Sant Kabir and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on Dec. 14, 16 and 23, 2021 respectively. She also delivered six lectures in an online course on ‘Religion and Beyond II: A Dialogue through Cinema and Poetry’ organized by St. Andrew’s Centre for Philosophy and Performing Arts in the months of January and February. The titles of the lectures are as follows: ‘Art, Aesthetics and Faith: Eastern Perspective’ on Jan. 18 2022; ‘Faith and Cinema: Abbas Kiarostami (Life and Nothing More)’ on Jan. 25, 2022; ‘Faith and Poetry: Songs of the Buddhist Nuns’ on Feb. 1, 2022; ‘Faith and Cinema: Lasse Hallstrom (Chocolat)’ on Feb. 8, 2022; ‘Abhinavgupta: What is an Aesthetic Experience?’ on Feb. 15, 2022 and ‘Faith and Cinema: Satyajit Ray (Sadgati/Devi)’ on Feb. 22, 2022 respectively. She was invited by the Dept. of Philosophy, M. D. College, to deliver a talk on ‘Who is Right? Values, Norms and Rules in Different Cultures’ on Feb. 25, 2022.

Prof. Pooja Bhardwaj was invited as a guest speaker for the session on the topic ‘Decoding Consumer Behaviour’, organised by Smt. P. N. Doshi Women’s College, Ghatkopar on Dec. 16, 2021. She was also invited as a resource person for a two-Day Webinar on ‘NAAC Accreditation, A First Step towards Achieving Excellence in Quality Education’ for Legal Education Colleges, organised by Ramniranjan Jhunjunwala College on Dec. 20-21, 2021.

Dr. Bhushan Arekar, Head, Dept. of Political Science, was invited as a resource person for a two-Day Webinar on ‘NAAC Accreditation, A First Step towards Achieving Excellence in Quality Education’ for Legal Education Colleges, organised by Ramniranjan Jhunjunwala College on Dec. 20-21, 2021.

Dr. Sanket Tikare, Dept. of Mathematics, was invited to deliver an online talk on ‘An Introduction to Time Scales Calculus’ in the Popular Mathematics Lecture Week organized by School of Computational Sciences, Dept. of Mathematics, Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University, Solapur, Maharashtra, during Dec. 27, 2021 - Jan. 04, 2022.

Prof. Archana Bhide, Dept. of Information Technology, chaired the session for the National Seminar on ‘Advent of 5G Technology and its Multiplier Effect for the Economy’ organized by C. B. Bhandari Jain College, affiliated to Bengaluru Central University, on Dec. 28, 2021.

Dr. Sucheta Golwalkar, Dept. of Biotechnology, was invited as a guest speaker to speak on the topic ‘Plant Tissue Culture’ for TYBSc Microbiology students at Wilson College on Feb. 1, 8 and 9, 2022.

Prof. Devashree Ghorpade, Dept. of Economics, was invited to judge ‘Neetishastra’ under Elixir 22, organized by the Dept. of Economics, Ramnarain Ruia College on Feb. 4, 2022.

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Dr. Saraswathi Moorthy was invited as a resource person for the online Refresher Course in Commerce, Accountancy and Management under RUSA on the theme 'Unlocking India - Opportunities and Challenges of Emerging Business Practices' organized by the UGC HRDC, University of Mumbai and hosted by Mulund College of Commerce on Feb. 4, 2022.

Prof. Jaishankar Singh, Dept. of Statistics, delivered a lecture on 'Applications of Normal Distribution' organized by the Dept. of Commerce and allied subjects, Gurukul College of Commerce, Ghatkopar (East) on Feb. 22, 2022.

Dr. Rachana Acharya, Dept. of Biotechnology, was appointed Coordinator for Avishkar, University of Mumbai Research Fest, in the month of Feb. 2022.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Department of Marathi and Marathi Wangmay Mandal organized a Report writing competition in the month of Oct. 2021. Students were asked to write a report of the inaugural program of Marathi Wangmay Mandal. It also organized a Poetry writing competition 'Kavyapoorti' in the month of Dec. 2021. Students wrote a self-composed poem based on the first line of a famous poem by Aarti Prabhu – "Kunachyaa Khaandyaavar Kunaache Oze". It also celebrated 'Marathi Bhaashaa Saumvardhan Pandharavadaa' from Jan. 14 - 28, 2022 by organizing the following events: A Poetry Recitation competition मला आवडलेली कविता (Malaa Aavadalelee Kavita) was organized on Jan. 15, 2022. Students recited poems of well-known poets, self-composed and also on various subjects ranging from love, Post-Covid world and its impact on human relationships, nature, environment concern to social issues of women empowerment and equality. Marathi Solo Singing competition सूरं मी वंदिले (Sooraa Mee Vandile) was organized on Jan. 22, 2022. Also, another program, *Pustak Gappaa- A Book Appreciation* by teachers, was organized on Jan. 25, 2022. Teachers and students spoke on various books of different genres like success stories, travelogues, biographies, autobiographical accounts, literary essays, translated works, mythological folk works, spiritual texts etc. Department of Marathi and Marathi Wangmay Mandal organized *Late Shri. Jugaldas Damodar Modi Inter-collegiate Marathi Elocution Competition* in online mode in Jan. 2022. Students were asked to send their speeches through videos Clips on the following topics: 1. Poetess Shanta Shelke as Appealed to Me (मला भावलेल्या कवयित्री शांता शेळके) 2. Poetry of Poet Vasant Bapat (वसंत बापट यांची कविता) 3. Online Education: Real or virtual? (ऑनलाईन शिक्षण: अभ्यास की आभास?) 4. News Media trapped in TRP ('टी.आर. पी' च्या सापळ्यात

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अडकलेली वृत्तमाध्यमे.) 5. Changing Nature of reading Culture and Youth (वाचनसंस्कृतीचे बदलते रूप आणि तरुणाई.). The judges of the competition were Vrushali Vinayak, Teacher Expert; Shashikant Sawant, a well-known Journalist writer; and Seema Mahangade, an electronic media Journalist. The Prize Distribution program of the Competition was conducted in online mode through Zoom platform on Jan. 28, 2022. Department of Marathi and Marathi Wangmay Mandal organized an interview of renowned Poetess, Kalpana Dhudhal through Zoom platform to celebrate Jaagatik Marathi Bhaashaa Divas on Feb. 28, 2022. TYBA Marathi students interviewed Kalpana Dudhal. Kalpana Dhudhal's Poetry Collection is prescribed in the TYBA syllabus. Students had hands-on experience of interviewing guests on a public platform.

Department of Computer Science organized a webinar on 'Digital Literacy and Security' for FYBSc, SYBSc, TYBSc and MSc Computer Science students. It was conducted by **Prof. Vaidehi Deshpande** on the occasion of World Computer Literacy Day on Dec. 2, 2021. This program helped students to learn about Email and Password Security, Privacy and Safe Browsing. A webinar on 'Preparation of Entrance Exam for Masters Study' for SYBSc and TYBSc Computer Science students by Prof. Nidhi Poonia, Assistant Professor of MCA Department BVIMIT, Navi Mumbai, was conducted on Jan. 22, 2022. **Prof. Vaidehi Deshpande, Prof. Tejaswee Pol and Prof. Saba Shaikh** coordinated this event. An Inter-Collegiate Event 'Tech-Arena 2k22' was organized from Feb. 1-5, 2022. Events like Coding, Operation Debug, Web Page, TechNovation, CrackAlgo, Posteroid, Presentation, Kala Se Kalakar, Quizeria (Quiz on General Knowledge), Just a Minute, Standup Comedy and Gaming Event-Clash Royale. A seminar on 'Mental Health Issues In Teenagers' was arranged for all Students of RJ College on Feb. 26, 2022. It was conducted by Mr. Shubham Dumbre, a founder of 'Delta The Innovation'- a stalwart philanthropic syndicate that has impacted more than 10000+ people by imparting education and by providing innovative technical solutions regularly which is handled by all faculties of CS department. This session helped students to get knowledge on how to handle mental stress.

Department of Sociology commemorated 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' for creating awareness and sensitivity, with 'Masterminds' Quiz contest on Dec. 3, 2021. It conducted a 'Sociological Quiz', on online zoom mode for students on Jan. 29, 2022. The Department also organized an Oral Presentation through Zoom platform on 'Contemporary Challenges of Indian Women' on Jan. 31, 2022. The process of working on the oral presentation enabled students to develop a positive attitude towards social research and they also gained in-depth knowledge about techniques of data collection and selection of topic on social issues.

Department of Political Science organized presentations on the occasion of the death anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar made by FY, SY & TYBA students on Dec. 6 - 7, 2021. To commemorate International Human Rights Day, students of FY, SY and TYBA made

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presentations on Dec. 10, 2021. A film 'Jai Bhim' was screened to sensitize students on the problems faced by tribals in India, on Dec. 17, 2021. In order to celebrate 'National Voters Day', presentations were made by students on Jan. 25, 2022. Republic Day was celebrated by students wherein presentations were made on Jan. 27, 2022. A webinar was organized for SYBA & TYBA students on Feb. 5, 2022 wherein resource persons from PRAJA Foundation made a presentation on 'Internship with PRAJA ER Fellowship' for the students.

Department of Bachelor of Vocation conducted a five-day online Student Development Programme on 'Understanding Capital market' in association with BSE and BAF Department from Dec. 6-10, 2021. Five different topics (Working of Stock Market, Fundamental Analysis, Mutual Funds, Live Terminal & Derivative Market) were explained by Mr. Muzibar Shaikh from DHP Financial Training, visiting Faculty at BSE. A Webinar on 'Introduction to Securities Market in Association with NSDL and NSE' was organized by **Departments of BVOC and BAF** on Dec. 13, 2021 wherein the resource persons were Mr. Aditya Bhoite from NSDL & NSE and Mr. Pranesh Jaju. An online talk on 'Analysis and Impact of Union Budget 2022' was organized by BVOC in association with BAF Dept. on Feb. 3, 2022. Mr. Vinit Upadhyay, M.D at P. U. Educational Services explained the impact of this budget on different sectors. An Inter-Collegiate departmental fest KARMA 2022 was conducted by the students of BVOC on Feb. 4-5, 2022, during which events like Poster making competition, PPT presentation competition and Mock Stock were organized.

Department of Mass Media (BAMMC & MAEMA) organized a Documentary and Short Film Screening session to commemorate Human Rights Day on Dec. 10, 2021. A session was conducted in collaboration with MAAC on 'Career Opportunities In Design Animation', 'VFX & Gaming' in association with MAAC highlighting the various aspects of the animation, gaming and VFX industry on Dec. 11, 2021. A two-day Webinar was organized on 'Managing Personal Finances' to impart basic financial investment literacy and guidance to the students on how they manage their finances, on Jan. 20-21, 2022. An annual inter collegiate fest, *Mediosa* with the theme 'Arcadia' involving various activities like Logo designing, Reporting, Podcast, Photography, Character design, Fashion Styling, Reel Making, Puzzles, Mono Acting and Treasure Hunt was conducted over a two-day period from Jan. 27-28, 2022. A webinar on 'Self Grooming' was organised in collaboration with Lokmat for Second and Third Year students of the BAMMC Program by giving information about Gillette Guard and its flagship program "Kar Lo Safalta Mutthi mein" and highlighting the techniques on how students can work on the ABC of grooming, on Feb. 22, 2022.

Department of B. Com (Banking & Insurance) conducted a Research Presentation activity 'Budding Researchers for third year students on Dec. 12, 2021. **Prof. Nandini Jagannarayan**, Dept. of B. Com (Banking and Insurance) gave a talk on "Be your Emotional Boss and Friend" on December 18, 2021. The students were guided to handle their emotions. The department

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also conducted Disha -2022 from Jan. 21- 27, 2022, Department of BBI had organized an online event 'Success Stories: Our Alumni Talks' from Jan. 20 to 25, 2022. The Guest Speakers of the event were: Mr. David Fernandes, Manager in Marsh McLennan and companies, Mr. Tom Methew, Senior Analyst, Nomura Securities, Ms. Ashita Mathur, Manager in Marsh McLennan and companies, Dr. Nikita Jadhav Aorange, Assistant Professor, PVDT college of Education for Women, SNDT Women's University, Churchgate and Mr. Barnidharan Iyer, Manager-Financial services- Tax, Ernst and Young LLP. A webinar on 'Effective Resume Writing' was organised on Feb. 9, 2022. A two-day interactive healthcare talk by an Orthopedic Surgeon was organised on Feb. 17-18, 2022. He addressed the students and answered all their queries.

