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WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Trust

....So Lady, you refuse to accept the evidences presented in front of the honorable court in connection with the trial of the accused for allegedly instigating his wife, my client, to committee suicide?

Yes. I refuse to accept it.

Why?

Because I trust him, and I believe he cannot be doing this kind of crime.

How long have you known him?

More than 5 years.

And how did you meet him?

Objection My Lord/ Objection Overruled. Answer the question.

He was on the panel of experts where I went for an interview.

And were you selected for the job?

Yes.

Was it because he was on the panel?

Objection My Lord/ Objection Overruled. Answer the question.

I was told that my selection was on the basis of my credentials and not on any one's recommendations. I did not know him then.

Who told you that your selection was on the merit?

My boss.

That means the accused is not your boss?

No.

My Lord, the accused is not her boss. She does not work for him or with him. But she is seen at his office on several occasions, she is invited at his

office annual gatherings, she was present even at his son's birthday party on a night before my client committed suicide. Am I right, Lady?

Yes.

The watchman confirms that you left very late from the party, long after all other guests had left the venue. Is that true?

Yes.

Any reason you stayed so long?

He and his wife had some arguments which delayed me in leaving.

So you volunteered to be there in the middle of an argument between the husband and the wife? Was it intentional?

No. He told me to be around for a while and be a silent spectator.

Strange!! .And what was the reason for the arguments which as described by the watchman who could hear it downstairs as 'heated' arguments?

He wanted to clarify to his wife he had done no wrong and not cheated on her.

The watchman has given a statement that when you left the party, he did not even come down. Seeing you in great distress, the watchman fetched you a rickshaw. Is that correct?

Yes.

The person who holds back a 'woman well-wisher' to prove his innocence to his own wife doesn't even care to come down to see her off. Don't you find that strange?

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The watchman has given a statement that you were limping when you came down to building compound, your hair were messed up and you

were bleeding from nose and forehead. Is that true?

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Is that true?

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Answer the question. You could be penalized for disrespecting the Court.

Yes, My Lord. It is true. His wife had a doubt that her marriage is crumbling because of me. He wanted to make it clear to his wife that there is nothing between him and me. That's why he wanted me to stay back. But unfortunately, the situation went out of hand and he insulted me, beat me in front of his wife and asked me to leave from his house and his life. I did it as said by him.

So he wanted you to be the part of his lies told to his own wife?

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But you could have told her the truth.

He had asked me to keep quiet.

You could have objected to him beating you.

It was just an outburst that made him harm me. He needed me to be by his side because he never wanted to break her heart. He was always very caring towards her. He loved her.

But he loved you too, didn't he?

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Lady, you are misleading the court with your blind trust in the accused. The accused had pre planned the whole thing. He was well aware of the repercussions of what was happening. He knew the fragile mind his wife had. He used you by asking you to stay back after the party. He used you by asking you to keep quiet about your affair with him. He used you in picking up the fight with you. He knew you won't object because he told you to do so and you shall obey because you love him so much. He actually wanted wife to know the real truth but by not telling it aloud. He actually wanted to break her heart but quietly by using your silence. He used your silence to make his wife lose

all her respect and love she had for him and to prove himself wrong in her eyes because he knew that as a woman, his wife believes that a woman would remain silent only when she is in deep love. Hearing the truth from your mouth perhaps would have prevailed the comfort in his wife's mind but he never wanted that. He brutally attacked you to send signal to his wife that if need may be, he can harm her too. By doing this, he conveyed the ugly side of her husband whom she loved immensely. Her castle collapsed. Her belief, her persuasion, her self-esteem, her love got humiliated. He pushed her into feeling nothing else but miserable. Lady, he loved neither of you two. He only used you to get his wife out of his life and he doesn't really care if you disown him now. He is a manipulator, he cheated on his wife for her love for him and then he cheated you too for your blind trust in him.

No, no, no. He is a nice man. He only needed me to be around when he decided to speak with her and resolve it. He can never harm anyone, never. He is a loving man. He can never disown anyone. My Lord, listen to my plea...listen to my plea. I know him. He is innocent. Someone please believes me. He is a good man...(sobbing)

Objection, My Lord.

The Prosecutor is diverting the case and trying to get the confession from my client pushing her in the distress. The point that my learned colleague is trying to prove has nothing to do with the matter of the case.

Objection sustained.

Thank you, My Lord

No more questions My Lord.

Trust is a souvenir of pure love that you keep for someone deep in your heart.

Ironically, it is Trust, and not Love, which is blind.

- Dr. Himanshu Dawda

FACULTY NEWS

DISTINCTION

Dr. Sneha Deuskar, Head, Department of Marathi and **Dr. Kiran Kolwankar**, Department of Physics, were appointed as Vice-Principals with effect from June 1, 2021.

ON PANEL

Dr. Nisha Muni was invited as a subject expert for selection of PhD students at K.J. Somaiya College, Vidyavihar on June 2, 2021. She was also invited as an Expert Committee Member to visit DSP College, Panvel on July 16, 2021. Dr. Nisha Muni was invited as a VC nominee for CAS Committee at R.K.T. College, Ulhasnagar on August 7, 2021.

Dr. Neeta Srivastava, Head, Department of Physics, was appointed on the sub-committee to revise the syllabus of BSc Physics, Sem I and Sem V, of the University of Mumbai.

Dr. Kiran Kolwankar, Vice Principal, was appointed on the sub-committee to revise the syllabus of BSc Physics, Sem I and Sem V, of the University of Mumbai.

Dr. Baishakhi Dutta, Department of Geography, was invited as Subject Expert for the CAS promotion interview from Stage 3 to Stage 4 at H.R. College on June 11, 2021. She was also invited as Subject Expert for the CAS promotion interview from Stage 3 to Stage 4 at Vivek College, Goregaon on July 27, 2021.

Prof. Chhaya Pinge was appointed as a Subject Expert for the promotion of teaching staff members in Maharshi Dayanand College of Arts, Science and Commerce as a Management Nominee on August 6, 2021.

Dr. Amita Valmiki, Head, Department of Philosophy, was appointed as VC Nominee for CAS interview in Philosophy at D.G. Ruparel College on August 18, 2021.

PUBLICATION

Dr. Latika Bhanushali, Department of Marathi, Junior College, published her interview with Dr. Shakuntala Kale, Chairperson, Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education in *Shikshan Sankraman*, a periodical published by Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, January, 2021 issue. She interviewed Dr. Pradeep Uppal and published an article on 'Janmazaat Shrivandoshavaril Upaaya' in *Shikshan Sankraman*, February 2021 issue. Her article titled 'Chakoribaherchya Vaata' got published in *Shikshan Sankraman*, March 2021 issue. She also published the critical analysis of the novel titled *Paayakhuti* in a monthly magazine named *Saptahik Sakal*, June 2021 issue.

Prof. Jewel Sabhani, Department of BVoc published a Research paper jointly with **Prof. Mala Goplani**, Department of BBI and **Prof. Laveena Dewani**, Department of BVoc, on 'A Study on Perception of Customers towards Online Food Delivery Services' in Journal-ANVESAK with ISSN: 0378 – 4568, which is currently UGC Care Group- I listed, Bi-annual Journal for the Volume-51 No. IX January-June 2021.

Dr. Jyotsna Nijasure, Incharge, Department of Biology, Junior College, published an article titled 'Uttam Aarogyasathi' in *Shikshan Sankraman*, a periodical published by MSBSHSE, April 2021 issue. She also published an article titled 'Jaagtik Aarogya Dinachya Nimittane' in a weekly magazine named *Kirat* in April 2021.

Dr. Baishakhi Dutta published a research article on 'Impact of Covid 19 on the Vulnerabilities of the Urban Poor in India' in a peer reviewed indexed *International Journal of Advance and Innovative Research*, Volume 8, Issue 2 (VII) with Impact factor of 7.36 and ISSN no. 2394 – 7780, April - June 2021, pp. 102-105.

Dr. Anil Avhad and **Ms. Ruchira Javkar** co-authored a chapter in a book 'Proximate Analysis Of Portulacaria Afra. Jacq' pp.143-148, in *Applied Research in Botany Volume-1* with ISBN No. 978-93-90651-59-7, published in June 2021.

Dr. Sanket Tikare, Department of Mathematics, published a research paper titled 'Nonlocal Initial Value Problems for First-order Linear Dynamic Equations on Time Scales' in *Applied Mathematics E—Notes* Vol. 21, pp. 410–420 (July 2021). He also jointly published a research paper with Martin Bohner, USA and Igner Luis Domini dos Santos, Brazil, on 'First-order Nonlinear Dynamic Initial Value Problems' in *International Journal of Dynamical Systems and Differential Equations*, Vol. 11, nos. 3/4, pp. 241–254 (July 2021).

Dr. Neelambari Kulkarni, Department of Marathi published a book review on 'Naitik Prashna Ubhe Karanaaryaa Vidnyanakathaa' in *Lokrang* supplement of *Loksatta Newspaper*, dated July 4, 2021.

Prof. Nandini Jagannarayan, Dept. of B. Com (Banking and Insurance) published a research paper titled 'Emotional Intelligence among Women Employees of Private Sector Banks, while Working from home in Coimbatore City' in *NIU International Journal of Human Rights*, ISSN: 2394–0298, Volume8(XIX), August 2021. She also published a research paper titled 'Analysis of large, medium & small capitalization indices: evidence from Bombay Stock Exchange', in the *Journal of Oriental Research Madras*, ISSN: 0022-3301 July 2021, UGC Approved Care Listed Journal, Group-1.

Prof. Subodh Barve, Head, Department of Commerce presented and published a paper titled, 'A Study on Commuters Satisfaction and Service Quality With Reference To Mumbai Metro Rail in Post Lockdown Period' at an International Conference on 'Survival, Resurgence & Sustainability –Post Pandemic Road Map' conducted by Adv. V B Deshpande College of Night College Mulund, on August 28, 2021. It was published in Peer Reviewed *Journal International Journal of Advance and Innovative Research* Vol 8, ISSUE (3) (V) July to September, 2021 ISSN- 2394-7780 with Impact factor 7.36 pp. 14-19.

Dr. Amita Valmiki published a chapter on 'Mysticism and Feminism' in the book *Philosophical Reflections* (First Edition), published by Philosophy Family Publication, Puri; edited by K. Om Narayana Rao, with ISBN: 978-93-5493-645-6, 2021; pp. 29-34.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Sanket Tikare, presented a research paper titled 'Stability of First-Order Nonlinear Dynamic Equations by Liapunov Approach' in the online International Conference on 'Pure and Applied Mathematical Sciences' organized by University of Monastir and University of Sfax, Tunisia, held between June 07-10, 2021.