Department of Economics celebrated 'National Energy Conservation Day' by organizing a video making competition on Dec. 14, 2022. Videos received for the competition by participants demonstrated various ways to conserve energy. It also organized the 'Kisan Day' (National Farmers' Day) on Dec. 23, 2021. In celebration of Kisan Day, screening of videos was followed by discussion on the topic 'Advanced Farming Techniques'. The Department started a series on career guidance by Alumni on Jan. 22, 2022. In this series, two sessions were organized to guide TYBA Economics students. Ms. Nidhi Singh gave the students a clear idea about careers in the teaching field and preparation of the entrance exams (NET/ SET preparations). Ms. Bijal Rathod guided students from the point of view of taking up Law as a career. **Department of Economics** and **Department of History** jointly organized a 'Quiz Competition' and 'Webinar on Tourism' (A Students' Seminar) to celebrate 'National Tourism Day' on Jan. 25, 2022. An 'Online Quiz on Tourism' was organized on the same day. The prestigious Shri I. D. Singh Memorial 'Arth Gyaan 2021-22: A Students' Event' was organized on Feb. 11 and 12, 2022. This intercollegiate event began with the Inaugural Function on Feb. 11, 2022. Dr. Rupa Rege- Nitsure, Group Chief Economist, L&T Finance Services, was the chief guest who delivered a talk on a very relevant topic 'Takeaways from the Union Budget 2022-23' in online mode on zoom platform. 'Caricature: A Cartoon Contest', 'Eco Talk' & 'Business Buzz', a PPT competition, 'Visual Impact' – A Poster Presentation Competition', were the four competitions conducted during the event. Students across various colleges participated in the event.

Department of Biotechnology organized a DBT Star college activity, 'Employability Skills Training Program' (Resumé Writing, Confidence Building, GD, Interview Tips etc) in collaboration with Barclay's 'Connect with Work' on Dec. 18, 2021. The Department organized DBT Star College Activity, Geneopsis, 2021-22, the annual departmental Intercollegiate Fest on Jan. 22, 2022. The event was organized online using a number of online tools by the students of SYBT with mentoring from the staff. **Dr. Usha Mukundan**, Director, HVPS and **Dr. Himashu Dawda**, Principal, RJ College were the chief Guests for the prize

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distribution event. Ms. Vidushi Chitalia, Research Scientist, Whole Genome Sequence Lab, Kasturba Hospital and Alumna 2013 was the Guest of Honor and inaugurated the event. The fest was conducted virtually with various fun events for students from all backgrounds of Arts, Science & Commerce from colleges all over Mumbai. The various events organized were 'Let's Doodle it' (Doodling in the outline of a Microorganism), 'Humor it up' (Meme Making competition), 'Dramebaaz Microbionts!' (Video Making competition), 'Mind Freeze' (a Quiz competition) and The Hawk Eyes (Treasure hunt). The staff from the Department of Biotechnology encouraged and mentored students to participate in '16th Aavishkar Research Convention, 2022' organized by University of Mumbai. **Dr. Rachana Acharya** guided 4 SYBT students for a research proposal on 'Hydrogen Gas Production from Algae' and **Prof. Smita Jadhav** guided 2 TYBT students for a research proposal on 'Anti-Cancer Properties of Panchgavya'. These project proposals were submitted on the web portal before Feb. 15, 2022. Department of Biotechnology organized an Industrial visit as DBT Star College Activity for the TYBT students to York Winery & Tasting Room, Nashik, Maharashtra, on Feb. 18, 2022. **Dr. Tania Karipel, Prof. Smita Jadhav, Prof. Naushaba Qureshi** and **Mr. Akshay Devlekar** accompanied the students. **Dr. Tania Karipel** guided 2 MSc I students for a research project on 'Post Harvest Strategies for Combating Hidden Hunger using Moringa Nutri Cubes' which was presented in Anveshan 2022 organized by University of Mumbai on Feb. 24, 2022. The staff from the Department of Biotechnology encouraged and mentored students to participate in 'Anusandhan - Classic Paper presentation 2022' organized on Feb. 28, 2022 at RJ College. **Dr. Tania Karipel** mentored 3 UG students, **Dr. Rachana Acharya** mentored 2 UG and 4 PG students while **Prof. Jasvinder Kaur** mentored one UG student.

Department of BAF conducted a two- day workshop on 'Investment Banking & Financial Modeling' on Dec. 21-22, 2021. 11 students from SYBAF participated in a Research paper presentation conducted by NM College on Jan. 10, 2022. An Annual Department Fest 'Monarch' was organized in hybrid mode on Jan. 28-29, 2022. Events like Mock Trading, Gaming, Business Development, Debate, Face Art, Mono Acting & Mimicry, Reel Making and Instrumental Music-based events were conducted. A session on 'Analysis & Impact of Union Budget 2022' was conducted on Feb. 3, 2022. Students were mentored on 'How to clear CA/CS/CMA Foundation Examination' on Feb. 26, 2022. 10 students collectively from SYBAF and TYBAF completed their NISM certification on Mutual Fund in the month of Nov. and Dec. 2022.

Department of Mathematics organized a national level online quiz on 'Indian Mathematics and Indian Mathematicians' on Dec. 22, 2021 to celebrate National Mathematics Day. An online talk was organized on 'Why are Soap Bubbles Approximately Spherical?' by Dr. Anisa Chorwadwala, Department of Mathematics, IISER, Pune on Jan. 17, 2022. The department also organized a talk on 'A Look at Matrix Completions' by Dr. Anuradha Garge, Dept. of Mathematics, University of Mumbai, on Feb. 17, 2022. A National level inter-collegiate

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seminar competition on 'History of Indian Mathematics' was organized on Feb. 18, 2022. The competition was judged by Dr. Anand Mahajan, Head, Department of Mathematics, Walchand College, Solapur and Dr. Suhas Gade, Dept. of Mathematics, Sangmeshwar College, Solapur. The department's annual fest, 'MatheMagica' was held on Jan. 28, 2022. Events like Quiz competition, Math Talk competition, PictoMath competition, and Math Crossword competition were organized online.

Department of Statistics organized a guest lecture on 'Way to Success' by Mr. Vikas Dubey, Senior Research Analyst, Nielsen India Pvt. Ltd., on Dec. 23, 2021. It organized another guest lecture on 'Applications on Analytics in Advertising' by Mr. Sachin Borghare, Data Science - Manager, Asteri Analytics on Jan. 8, 2022. A guest lecture was also organized on 'Yoga, Mind Power & Success' by Mr. Kartik Vyas, CEO, Potentials Unlimited Coaching & Training International and ICHP Coach, Author, Corporate Trainer, NLP Trainer, Speaker & Yoga Psychology Mentor, on Jan. 25, 2022. A Poster Competition was conducted on Feb. 8, 2022. 'Use of Statistics in Insurance Sector', 'Use of Excel in Statistics' & 'Know your Statistician' were the topics of this competition. A guest lecture was organized on 'Indian Statistical System' by A.K Toprani, ADG, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, on Feb. 9, 2022. A seminar for Students, namely, 'Something Extra' was organized on Feb. 12, 2022. An online inter-collegiate PowerPoint competition, 'Visual Storytelling' was conducted, based on the theme 'Travel and Tourism', on Feb. 26, 2022. Seven teams from various colleges participated in this competition. This competition was inaugurated by Vice-Principal, **Captain Pravin Nayak**. Dr. Vilasini Patkar, Professor & Former Head, Dept. of Commerce, RJ College & Dr. Alok Dhabade, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Statistics, University of Mumbai were invited as judges for this competition.

Department of Chemistry under the DBT Star College Activity organized two events: an online quiz on 'Know the Metals and Minerals in our Body', on Dec. 30, 2021; and an online talk on 'Biosynthesis, Physiology and Role of Insulin in the Human Body' by **Dr. R. S. Dubey**, Head, Department of Chemistry, R J College, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of injection of the first dose of insulin on Jan. 11, 2022.

Department of Commerce organized an online talk on 'Intellectual Property Right' on Jan. 17, 2022. Adv. Shraddha P. Pandit, Founder, Advocate & IP Attorney at Lawtusks Techno-Legal Offices, was the guest speaker. The talk was about the various aspects of Intellectual Property and career options available for Commerce students. 'Online Photo Collage Competition' to celebrate National Tourism Day was organized on Jan. 25, 2022. The competition allowed students to share their tour history through photos. The annual departmental fest, 'Corpora 2021-22' was organized on Feb. 16, 2022. The program was conducted offline and different activities like Best out of Waste, Video Advertising, Business Game, Poster making, Pradarshan (PPT) and Fun with Music were part of it.

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Department of Physics organized its annual festival 'Physitech 2021-22' on Jan. 17-18, 2022. The following competitions were organized for students of FY, SY and TY BSc Physics classes: Pictography, Film Making competition, Quiz competition and Seminar competition. Fun games that included lots of fun facts and knowledge of Physics like Guess the Gibberish, Visualization, Kabhi Ha-Kabhi Na, and Treasure Hunt were organized for the students. As part of the DBT Star College Activity, the department organized an RJC popular lecture on 'Journey of Particle Physics-From Electron to Higgs Boson' by Prof Anuradha Misra, Visiting Professor, UMDAE Center for Excellence in Basic Sciences, Mumbai, on Jan. 25, 2022. She discussed how the elementary particles are discovered through various experiments and their impact on the scientific world.

Department of History organized a 'Digital Poster Making Competition' as a part of celebration of 72nd Republic Day of India on Jan. 26, 2022. The themes given were 'Spirit of the Indian Constitution', 'Makers of the Indian Constitution' and 'Freedom Struggle of India'. The Competition aimed to celebrate the sovereign spirit of our nation and reflect on the significance of India's struggle for independence and the resulting journey towards becoming a Republic. The competition was judged by **Dr. Maria Shaikh**, Dept. of English. The department organized a 'Heritage walk' to the Fort Heritage precinct on Feb. 12, 2022. Students were made to research the historical and architectural aspects of the various heritage monuments and make onsite presentations during the walk. These were supplemented with inputs from the faculty members.

Department of BMS organized an online workshop on 'Learn how to Pitch your Investor in a Smarter Way - Pitch Like a Pro' by Mr. Chintan Oza, Director, Founder Institute Mumbai on Jan. 27, 2022. The students of HR and Marketing organized a fun filled event, 'HumanoryX and Marketex', on Feb. 17, 2022. It had various events related to Human Resource Management and Marketing Skills. Dept. of BMS Finance students organized an event 'Finom 4.0' in which events related to finance like Finohunt, Light camera budget, Virtual stock market, Guess the Mess and Shark Tanks were conducted on Feb. 18, 2022.

Department of Philosophy organized its first lecture in a series of lectures on 'Religious Pluralism' to commemorate the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by Dr. Kamala Srinivas, HoD, Department of Philosophy, SIES College on Jan. 30, 2022. Another lecture in the series on 'Mahatma Gandhi's and Narayan Guru's Transactional Skills' was conducted on Jan. 31, 2022. The Department organized an Intercollegiate Students' Seminar and Paper Presentation Competition on Feb. 12, 2022.

Department of Zoology conducted a two-day workshop for SYBSc Zoology students on 'Basic Laboratory Practices' on Feb. 1 & 2, 2022 for SYBSc Zoology students. **Dr. Bindu Achary** was the co-ordinator, and the sessions were engaged by all the teachers from the

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department. An online test was conducted at the end of each day. The department celebrated 'World Cancer Day' by organizing an Inter-collegiate Poster Competition on Feb. 4, 2022. Prof. Sandhya Kadiru, Assistant Professor, Sophia College, was the judge for the event. The department organized the following competitions under the aegis of DBT Star - ZooFest 2022: Debate Competition on 'Animal Models in Biological Studies: A Point to Ponder' for TYBSc Zoology students on Feb. 10, 2022. **Prof. Chinmay Bapat**, In-Charge Department of Psychology, and **Dr. Bindu Achary** were the judges for the event, and, **Dr. Janhavi Bhagwat** was the In-charge for the event; ZOO- Slogan competition was conducted by **Dr. Bindu Achary** for all FYBSc and SYBSc Zoology students on Feb. 15, 2022. **Dr. Anil Avhad**, Department of Botany and **Prof. Sushma Singh** were the judges for the event. ZOO-Rangoli for all Zoology students, ZOO – Chart for TYBSc students and ZOO- Speak for FYBSc students were conducted on Feb. 18, 2022. **Prof. Sushma Singh**, **Prof. Bhagirat Mishra** and **Ms. Divyaratnam Dwiwedi** were in-charge of the event, and **Dr. Veena Bhagwat**, **Dr. D. B Singh** and **Dr. Nisha Muni**, Department of Botany, along with **Prof. Sanika Gupte**, **Dr. Geeta Joshi** and **Prof. Deepak Poojary** were judges for the events.

Department of Botany organized an 'Annual National Conference on Wetlands: Action for People and Nature' on Feb. 2, 2022, in Collaboration with Paryavaran Dakshata Mandal, Association of Teachers in Biological Sciences and Mumbai Enviro-Vigil, Thane, with Collaborative Sponsor Mangrove and Marine Biodiversity Conservation Foundation of Maharashtra. **Prof. Pravin Nayak**, Vice Principal, was the Convener. **Dr. D. B. Singh** was the Organizing Secretary for this Conference. 'The Third Dr. D. V. Amonkar Memorial, Intra-collegiate Poster competition' was conducted on Feb. 7, 2022. The theme for the competition was 'Sustainable Development Goals'. **Prof. Deepak Poojary** and **Prof. Ameya Amberkar** were the judges for the competition. 'Botanica', an annual exhibition by the students, was celebrated on Feb. 17, 2022. The theme for this year was 'Sustainable Development Goals'. Various student centric competitions like Video making, PowerPoint presentations and Poster making were organized during this fest. The activities were inaugurated by **Dr. Usha Mukundan**, Director, HVPS. Many school children from Hindi High School visited the projects.

Department of English conducted 'Creat- O- Genie: Spin -A Yarn' contest to commemorate Sarojinin Naidu's birth anniversary which falls on Feb. 13, 2022. The event was conducted on Feb. 14, 2022.

Department of Hindi organized an Intra-Collegiate Essay Writing Competition for TYBA Students on the topic 'Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav' on Feb. 22, 2022. Department of Hindi, in association with Maharashtra Rajya Hindi Sahitya Academy, Mumbai, organized a one-day online Lecture series on the occasion of 'Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav' celebration on Feb. 26, 2022. Eminent Speakers, namely, Prof. Dr. Shitala Prasad Dubey, HSNC University, Mumbai;

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Prof. Dr. Nandkishore Pandey, Rajasthan University, Jaipur and Dr. Shriram Parihaar, Shree Neelkanteshwar Government Post Graduate College, Khandwa, MP, spoke on this occasion. The program was co-ordinated by **Dr. Mithilesh Sharma**, HoD and Associate Professor, Dept. of Hindi, R. J. College.

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Rotaract Club created the official editorial IG page. @rcrj_zenith on Aug. 17, 2021. The editorial page consists of the following content on specific days: RCRJ Ink, Societal Sunday, The Lingo Pond, Ujjwal and Pat Your Back. It organized Shiksha 2.0 to create awareness on Crypto currency on Dec. 10, 2021. 'Aamchi Mumbai' was organized to give a message to people who cross railway tracks, spit in local stations, and hang in locals at the risk of their lives on Dec.15, 2021. The program was a tribute to the ex- President of the Rotaract Club, Mr. Dheeraj Tiwari, who passed away in a railway accident. EntrepreNOW was organized to help young people start their business on Dec. 16, 2021. It organized 'Red Carpet' to motivate the members of the club on Dec. 18, 2021. 'Be the Change' was conducted on account of International Volunteers Day on Dec. 20, 2021. The session highlighted the ways of volunteering at college, club and community-level organizations. 'Pawfect' was started to help stray animals, especially during winter, on Dec. 20, 2021. 'Cutting with VP' was held on Dec. 22, 2021. Rotaract Academ was conducted in order to enable people to move from aptitude to gratitude on Dec. 27, 2021. 'What If', a project on Poetry writing, was held on Jan. 10, 2022. 'Dance And Drill' was organized on Jan. 15, 2022. 'Snack Art' was organized on Jan. 22, 2022. It consisted of interesting events like auctioning of members by selected 8 Master chefs. Master Chef Prem Prajapati from the team, Dawat-e-Yaar was the winner of the event. The event 'Clash of Plans' was executed on Jan. 24, 2022. 4 groups were formed and were asked to come up with their business/ start-up related presentations. A Vedic Maths workshop was organized on Jan. 24, 2022. 'Pen Instinct', an Essay Writing competition, was held on Education Day on Jan. 27, 2022. It was a joint project between the Rotaract club of Ramniramjan Jhunjhunwala college, rid 3141 and the Rotaract club of general Sir John Kotelawala Defence University Southern campus RID 3220. During the Mask Phobic event, 50 masks were distributed from Jan. 24- 26, 2022. 'Geeyata Aruthak Sarkinin Anlamı', a musical program, was organized by the Rotaract club of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Southern Campus, Sri Lanka, initiated with the Rotaract Club of R.J. College, India and Ankara Incek Rotaract Club, Turkey as an international service. Fit, a program to inculcate the importance of exercise, was conducted on Jan. 31, 2022. 'Chora Chori', another program that aimed to get opinions and perspectives of girls and boys on social norms was conducted on Jan. 31, 2022. The club organized 'Inner Connect' to teach women from the senior citizen group to use mobile phones and social media on Feb. 2, 2022. 'Finance Simplified' was organized to introduce working

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professionals on a plethora of investment avenues on Feb. 5, 2022. The members of the Club (GBM) organized 'Double Dhamaka' to celebrate Valentine's Week in a different way and build a bond with their friends and special ones on Feb. 8, 2022. A total of 50 greeting cards, roses and chocolates were distributed to auto drivers, train drivers, traffic police, nurses, etc. as part of the Dil Wale Dil program, held on Feb.11, 2022. Rtr. Sakshi Damani of Rotaract Club of Northern Suburbs and Ms. Neeva Phatarphekar of NCLPA conducted a webinar titled 'Young Entrepreneurs: The Beginner' to help young entrepreneurs in selection of business ideas on Feb. 12, 2022. 'Mehfil Alfaz e Dil 'was arranged on Feb. 14, 2022. The stage was set for genres like Poetry and Music which provided a great diversity to the audience. Rotaract Academy conducted a session on 'ABC of Story Building' by Harish Adani, author of the series: The Case of the Known Unknown, to help young minds begin their journey as a writer and invoke interest in writing on Feb. 26, 2022.

Staff Academy and Speaker's Forum organized an online inspirational Meet, titled 'तिमिराकडून तेजाकडे!' with Ms. Anagha Modak, RJ, Anchor, Orator and A Fighter, on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities on Dec. 6, 2021. **Dr. Kiran Kolwankar**, Vice- Principal welcomed the guest. Ms. Anagha described her experiences and explained how her environment, surroundings, family, parents, teachers and neighbours contributed to her personality which helped her to fight with odd circumstances when she lost her eyesight. The Staff Academy and Speaker's Forum organized an Elocution competition for all students of degree college on the occasion of International Day of Education on Jan. 24, 2022. **Dr. Sucheta Joshi**, Head, Dept. of Economics and **Prof. Deepak Poojary**, Dept. of Zoology were the judges of the competition.

Psychology Association inaugurated its events on Dec. 10, 2021. Principal, **Dr. Himanshu Dawda**, gave the welcome address and motivated the students of the newly instituted Department of Psychology. **Dr. Usha Mukundan**, Director, gave an inspiring speech followed by formally inaugurating the Psychology Association by unveiling its name – 'Psychosphere'. **Ms. Shama Sawant**, College Counsellor, conducted an interactive session on 'Self Expression'. She also delivered a talk on 'Self-Motivation' emphasizing on the importance of progressive mindset and goal-setting. **Dr. Sneha Deuskar**, Vice Principal, provided words of encouragement to the students. **Prof. Chinmay Bapat, Incharge**, Dept. of Psychology, announced a Logo-Designing competition for the FYBA students. **Prof. Chinmay Bapat** conducted an online session in which the results of the competition were decided and declared by taking a majority poll of the FYBA students of Department of Psychology on Feb. 15, 2022.

Social Entrepreneurship, Swachhta and Rural Engagement Cell (SES-REC, MGNCRE) Energy Management Committee- organised an intercollegiate awareness quiz on 'National

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Energy conservation Day' Dec. 14, 2021. An intercollegiate digital poster competition was organized in association with DLLE Unit, during Dec. 14-18, 2021 on the topic 'Conserve Energy, Save the nature'. Students from various colleges participated in this competition.

Minority Cell in association with the **Departments of Philosophy, History, and Political Science** celebrated 'Minorities Rights Day' on Dec. 18, 2021. Mr. Irfan Engineer, Centre for Study of Society and Secularism, delivered an online talk on 'Importance of Rights of Minorities'. He spoke about the problems of Minorities and the steps taken by the government to protect their rights and preserve their identity. The talk was followed by questions from the participants.

English Literary Association (ELA) conducted 'Lit- Fiesta' jointly with R.J. Junior College in the online mode on Jan. 20-21, 2022. The events held under the aegis of Lit Fiesta were 'Rhyme and Unrhyme' - a self-composed poetry writing competition, 'Expressions' - an Essay Writing competition, 'Literary Characters in Action' - a medium to show their acting prowess, 'Lit -on -a-Palette' - an opportunity to showcase their literary aptitude through art and 'English Solo Singing' - a blend of language and music. Students of both the Junior and Degree college actively participated in these events.

Hindi Sahitya Parishad celebrated the 'Late P. R. Singh Intercollegiate Elocution Competition' online using Zoom Platform, on Jan. 22, 2022. Prof. Anjana Vijan, Dr. Sanjyoti Sanap and Dr. Manish Mishra were invited as guests and the judges for the Elocution competition. Hindi Sahitya Parishad also celebrated the 'Late Smt. Abhiraji Indradeo Singh Intercollegiate Singing Competition' online on Feb. 12, 2022. Eminent Classical Singer, Dr. Bharti Sanap; Music Teacher, Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh and Music Director, Mr. Sanjay Vijay Singh were invited as guests and judges for the singing competition.

Research Advisory Committee organised 'The Students Project Presentation' for Arts, Commerce, Science students on Jan. 28, 2022. All the sessions were conducted in online mode on Zoom platform. **Dr. Palak Chawla**, Dept. of Chemistry was the incharge for the event. The Research Advisory Committee in collaboration with IQAC organized a 'Workshop on Research Methodology and IPR' on Feb. 23, 2022. Dr. Narendra Chirmule, co-founder and CEO of SymphonyTech Biologics, was the Resource person. **Dr. Usha Mukundan**, Director, HVPS and **Dr. Kiran Kolwankar** were the faculty incharge. The Physics department in association with the Research Advisory Committee organized a talk on 'Physics Research in India' by **Dr Kiran Kolwankar**, Vice Principal and Associate Professor, Department of Physics, R J College for students of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Physics on Feb. 26, 2022. The Research Advisory celebrated National Science Day by organising an Interdisciplinary event **Anusandhan: Classic Paper Presentation** on Feb. 28,

2022. On this occasion Dr. Narendra Chirmule delivered his inaugural talk on ‘Vaccines: Innovation that Transformed Human Health’. There were four parallel sessions of paper presentations of undergraduate and postgraduate students of various disciplines- Arts, Commerce and Science which was also evaluated by the expert teachers of the college. The event was conducted on online zoom platform. **Dr. Devraj Pawar**, Dept. of Physics was incharge for this event.