Dr. Anil Avhad presented a paper titled 'Carbon Sequestration Potential of Tree Species along the Wetland - A Case Study of Kala Talao, Kalyan – Maharashtra India' in an Online International Multidisciplinary Conference on 'Recent Trends in Environmental Science and Management' organised by the Department of Environmental Science, K.R.T. Arts, B.H. Commerce & A.M. Science (KTHM), College, Nashik, Maharashtra, India, in collaboration With Brazil Chapter – International Youth Society on August 7, 2021.

Prof. Smita Jadhav, Department of Biotechnology, presented 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 the virtual International Conference on 'Healthcare Biotechnology' organized by the Center for Biosciences & Department of Biotechnology of Pillai College of Arts, Commerce and Science on August 13, 2021.

SEMINAR/WORKSHOP

Dr. Geeta Joshi, Department of Zoology, attended One-week Online Training Programme on 'Statistical Data Analysis Using SPSS Software' organised By Science Tech Institute from May 21-27, 2021. She attended One Day Online Workshop on 'Recent Amendments in UGC Norms for API under CAS' organised by IQAC under Faculty Enrichment Program conducted by K.J.Somaiya College on July 22, 2021.

Prof. Jewel Sabhani attended a National level exclusive workshop on 'Design Thinking Solving Problems' held by SST College on May 22, 2021. She attended an online National workshop on 'Digital Teaching & Learning Environment' organised by Clara's College of Commerce Internal Quality Assurance Cell in Collaboration with all the departments on July 17, 2021. She successfully participated in the 6- Day National workshop on 'Gender Neutrality And Universal Human Values in the Wake of Covid-19' organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Department Of Management Studies (BMS) in association with University of Mumbai The Universal Human Values(UHV) Cell from August 2-7, 2021. She also attended Day 13 of the National webinar Series on 'National Education Policy 2020: Prospects and Challenges in Higher Education' organised by the Academic Committee and Women Development Cell in association with Internal Quality Assurance Cell, B.M.Ruia Girls College, on August 3, 2021.

Prof. Mala Goplani, Dept. of B. Com (Banking and Insurance) attended a webinar on 'Analysis Of The Impact Of Monetary Policy During Pandemic In India' organized by Badruka College of Commerce & Arts on June 3, 2021. She attended a webinar on 'Canvas: Digital Tools for Teaching' organized by Sanskrithi School of Business on June 18, 2021. A Two day Online Global Summit on 'Enhancing women empowerment through entrepreneurship' organized by International School of Technology and Science for Women on June 21 & 22, 2021. She also participated in webinar on 'Internet etiquette- Indispensable Component of Professional Ethics in Today's Work Environment' organized by Lala Lajpatrai of Commerce and Economics on June 29, 2021 and a webinar on 'Psychological skills for handling Covid Pandemic by Community Engagement' organized by the Ministry of Education, PMMMNMTT in collaboration with NSS of Ramanujan College on July 1, 2021.

Prof. Subodh Barve, attended a National level webinar on 'India's Recovery under Post-Covid Era' conducted by Smt. Bangaramma Sajjan Arts, Commerce and Science College for women Vijayapura held on June 4, 2021. He also participated in an international Webinar on 'Contemporary international issues: International Business, Economics of Pluralism and Housing Insecurity' organised by Department of commerce, Business management, Accountancy and Business Economics of Smt CHM College on June 30, 2021. He attended national level webinar on 'Entrepreneurship in India, past, present and future' conducted by Swami Vivekanand College Dombivli and V. B Deshpande College on August 21, 2021.

Prof. Sanika Gupte, Dr. Geeta Joshi and Prof. Sushma Singh, Department of Zoology, attended a National Webinar on 'Know our Ocean' organised by Sidhu Swadhyay Santha (School of Integrated Aquatic Education) with Centre of Excellence in Maritime Studies, University of Mumbai on June 5-8, 2021.

Prof. Mala Mishra, Department of Computer Science, attended webinar on 'Project Management Fundamental' organized as an Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) initiative by Department of Civil Engineering, Nagpur Institute of Technology, Nagpur on June 5, 2021. She participated in the State level workshop on 'Data Analyses using MS-Excel' an IQAC Initiative, jointly organized by the Department of Statistics & Economics on June 17, 2021. She also participated in National Level online workshop on 'Research Methodology' from June 14-16, 2021.

Dr. Neelambari Kulkarni, participated in a workshop on 'Anuwaad Kasaa Karaavaa?' by Leena Sohoni organised by Vishwa Marathi Parishad from June 9-12, 2021. She also participated in a workshop on 'Creation of E-content Tools & Educational Games in Marathi Language' organised by UTA-Maharashtra from June 10-12, 2021. She participated in a four-day online workshop on 'Yashaswi Blogger Banaa!' by Omkar Dhabhadkar organised by Vishwa Marathi Parishad from June 16-19, 2021. She participated in a webinar on 'Moocs and E-content on 4 Quadrant Form' organized by IQAC cell under Capacity Building of teachers on July 2, 2021. She attended a two-day State level webinar on 'Best Practices and their Sustainability in Administration of HEIs' jointly organized by Maniben Nanavati Women's College and RUSA, Maharashtra on August 13 & 14, 2021. She attended the State level webinar on '1990 Nantarache Saahitya' organized by Vishwasrao Ransing Mahavidyalaya, Indapur on August 25, 2021.

Prof. Ajaykumar Shukla, Department of Mathematics, attended an international expert lecture on 'Linear Algebra Today by Gilbert Strang' organized by Christ Nagar College, Maranallore, Trivandrum on June 9, 2021. He attended a webinar on 'Poincare Conjecture' organized by KPR institute of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore on June 19, 2021. He also attended an online instructional workshop on 'Topics in SYBSc Syllabus: Semester III, Paper III (Differential Equations)' on jointly organized by the Board of Studies in Mathematics (University of Mumbai) and VES college of Arts, Science and Commerce, Chembur, July 08, 2021.

Prof. Saba Shaikh, Department of Computer Science, attended a National webinar on 'Scientific Curiosity in your Touch Screen Fingers' organized by Department of Physics, KLE's G H College, Haveri, held on June 13, 2021. She also attended a webinar on 'Latest Trends in Data Science Industry Projects' organized by KIT's College of Engineering Kolhapur on June 20, 2021.

Prof. Pooja Kushwaha and **Prof. Saba Shaikh**, Department of Computer Science, participated in the online State level workshop on 'Data Analyses using MS-Excel' an IQAC Initiative, jointly organized by the Anjuman-E-Islam's Anjuman Arts, Science, Commerce College & PG Studies in English, Vijayapur - Karnataka on June 17, 2021.

Dr. Rachana Acharya, Department of Biotechnology, attended a webinar on 'Design Thinking for Strategic Innovation' by Dr. N. Venkateswaramurthy, organised by Nehru Arts and Science College, Coimbatore on June 24, 2021; National webinar on 'Scientific writing with Focus on Writing Research Proposal for Acquiring Funds and Grants' by Dr. Krishna Ramalingham Iyer, Head and Professor from Pharmaceutical, College of Pharmacy Mumbai under the FDP organized by Christ College, Rajkot on June 29, 2021; SB Centenary Talk Series: 4.1 - 'Green Carbon and Food Security' by Dr. Gitanjali Yadav (National Institute of Plant Genomic Research, New Delhi) on July 2, 2021; SB Centenary Talk Series: 4.2 - 'Molecular Techniques to Study Insect Herbivory', by Dr. Jyothilakshmi Vadassery, National Institute of Plant Genomic Research, New Delhi on July 5, 2021; SB Centenary Talk Series: 4.3 - 'Omics Approach for Drought-Stress Resistant Crop Development' by Dr. Vinit Kumar Maurya (H.N.B. Garhwal University, Srinagar) on July 7, 2021. She completed a two-day State level workshop on 'Mathematical and Computational Applications in Biological, Chemical and Related Sciences' organised by Dept of

Statistics, Life Sciences, Chemistry and Mathematics under the aegis of DBT Star College Activities K. C. College from July 8 -9, 2021. She attended a weekend seminar on 'Effective Online Teaching and Assessment for College Teachers/Educators' organised by Indian National Young Academy of Sciences (Delhi NCR Chapter) on July 18, 2021. She participated in the National Workshop on 'Bio-entrepreneurship' by Prof. Dr. Ulhas K. Patil, Professor and Head, Dept. of Microbiology, Government Institute of Science, Aurangabad organised by Department of Biotechnology and Student Development Cell (Under DBT Star College Scheme), P.S.G.V.P. Mandal's Art's, Science and Commerce College, Shahada, Nandurbar, on July 27, 2021.

Prof. Bharati Bhole, Department of Information Technology, attended an Industry sponsored tutorial on 'Cloud Computing and Big Data' during the fourth IEEE International Conference on 'Communication, Information on Computing Technology (ICCIT2021)' organized by Sardar Patel Institute of Technology on June 25, 2021.

Prof. Punam Sindhu, Department of Information Technology, attended an Industry sponsored tutorial on 'Foundation of Reliable Embedded Systems' during the fourth IEEE International Conference on Communication, Information on Computing Technology (ICCIT2021), organized by Sardar Patel Institute of Technology on June 25, 2021.

Prof. Ashish Kumar Yadav, Department of Physics, participated in a research collaboration festival organized by Sebelas Maret University and Centre for Advanced Material and Energy Sciences (CAMES), University of Brunei, Darussalam on June 26, 2021.

Dr. Tania Karipel and **Prof. Jasvinder Kaushal**, Department of Biotechnology, attended a National level webinar on: 'Story of Luminescence Materials: Importance in Probing Biological Systems and in Other Areas of Science and Technology' by Dr. V. Sudarshan, SO, Chemistry Division, BARC, organised by Materials Research Society of India, Mumbai Chapter and Pillai College of Arts, Commerce and Science (Autonomous), Navi Mumbai on June 26, 2021.

Prof. Smita Jadhav, attended a webinar on 'Scientific Writing with Focus on Writing Research Proposal for Acquiring Funds and Grants' by Dr. Krishna Ramalingam Iyer, BCP; organized by Christ College, Rajkot on June 29, 2021. She completed Coursework on 'International Training on Research & Methodology for Manuscript Drafting' (TORAM-2021) organized by Eudoxia Research Centre, India from July 6 - 24, 2021. She attended an International Webinar on 'Strengthening Your Understanding of Research Journals (Reading, Referencing and Publishing)' organised by K. J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce in collaboration with ELSEVIER on July 10, 2021.

Ms. Rashmi Desai successfully completed the State level online workshop on 'Vedic Mathematics' (All Levels) on July 1, 2021.

Dr. Janhavi Bhagwat and **Prof. Deepak Poojary**, Department of Zoology attended a Webinar on 'Zebrafish as a Model organism in Biomedical Research' organised by Dept. of Zoology, Jhargram Raj College, Jhargram, on July 2, 2021.