UPSC Coaching Committee along with **Department of History and Department of Political Science** organised an online webinar on ‘How to Prepare for UPSC & MPSC examination on Feb. 17, 2021. The talk was delivered by Mr Nilesh Kondhalkar, Course Director, Unique Academy. He informed the students about the basic framework of the UPSC and MPSC examination and explained the structure of the examination. He stated that consistency, dedication and determination must be inculcated by the aspirants.

Gender Equity Cell organized an offline Film Show on ‘The Other Side of the Man’ followed by discussion and Best Comment Competition on Feb. 21, 2022. Five short films were shown on various issues confronted by male gender in various walks of life.

Philosophy Association organized ‘Philo-Fest’ that comprised of the following events: ‘Philo-Attire Fest’, ‘Philo-Food Fest’, ‘Explain a Philosophical Quotation’, ‘Tell a Story’ (with Moral), ‘Sing a Song’ (Theme: Maitri – Love, Kindness & Friendship) and ‘Self Composed Poem’ (Theme: Life) on Feb. 28, 2022.

Pavo Nature Club students participated in ‘Mangrove - Trail and Plantation’ with WWF India at Godrej mangroves, Vikhroli, on the occasion of International Volunteer Day, on Dec. 5, 2021. Pavo Nature Club in association with the **Department of Botany** celebrated National Energy Conservation Day on Dec. 14, 2021 under the title 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: Energy Efficient India to create a Cleaner Planet'. An online seminar by Mr. Mahadeo Sabale, Zonal Head - Solar O&M, was organized for the students and teachers on Dec. 14, 2021. Also, an online quiz based on the seminar was organized for the students of RJC on the same day.

DLLE Unit organized an online workshop on the topic ‘No Health without Mental Health!’ in association with TARASHA project (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai) on Dec. 8, 2021. The resource person, Ms Priyanka Dalvi, Mental Health Professional working with TARASHA, a field action project of Centre for Health and Mental Health, School of Social Work, TISS, Mumbai, conducted an interactive session wherein she discussed various aspects of mental issues students face and how to maintain mental health through various exercises. To commemorate ‘National Energy Day’, an intercollegiate digital poster competition was organized in association with SES REC MGNCRE Unit, from Dec. 14-18, 2021 on the topic ‘Conserve Energy, Save the Nature’. On the occasion of ‘National Voters day’, an Awareness

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Quiz was organized for the young citizens of this country on Jan. 25, 2022. A Slide Making competition was organized to celebrate 'World Radio Day' on Feb. 13, 2022. The topics were: 1. How Radio changed the world? 2. Why is/was Radio important? 3. How does Radio connect people? 4. Trust in Radio Journalism.

Cultural Association organized the Intercollegiate Singing Competition to celebrate the achievements of legendary Playback Singer Lata Mangeshkar titled 'Sur ki Bhasha' on Dec. 24, 2021. Ms. Kanika Joshi, Bollywood Voice Coach and Trainer, Mohammad Rafi Music Academy and **Mr. Aditya Khavanekar**, Music Teacher of R.J. College conducted the event. Cultural Association organised the Intra Collegiate Annual Cultural Fest, 'Reflections-Umang', on Feb. 4- 5, 2022. Literary and Fine Arts events were organized on the first day: 'Suno Jara' (Speak for a Minute), 'Kavi hu Mai' (Poetry Reading), 'Rango ki Bahaar' (Rangoli), 'Rangeele Naqaab' (Mask Painting), 'Hennakaari' (Mehndi), 'Husn-e-Nakhon' (Nail Art) and 'Chitra Sandesh' (Poster Making). Performing Events (Singing and Dancing) was organized in both online and offline mode. Department of Students' Development, University of Mumbai, organized its online 54th Youth Festival Academic Year 2021-22 in January and February 2022. Out of 10 students of RJ College who participated in the Literary, Performing Fine Arts events, 4 students got selected for the final rounds of the 54th Youth Festival.

Students' Council Ad-Hoc Committee organised Fest Week for all the students of Degree College from Dec. 20-24, 2022, to commemorate different days of national or international importance. The Days were celebrated with a specific Colour Theme to inculcate basic and fundamental principles of unity, peace and courage post pandemic among the students. The days celebrated were Dec. 20, 2021 - International Human Solidarity Day - White Colour, Dec. 21, 2021- Winter Solstice (Shortest Day of the Year)- Blue Colour, Dec. 22, 2021- National Mathematics Day - Multicolour, Dec. 23, 2021- National Farmers Day/ Kisan Diwas Activity: Online essay Writing Competition- Green Colour ; Dec. 24, 2021 - National Consumer Rights Day Activity: Poster Making Competition -Red & White Colour (Pre- Christmas celebration) Students' Council Ad-Hoc Committee also organised Elocution and Story Telling Competition to Celebrate National Youth Day on Jan. 12, 2022. Students sent their recorded videos on the Topics- 'Swami Vivekananda: A Role Model For Youth', 'Effects of Pandemic on Mental Health of the Youth' or 'Teachings of Swami Vivekananda its relevance in today's world'.

NSS NEWS

NSS Unit of RJ College organized 'Yes Orientation Program' on Dec. 11, 2021. It also organized 'Victory Week Monologue Competition' from Dec. 15 - 21, 2021 on the occasion of Vijay Diwas that is observed every year to commemorate the sacrifices of martyrs on Dec. 16, 2021. Volunteers had to either write a monologue script or do mono acting based on the life of martyrs of the 1971 war. It organized a 'Paper Bag Distribution Event' on Dec. 16, 2021. The 'Say No to Drugs, Yes to Life Awareness Lecture' was organized by NCB (Mumbai) on Jan. 8, 2022. 'COVID Awareness Campaign' was organised by displaying posters on their WhatsApp Status on Jan. 11, 2022. It also organized a 'COVID Vaccination Drive' from Jan. 12 - 14 and Jan. 19, 2022. A 'Slogan Competition' was organised on the occasion of National Youth Day that is observed every year on Jan. 12, 2022. It also organized a webinar on 'Thalassemia Awareness' on Jan. 18, 2022. NSS Volunteers joined hands together to make our country a Zero Thalassemia Country by donating blood on this occasion. NSS Unit of RJ College with 4 of its Volunteers attended the 'Two Days National Conference on Role and Contribution of Students and Youth Movements' organized by University of Mumbai on Jan. 19 - 20, 2022. The NSS Unit of RJ College attended the webinar organized by University of Mumbai to celebrate 'Balasaheb Thackeray Jayanti' on Jan. 23, 2022. The Unit also organised 'Selfie with Daughters' event to celebrate National Girl Child Day on Jan. 24, 2022. NSS Unit of RJ College organized 'Republic Day Celebration' in the college premises on Jan. 26, 2022. In order to create awareness about the importance of mangroves on 'World Wetlands Day', the Unit along with 14 volunteers organized 'Mangrove Cleaning' in collaboration with Vanashakti on Feb. 2, 2022. The NSS Unit volunteers attended a webinar on 'Anti-Drug Abuse Cancer Day' organized by University of Mumbai on Feb. 4, 2022. Also, posters were displayed regarding the same. The Unit organized 'Surya Namaskar Training Program' to inculcate the habit of practicing it daily, on Feb. 5, 2022. The NSS Unit and its Volunteers organized a 'Blood Donation Camp' on Feb. 8, 2022. In order to pay a humble tribute to all the brave martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the Pulwama Attack, the NSS Unit and its Volunteers organized a 'Tribute to Martyred Soldiers of Pulwama Terror Attack' on Feb. 14, 2022. It organized a webinar on 'Crime Against Women' in collaboration with Mumbai Police Crime Branch on Feb. 15, 2022. The Unit organized a 'Pulse Polio Campaign' in collaboration with BMC "N-Ward" Health Department (Ghatkopar) on Feb. 27, 2022.

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LIBRARY NEWS

A two day display of out of syllabus books, worn out books and duplicate books received as donations to be given to students on gratis was organised in the library on Dec. 6 & 7, 2021. A book exhibition was organised on Dec. 13 and 14, 2021. Several book vendors displayed recently published books. During this event, an additional 5% discount was given to our students and teachers who purchased the books for their personal use. The Library department successfully organised and conducted the 13th Annual National Level One Week Online Training Program for Library Support Staff under the leadership of the Librarian on Zoom Platform from Dec. 26-31, 2021. The program was titled as 'Changing Role of Academic Libraries Post Covid-19 Lockdown: Upgrading The Skills Of Library Support Staff (LSS)' with the sub-theme 'Re-Opening of Libraries Post COVID 19: Innovative Services and Skills of LSS'. Resource persons and participants from all over India were invited to be a part of this training program. Library Support Staff from Colleges and Institutes from all over India participated in this training program. This training program was aimed towards training and equipping the library support staff with the shift of libraries from print to digital resources and develop their professional competencies. 'Marathi Bhasha Din 'was celebrated with an exhibition of Marathi books on Feb. 27, 2022. Books on and by Kusumagraj (VV Shirvadkar) and of Shanta Shelke and Vasant Bapat being their Birth Centenary Year were displayed.

NON -TEACHING STAFF NEWS

Non-Teaching staff organised a one and half day celebration during the Ganesh festival. The event is celebrated in college with great reverence to Lord Ganesha for more than five decades. A Satyanarayan Puja was organised on Dec. 11, 2021 by the non- teaching staff members .

IQAC NEWS

A two days National Webinar on "NAAC Accreditation, A first Step Towards Achieving Excellence In Quality Education" For Legal Education Colleges' was organized by along with HVPS College of Law under the aegis of UGC Paramarsh Scheme on Dec. 20 and 21, 2021. **Dr. Himanshu Dawda**, Principal and **Dr. Usha Mukundan**, Director welcomed the resource

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persons and participants. The first session began with the address of resource person Dr Devender Kawade, Deputy Advisor, NAAC, Bengaluru. Dr Kawade gave an overview of the NAAC process. The second resource person Dr Sujata Shanbaugh, Adviser NAAC, Bengaluru informed about the Data Validation and Verification process. Session II was conducted by **Dr Usha Mukundan**. Dr Mukundan spoke on Criteria I & II. She discussed the importance of both criteria in terms of curriculum design, development and planning and implementation. **Dr Vaishali Raikwar** elaborated on Criteria III which covers Research, Innovations and Extension. In session III, Dr Nandini Vaz, Associate Professor and Head Department of Zoology Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts & Science spoke on Criteria IV-Infrastructure and Learning Resources and Criteria V- Student Support and Progression. **Dr Bhushan Arekar** spoke on Criterion VI. This criterion covers important aspects like Governance, Leadership and Management. **Prof. Pooja Bhardwaj** discussed Criteria VII which refers to Institutional Values and Best Practices. The session ended with a vote of thanks by Vice-Principal, **Dr. Sneha Deuskar**. A Faculty development program on 'YouTube channel creation and content upload' was organised on Jan. 5, 2022. A capacity building workshop for Non-Teaching staff on 'How to live a Stress Free Life' by Ms. Pranali Yerunkar, Nutritionist and fitness professional, was conducted on Feb 5, 2022. PARAMARSH workshop for mentee colleges Discussion on criteria 5 Student Support and Progression QIM and QnM was organised on Feb. 18, 2022.

SUPERANNUATION

Prof. Arundhati Chitre, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, took voluntary retirement in January 2022. She was known as a loving and sincere teacher who served the college for more than two decades.

COLLEGE NEWS

- Annual Academic Prize Distribution was conducted on Dec. 4, 2021. The chief guest for the event was Prof. Dr K Shanti, Director, UGC HRDC University of Mumbai. Felicitation of illustrious alumni was also done on this occasion.
- The College celebrated Smt. Savitribai Phule Birth Anniversary, by felicitation of Women achiever, Dr.Sonali Rode, Joint Director, Higher education, Mumbai. on Jan 3, 2022. On this occasion, Dr. Usha Mukundan Swayamsiddha Puraskar was awarded to our alumna, Smt. Mamta Kulkarni (B.Sc. Chemistry 1990 batch), Station master of all women station suburban, Matunga.

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- Sessions on Soft Skills and Life Skills were conducted from Jan. 6-9, 2022 for third year students of BA, BSc and B.Com. Ms. Sumana Roy was the resource person.
- A Covid Vaccination drive was conducted in College by BMC N Ward for age group 15-18 years from Jan. 12 onwards. They were assisted by NSS, NCC, DLLE and Rotaract club students.
- A Workshop aiming to help Professional Development of Teachers- CAS promotion for Professor Post in College was conducted by Dr. Usha Mukundan on Jan 20, 2022.
- 73rd Republic Day was celebrated on January 26, 2022 in hybrid mode. NCC, NSS, Rotaract and DLLE volunteers were present. Many students and teachers joined the programme online.
- Meeting of statutory bodies: CDC, College Committee and Managing committee in hybrid mode was conducted on Jan. 22, 2022.
- Degree Distribution Program was conducted on Feb 23, 2022. The Chief Guest, Mr Jaganarayan, Director CRISIL, motivated students to excel in life.
- Workshops on Quality Management System were conducted for teaching and non teaching staff on Feb. 24, 2022.
- A National Webinar on Financial Education titled 'Indian Financial Market and Impact on Personal Finance' by Mr. Raghunandan Pattanaik, National Trainer, BFSI was organised on Feb. 24, 2022.
- A workshop on Six Sigma was conducted on February 26, 2022.

STUDENTS' NEWS

Ms. Sakshi Tadgonda from FYBAMMC secured first position in the Media Quiz competition event at an intercollegiate festival of VG Acharya College on Dec. 22, 2021.

Mr. Vishwajeet Rai, SYBSc (Mathematics), secured second place in the 'Mathalon Competition' organized by Dept. of Mathematics, CMR Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, on Dec. 22, 2021. He has also successfully qualified at IIT-JAM 2022 in Mathematics with All India Rank 980. He also participated in the 'Follow-up Course on Real Analysis' and 'Follow-up Course on Linear Algebra' to the Online Foundation Course in Mathematics 2021 held online between Jan. 9 – 21, 2022 and between Jan. 31, 2022 – Feb. 13, 2022 respectively.

Ms. Shraddha Pal from R. J. College won first Prize in the 'Late Smt. Abhiraji Indradeo Singh Intercollegiate Singing Competition' organised online by Hindi Sahitya Parishad on Feb. 12, 2022.

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Ms. Sejal Nilesh Singh, TYBSc, has won the Third Prize in 'Dry Floral Bookmark Making ' in the inter-collegiate competition organized by Department of Botany, Ratnam College, Bhandup, on Feb. 22 & 23, 2022.

Mr. Balkrishna Dhananjay Pathak, SYBSc, has won the first Prize in 'Biological Meme Making ' in the inter-collegiate competition organised by Ratnam College, Bhandup on Feb. 22 & 23, 2022.

Ms. Riyah Pathan from SYBAMMC won the second prize in the live singing event at an intercollegiate festival of Gurunanak Khalsa College on Feb. 25, 2022.

Ms. Vaishnavi Singh, Ms. Janhavi Kulkarni & Mr. Chinmay Shinde won the first prize at an online inter-collegiate PowerPoint Competition 'Visual Storytelling', conducted by the Dept. of Statistics, R. J. College, on Feb. 26, 2022.

Ms. Ladli Bhagat, Ms. Priyanshi Yadav & Ms. Anjali Prajapati won the second prize at an online inter-collegiate PowerPoint Competition 'Visual Storytelling', conducted by the Department of Statistics, R. J. College, on Feb. 26, 2022.

The following students got selected in the Literary, Performing and Fine Arts events in the **54th Youth Festival** organized by Department of Students' Development, University of Mumbai in Jan- Feb 2022. **Ms. Yukta Lad**- FYBCOM (On the Spot Painting Competition), **Ms. Sujita Maurya**- TYBA, (Cartooning Competition), **Ms. Tahera Khan**- TYBA, (Mehendi Competition) and **Ms. Swati Bhadarge**(Story Telling Competition).They were selected from 25 to 35 participants in the Selection Rounds in Zone II for the final round.

Mr Darshan Mangukiya was selected to represent University of Mumbai at West Zone Inter University Cricket tournament held at Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan and secured 3rd place.

Mr Swaminathan Maxwell got selected to represent Mumbai U-25 C.K Nayudu Trophy organised by BCCI and won 1st place.

Our College Cricket team also Participated in Inter College Cricket Tournament organised by MCA and won 2nd place.

Ms Aditi Surve was selected to represent University of Mumbai at West Zone Inter University Cricket Women tournament held at Poornima University, Jaipur and helped secure 2nd Place and qualified for All-India Inter University Tournament held at Purvanchal.

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Mr Arkam Shaikh was selected to represent University of Mumbai at West Zone Inter University tournament in Kabaddi. He was selected for Maharashtra Kabaddi team. The Team stood Runner up in the National Level Kabaddi tournament.

Mr Arkam Shaikh and Mr Alankar Patil has been selected for Pro Kabaddi Session-9, 2022 for Gujarat Fortune Giant and Puneri Paltan respectively.

Ms Shubhada Khot and Ms Savita Kavle were selected to represent University of Mumbai at West Zone Inter University Kabaddi tournament held at Nanded.

Mr Venketash Konar participated for Inter University selection trials and secured Gold Medal. He was also selected to represent All India Inter University Tournament at Udaipur and secured 5th position in the tournament.

Fencing Mens team Participated at Inter college Fencing tournament organized by University of Mumbai.

Mr Rony Philip and **Mr Omkumar Jadhav** won Intercollegiate Fencing tournament organized by University of Mumbai at Sophia College.

Mr Rony Philip secured Silver Medal in Saeber Event and Bronze Medal in Foil Event. **Mr Omkumar Jadhav** won Bronze Medal In Eppe Event. Both of them were selected for All India Inter-University Tournament held at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. Both these players were also selected for Khelo-India Inter University at Jain University, Bangalore. **Mr Omkumar Jadhav** bagged the Bronze medal

Mr Aman Tole was selected to represent University of Mumbai at West Zone Inter University Kho-Kho Mens' tournament held at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh and secured 1st place.

Four Basketball players of our college **Mr Das Prabhath, Mr Khan Salman, Mr Rajbhar Kamlesh and Mr Yadav Shubham** were selected to represent Basketball University of Mumbai at West Zone Inter University tournament at Jiwaji University, Gwalior. Their team won the Gold medal. These Four players were also selected to represent All India University at Hindustan University, Chennai and qualified for **Khelo India** Inter-University Tournament at Jain University, Bangalore.

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FACULTY NEWS

DISTINCTION

Prof. Rekha Shetty, Dept. of BAF won a silver medal at a Research Competition held by DTSS College on March 4, 2022 & March 8, 2022. She was one among the 21 research scholars who made it to the 3rd round.

Dr. Sucheta Joshi, Head, Dept. of Economics, faced her Viva – Voce and completed her Ph. D. programme in Economics successfully on March 29, 2022.

ON PANEL

Dr. Amita Valmiki, Head, Dept. of Philosophy, was appointed as VC Nominee for CAS Interview in Philosophy as Subject Expert at Jai Hind College on April 1, 2022. She was invited as an Expert Panelist for conducting the interview for the Best Students (One Male and One Female) by S. K. Somaiya College of Arts, Science and Commerce on April 13, 2022.

Prof. Chhaya Pinge, Head, Dept. of Statistics, was appointed as a panel member of the selection committee for interviews at SVKM's NMIMS Deemed to be University for the Faculty (Quantitative Techniques) at School of Commerce, SVKM's NMIMS Deemed to be University, Dhule campus on April 25, 2022.

PUBLICATION

Dr. Saraswathi Moorthy (Associate Professor), Dept. of Accountancy, published the following: chapters 'An Exploratory Study Of Consumer Trends and Perception Towards Over the top (OTT) platforms during lockdown' (pg 50-62)- (Coauthored With Purvy Karia);A

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Comparitive Study of Warehouse Management Practices by Amazon & Flipkart (pg 112-120) (Coauthored With Devaki Shetty) and ‘A Study on facilities Layout in Urban Low-cost Housing Development Projects(LCHDP) and Housing Affordability (HA)in Maharashtra (pg 121-130)(Coauthored With Reeta Singh) in a book titled’ Innovative Business Practices Towards Sustainable Development’ Edited by Dr Shashi Yadav, Rudra Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi, May 2022, ISBN :978-93-92108-58-7. She also presented a research paper titled ‘Stress Management and Work- life balance of Employees in the corporate sector during covid-19 pandemic’ Co-authored with Janhavi Rao (pp. 31-35) at the National E-conference on Impact of Covid-19 on Indian Economy’ published in Peer reviewed International Refereed Research Journal *Vidyawarta*, ISSN: 2319 9318, Harshawardhan Publication Pvt Ltd Special Issue April 2022 Impact factor 8.14(IJIF). She also published Research paper titled Warehouse Management for E- Commerce Companies – co authored with Devaki Shetty (pp. 244-248) in the *International Journal For Innovative Research in Multi-Disciplinary field* ISSN :2455-0620 Scientific Journal Impact Factor 6.719 –Special Issue of One dayInternational Seminar organised on 22 January 2022 by Shree Narayana Guru College of Commerce & Research Culture Society –Seminar Special Issue :34 (January 2022) and a paper titled Sustainability initiatives of selected family businesses in Gujarat State post pandemic (pp. 141-147) coauthored with Hemanshi Kotai in *Gradiva Review Journal* UGC CARE Group-II Journal Impact factor 6.1 ISSN No 0363-8057

Dr. Amita Valmiki published an article ‘Theosophical Sufism: Means to Eternal Spiritual Bliss’ in a book ‘Pursuit of Happiness: The Path of Philosophy and Counselling’ edited by Dr. Suchitra Naik and Prof. Vedavati Paranjape Surve; published by Empyreal Publishing House, India,2020.ISBN:978-81-944813-7-9, pp.120-125.

Dr. Rina Pitale Puradkar, Associate Professor, Dept. of Philosophy published the following articles : 1. ‘Yoga as psychotherapy: An Alternative and complimentary Solution’ in *Dianoesis: A Journal of Philosophy*, p. 105- 115, 11 th Issue, ISSN: 2459-413X (print) ISSN: 2732-7507 (on-line), <http://dianoesis-journal.blogspot.com/2015/10/blog-post.html>, 2. ‘Varkari’s Concept of Happiness: An Introspection’ in book ‘Pursuit of Happiness: The Path of Philosophy and Counselling,, Empyreal Publishing House, India; 3. ‘Environment and Unsustainable Human Life (Volume -I) Environment, Ecology and Ethics, Revisiting Ecological Concerns in the Literature of Varkari Saints’, V L Media Solutions, New Delhi, 4. ‘Cangdeva-Pasathi: A Philosophical Discourse’p. 25-33 in UGC Care Listed Journals on Sources of knowledge in faculty of humanities (special issue) (Multidisciplinary) *Kala Sarovar Quarterly Journal*, Vol. 24, No. -4-2021, RNI No. -46269/87 ISSN-0975-4520, p, 25- 33.

Prof. Pooja Bhardwaj, Dept. of Mass Media, published a research paper titled ‘Leveraging Digital Connect with Senior Citizens in Post- Covid Era: A Study on the FMCG’s Healthcare

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Segment' in UGC approved Care Listed Journal- *Journal of Management and Entrepreneurship*, published by Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship, Volume 16, No 1 (IX) January - March 2022, ISSN: 2229-5348.

Dr. Vaishali Raikwar, Dept. of Physics, published a book chapter 'Borate Phosphors: Mechanoluminescence and Lyoluminescence' in the book *titled Borate Phosphors: Processing to applications* published by Taylor and Francis, in May 2022. ISBN: 978-1-003-20775-7 (ebk) DOI: 10.1201/9781003207757

PRESENTATION

Dr. Mithilesh Sharma, Head, Department of Hindi, presented a paper on 'Hindi Sahitya ko Sasakht Banane mein Mahilaon ka Yogdaan' in the offline National Seminar on 'Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav aur Hindi Sahitya ko Sasakht Banane mein Mahila Sahityakaron ki Bhumika' organized in collaboration with Maharashtra Rajya Hindi Sahitya Academy, Mumbai by Wilson College, Hindi Dept., Mumbai on March 8, 2022. She presented a paper on 'Jan Nayak Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel ki Aaj ke yug mein Prasangikta' in the two- day offline National Seminar on 'Rashtra Nayak Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel : Vyaktitva aur Kartutva' organized in collaboration with Maharashtra Rajya Hindi Sahitya Academy, Mumbai, ICSSR, New Delhi and Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra by K M Agrawal College, Hindi Dept., Kalyan on March 24-25, 2022. She presented a paper on 'Madhu Kankariya ke Upanysaon mein Naari Vimarsh' in the online National Seminar themed on 'Ikkisvi Sadi ki Mahila Kathakaar' organized by Maharshi Dayanand College, Hindi Dept., Parel on March 30, 2022.