Prof. Akash Purswani, **Prof. Pooja Bhardwaj** and **Prof. Prachi Vankiani** participated in a two-day workshop on 'TYBAMMC (Semester V) New Syllabus Orientation' organized by University of Mumbai Board of Studies in Mass Media & L.S Raheja College on July 2-3, 2021.

Prof. Steven Lobo, Department of Political Science, attended an E-workshop on 'Qualitative Research with NVivo' organized by COMMACAD, on July 7- 8, 2021.

Dr. Tania Karipel attended a National webinar on 'From Zero to Crore' organised by Nirmala Memorial Foundation College of Commerce and Science, Mumbai on July 9, 2021 and 'Effective Online Teaching and Assessment Strategies'; organised by Indian National Young Academy of Sciences (INYAS), Delhi NCR Chapter, on July 18, 2021.

Dr. Vaishali Raikwar attended a webinar on 'Nanotechnology Enabled Energy Conversion and Storage Technologies' organised by the Department of Physics, J. S. M. College, Alibaug, on Friday July 9, 2021.

Prof. Jasvinder Kaushal attended a webinar on 'Nanotechnology Enabled Energy Conversion and Storage Technologies' organised by the Department of Physics, J. S. M. College, Alibag, July 9, 2021.

Prof. Saleha Khan attended an International webinar on 'Strengthening Your Understanding of Research Journals (Reading, Referencing and Publishing)' organised by K. J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce in collaboration with ELSEVIER on July 10, 2021. She attended a webinar on 'Effective Online Teaching and Assessment Strategies' organized by Delhi-NCR Chapter, Indian National Young Academy of Science (INYAS) on July 18, 2021; and webinar series on PCR organized by Flowcytometry Solutions (P) Ltd, Jaipur, India from August 8- 11, 2021. She attended a workshop on 'Protein Purification, Crystallization & Structure Determination' jointly organised by Bioinformatics Centre-ACTREC, TMC Navi-Mumbai and Department of Botany, University of Kashmir, Srinagar on August 6, 2021.

Dr. Mithilesh Sharma, Head, Department of Hindi, attended a National webinar on 'Implementation of Academic Bank of Credits' organized by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi, under the Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) of Ministry of Education on July 10, 2021. She also attended an International webinar on '21vi Sadi ke Upanyason mein Vividh Vimarsh' organized by Vigyan Mahavidyalaya, Sangola, Solapur on July 19, 2021. She attended the National E-workshop/webinar on 'Rashtriya Shiksha Niti : Ek Vimarsh' organized by PGDAV College (Saandhya), Delhi University, Delhi on August 9, 2021. She attended an online workshop on 'Revised Syllabus of TYBA Hindi Paper-IV to Paper-IX (CBCS)' organized by the Department of Hindi and IQAC of Sonubhau Baswant College of Arts and Commerce, Shahapur on August 9-10 2021.

Prof. Sushma Singh attended International Webinar themed 'World Population Day' organized by ICLES Motilal Jhunjhunwala college, on July 11, 2021 .

Prof. Sanika Gupte has participated in National Webinar on 'Insect Classification and Identification' organized by Department of Zoology and IQAC Dapoli Urban Bank Senior Science College, on July 16, 2021

Dr. Neeta Srivastava participated in a one-day online workshop on 'Recent Amendments in UGC Norms for API under CAS' organised by IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell) under Faculty Enrichment Program conducted by K. J. Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce Mumbai (Autonomous) on July 22, 2021.

Dr. Bindu Achary and **Dr. Janhavi Bhagwat** participated in One Day National Webinar on 'PARYAVARNAM 2021: Research in Biological and Environmental Sciences: Challenges and Opportunities', organized by the Department of Zoology and Department of Environmental Sciences, B. K. Birla College (Autonomous), Kalyan under DBT Star Status on July 23, 2021

Dr. Sucheta Golwalkar, Head, Department of Biotechnology, attended a webinar on 'Advances in Biotechnology' by SVKM's Mithibai college of Arts, Chauhan Institute of Science and Amrutben Jivanlal College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous) held on July 23, 2021.

Prof. Laxmi Desiti, Department of Commerce, attended One day Workshop on 'An insight into Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) and its recent amendments in accordance with the 7th Pay Commission' organised by Faculty Development Cell of Prahlad Dalmia Lions College on July 24, 2021.

Prof. Sanika Gupte and **Dr. Geeta Joshi** attended National Seminar on 'Mangrove Ecosystem and Conservation' organised by M.D. College and SACON on July 26, 2021.

Prof. Sanika Gupte and **Prof. Sushma Singh** participated in a National Level Webinar on 'Conservation Genetics of Tiger: An Indian Perspective' organized by Zoology department of Maharashtra college on July 29, 2021.

Dr. Bindu Achary, **Dr. Janhavi Bhagwat** and **Prof. Bhagirat Mishra** attended webinar on 'New Amendments In Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) as per the 7th pay commission' organised by Guru Nanak Khalsa College, on July 30, 2021.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Prof. Anita Gaikwad, **Prof. Vaidehi Deshpande**, **Prof. Nilam Shelar** and **Prof. Mala Mishra** completed FDP on 'Research Perspectives on AI, ML, Data Science and IoT' organized by KL University, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh from May 17- June 5, 2021.

Ms. Rashmi Desai, Department of Physics, **Mrs. Geeta Jayarajan**, Department of Mathematics and **Ms. Girija Nambiar**, Incharge, Department of Economics from Junior College, successfully completed MS-ACIT (IT for teachers) in June 2021.

Dr. Namrata Parab, Department of Biotechnology completed a one week online FDP on 'Advanced Research Methodology Applicable in New Education Policy' organized by Digvijay Nath Post Graduate College, Gorakhpur, UP and Science Tech Institute, Lucknow, UP from June 22 - 28, 2021.

Prof. Saba Shaikh completed a one week online Faculty Development Programme on 'Artificial Intelligence and Neural Networks', organized by Department of Computer Science Engineering & Information Technology, MSAJCE, Chennai, from June 23-28, 2021.

Prof. Ajaykumar Shukla, attended a 3-day online Short Term Training Programme on 'Applications of Mathematics' organized by the Department of Engineering Sciences, RAIT, Nerul, Navi Mumbai held from June 24 - 26, 2021. He also attended a one- day FDP on 'New Amendments in Career Advancement Scheme as per the 7th Pay Commission' organized by Guru Nanak Khalsa College on July 30, 2021.

Dr. Mithilesh Sharma attended a seven-day online Faculty Development Programme on 'Vaishvikaran aur Taknikikaran ke Daur mein Hindi ka Badhta Varchasva' organized by Dept. of Hindi, DAV College, Amritsar, Punjab, from July 10- 17, 2021.

Dr. Sucheta Golwalkar and **Dr. Tania Karipel**, completed a one- week online National Faculty Development program on 'Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education'; jointly organised by GAD-TLC and SGND Khalsa College, University of Delhi from July 14-20, 2021.

Dr. Veena Kelkar and **Dr. D.B. Singh** completed a One Week FDP by online mode, organised by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Center, SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi on the topic 'Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education' from July 14-20, 2021 with 'A' grade.

Prof. Akash Gupta, Department of BMS, attended the ECP (Extended Contact Programme), a compulsory component of Post Graduate Diploma in Higher Education (PGDHE) organized through Online Mode by Nodal Regional Centre, Patna in collaboration with 10 Regional Centres from July 22 - 31, 2021. He completed the Certificate Course on 'Mutual Fund Exam' conducted by National Institute of Securities Markets on August 26, 2021. He also completed the 15 Credits of International Career Coach Program (Foundation Level-1) organised by Mindler on August 27-28, 2021.

Prof. Rekha Shetty, Department of BCom (Accounting and Finance), completed a one week National level FDP on 'Data Analysis Using MS- Excel' organized by Bharat College of Arts & Commerce from July 26 - 21, 2021.

Dr. Amita Valmiki attended the Faculty Development Program on 'New Amendments in Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) as per the 7th Pay Commission' organized by the CAS Committee along with IQAC of Guru Nanak Khalsa College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous) under the aegis of RUSA on July 30, 2021.

Prof. Jewel Sabhani has successfully completed the one week online Faculty Development Programme on 'Blended Teaching Methodologies in Higher Education' conducted by Govt. R.C.C. College, Bengaluru from August 4 to 9, 2021.

ORIENTATION/REFRESHER/STC

Prof. Anita Gaikwad completed a two week National level STTP on 'Full Stack AI and Deep Learning Practitioner Approach' from June 7-19, 2021.

Dr. Geeta Joshi and **Prof. Sushma Singh** attended, Online Short-Term Course on 'Application of Statistics in Research' conducted under RUSA by UGC, HRDC University of Mumbai coordinated by Jai Hind College from June 14 - 19, 2021.

Prof. Snehal Nagtilak, Dept. of History completed an Online Two - Week National Interdisciplinary Refresher Course in Social Sciences and Humanities by Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under PMMMNTT from July 12-26, 2021.

Dr. Rachana Acharya and **Prof. Saleha Khan**, completed a 15-day online Refresher Course organized by Amity University on 'Emerging Trends and Challenges in Interdisciplinary Research & Teaching in Science, Technology and Intellectual Property Rights' from July 16-30, 2021.

Prof. Laxmi Desiti completed two weeks UGC sponsored Online Refresher course in Commerce, Accountancy and Management organised by HRDC, Mumbai from August 16, 2021, to August 28, 2021 and obtained Grade A.

ACADEMIC OUTREACH

Dr. Jyotsna Nijasure delivered a talk on 'Nutrition and Fitness for Youth' at Jay Bharat College, Mulund on April 7, 2021.

Dr. Amita Valmiki was invited as Resource Person at St. Andrew's Centre for Philosophy and Performing Arts, Certificate Course in Dhi Vol. I - 'Confabulation on Faith and Film' for two films, Abbas Kiarostami's 'Taste of Cherry' and Nacer Khemir's 'Bab'Aziz' on June 3 and 8, 2021 respectively.

She was invited as Resource Person at a joint venture by St. Andrew's Centre for Philosophy and Performing Arts and S. K. Somaiya College, Department of Mass Media to speak on two films- *The Wind Will Carry Us* by Abbas Kiarostami and 'Trikaal' by Shyam Benegal in a short-term certificate course in Dhi Vol. II on 'Interfaith Dialogue through Cinema' on June 19 and 20, 2021. She was the Resource Person for two films at St. Andrew's Centre for Philosophy and Performing Arts' Dhi Vol. III 'Culture Care and Cinema' which included films like 'Kanchenjenga' by Satyajit Ray and 'Where is the Friend's Home?' by Abbas Kiarostami in the month of August 2021. She was invited as Guest Speaker at the State level webinar on 'Uncovering the Mystery of Yoga and Tantra Philosophy' organized by Department of Philosophy, Mithibai College under the aegis of RUSA Centre of Human Excellence on 'Tantra in Tibetan Buddhism' on July 10, 2021.

Dr. Sanket Tikare, was invited to deliver a talk online, titled 'An Introduction to Time Scale Calculus' in the 'International Expert Talk Series on Recent Trends of Mathematics' organized by the Department of Mathematics, Mariyam Ajmal Women's College of Science and Technology, Hojai, Assam on June 19, 2021. He also delivered a contributed talk 'Nonlinear Time-Varying Delay Dynamic Equations on Time Scales with Impulses' in the online 'International Conference on Difference Equations and Applications (ICDEA2021)' organized by University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina held between July 26—30, 2021.

Dr. Baishakhi Dutta was invited as a Guest Speaker to speak on 'Watery Challenges in Mumbai-A Parched City' in a National Webinar on 'Problems and Prospects of Water and Waste Management in Mumbai' organized by the Department of Geography, Shri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata on June 26, 2021.

Dr. Anil Avhad was invited for Judging a Poster Competition 'Paryavaranam' at B.K. Birla College, Kalyan on July 5, 2021. He was also invited as a Resource Person for an online MSc-I Syllabus workshop conducted by BOS in Botany, University of Mumbai and Dapoli Urban Bank Senior Science College, Dapoli on August 7, 2021.

Dr. Rina Pitale Puradkar was invited as a Resource Person to present a paper on 'Varkari Female Mystic Saints on Environmental Issues' by the Philosophy Family on August 29, 2021.

Dr. Neeta Srivastava reviewed a paper titled: 'Polaron hopping conduction mechanism and magnetic properties of Pb doped LaMnO_3 ' (Manuscript ID: JACERS-47771) in *Journal of American Ceramic Society*.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Department of Philosophy organized a Value-Added Course for students of all faculties on 'Understanding Diversity and Harmony through Cinema' from June-July 2021. This was a joint venture with St. Andrew's Centre for Philosophy and Performing Arts. Students watched 15 well-crafted films of different countries by filmmakers of repute and the resource persons elucidated the content of the film from aesthetic and philosophical point of view. Dr. Omkar Bhatkar, **Dr. Amita Valmiki** and **Dr. Rina Pitale Puradkar** were the resource persons. 13 students benefited from the course. The Department organized a 'Motivational Talk on Philosophy' by the Alumni of the Department of Philosophy. The talk was presented by Mr. Sachchidanand Singh, Associate Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Mithibai College; Mr. Akshat Shetty Lecturer, S. K. Somaiya College; Ms. Eveta Fernandes, Lecturer, HVPS' Law College and Ms. Veera D'Souza, Lecturer in Logic, Sathaye College on August 21, 2021. 27 participants were the beneficiaries of this event.

Department of Geography celebrated the 'International Environmental Day' on June 5, 2021. It was celebrated by viewing a United Nations video and creating awareness about the restoration of the ecosystem among students and dignitaries. 'World Ocean Day' was celebrated by screening a United Nations documentary on June 8, 2021. 'Van Mahotsav Week' was celebrated from July 1 to 7, 2021. It was based on the theme 'Ecosystem Services and Forest Conservation'. The main aim was to create awareness about the importance of trees, ecosystem services, and measures for forest conservation. Students were enlightened about the vision & mission of Van Mahotsav week. Mr. Sanju Chaudhari gave an excellent presentation on 'The importance of Mangroves'. 9 students participated in the programs. On World Population Day, Geography Department organised a talk by Dr. Prakash Dongre, Associate Professor, Geography, Nagindas Khandwala College, Malad on 'Dynamics of Population in 21st Century' on July 11, 2021, His talk focussed on improvement of sustainable living and gender equality. 12 students participated in the program.

Department of Zoology celebrated 'World Ocean Day' on June 8, 2021, by organizing a quiz competition for FY and SY students under the aegis of DBT Star College activity. **Prof. Sanika Gupte** was the incharge of this event. The event was a grand success with 72 students taking part. E-certificates were issued to all the participants. A lecture on 'Careers in Zoology' was delivered by **Prof. Kamlakar Indulkar**, Department of Biological Sciences, on June 16, 2021. He discussed various career avenues after graduation from the subject of Zoology. The session was interactive and about 93 students benefited from the talk. 'Alumni Talk- 2021-2022: An Interactive Session for UG Students' was organised for TY students on July 3, 2021. Ms. Aala Ansari (clinical research), Ms. Shraddha Ghorpade (Environmental Science), Ms. Pooja Mishra (HR, corporate sector) and Siddhesh Bhor (Research Biologist), Project Assistant with SACON, were the resource persons. The session was attended by 20 students. A guest lecture on 'Protected areas network in India and its relevance to tiger conservation' was organised under DBT activity to commemorate 'International Tiger Day' on the July 29, 2021. Dr. Satish Kumar, Associate Professor, Dept. of Wildlife Sciences, Aligarh Muslim University was the guest speaker for the day. The talk was attended by 42 students and 7 faculty members. A documentary on 'The Kingdom of Tiger' by Mr. Farhan Khan, was screened on July 29, 2021. A quiz competition based on this documentary was conducted by **Prof. Deepak Poojary** on July 30, 2021. Total 43 students participated in the activity. 'Zoo-ICON', an event for students of S.Y.B.Sc students was organised under DBT-Zoo-Fest from August 1 to 3, 2021. The best entries were put as 'Display Picture' in S.Y.B.Sc Whatsapp group along with their name. 28 students participated in this activity. E-certificates were issued to the best entries. **Dr. Janhavi Bhagwat** and **Prof. Deepak Poojary** were incharge of this event. Online PPT presentation and online skit were performed to commemorate the festival of Nagpanchmi by the students of T.Y.B.Sc on August 13, 2021 to create awareness on snake conservation. The skit is posted on youtube. **Dr. Bindu Achary** was incharge of the programme. The event was attended by 52 students and has 246 views on youtube.

Department of Physics organized a Summer Workshop for students of FY, SY and TYBSc from June 10-12, 2021. **Principal Dr. Himanshu Dawda** inaugurated the event. **Prof. Rekha Ghorpade**, Former HOD, Department of Physics, conducted an excellent session on 'Career after B.Sc' which was appreciated by all students. The programme was followed by a Crossword Puzzle. On the second day a documentary on 'Interstellar Travel' was screened for the students followed by a very interactive discussion session on the same. This was followed by a game 'Guess the Gibberish' (a Quiz program) that raised the levels of interest of the students. On the third day, a quiz on Physics was conducted on Kahoot platform which was followed by two games for students, namely, 'Pictionary' and 'What's Hidden'. All these games were related to words or phenomena related to Physics. **Dr. Sneha Deuskar**, Vice Principal, was the Chief

Guest for the closing ceremony. She explained the relationship between Science and Language very beautifully. She presented e-certificates to the winners of all the competitions. 23 Students attended the Summer Workshop. An Alumni Interaction program 'Career after Physics' was organized by the department on June 17, 2021. Mr. Nakul Karle, Ph.D student in the University of Texas, El Paso, USA, Dr. Nilesh Salke, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Chicago, Illinois, USA, Mr. Ashwin Singh, Medical Physicist, Hiranandani Hospital, Mumbai and Mr. Saurav Verma, MSc. students from JNU, New Delhi were the speakers at the programme. 151 students and 9 teachers attended the session. A Value-Added Course on 'Understanding Physics using Computer Softwares' was organized from June 22 to July 3, 2021. Students learnt graph plotting and curve fitting using advanced Excel and GNU plot software, symbolic computation using WxMaxima, report writing and PPT making using LaTeX software, electronic circuit construction using Tinker CAD, tracker software for extracting kinematic data from moving objects etc. 26 students successfully completed the course. A Virtual lab tour to Atmospheric Physics Lab, University of Texas, El Paso, USA was organized by the department on July 29, 2021. Mr. Nakul Karle, alumni of R J College, was the speaker and facilitator. 20 students and 9 teachers attended the virtual tour.

Department of Chemistry organized a Value-Added Course on 'Nano materials and Nano technology' from June 14 – 19, 2021. Teachers and students from various science streams participated and were awarded certificates on successful completion of the Course. 'Information Literacy in Chemistry' - a Library Orientation Program, was conducted for the students of Chemistry by **Prof Shubhangi Vedak** on Jul 6, 2021. MSc students were oriented to use NPTEL, Coursera, MOOCS and Swayam for pursuing courses made available on these platforms, through the Zoom Platform on Aug 7, 2021. On Aug 12, 2021, a Guest Lecture on 'Career and Research opportunities for Chemistry Post graduate students in India and Abroad' was delivered by Dr. Chandan, Associate Professor in Chemistry, Siddharth College, Mumbai, as a part of the Orientation Program for the new batch of MSc students.

Department of Commerce conducted a Value-Added Course on 'Securities Market' along with **Department of B.VOC and Department of BAF** in association with SEBI- IPEF (eIAP) from June 14 to 24, 2021. Mr. Amit Gupta, a SEBI Empaneled Securities Market Trainer conducted all the sessions covering several aspects of securities market like Mutual Fund, Invit, Right and Bonus issue, Buy and Sell shares, IPO, Depository services, Investor grievance redressal mechanism and KYC procedure as well as displayed the live trading session in the stock market. More than 400 participants registered for the course from all the streams but only 231 participants successfully completed the course. The students were awarded with two extra credits for successful completion and certificates. The students had a great learning experience through interactive sessions. The department organised 'Career Talks' in collaboration with Indian Institute of Digital Education (IIDE) on 'Digital Marketing' on June 25, 2021, 'Make E-store', on June 29, 2021 and 'Top Paying Skills in India' on June 30, 2021. The Guest speakers for the sessions were Mr. Chintan Mehta (Strategic Marketing Specialist) & Mr. Prathmesh Kavishwar (Digital Marketing Trainer).

Department of BCom (Accounting and Finance) along with **Department of Commerce** and **Department of BVOC** conducted 30 hours 'Value Added Course on Securities Market' from June 14 - 24, 2021. 231 students completed the course successfully. A webinar on 'Enlightened Living - Overcoming Fear through Meditation' was conducted in collaboration with **Department of BVOC** and the **Department of Mass Media**. Mr. Ravi Makhijani, Director, Simplified IT Solutions spoke to students about the benefits of meditation on June 18, 2021. On the occasion of GST Day, our guest speaker, CA Rupal Haria, spoke to students on 'Career Opportunities in GST' on July 1, 2021. The

department conducted a 40- hour 'Value added Course on Tally'. Of the 95 students who participated, 71 of them managed to complete the course successfully. Ms. Kiran Johare, Finance Analyst, Accenture Service Pvt. Ltd. was our course trainer from July 5- 29, 2021. The department of BAF along with BBI and BVOC conducted a two-day Inter-collegiate event on the occasion of Bank Nationalization Day on 'Journey of the Indian Banking Sector since Nationalization'. Mr. C. D. Sridharan, Retired RBI Officer spoke about the transition of the Banking sector since its evolution on July 19, 2021. This was followed by intercollegiate Poster Making competition on July 20, 2021. We had 33 entries from 11 colleges. Winners were declared on the basis of creativity and content relevancy. On the occasion of National Financial Awareness Day, a National level Quiz Competition was organized in collaboration with BBI and BVOC departments on August 14, 2021. 392 students were eligible for e-certificates.