Dr. Janhavi Bhagwat, Dept. of Zoology presented the paper 'Evaluation of alcoholic bark extract of *Garuga pinnata* Roxb. on reproductive function in female swiss albino mice' at the Annual (Online) International Conference on 'Toxicology Research & Development' organized by the Department of Zoology and RUSA on March 11-12, 2022. She and **Ms. Veena Desai** presented a research paper titled 'Red blood cell membrane stabilizing potential of bark extract' in online International Conference on Novel Approaches in Life Science organised by Dept. of Botany and IQAC of Gurunanak Khalsa College on April 8-9, 2022. They won first prize in the Medicinal Botany Section for their paper.

Dr. Amita Valmiki, Head, Dept. of Philosophy, chaired and presented a paper Re-envisioning the Notion of Religious Pluralism and its Exigency in Contemporary Times at an International Conference 'Need of Inter-religious Understanding for Promoting Peace and Harmony' jointly organized by K.M.E. Society, G. M. Momin Women, College, Bhiwandi, Mumbai in

collaboration with The Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi March 19-20, 2022. She presented a paper on 'Women Empowerment in Present Era' in an International E-conference organized by Dharmendrasinhji Arts College, Rajkot in collaboration with Ayudh Publication, Bhavnagar, Gujarat on 'Your Discipline, Your Issues in Contemporary Era' on April 20, 2022.

Dr. Rina Pitale presented a research paper 'Revisiting the literature of Varkari Saints for Interfaith Dialogue for promoting Peace and Harmony' at Two days International Conference on 'Need for Inter-religious Understanding for Promoting Peace and Harmony' organized by the Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi at G. M. Momin Women's College, Bhiwandi, Mumbai, held on March 19-20, 2022.

Prof. Chinmay Bapat, Dept. of Psychology, presented a paper titled 'From Intergroup Differences to Coalition Building: Peaceful Coexistence in Multicultural Environments' in the two-day International Conference on 'Need for Inter-religious Understanding for Promoting Peace and Harmony' organized by the Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi at G. M. Momin Women's College, Bhiwandi, Mumbai, held on March 19-20, 2022.

Dr. Anil Avhad, Dept. of Botany presented a research paper titled 'Apparent correlation between individual carbon footprint with different lifestyles and income groups.' In International Conference on Environment Development and Sustainability on March 29 and March 30, 2022 organized by Department of Botany and IQAC, Athalye-Sapre-Pitre College, Devrukh (Autonomous) in collaboration with Srushtidnyan and Sahyadri Sankalp Society. He and **Ms. Nidhi Pathak** presented paper entitled 'Analysis of chemical phylogeny by HPTLC fingerprints in family Myrtaceae' in International Conference (Online) on 'Biodiversity, Conservation and Role of Molecular Phylogenetics in Plant Systematics-2022' Organized by Arts, Science & Commerce College, Mokhada on April 22, 2022. He also presented a paper titled 'Carbon footprint of Ecotourism - Case study of Kalsubai Millet festival in Maharashtra' in the two day National Interdisciplinary Webinar on 'Ecotourism: A model of sustainable development' organised by Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College, Mumbai in collaboration with Association of Teachers in Biological Sciences held during April 27-28, 2022.

Dr. Sanket Tikare, Dept. of Mathematics, presented a paper entitled 'Ulam Stability For First-Order Impulsive Dynamic Equations' in the International Conference on Computational Methods in Science and Engineering (CSME 2022) organized by Department of Mathematics, BITS-Pilani, Hyderabad Campus, Telangana, India during April 22 to 24, 2022. (Online mode). He also presented a paper entitled 'Stability of Time-Varying Linear Dynamic Equations' in the International Conference of Dynamic Equations on Time Scales (DETS 2022) organized by Bedlewo Conference Center, Institute of Mathematics, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland during May 25--29, 2022. (Online mode).

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Prof. Pooja Bhardwaj presented a Research Paper titled ‘Leveraging Digital Connect with Senior Citizens in Post- Covid Era: A Study on the FMCG’s Healthcare Segment’ in the 2 Days International Virtual Conference on ‘Digital Business Era- Opportunities & Challenges’, conducted by VET’s School of Commerce, Erode on April 20-21, 2022. She was awarded the Best Research Paper Presented Award in the Research Scholar Category.

Prof. Sushma Singh presented a paper titled ‘Environmental Repercussion of Religious Tourism’ in two day National Interdisciplinary Webinar on ‘Ecotourism: A model of sustainable development’ organised by Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College, in collaboration with Association of Teachers in Biological Sciences held during April 27-28, 2022.

Prof. Rekha Shetty, Dept. of BAF, along with **Dr. Vilasini Patkar** presented a research paper titled ‘A Study on The Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs Through Government Initiatives’ at National Multidisciplinary E-conference organized by VPM’s R.Z. Shah College of Arts, Science & Commerce on May 21, 2022. The paper won the ‘BEST PAPER’ award.

SEMINAR

Mrs. Shubhangi Vedak, Librarian attended and presented a paper titled ‘Interpersonal Skills at Work’ at the Online National Conference on ‘Emerging Role of Academic Libraries’ organized by St. Andrew’s College of Arts, Commerce and Science on April 13, 2022.

Prof. Chinmay Bapat, Dept. of Psychology, attended an Online National Workshop on ‘Qualitative Data Analysis using MAXQDA’ organized by Essgee Digiskills during April 13-23, 2022.

Prof. Akash Purswani, Dept. of Mass Media, attended a webinar on 'The Geopolitics: Ukraine, Russia and India A Slide From Peace To War' organized by SIES College of Arts Science and Commerce on March 23, 2022.

Prof. Sandip Hinge, Dept. of Physics, participated in IP awareness training program under the ‘National Intellectual property Awareness Mission’ on March 25, 2022, organized by National Intellectual property Office, India.

Prof. Pooja Bhardwaj and **Prof. Prachi Vankiani**, Dept. of Mass Media, completed WRC-ICSSR sponsored 10 days Online Research Methodology Programme in Social Sciences organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Bunts Sangha's S.M Shetty College of Science, Commerce & Management Studies, from April 18- 28, 2022.

Prof. Rekha Shetty participated and successfully completed WRC-ICSSR sponsored Ten Days online Research Methodology Programme in Social Sciences organized by S.M Shetty College of Science, Commerce & Management Studies, Powai, Mumbai from April 18 - 28, 2022.

ORIENTATION/REFRESHER/STC

Prof. Sandip Hinge successfully completed two Faculty development programs on ‘Patent Law for Engineers and Scientists’ and another on ‘Non-Conventional Energy Resources’ organized from January-April 2022 by NPTEL-AICTE.

Prof. Sushma Singh, successfully completed Online Refresher Course on Vigorate your day-to-day life with yogic practice from March 1 -15, 2022 conducted by Teaching learning center, Ramanujan college University of Delhi.

Mr. Deepak Poojary, Department of Zoology completed an online one-week FDP with A+ grade on ‘Psychological Skills for Effective Teaching and Learning’ organized by Teaching and Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Education Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission for Teachers and Teaching from March 7-13, 2022. He also completed an online two-week Interdisciplinary Refresher Course with A+ grade on ‘Environment and Human Health ’ organized by Teaching and Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Education Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission for Teachers and Teaching from March 28-April 11, 2022.

Prof. Anita Gaikwad, Dept. of Computer science has participated in the 5-days Faculty Development Programme on ‘Data Analytics & Applications’ jointly organized by the Department of Information Technology & Department of Computer Science, K.C College from March 14-19, 2022.

Prof. Pooja Bhardwaj completed a 2 credits course on ‘Research and Publication Ethics’ organized jointly by the Research Cells of Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College and K. J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce. from March 14- April 1, 2022.

Prof. Rekha Shetty successfully completed 2 credit courses on ‘Research & Publication Ethics’ with A+ grade, organized by Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College and K. J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce, Mumbai from March 14 to April 1, 2022.

Dr. Bindu Achary, Dept. of Zoology successfully completed online two-week Interdisciplinary Refresher Course with A+ grade on 'Environment and Human Health' organized by Teaching and Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Education Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission for Teachers and Teaching from March 28- April 11, 2022.

Dr. Janhavi Bhagwat, Dept. of Zoology successfully completed and obtained A+ grade in online-Two Week Refresher Course in Zoology conducted by Teaching Learning Center, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi in collaboration with Gargi College, University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Education Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching from April 25 to May 9, 2022.

ACADEMIC OUTREACH

Dr. Janhavi Bhagwat guided a research proposal titled 'Synergistic Effect of Dry Biomass of Microglial and Kelp on the Soil' which was presented by her student **Ms.Veena Desai** in Agriculture and Animal Husbandry category and PPG level of Final Round of 16th Inter-Collegiate / Institute / Department Avishkar Research Convention: 2021-22 for Mumbai-2 zone.

Dr Neeta Chakravarty, Head, Dept. of English, judged the National level Essay Writing competition on 'Position of Women in Contemporary India' conducted by Seva Sadan College of Education to celebrate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' on May 5, 2022.

Dr. Sucheta Golwalkar conducted a training session on 'Basics in Plant Tissue Culture' for Prof. Bindu Rajguru from Pillai College on March 9 and 15, 2022.

Prof. Archana Bhide, Dept. of Information Technology was invited as a resource person for faculty development session on 'Hands on Work-PPT and Excel' organized by Maharashtra State Faculty Development Academy, Pune on May 10, 2022. She was also the resource person for Online faculty Induction Programme on 'Developing Creative Powerpoint Presentation and Advance Excel' organized by UGC Human Resource Development Centre, University of Mumbai on May 17, 2022.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Prof. Deepak Poojary, Department of Zoology gave an online talk titled 'Indian Culture, tradition and folk arts- an environmental perspective' for Paryavaran Mitravat- Departmental Fest organized by Department of EVS and FC, Thakur College, Kandivali on March 7,2022. He was an invited panelist for the General Science Interview of Dr Homi Bhabha Balvaidnyanik Competition organized by Greater Bombay Science Teachers' Association on April 17,2022.

Dr. Anil Avhad was invited as a judge for 'Action research project presentation' for Homi Bhabha Balvaigyanik Competition 2022 conducted by Greater Bombay Science Teachers Association on April 24, 2022.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Department of BMS had organized an annual departmental fest **KSHITIJ** which was held for three days on the theme 'Cyber Crime, Cyber Bullying - A Danger Zone' from March 1-3, 2022. An intercollegiate cultural competition was held on the first two days and on the last day students performed a short skit on Cyber Crime Awareness and its Preventive Measures. A session on 'Cyber Crime Awareness and Preventive Measures' was conducted by Shri Makarand Wagh, 'Building a Cyber Safety Ambassadors' by Ms. Sonali Patankar and 'Case Studies on Cyber Violence Against Youth Law Enforcement Intervention' by Shri Gokul Borse. The session on 'Being kind to your mind', a unique combination of entertainment, education, emotions, and psychological state, which set it apart from typical counseling sessions was conducted by Ms. Shraddha Pol on March 8, 2022. The Career Guidance session for Final Year students to guide them regarding career opportunities available after completion of BMS degree programme and also about higher education programmes available such as MBA & other Post Graduate programmes was conducted by Mr. Niketan Taware on March 30 and by Mr. Vivek Singh on April, 2022. The BMS Department organized a one-day industrial visit to Parle Factory, Khopoli on April 22, 2022. The primary goal of this Industrial Visit was

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to teach Management students how the Parle Industry is run and managed on a daily basis, as well as to allow the students to enjoy their vacations with their friends at the Monteria Resort.