Department of B. Com (Banking & Insurance) conducted One-week National level webinar series on 'Fitness' for RJ College Students to provide them insights in four different categories- Mental Fitness, Emotional Fitness, Financial Fitness, Career Fitness, and Digital Fitness from June 14 to 21, 2021. The Speakers for the program Mrs. Iona Hegde Clinical Psychologist who spoke on Emotional Fitness, Dr. V. Arulmurugan Assistant Professor & Research Supervisor Pondicherry University, Karaikal Campus who spoke on Digital and Career Fitness, Mr. Alok Churiwala Managing Director Churiwala Securities Private Limited who spoke on Financial Fitness, and Ms. Anusha Neelkant Psychologist who spoke on Mental Fitness. The Department organised a webinar on 'Graduation Ke Baad' by Mr. Niketan Taware, CEO of Brightwayz on June 28, 2021. One Week Online 'Bridge Course' for SY and TY BBI Students was conducted between June 23 and 29, 2021. A Webinar on 'Digital Marketing and Career Prospects' was conducted by Mr. Sumedh Samarth- Marketing Manager, Brightwayz, to discuss career avenues in Digital Marketing for BBI students after graduation on June 30, 2021. Webinar on 'My Journey after B. Com (Banking & Insurance) from RJ College' was conducted by Mr. Tom Mathew, Senior Analyst, Nomura Securities (Alumni), on July 1, 2021, Webinar on 'Personality Development and Career Management' was conducted by Ms. Rita Rangnekar, Dean of HR and Advertising- ICAI Business School (IBS), Mumbai, to prepare students to develop an optimistic attitude towards the job industry on July 14, 2021. Webinar on 'Etiquette to be followed while attending Online Lectures' was conducted with an objective of grooming student preparedness to attend online lectures with more professionalism on July 17, 2021. The speaker of the program was Mr. Asif Rampurwala, Assistant Professor at Vidyalkar School of Information Technology, Mumbai. A 'Two Day Inter-Collegiate Event on the occasion of Bank Nationalization Day' was conducted by BBI in collaboration with BAF and B.VOC Dept. on July 19 & 20, 2021. Day-1 was celebrated by Webinar on 'Journey of The Indian Banking Sector Since Nationalization' by Mr. C. D. Sridharan, Retired RBI Officer who enlightened students about the Journey of the Indian Banking Sector and the transitions that have taken place in the sector. On the second day a Poster Making Competition on 'Transition in Banking' was organized. In all 34 students from different colleges of Mumbai participated and were awarded certificates. Webinar on 'Essentials of Campus to Corporate (C2C) Training' was conducted to make students realize the importance of soft and hard skills required to retain their job for a longer time and build a strong career on August 11, 2021. The speaker was Ms. Urmi Shethia from Technoserve. 'National Level-Financial Quiz Competition on Account of Financial Awareness Day' was conducted by BBI dept. in collaboration with BAF & B.VOC Dept. on August 14, 2021. Total 401 students participated in the event (221 students from R.J. College and 180 students from different colleges in Mumbai). E-certificate was awarded to 392 students.

Department of Information Technology organized an Induction program for SYIT and TYIT Students on June 14, 2021. An Aptitude Training session was conducted for SYIT students going to TYIT on June

24, 2021. In this interactive session, Prof. Aditi Prajapati covered various types of aptitude question types like Numerical, Logical, Verbal, Spatial, Family Blood Relation, and Inductive Reasoning. Few tips and tricks on how to ace the test were shared with students. A hands-on session on 'Working with Github' was conducted by Mr. Sachin Chaurasia, Deuexsolutions (TY Batch 20-21) for current TY and SY students under techConnect activity on June 26, 2021. Mr. Sachin demonstrated the entire process of creating a Github account, collaborating the code with different users on Github and syncing the local code to Github repository and other functionalities. A guest lecture session TechTalk on 'Machine Learning' by Aditya Jadhav, Data Scientist General Mills, was conducted on June 27, 2021. A guest lecture session on 'IOT Consideration and Applications' was conducted for IT and CS students on July 3, 2021. Around 114 students attended the session. A techconnect session was organized by the department on July 31, 2021. Mr. Shivam, Alumni from batch 2017-2020, currently working with L&T Infotech Ltd. demonstrated the IOT project 'Smart Shoes' to generate piezoelectricity using energy generated from walking and converting it to charge the phone battery which he completed during his final year of BSc IT. A Poster Making Competition to raise awareness and protect the rights of the world's indigenous/tribal population was held by the Department on the occasion of International Day of the World's Indigenous People on the theme: 'Leaving no one behind: Indigenous People' on August 9, 2021. The Department organized an Induction program for MSc-I IT students on August 9, 2021. Mr. Abhijeet Bhide, Senior Director, Oracle Tower Head, UK, Capgemini; Rakesh Shah, Vice President, Human Capital Management, Ugam Solutions and Miss Priyanka Mishra, Software Engineer, JP Morgan Chase and Co. were the resource persons for the session. They shared their professional experiences and motivated the students to achieve greater heights in their career.

Department of Statistics organized a 'Bridge course in Statistics' for FYBSc and SYBSc students to bridge a gap between concepts studied earlier and the subjects they would be studying in the next class from June 15 -18, 2021. **Ms. Chhaya Pinge, Mr. Jaishankar Singh, Mr. Suraj Singh, and Mr. Rahul Tiwari** covered important concepts like Probability, various discrete and continuous distributions, Testing of Hypothesis, Correlation, Regression and R software in this course. It gave students confidence and skills to successfully transition to the next class and new curriculum. In all 48 students of FYBSc and SYBSc were benefited. Online 'Alumni Meet' was organized on June 26, 2021, on Zoom platform. On this occasion, following Alumni were invited as a guest speaker: Ms. Pratima Parab, Vice President - Credit Analytics and Innovations, HDFC Bank, Mr. Ratin Shimpi, Bank of America, Mr. Bhavin Nagda, Data Scientist, Mondelez International, Ms. Shikha Singh, Data scientist, near.co, Ms. Pooja Rajput, Consultant, SAS Software and Mr. Pradeep sharma, Manager- Credit Risk, HDFC Bank. They emphasised on many factors related to building Career especially in the world of data science such as Statistics from theory to practical, prerequisites and expectations in the corporate world, How to get better employment opportunities, Communication skills, Machine learning and Artificial Intelligence and many more. Later students asked many questions and all speakers answered them very enthusiastically. Many Alumni also attended this function. It definitely helped students to shape their future. In all 29 students of FYBSc and SYBSc were benefited. 'Exploratory Territory', a data presentation programme was organised on the occasion of National Statistics day, June 29, 2021. Secondary data provided by the department was analysed and presented by students. 15 students participated in this programme and presented 3 projects using different statistical softwares like R, Python, MS Excel. Different statistical methods like ANOVA, Scatter plot, and two sample tests were used in the analysis. One student from SYBSC presented a poem and poster related to National Statistics Day on this occasion. This program was organized to create awareness among students about the need for celebration of National Statistics Day and the role of Statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formation. In all 30 students benefited. A value-added course in 'Basics of Python Programming' from June 28 to July 10, 2021. Ms. Prachi Surve, Department of Information Technology, Ms. Anita Gaikward and Ms. Priyanka Nimse

from Dept. of Computer Science of R.J. College were resource persons in this course. The duration of this course was 30 hours. Quizzes, Assignments and Mini projects were given to students for evaluation. They explained very well about how to write different codes using Python software and also discussed various problems in Statistics. In all 32 participants of FYBSc, SYBSc and TYBCom benefited from this course.

Department of BMS started the activities for the academic year 2021-22 by conducting an online orientation for SYBMS and TYBMS students and a skill enhancement course on 'Accounts, English Communication and Computer Skills' from June 15-25, 2021. A workshop was conducted on 'Control Hypertension with Yoga' by Ms. Bhavini Shethia on June 18, 2021. In all 99 students participated through the zoom platform. A session on 'Career Guidance' for SYBMS students was conducted to help them choose their field of interest and subject specialisation on June 22, 2021. 88 students attended the session. A session on 'Health during Covid times' by Dr. Anjali Shah was organised on June 23, 2021. It was attended by 56 students. A Virtual Industrial Visit was organized for our students at ASP Finwealth Management on June 26, 2021. To commemorate the World Entrepreneur Day, an online certified workshop was organized on 'The Innovative Journey of an Entrepreneur' by Mr. Ojas Oza, Director Mitkat Advisory Services Ltd and Mr. Kunal Mandal, Chief Knowledge Architect, Gyanspace on August 21, 2021. 192 students attended the workshop. NUSSD in collaboration with the department organised the following webinars: 'Understanding, Facing & Overcoming Adversity of Life' by Sobhana Jaya Madhavan, AVP, Simon Fraser University & Leadership Consultant on June 10, 2021. 'The Art of Storytelling' by Mr. Sanjeev Parker, Senior Director, Human Capital Pricewaterhousecoopers (PWC) on June 13, 2021; 'Honing your Communication & Interview Skills' by Mr. Supriyo Kar & Preethi Kumar, Internal Communication Leader, IBM India South Asia & Communication Manager IBM and South Asia on June 23, 2021; 'The Art and Science of Networking' by Dr. Sridhar, Management Professor (Emeritus) at University of Wisconsin- Oshosh on June 28, 2021; 'Entrepreneurship in Digital India - Key success Factor' by Dr. Mohan Thite, Associate Professor, Griffith University, Australia on July 9, 2021 and 'Entrepreneurship in Digital India - Key Success Factor' by Sudhakar Patnaik, President Resource Centre, on July 9, 2021.

Department of Botany organized a talk on 'Careers in Botany' by **Dr. Jyotsna Nijsure** for TYBSc students on June 16, 2021. For SYBSc students 'Student Centric Activities' were organized on June 29, 2021, conducted by Dr. Vikram Shete. A unique online program 'Hum Honge Kamiyab', an engagement of alumni with TYBSc students, was held between June 22 - 26, 2021. This interaction provided them with an insight into the career prospects and avenues after completing graduation in Botany. It also helped students understand the skills required to enter into a particular career. A total of 11 sessions were organized that included 'Teaching as a Career' by Dr. Thomas, **Prof. Anil Chaurasiya**, Ms. Richa Khade & Mr. Lawrence; 'Horticulture as a Career' by Mr. Devendra Jogia & Mrs. Trupti Sawant; 'Route through MBA' by Mr. Niraj Patil; 'Research and Industry as a Career' by Mr. Neeraj Kadam, Ms. Ketaki Sawant & Mrs. Susmita Gudulkar. On July 5, 2021, along with RJC Rotract Club, NCC & NSS students, the department celebrated 'Vanmohatsav' with Tree plantation at Gurudwara Campus, Vikhroli. In all 50 native tree species were planted and geotagged. On July 15 & 16, 2021 a bridge course was organized for TYBSc Botany students between 8.00 am and 10.00 am by **Dr. D. B. Singh and Dr. Anil Avhad**. A total of 28 students benefited from the course. As part of the DBT Star Status Activities, the department of Botany organized a webinar on 'Post-harvest management in Flower crops' by Dr. P. Naveen Kumar, Principal Scientist - Floriculture and Landscaping, ICAR, Pune on June 27 & July 4, 2021. Under the RJC Popular Lecture series, the department organised a talk on 'Plantations in Dev Bhumi Himachal Pradesh' by Dr. Nudrat Sayed, National Coordinator with Wildlife and We Protection Foundation on July 10, 2021. The activities for BOTANICA and **Pavo Nature Club** were inaugurated for the year

2021-22 by Ms. Nilam Jorwar, Founder President Kalsubai Millets and Traditional foods. She delivered a lecture on 'Indigenous food – Wild vegetables and Milletes' to celebrate 'Indigenous People's Day'. The XXVII Dr. D. V. Amonkar Memorial Intercollegiate Elocution competition was organised online wherein 27 students from 7 different colleges of Mumbai University participated, and the finals was conducted on August 24, 2021.

Department of Computer Science organized 'Career Counselling Sessions' for undergraduate Students (SYCS and TYCS) in which students would seek knowledge about the new technical fields currently being used in industries from June 17-26, 2021. The program was organised under the guidance of **Prof. Anita Gaikwad, Prof. Vaidehi Deshpande, Prof. Tejaswee Pol, Prof. Vinita Singh, Prof. Priyanka Nimase, Prof. Nilam Shelar, Prof. Mala Mishra, Prof. Saba Shaikh and Prof. Pooja Kushwaha**. A five- day session based on project guidance for TYCS students to develop their skills & knowledge in an experimental manner based on their academic syllabus was conducted by **Prof. Nilam Shelar, Prof. Mala Mishra, Prof. Saba Shaikh, Prof. Pooja Kushwaha** from June 28- July 2, 2021. 'Tech Talk 2021-22' named 'Career and Life Transformation through Books' by resource person Mr. Kapil Temghare was organised for TYCS and MSc CS students under DBT Star College Scheme on July 10, 2021. This program aimed at encouraging reading habits among the students. Alumni Talk 2021-22 No. 1 on 'UX Designing' was organised for SYCS, TYCS and M.Sc CS students to teach them UX i.e., User experience (UX) design which is the process design teams use to create products that provide meaningful and relevant experiences to users. A webinar on 'An emerging session on New-Age careers' by Mr. Tukaram Bhagat for SYCS ,TYCS and IT students to get in depth knowledge about Data Science as well linked subjects like AI, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Big Data etc. was conducted on August 14, 2021 .Alumni Talk 2021-22 No. 2 On 'Road Map to Grow Well in IT Field' for SYCS, TYCS and MSc CS students to make them aware of industry needs was organized on August 28,2021.

Department of BVOC conducted an online workshop on 'Enlightened Living -Overcoming Fear Through Meditation' by Mr. Ravi Makhijani, Director, Simplified IT Solutions, on June 18, 2021. 60 students attended this session. A two- day workshop on 'Awaken the Entrepreneur in You' was conducted on June 25-26, 2021. On the first day, Dr. Rakhi Sharma, Head, Department of Management Studies, Mentor- Start up India Faculty Convener- Entrepreneurship Cell & Skill Hub (RUSA), Incubator &Accelerator Centre, Jai Hind College motivated students to think out of the box. On the second day, Mrs. Ria Basantani Rajani, The Big Closet (TBC) Designer Studio & Rental Warehouse, introduced them to the Renting out clothes business Model. 57 attendees were very satisfied with the session. The department organised Alumni Meet on June 30, 2021. Following Student Alumnus- Ms. Asha Rana (2016-17), Oracle Financial Services; Mr. Yash A.P. SINGH (2019-20), Angel Broking Ltd; Ms. Afroza Aijaj Juwale(2020-21), Accenture Operations ; Mr. Nitin Dubey (2018-19), Sheth Creator; Mr.Pramod Ardu (2019-20), Step4 Solutions and Mr. Manish Prajapati (2019-20), VP PLAIN were invited to deliver a talk on career opportunities, the importance of internships and other relevant exams and certification courses to build a good resume. A session on 'Career Opportunities in Capital Market' was conducted by industry expert, Mr. Anil Rangwani working as a Product Manager with Bombay Stock Exchange on July 3, 2021. He guided 132 participants about different ways to participate in capital markets. 21 students of BVOC successfully completed the Value-Added course on Tally ERP-09 with GST organised by PRIME IT from July 5-29, 2021. About 118 students attended a session on 'Personal Branding on LinkedIn' conducted by Prof. Jinal Shah, Assistant Professor, NMIMS on July 10, 2021. It enabled them to understand Social Media Usage of LinkedIn, to establish themselves on LinkedIn, a professional networking site and also harness job & internship opportunities offered by LinkedIn. The Department celebrated 'World Youth Skills Day' in association with IQAC on July 15, 2021. The Guest Speaker,

Mr. Manoj Sathe, Director, Arthanyasa Training and Consultancy Services; Country Head - Delivery & Customer Support Ixight Technologies Private Limited; Former Vice President- National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL)) was invited for the programme. He explained to students about Skills Mantra, and he also elaborated on hard skills and soft skills. 94 students participated in this session. A two-day intercollegiate event on the occasion of Bank Nationalization Day was celebrated by the BVOC Department. in association with **Departments of BBI & BAF** on July 19 - 20, 2021. On the first day, a webinar on 'Journey of the Indian Banking Sector since Nationalization' was organized and the speaker for the same was Mr. C. D. Sridharan, Retired RBI Officer. He discussed various aspects of the banking system and its impact. On the second day, 34 students participated from different colleges in the Poster making competition based on 'Transition in Banking'. A session on 'Personality Development' titled as 'Never Stop Improving Yourself - Invest in Yourself' was conducted based on three different aspects (Self-awareness; Goal Setting and good listening) by Mr. Nitin B Pagi, Coordinator of Department of Management Studies & Chairperson of Career Guidance and Placement Cell, VPM's Joshi Bedekar College was conducted on August 7, 2021. In all 136 students attended the session. On the Occasion of National Financial Awareness Day, BVOC Department in association with **BBI & BAF** Departments organized a National level Financial Quiz competition on August 14, 2021. 401 participants (221 in house students and 180 outside students) participated in the Quiz competition. 392 students were awarded e-certificates.

Department of Biotechnology conducted a Value Added Course on 'Fermented Food and Beverages' for all the students and staff of the College from June 21- July 7, 2021. During the course, a special Expert session by guest speaker Chef Shraddha Jadhav from Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi was organised on June 26, 2021. She spoke about different types of bread and confectionaries. The Value Added Course was successfully completed by 88 participants. The department conducted 'Deeksharambh' - Orientation for SY and TY students on July 5- 6, 2021. Alumni Ms. Jyoti Sahani and Ms. Priya Tripathi (Both working at Metropolis India Pvt Ltd, Alumni BSc 2021), **Mr. Abhishek Randive**, Alumnus BSc 2021, Ms. Lydia Mathew, Alumnus BSc 2020, Ms. Shrutika Dongre, Alumnus BSc 2021, Ms. Tonoya Sen, SY student, Volunteer, BRM, shared their experiences. The department organised an interaction with Alumni 'Anubhav ke bol', DBT star activity on July 7, 2021. Ms. Reshma Lad, Account Manager, Elsevier: RELX India Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai (BSc Batch 2008) and Ms. Reshama Patade, Junior Project Associate in Bio-Energy Research Lab at Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Energy Centre, (MSc Batch 2016) were the speakers on July 17, 2021. The staff and students of MSc, TY and SY attended the NIBMG Talk on 'Science Webinar on the topic 'Reconstruction of our Ancestral Footprints: Genetics and Statistics as Tools' by Dr. Analabha Basu, Associate Professor, NIBMG on July 23, 2021. An Orientation on 'Studies Abroad and Student Exchange Program with Foreign Universities' in collaboration with Antarang's CareeReady was organised on July 30, 2021. Ms. Zeenat Valli, Manager, Student Outcomes; Mr. Yogesh Varadkar, Senior Associate, Career Campus, Antarang's CareeReady Foundation and Mr. Kunal Naik, Associate, Alumni Engagement, Antarang's Foundation were the speakers for the session. During this session, our SYBT student **Ms. Sneha Pandey** was felicitated by the department for getting selected in the US Department of State's Community (Student Exchange) College program. This feat was achieved by Sneha in association with Antarang Foundation. DBT Star Mentee college, NIBMG - Foundation Day lecture 2021 was delivered by Dr. Shiv Pillai on the topic 'Loss of T Follicular Helper Cell, Induction of DNA Demethylation and CD4+ Differentiation and Viral Variant Generation in COVID-19'. The lecture was attended by staff and students of TY and SY. The second session of DBT star activity: Interaction with Alumni 'Anubhav ke Bol' was organised on August 9, 2021. The Alumni invited was Dr. Kuldeep Gupta, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Microbial Pathogenesis, Yale

University School of Medicine, New Haven (BSc Batch 2008). He spoke about his current research and shared his experience during his graduation years. The session was followed by **Deeksharambh** - orientation for MSc Part I students. It also organised a Logo Making competition for 'RJBT'. Out of 24 entries, the logo made by Alumni, **Mr. Deviprasad Shetty** was selected as the best Logo. This logo will be the official logo of the department and would be used in the department website, posters and flyers alongside the College logo.

Department of Mathematics organized an online talk on 'Career Options in Mathematics and Skills Needed' by Dr. Rajeev Sapre, Former Head, Department of Mathematics, Gogate Jogalekar College, Ratnagiri, on June 22, 2021. Around 133 students participated in the talk. A parent-teacher meeting for TYBSc Mathematics was held on August 14, 2021. Teachers counselled the students and parents with reference to the curriculum and overall development of the students.

Department of Mass Media (BAMMC & MAEMA) conducted a Guest lecture to celebrate 'World Social Media Day' on June 30, 2021. On the event of National Broadcasting Day, a talk was organised for the students by Mr. Jayaraman Mohan, RJ J-Man from 93.5 RED FM on July 23, 2021. He discussed career opportunities and skills that should be honed to be successful in the radio industry. Sessions were conducted based on the theme- 'Respect and Responsibility' under the Mentor-Mentee program, 'Spotlight' from July 26- 31, 2021. On the occasion of 'World Photography Day' an Intercollegiate Photography competition was organised based on 'Pandemic Diaries' on August 19, 2021. An induction program was conducted for the students of MAEMA I on August 24, 2021.