Department of Marathi and Marathi Wangmay Mandal organized a special capacity building Program, 'Maazaa Marhaataachi Bolu Kavatike' for the Support Staff (Non-teaching) on occasion of Jaagatik Marathi Bhaashaa Divas on March 2, 2022. It included competitions and entertainment programs to assess their knowledge of Marathi language, its diction and the official Standard Version of Marathi which is used for administrative purposes by the State Government. First 5 best performers were given prizes by Principal, **Dr. Himanshu Dawda**.

Department of Mathematics organized a Value-added course on 'Introduction to LaTeX' from March 3, 2022 to 12, 2022. The resource person for the course was Mr. Parvez Rasul, Research Scholar, Dept. of Mathematics, IIT Bombay, Mumbai. The department organized felicitation of meritorious students of TYBSc Mathematics 2020-21 and farewell function for TYBSc Mathematics 2021-22 batch on April 12, 2022.

Department of Zoology under the aegis of DBT star department activity organized an Awareness Quiz Program – WILDLIFE VISHESH for R. J. College teachers to celebrate 'World Wildlife Day' on March 3, 2022. In this unique activity, the teachers from the Zoology department created news-bulletin videos in English (**Prof. Sushma Singh**), Hindi (**Prof. Deepak Poojary**) and Marathi (**Prof. Sanika Gupte**). The teacher participants were expected to watch the news bulletin and attempt the quiz in the given link. The activity was Coordinated by **Dr. Bindu Achary**. The department conducted a Value-Added Course on 'Environmental Ethics: Water Resources, Management, Water Pollution and Health' from April 23 to May 5, 2022. **Prof. Sanika Gupte, Dr. Geeta Joshi and Prof. Sushma Singh** were the course Coordinators. **Prof. Bhagirat Mishra** conducted a lecture 'Career and Competitive Exams' for students on May 6, 2022.

Department of Statistics organized the Online Annual festival 'STATISTIKA' on March 5, 2022. In this event TYBSc students organized various games which test quantitative, analytical, spontaneous, decision-making ability of participants. Meritorious students of TYB.Sc (2021-22) were felicitated on this occasion. Prizes were distributed for various competitions conducted in this academic year.

Department of Physics organized a field visit for Star gazing for SY, TYBSc and MSc students at Rampur, Dahanu road on March 7-8, 2022. The students observed celestial objects with the help of a telescope and got acquainted with the interesting stars, planets and constellations formation. A popular lecture on 'Three principles of Quantum Mechanics (and their Engineering Applications)' by Prof. Sai Vinjanampathy, Dept of Physics, IIT Bombay, was delivered on March 16, 2022. The department organized a Summer course in Physics for

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students of FY and SY B Sc students from April 25- 27, 2022. A session on ‘Monte Carlo Simulation using Python language’ was conducted by Dr. Deepak More, K J Somaiya College. A talk on ‘Introduction to Raspberry Pi’ by Prof Ashish Kumar Yadav followed by Crossword and quiz based on Physics was conducted on April 26. Hands-on session of Raspberry pi was organized on April 27, 2022. The students learnt how to simulate Physics experiments using Raspberry pi.

Department of Political Science took students of TYBA Political Science on a field trip to the American Center as part of Paper VIII titled ‘American Political System’ on March 8, 2022. The annual departmental fest of POLITIKOS was very meticulously planned and executed by the students of TYBA from March 14 to 16, 2022. Events like Rang Manch, Kreative Zone (PowerPoint Presentations), NGO Formation (Creating an NGO, giving it a name, and drafting its objectives), The Social House Poetry (Poetry Recitation), Documentary Making (on selected topics), and Clip Unclip (Identification of things in a video clip) were organized. As part of the birth anniversaries of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, students made presentations on April 11 and 14, 2022 respectively. A field trip for TYBA students, as part of their syllabus of Paper VI titled ‘Political Process in Maharashtra’ was organized to Yusuf Meherally Center in Panvel to understand the role played by civil society in empowerment of the community, on April 16, 2022.

Department of History organized the annual Intercollegiate Students’ Seminar of the Dept. of History on ‘Resurrecting Women’s Stories & Voices’ on Zoom platform on March 8, 2022. Dr. Mridula Ramanna the Keynote speaker for the inaugural session of the seminar delivered a talk on ‘Issues and Perspectives in Women’s Health in Colonial Bombay’. The first Session was chaired by Dr. Namrata Ganneri, Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, SNTD College of Arts & SCB College of Commerce & Science for Women. Prof. Swarupa Kamat, Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Sophia College chaired the second session. Papers brought forward the contribution of known and unknown female figures in history. Department of History organized a students’ webinar for commemorating the ‘International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination’ on March 21, 2022. A ‘Career Counselling Session’ was held for TYBA students on April 12, 2022 in blended mode. **Dr. Meher Mistry**, Head, Dept. of History and **Prof. Snehal Nagtilak** conducted the session. They presented the various career and higher education options available to students after their graduation in History. Department of History conducted a visit to the Chatrapati Shivaji Vastu Sangrahalaya on April 26, 2022 for TYBA History students. The Museum’s Education Department conducted a special guided tour for the students. The visit helped them to acquire experiential learning of many of the topics covered in the Value-added Course on ‘Cultural Heritage of India’ conducted by the department in the month of April. **Dr. Meher Mistry**, **Prof. Snehal Nagtilak** and several experts including **Dr. Amita Valmiki** and **Prof. Deepak Poojary** gave lectures to explain in depth the syllabus topics

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which ranged from the tangible and intangible heritage to India's varied music, dance, textile, theatre, culinary and artistic heritage. A Value-Added Course in 'Basic Preparation for Competitive Exams' was conducted by the Department of History in May 2022. The Course aimed at introducing the syllabi and format of various competitive exams. The Department conducted its Certificate Level, UGC Add on Course on Travel and Tourism Management from April 26 - June 18, 2022. The course aimed to introduce the basics of the travel and tourism industry.

Department of BBI conducted a Webinar on 'Career in Banking & Financial Services' on March 10, 2022. The Guest Speaker, Mr. Milind Dalvi, Dean, Timepro- Times of India guided students with career options.

Department of Chemistry organised an industrial visit to Mahabaleshwar for TYBSc, MSc part I & part II students on March 9 -10 2022. The participants visited the Mapro Foods factory. A farewell function was organized on April 1, 2022 for TYBSc Chemistry students. Bridge course for FY and SYBSC students were conducted on zoom platform on April 23, 2022. A Value-Added course of 2 credits on 'Chemistry of food and nutrients' was conducted in online mode from April 25 – 30, 2022. This course was meant for the students and teachers of science faculty. Total 161 students completed the course successfully.

Department of Sociology organized a Study tour to Vishwas Rao Farmhouse for Sociology students as a part of their syllabus on March 11, 2022. The aim of the study tour was to develop ecological consciousness by traveling to destinations with natural settings and to minimise the negative effect on environment. The students met the local people who shared their knowledge about the local culture and local environment with them.

Department of Hindi organized a field trip for students of TYBA, MA I & II by taking them for a Drama on 'Mangal Pandey' at Mysore Association Auditorium, Mumbai on March 14, 2022. It organized a Students' Seminar on the occasion of 'Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav' celebrations in collaboration with Vaze College Mumbai, on March 16, 2022. Shri Shriprakash Mishra famous Poet, Critic and Novelist was invited as Chief Guest who spoke on this occasion about the works of Mahadevi Verma. Smt. Madhuri Vajpeyi, Ex-Principal, Vaze College and Shri Rakesh Kumar Tripathi, Project Co-ordinator, Hindustani Prachaar Sabha, were invited as the judges for the function. The first Prize in prose paper was awarded to Sanju Chaudhary from R J College and the second prize in the paper for Poetry was awarded to Jyoti Masuna from Vaze College. The Department organized a workshop for PG Students for Students' Capacity Development on 'Coreldraw'. The workshop was held at B.Voc lab, RJ College on April 20-21, 2022. Mohammad Sahil Shaikh, Subject Expert, Diamond Study YouTube Channel, Mumbai and Mohammad Tanveer Ansari, Alumni of Hindi Department, RJ College

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were invited for the workshop. Students of TYBA (Hindi) and MA (Hindi) attended the workshop

Department of English conducted 'Student Ability Enhancement Resume Writing Workshop' for FY B.com and FYBA on March 17, 2022 and March 30, 2022. It also conducted a workshop for NET/SET aspirants of RJ college on Paper 1 on March 25-26, 2022. Dr. Yogesh Anvekar, Head, Dept. of English, Khalsa College, conducted the NET/SET workshop. The Department celebrated 'English Language Day' in order to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of William Shakespeare, renowned playwright, poet, actor and writer on April 23, 2021. An online quiz based on the life and works of Shakespeare was conducted on this occasion.

Department of Philosophy organized a talk by Dr. Rina Pitale Puradkar (Dept. of Philosophy, R. J. College) on Careers in Philosophy on March 23, 2022. It also organized a talk under series of lectures on 'Religious Pluralism' by Ms. Maja Meiners [Journalist and Filmmaker, Cologne, Germany] on her experience and journey in making the documentary on Breaking Barriers – The Casteless Collective on Wednesday, March 30, 2022.

Department of B.VOC organised a Talk on technical analysis by Resource person Mr Himanshu Mayne, a certified financial planner on March 22, 2022.

Department of Mass Media (BAMMC) organized an Orientation Session on 'Subject Specialization and Future Career Prospects' by Ms. Naziya Khan on March 30, 2022.

Department of Foundation Course organized a talk by Dr. Uma Shankar (Principal, SIES College) on 'Importance of Foundation Course with special emphasis on Human Values' on Thursday, March 31, 2022.

Department of Information Technology conducted a techconnect lecture session on 'Introduction to Blockchain Technology' for IT students on April 9, 2022. The students got insight into basics of Blockchain technology and crypto currency. The resource Person Mr. Wilson also made the students aware about the risks involved in use of crypto currency, and the rise and fall in popularity of these technologies. The session concluded with interactive discussion with teachers and students.

Department of Computer Science organized a Value-Added course in 'Emerging Technologies in Computer Science' for all students from April 21-30, 2022. This course included R Programming, IoT and Arduino, Robotics and Computer Graphics. The Value-

Added Courses aim to provide additional learner centric graded skill oriented technical training, with the primary objective of improving the employability skills of students.

Departments of Economics, Botany and Zoology organised the National Interdisciplinary Webinar on ‘Ecotourism: A Model of Sustainable Development’ in collaboration with Association of Teachers in Biological Sciences (ATBS) on April 27-28, 2022. Dr. Prakash Rao, Deputy Director, Energy and Environment, Symbiosis Institute of International Business was the Chief Guest and the keynote speaker. Teachers and students from various colleges across different faculties presented research papers during the webinar.

Department of Botany organised an online Value-added course in ‘Herbal cosmetics’ in the month of May 2022. Total 28 students successfully completed the course. The course was coordinated by **Dr. Veena Kelkar**. The students of Botany department participated in ‘Seed collection drive and Forest trail’ in Yeoor organised by Department of Botany and Pavo Nature Club on May 7, 2022. It was a (Beyond the campus environmental awareness) DBT Star Status activity for conservation and propagation under “ BEEJ” Project, a seed bank project in collaboration with Green Umbrella Organisation, Mumbai.

Department of B.Com (Accounting and Finance) conducted an Industrial visit to Parle Factory for the students of SYBAF, TYBAF and TYBVOC. The students witnessed the process of making biscuits from scratch. The department also conducted an offline corporate to campus sessions of 30 days of 2 hours each for TYBAF, TYBBI, and TYBVOC students in collaboration with Technoserve. Some students who enrolled for the course, were placed in corporates such as HDB, BYJU’s, IIFL, Toothsi, and Atos. The department conducted Value Added Course on MS Excel from April 21 to May 07, 2022.

Department of Biotechnology conducted an Alumni interaction and career counseling session for MSc students on April 7, 2022. Dr. Kuldeep Gupta (Alumni, BSc Batch 2008), Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Microbial Pathogenesis, Yale University School of Medicine, visited the department and addressed the MSc Part II students. The department organized a Farewell Program for the TYBT students on April 12, 2022.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

History Association conducted its intra-collegiate fest ‘Histeria - Mad About History’ in a blended mode from March 7 to 10, 2022. A series of events such as Foodpedia, Awesome Attire, Jano Apna Itihas, Itihaas ki Jhalak, Bayaan i Dastaan, Radio Play competition and Kalakari were organised with the help of student volunteers.

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CWDC celebrated International Women's Day by organizing a guest talk on March 8, 2022. The guest of Honour was Mrs. Varsha Tawde- Social Activist and National Secretary of Bharatiya Stree Shakti and Guest speaker for the talk was Advocate Mrs. Saraswati Kadam- Coordinator of Mumbai Law Forum of Bharatiya Stree Shakti. The talk was organized in both online and offline mode. On the occasion of World Health Day which is celebrated on April 7, 2022, CWDC organized a guest talk by renowned Consultant Gynecologist and obstetrician Dr. Veena Zaveri on March 25 2022. She spoke on 'Knowing the common Gynecological Problems in young girls: Face to Face talk'.

DLLE Unit participated in the intercollegiate annual festival 'Udaan-The flight of Extension' organized online during March 8-10, 2022 by the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, University of Mumbai. Our college students won third prizes in the elocution and Poster competitions. To create awareness about health, the DLLE students organized an awareness quiz on Health on March 29, 2022. It organized an essay competition on the topic 'The Girl Child' on March 30, 2022. Students expressed their views on how a girl child needs to be mentored and taught the proper values that will improve her self-worth. To create awareness about the environmental issues, the students of the extension unit organized a slogan writing competition on 'Go Green' on March 31, 2022.

Human Values' Cell organized a talk by Ms. Kumud Mishra (Teacher in Physics, Junior College, R. J. College and Social Worker) on Practical Application of Human Values on March 16, 2022. Human Values Cell organized a Competition: Poster with Slogan. The poster with the slogan was to be on any one of the following values: Truth, Right Conduct, Humanism, Excellence or Compassion. The students had to upload the Poster on the given link on March 28, 2022.

Research Advisory Committee of Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College organized a Workshop on 'Upcoming trends of research in Chemistry' on March 17, 2022. The resource person was **Dr. Aasavari Mokal** from the Chemistry department. The workshop was specifically conducted for guiding students on the research trends in chemistry for MSc students. It also organized a workshop on Scientific Writing on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. The workshop was specifically conducted for all research students, MSc students and Faculties. The sessions were organized to enlighten students about writing of Research Proposals and writing and publishing Research Articles in various journals.

SES-REC MGNCRE – in collaboration with Keshav Sita Memorial trust and BMC Plastic Waste Management conducted an online awareness and training session for the youth on March 26, 2022. Green Campus Committee organised a botanical tour of our Green Campus along with **Dr. Anil Avhad**, Department of Botany on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. A photo competition

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too was organised on the day to capture the greenery on campus. Water Management Committee of SES-REC organized talk on 'Water Conservation Practical and Social Aspects' by Former Vice- Principal, Dr. Sampat T. Ingle on April 13, 2022.

Pavo Nature Club in collaboration with Paryavaran Dakshta Mandal organised a programme on preparation of eco-friendly Holi colors on March 11, 2022. It celebrated 'Earth Day 2022' on April 23, 2022 . In collaboration with WWF India, a clean-up drive was organised at Powai lake. It also celebrated World Biodiversity Day in collaboration with Parayavaran Dakshta Mandal at Biodiversity Park Thane on May 22, 2022.

Gender Equity, NSS and IQAC in collaboration with MAVA (Men Against Violence and Abuse) organised a session by resource person, Mr Harish Sadani on March 17, 2022. **Gender Equity Committee** organised a presentation competition to select Gender Champion on the theme 'Meri Kahani Meri Zabani' on March 29, 2022.

UPSC Cell alongwith Department of Political Science and the Department of History in collaboration with Lokayan Academy conducted a webinar titled 'Preparing for Civil Service Prelims Examination' on April 22 & 23, 2022. Sessions were engaged on Preparation for the General Studies and CSAT papers.

Psycho Sphere introduced 'Branches of Psychology: A Guest Lecture Series' with a purpose of providing students the exposure to diverse fields and sub-disciplines of Psychology; and have them interact with professionals in those respective fields. The first event under this series was conducted on April 25, 2022 over two sessions. Two experts were invited to deliver talks on "Creative & Expressive Arts Therapy" and "Sports Psychology" respectively. The lecture series and the purpose of the same was first introduced by Prof. Chinmay Bapat, In-charge, Department of Psychology. Dr. Sneha Deuskar, Vice Principal inspired the students to develop a perceptive attitude and to make the most from their interactions with different industry experts. Ms. Payal Doulatani, Mental Health Counsellor & Ex AT-P ,conducted the first session by introducing the very foundations of therapy, followed by the nuances in the creative as well as expressive arts therapy approaches and skills and qualifications required to become an expressive arts therapist. In the following session, Mr. Adwait Kapileshwari, Sports Psychologist, discussed case studies from his own practice to elucidate how psychological theories are applied to improve the performance of athletes. Applications such as deep progressive muscle relaxation were also practically shown to the audience by conducting a small exercise with them.

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RJ Innovation and Incubation Cell (RJIIC) organized a National Level intercollegiate business idea competition ‘INNOVATEX 3.0- An Oasis for Business Idea’ through online mode via Zoom Platform on May 7, 2022. The Judges for the competition were Rtn. Roy Wadakan and Rtn Gaurang Chandarana. The Winners were awarded with cash prizes.

NSS NEWS

NSS organised ‘Devdoot’, festival of the NSS unit with several competitions on ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav theme’ on March 15 and March 16, 2022. A play on drug addiction was the chief highlight of the event. NSS and DLLE in collaboration with JIFSA organized an online webinar on ‘First Aid and Fire Safety’ on April 26, 2022. Students organised a programme celebrating Maharashtra Divas on May 1, 2022. A special programme with a talk by Prof, Snehal Nagtilak, Dept. of History and a skit was curated to highlight the culture and contribution of Maharashtra State.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library in association with the English Department organized Screening of the Film “Deham” : A film by Govind Nihalani based on the Play “Harvest” by Manjula Padmanabhan for students on April 9, 2022 in Hybrid mode ie. Offline as well as online.

IQAC NEWS

The **IQAC** organized a review meeting ‘Quality Initiative: Teaching, Learning and Evaluation’ on March 17 and 19, 2022 of all departments. Departments made online presentations about the new initiatives undertaken in the past two years. Departments during the pandemic were delivering lectures using the Zoom platform. Departments also used specific modes of digital technologies for content delivery like virtual white board, explainer videos software like doodly, simple show video maker, mind master. Participative teaching-learning tools like Google classroom are used as knowledge depository- working notes, You tube videos link, e resources, research articles, free books, newsletter are posted by the departments in the Google classroom. Whatsapp has been the standard platform for sharing information among students

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and faculty. Several innovations were also seen in the field of evaluation. Besides Google forms for MCQ tests for Internal assessment, debates, panel discussions, flip classroom Kahoot Quiz and mentimeter software were also used for evaluation. IQAC organized online webinar on 'Burns and Skin Donation Awareness. The lecture was delivered by Dr Rohini Athavaale on April 26, 2022. IQAC organised an Environment Program from May 4- 14, 2022.

SUPERANNUATION

Dr. Kamalini Bandekar, Dept of Geography, took voluntary retirement in March 2022. She will be remembered for her passion for spreading environmental consciousness and love for nature among her students.

COLLEGE NEWS

Local Inquiry committee of University of Mumbai visited research centres of Commerce, Physics, Biotechnology and Chemistry on March 16, 2022.

LIC for Ph D centre for continuation of recognition Commerce research centre was conducted on March 17, 2022.

The 8th Academic Council Meeting and 8th Finance Committee meeting was held on March 24 and 25 respectively.

STUDENTS' NEWS

Mr. Mishra Anmol, MSc Botany presented a research proposal titled 'Development of an insect repellent from *Hyptis suaveolens* L. an invasive plant.' in Agriculture and Animal Husbandry category and PG level for the Final Round of 16th Inter-Collegiate / Institute / Department Avishkar Research Convention: 2021-22 for Mumbai-2 zone. He was guided by **Dr. Anil Avhad**.

Ms. Arshi Shaikh from MA II won the second prize in the Intercollegiate Elocution Competition event held under the theme 'Swatantrata Andolan mein Hindi Sahityakaron ki Bhumika' by B K Shroff College on Feb. 1, 2022.

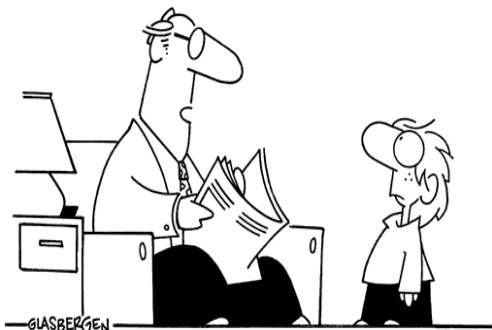
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Mr. Shiv Prasad Yadav from TYBA won the third prize in the Intercollegiate Poetry Recital Competition event held under the theme “Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav” conducted by St. Xaviers College (Autonomous), Mumbai on Feb. 18, 2022.

Ms. Ujala Yadav- SY B.Sc, won third prize in Elocution competition and **Ms. Vasha Prajapati** -SYBBI, won third prize in Poster competition at the intercollegiate annual festival ‘Udaan-The flight of Extension’ organized online during March 8-10, 2022 by the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, University of Mumbai.

Ms. Akansha Vishwakarma from FYBA won the second prize in the National Student Seminar Competition event held under the theme ‘Hindi Upanyas: Samvedna aur Shilp ke Vividh Aaayaam’ by MMP Shah College on March 26, 2022.

Mr. Harshad Bhagwan of FYBVOF FMS has participated and won 1st Prize of Rs.30000 in “Dalmia Stock Exchange Mock Trading Event 2k22” held on March 28, 2022. It was organized by Prahladrai Dalmia Lions college of Commerce and Economics in association with Param Capital.



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Cultivating an Interdisciplinary "Culture"

Do "cultures" have finite "lives" like us – humans? Do some cultures actually "die" and some survive better? Do cultures evolve?

If you'd like to ponder over these questions, let's simplify by defining what "culture" is. Some consider cultures as 'vehicles' of information; socially transmitted - over generations, through imitation, teaching, language etc.

Now, you can rely upon varied approaches/perspectives while answering these questions. The intriguing and emerging field of cultural evolution would answer "maybe", "yes", and "definitely yes!"

Cultures are just like organisms. As Biological traits, Cultural traits like language, customs, religion, ethnicity, food, and lifestyle – also show variation. They are also transmitted, or we might say inherited over multiple generations. They also compete with each other for survival – to survive and sustain in the human brain which has limited memory capacity. Alex Mesoudi and many other social scientists have applied these principles of Natural Selection to Evolution of Cultures.

To illustrate, we can readily observe how various languages (such as French, Spanish, Portuguese) branched out from one 'root' language (in this case, Latin) – showing variation, transmission over generations, and competition between these linguistic-cultural groups. Furthermore, some languages

"survive" better while some are even going "extinct" (like organisms do). Such parallels between cultural & biological evolution extend further.

Evolutionary Psychology, a related discipline digs deeper into how brains and behaviors have evolved over the years in the "struggle for survival". Today, it's not just our biological adaptations but the "cognitive revolution" human brains have witnessed that makes us capable of creating abstract theories, study complex equations, and understand & transmit information a little more effectively than our fellow creatures.

Father of Ethology (science of animal behavior) Konrad Lorenz noted that only an extended theory of evolution can effectively integrate biological and social sciences. No wonder, Darwin's theory itself has "survived" for more than 150 years; without even basing it upon any complex equation.

Aren't we fortunate to be living in these times where subjects across disciplines have shaken hands with each other to broaden the horizons of our understanding? As lifelong learners, it would be ideal to share this interdisciplinary attitude, in the quest of deepening our knowledge of the world around us, wouldn't it?

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