Department of Economics organised a talk through the Zoom Platform on 'Careers in Economics' as a part of the Induction Programme on July 8, 2021. The resource person for the talk was Dr. Sangita Haridas, Visiting Faculty to various reputed educational institutes. She covered various avenues of careers from the traditional to the latest. Total of 68 students and 4 teachers attended the programme. The department also organised an online Poster Making competition on 'Effect of Population Growth on Environment' to commemorate 'World Population Day'. Eleven students from Arts, Commerce and Science streams along with Self Financing courses made their submissions on the above theme.

Department of Sociology organized an online 'Alumni Engagement' for the TYBA Sociology students on July 16, 2021. An Interactive Session on PG Avenues, Employability, Soft Skills, Careers, Online Learning Experience was taken up. A panel of 6 alumni invitees from different batches shared their experiences. The focus of this interactive session was to expose the current batch of TYBA Sociology students to the varied higher studies options as well as career options. The department also organised an online screening of the documentary Film 'A Tribute to Lokmanya Tilak' to commemorate his Death Anniversary on August 1, 2021. The focus of the event was to pay homage to his ideals by revisiting history. The screening was followed by discussion and reflections shared by the teachers. The discussion was followed by student presentations in English, Hindi and Marathi.

Department of Political Science conducted a workshop for TYBA students on 'How to Prepare a Questionnaire on Google Forms and Conversion of Data for Presentation' on July 23, 2021. A documentary was screened for TYBA and SYBA students on the occasion of 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' on July 26, 2021. A documentary was screened for students to commemorate the death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak on August 1, 2021. Students made presentations on August 2, 5 & 6, 2021. As part of Paper IX (Electoral Politics in India), the film 'Newton' was screened for the TYBA students on August 9, 2021. The Department organized the Inaugural Function on August 9, 2021. The Chief Guest, Fr. Richard Quadros, SVD, spoke on 'Issues and Challenges of Indigenous People in India'. It was an apt

occasion as it was the commemoration of International Day of Indigenous People. This year, the 74th Independence Day was commemorated by the Department in the form of screening of documentaries, Presentations, Story- Telling and Poster Presentations by students on August 15, 2021.

Department of Hindi held its Inaugural Function along with the celebration of Premchand Jayanti by organizing a National Webinar on 'Vartmaan Samay mein Premchand ki Prasangiktaa' on July 31, 2021. Many eminent speakers from across the country graced the occasion. Dr. Satish Pandey, Dean, Language and Literature Division, Somaiya Vidyavihar University presided over the function. Ms. Shashikala Rai, Associate Professor, Savitribai Phule Pune University, was invited as the Chief Guest. Dr. Sunil Dwivedi, HOD, Hindi Department, University of North Bengal, Siliguri, was invited as special speaker and Dr. Achutanand Mishra, Assistant Professor, Indraprastha Women's College, New Delhi, was invited as Chief Speaker for the function.

Department of History celebrated the 'International Day of Indigenous Peoples' on August 9, 2021. The UN has marked the day to create awareness about the culture, rights and conditions of the indigenous communities of the world. **Dr. Meher Mistry** made a presentation giving the historical background and significance of the day. She pressed upon the need to develop an inclusive attitude towards the indigenous people. **Prof. Snehal Nagtilak** through her presentation introduced the motto of the UN, 'Leaving No one Behind'. Documentaries were also screened. 16 students attended the event. 4 students from TYBA History made beautiful presentations on different aspects of the indigenous communities.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension conducted the online event 'Shiv Swarajya Din' as per the direction of Government of Maharashtra, on June 6, 2021. It was jointly organized by **Lifelong Learning and Extension Unit** and **Department of History**. The program was started with Powada (Bravery song) sung by **Mr. Aditya Khavanekar**. A talk on 'Shivrajyabhishek' was delivered by **Prof Snehal Nagtilak**, Department of History. It was followed by recitation of poems and small descriptive talks of Shivaji Maharaj's Coronation ceremony by students. 19 teachers and 21 students attended it. A talk on 'International day on Drug Abusing and Illicit Trafficking' was conducted on June 30, 2021. The speaker, Dr Sachin Parab, who is into de- addiction programs for the past 26 years, is also the Joint Secretary and National Co-ordinator of My India-Addiction Free India. The speaker described the reasons of addiction, how to identify the addict and how to come out of it. 74 students and 19 teachers attended the program. DLE unit organized an Intercollegiate Photography competition to celebrate World Photography Day on August 17 -19, 2021. The theme was 'Nature Photography' and 'Pandemic Moments'. 56 students from various colleges participated in the competition.

Philosophy Association organized a workshop on 'Yoga, Healthy Mind and Healthy Body through Yoga' to celebrate International Yoga Day on June 21, 2021. **Dr. Rina Pitale Puradkar** was the Resource Person for the workshop. 7 students were benefited by the event.

Commerce Association organised a talk by Mr. Rejoy Varghese (Sr. Manager – HR, Maxlife Insurance) on 'Development of Insurance Sector in India: Challenges & Opportunities' to celebrate National Insurance Awareness Day, on June 28, 2021. Commerce Association organised a talk on 'How to Improve Financial Intelligence' by an eminent speaker CA Prof. Vimal Ashar, to commemorate National Financial Awareness Day on August 14, 2021. He spoke on several aspects of finance i.e., from human needs to financial investments. An essay competition on the theme 'Importance of Small-Scale Industry'

was conducted to celebrate Small Industry Day on August 30, 2021. In all 26 students participated in the competition and the best three essays were selected.

Rotaract Club organized the project 'Vruksahropan', a plantation drive, on July 1- 25, 2021. Under this initiative a total of 271 saplings/seeds were planted and 175 individuals participated in this drive. Digi conducted 'Indoor Photopedia' for Rotaractors and non- Rotaractors to harness an individual's inner photography skills from July 1- 15, 2021. 'Arz Kiya Hai', a poetry and quote writing event was organized from July 3-12, 2021. 'Smule Karaoke' was organised to spread laughter and to provide entertainment on July 4, 2021. It organised 'Ecoment', an ongoing project, to promote the celebration of eco-friendly Ganpati. The festival was celebrated along with underprivileged children. On this occasion, a video was created to show the change in modes of celebration before and during the pandemic. A session on 'Digital Skills' was organized on July 16, 2021. The speaker, Mr. A. Patel, emphasized on E- mail writing and digital skills. The project 'Eyes on the Dice' was carried out in order to foster friendly bonding among participants on July 18, 2021. On the occasion of Nelson Mandela Day, the members devoted themselves to 67 minutes of community service with the underprivileged children by giving them food, clothes books and all the essentials on July 18, 2021. The club organized 'Poetry Dil Se' from July 21 - August 17, 2021. 'Blaze', an online session was held to help students of the upcoming generation understand the concept of 'start-ups' on July 24, 2021. Mr. Saurabh Jain, ex- Paytm CEO, was the speaker of the event. In total 175 individuals were a part of this initiative. The club organized 'Battle of Brains' to celebrate International Chess Day on July 25, 2021-22. Rotaract Club observed the 'Kargil Vijay Divas' in honour of the war heroes of the Indian army who seized back key outposts in Ladakh after ousting Pakistani troops from the region on July 26, 2021. Rtd. Major Prajakta Desai, who has served in Indian army for 11 years in the air aviation as an Air Traffic Controller & also former NCC cadet (AIR wing), was the speaker for the event. The club organized 'Letter to my Variant' from August 11-30, 2021. 'Bliss Bond' was also organized to nurture coordination in the team on August 14, 2021. A programme titled 'Tribals' was organised on August 16, 2021. Mr. Naman Sukhwil, 'Think India Tribal Rights Forum' was the speaker for the session. The club organised 'Quiz Master' on August 17, 2021. The Rotaract Club celebrated World Photography Day with Shahar, a sister club initiative with Rotaract club of GNKITM from Haryana, on August 17, 2021. The Rotaract Club celebrated 'International Sports Day' on August 28, 2021. The project 'Dosti' was organized to celebrate the bond of friendship on August 31, 2021. The club organized 'Aim to Survive' to introduce a new concept in the event of online streaming of games on official Club You Tube Channel and also to provide an opportunity to esports gaming players to showcase their talent on August 31, 2021. The Rotaract Club in collaboration with the foundation, Urvari, organised 'Ecobricks', an ongoing project, in which plastic waste is stuffed in plastic bottles and then these are used to build shelter for stray dogs. For this, the Club collaborated with the foundation called URVARI. In all, 142 ecobricks were made with the help of our RCRJ team. The club initiated a Newspaper Drive, an ongoing project, that aims to raise funds through collecting waste newspapers.

Staff Academy and Speaker's Forum organized a lecture on 'You are the Brand!' on July 31, 2021. Mr. Sameer Dalvi, founder of Bridge360.in, Florista.in and SourcEco.in was the guest speaker for the lecture. He delivered a lecture on 'How to Create a Brand' with various examples. 215 participants including teachers and students attended the lecture.

History Association's inaugural function was held on August 6, 2021. Dr. Madhumita Bandyopadhyay, Associate Professor of Smt. P. N. Doshi Women's College of Arts delivered a talk on 'Tale of Two Railways: GIPR & BBCL'. Dr. Sneha Deuskar, Vice Principal and Head, Department of Marathi gave the welcome address. Teacher and students' attendees were mesmerized by the visual treat of the history of

lifeline of Mumbai i.e. the railways. The function was attended by 33 students and 5 teachers. A Debate Competition was organized on the theme 'World Peace: Need for Disarmament' on August 7, 2021. The event was organized to commemorate the 1945 nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. **Dr. Meher Mistry** made a presentation showcasing the impact of the bombings on Japan. A documentary of United Nations highlighting the need for disarmament was screened. 7 students participated in the debate. The debate brought out both sides of disarmament and war. **Dr. Janhavi Bhagwat**, judged the competition. The event had 22 student beneficiaries.

Cultural Association celebrated 'International Indigenous Day' by organizing a workshop for both teachers and students on 'Basics of Madhubani Painting' under the guidance of **Prof. Deepak Poojary**, on August 9, 2021.

Gender Equity Cell organized an online talk on 'Gender Inclusion' by Dr. Rachna Bharadwaj, MD, Advocate and Linguist, on August 10, 2021.

Chem-Bond began its activities for the year by organizing a talk on 'Chemistry and Our Life' by Dr. Nandkishor, Professor of Chemistry, IIT Bombay, on August 21, 2021, under the DBT Star College Scheme.

Human Values' Cell organized a talk on 'Music: It's Interconnectivity with Human Values' by Mr. Hitesh Rupani, Founder- Director of Music, Gurukul and TMM Studios on August 30, 2021.

Economics Association organized its online Inaugural Programme on August 30, 2021. Dr. Archana Patankar, Independent Consultant in Environment and Climate Change delivered a talk on 'Recent floods, Climate Change and Economic Development'. She stressed the importance of an economist in the sustainable development, environmental and social causes. 57 students and 10 teacher participants attended the programme.

NSS

On August 15, 2021, Independence Day was celebrated by organizing Quiz and Essay Competitions. One hundred and ninety-four students participated in the Quiz Competition and 34 students participated in the Essay Competition. The NSS Unit of RJ College celebrated Raksha Bandhan with Covid Warriors on August 21, 2021. Eight NSS Volunteers tied Rakhis to Policemen, BMC Officers, Doctors and Sweepers at the BMC ward and Ghatkopar Railway Station. Volunteers tied 80 Rakhis and distributed sweets to Corona Warriors. The aim was to appreciate their work during the Pandemic time. Three days Webinar Sessions on the theme 'COVID Care Immunity Booster' was organized in collaboration with Art of Living from August 31 to September 2, 2021. Twenty Eight volunteers participated in it. The focus was to improve mental and physical health to support the fight against the pandemic.

LIBRARY NEWS

The library organized an online 'Book Review Competition' for the students on June 19, 2021. In all 33 students participated in the event. Story Telling Competition was arranged in Marathi, English and Hindi. Mr. Akshay Shimpi conducted a Story Telling session in Marathi, attended by 29 teachers and students on June 21, 2021. **Dr. Neeta Chakravarty**, Head Department of English narrated a story in English and **Dr. Mithilesh Sharma** captivated the listeners with her story in Hindi on June 22, 2021. These sessions had an audience of 34 participants. Ms. Lopamudra Mohanty, Professional Storyteller

and Founder of Big Buddy World conducted a story telling session on June 23, 2021. It was attended by 32 participants. **Prof. Chhaya Pinge**, Head, Department of Statistics, **Dr. Neelambari Kulkarni**, **Dr. Jyotsna Nijure**, **Prof. Deepa Thanekar**, **Dr. Latika Bhanushali** conducted enthralling story telling sessions in Marathi on June 24, 2021. A Quiz based on Books in English, Marathi and Hindi was organized on June 24, 2021. Around 444 students participated in the quiz. On the same day an Essay Writing competition was conducted. Thirty students submitted their essays. Shri Rajesh Jha, Announcer at Vividh Bharati, Storyteller; Voice and Diction Trainer conducted a Story telling session in Hindi on June 25, 2021. 27 participants attended the session. A Quiz Competition was organized to commemorate Librarian's Day on August 12, 2021. In all 425 students participated in the event.

IQAC NEWS

IQAC organised 'Deeksharambh' orientation programme for the First-year students for all the aided and self-financing courses in the college. The objective was to introduce the students to the faculty, highlight facilities available for the students in the college, various initiatives taken by the college for the welfare of the students and co-curricular activities organised by the various cells. Each department showcased their activities as well as gave an overview of their subject to help the students. Alumni members of the various Departments too spoke about their experiences as students of R. J. College. A programme on 'Student Centric Activities' was conducted by Dr Vikram Shete, on June 29, 2021. Value Added Courses were offered by each department for the students to enhance their professional skills. A Capacity building Workshop was organised by IQAC for the teachers on July 1, 2021. Mr. Deviprasad Shetty, Placement Officer, R.J. College conducted a very informative session on various practical aspects like making flyers, announcements, brochures for online webinars, making Zoom link, registration, online addition and e-certificate which are required to conduct an online programme. This Online session was attended by 89 faculty members. IQAC organised a National webinar on 'MOOCs and E-Content in Four Quadrant Form' conducted by Prof. A.K. Bakhshi, Vice-Chancellor, PDM University, Haryana, Chairman, GAD-TLC of Ministry of Education, Chairman, NRC of Chemistry of Ministry of Education and Dr. Vimal Rarh, Joint Director & Project Head, GAD-TLC of Ministry of Education Coordinator, NRC of Chemistry of Ministry of Education Deputy Director, Centre for e-learning, SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi, on July 1, 2021. The session was attended by 149 teachers from all over India. IQAC in collaboration with the departments conducted tests to identify the slow learners. Special efforts will be undertaken by the departments to help these students to cope with their studies by designing remedial courses.

SUPERANNUATION

Prof. Ajit Limaye, Department of Statistics, superannuated on January 31, 2021, after a service of more than 34 years at our College. He worked as Member of Examination Committee for 16 years and was COE for 5 years. He was also in charge of Cricket for 22 years. He was also member of the Seniority Committee for 5 years. A dedicated teacher, he will be remembered for his meticulous approach and concern for welfare of staff members.

Prof. Jayashree Vaze, Head, Department of Statistics, superannuated on June 30, 2021, after more than 37 years of service. She was incharge of the Cultural Committee for several years. She was also member of Examination committee and incharge of Entrepreneurship Cell. She was a sincere and dedicated teacher and ably handled the Department of Statistics as a head for 4 years and 9 months before her retirement.

Prof. Madhukar Phadtare, Department of Biology, Junior College retired from his service after attaining superannuation on June 30, 2021. He contributed his expertise with full sincerity and enthusiasm as the member of different committees. He will be always remembered as a calm, soft spoken, kind, fun loving and hardworking teacher.

COLLEGE NEWS

RJC SAFAI Bank handed 19,806 MLPs to Kulkarni Foundation Safai Bank on July 20, 2021.

The 75th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm offline as well as on ZOOM platform on August 15, 2021. **Hon. Secretary Dr. Rajendra Singh** was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Students performed songs on National Integrity. The event was attended by 151 students and 50 teachers. NCC cadets participated in the celebrations.

A talk on 'The role of data management and representation in Environmental analysis' was organised by RJC popular lecture series (DBT star status activity), on August 17, 2021. Mr Rajit Sengupta, Data journalist and communications trainer CSE, was the resource person. It was attended by 89 students.

Foundation Day celebrations and Sri Krishna Janmashtmi cultural program by students was attended by 300 students and staff members on August 31, 2021.

STUDENTS NEWS

Ms. Siddiqui Mubashera Ansar Ahmed, TYBSc (Mathematics, batch 2021-22), participated in Level O of the MTTs – 2021 (Mathematics Training and Talent Search) programme held online between June 11 – July 05, 2021.

Mr. Vipul Dwivedi, TYBSc (Mathematics, batch 2021-22), completed a two-week Certificate Course with A+ grade in 'Laplace Transform and its Applications' organized by IQAC and Mathematics Department of Arts, Commerce and Science College, Lanja between June 14 – 26, 2021.

A research proposal titled 'To Design a Novel Poultry Feed in Agriculture and Animal Husbandry' by **Ms. Veena Desai** under the guidance of **Dr. Janhavi Bhagwat** was selected for presentation in the final round of 15th Inter-Collegiate / Institute / Department Avishkar Research Convention: 2020-21 on June 30, 2021

Ms. Riya Randhir Bhiwandkar, SYBT won **first prize** in 'Crime travel' event organised by Rotaract Club Of UPG College, Mumbai on July 4, 2021

Ms. Sushmita Dhar achieved **2nd position** in intercollegiate Poster Making Competition organized by the Department of Economics held on July 11, 2021.

Ms. Kajal Pathak, TYBT won **first prize** in "War of Words" Competition organized by RCJMPC, RJ College, on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, July 26, 2021.

Mr. Aadarsh Gupta, SYBT won **first prize** in Short filmmaking competition, Theme water pollution and **Consolation prize** in Slogan competition on the occasion of 'Marine Week' organized by Departments of Biotechnology, Bioanalytical Sciences and Environmental Sciences, B. K. Birla College (Autonomous), Kalyan from July 26 to 31, 2021.

Ms. Aditi Anup Madathingal, SYBT won **consolation prize** in E-Poster competition (Theme – Applications of Marine Biotechnology) on the occasion of ‘Marine Week’ organized by Departments of Biotechnology, Bioanalytical Sciences and Environmental Sciences, B. K. Birla College (Autonomous), Kalyan from July 26 to 31, 2021.

Ms. Sneha Pandey, SYBT was selected for Community College Initiative (student exchange program) by US Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at Snow University for a period of one year starting from August, 2021.

Ms. Nikita Verma of SYBVOC participated & secured 82% in the Mind Tentacles- Quiz Competition and Competitive Exams, organized by Chikitsak Samhua’s Sir Sitaram Shantabai College of Arts & Science on August 14-15, 2021.

Ms. Neha Vishwakarma participated and secured 64% in the Mind Tentacles- Quiz Competition and Competitive Exams, organized by Chikitsak Samhua’s Sir Sitaram Shantabai College of Arts & Science on August 14-15, 2021. She completed the 2 months online course on ‘Digital Sakshar for Employability Skills’ with A grade, conducted by Pratham Info Tech foundation.

Mr. Vikas Sharma, TYBSc (Mathematics, batch 2020-21), got selected for MSc in Mathematics & Computing at National Institute of Technology, Manipur.

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GUEST EDITOR'S COLUMN

Kalamkari- the textile tradition

Kalamkari literally means pen craftsmanship (Kalam-pen & kari-craftsmanship). Traditionally practiced in the state of Andhra Pradesh, this work has now received global acclaim. It's usually a hand drawn, or block printed cotton textile work with a lot of motifs like flowers, leaves, peacocks, elephants and mythological figures.

Involving up to 23 meticulous steps, the process of creating a Kalamkari painting is very elaborate.

The first step is preparing the cotton to absorb dyes by washing it to remove starch, sun-drying it fully and treating it with the myrobalan & buffalo milk which acts as a fixative.

The artist then sketches the central figure with charcoal sticks and traces over this outline with a finely pointed kalam dipped in the kasimi liquid (made by fermenting jaggery & iron filings). The kalam is wrapped in wool that holds the liquid, so the artist squeezes this wool to release the ink while painting.

After the black outline has dried, the artist applies a mordant with alum and begins introducing red color to the cloth.

After a few more repeats of washing, drying and milk soaking, the final steps are

applying indigo and then yellow dyes on the fabric. To produce orange, yellow dye is applied onto red areas, and for green, indigo is applied to yellow areas.

Overall, this demanding procedure takes several days as the cloth and ink must fully dry between each step. But ultimately the time and effort are more than worth it, as the final colors are strong and exquisite, and the images are captivating in their depth and complexity.

Kalamkari is truly a labor of love for art, tradition and culture, a joy that is palpable in each painting. An authentic kalamkari work is distinguished by minimal use of colors- black, red, yellow, blue and green. Also, the fabric will have a distinct smell of milk. So next time at a textile exhibition, you buy a Kalamkari, check out for these points.

Know Your Guest Editor

Prof. Deepak Poojary, Department of Zoology, is a multi-faceted personality excelling at dance and painting. He is fascinated by India's varied Culture and History.

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