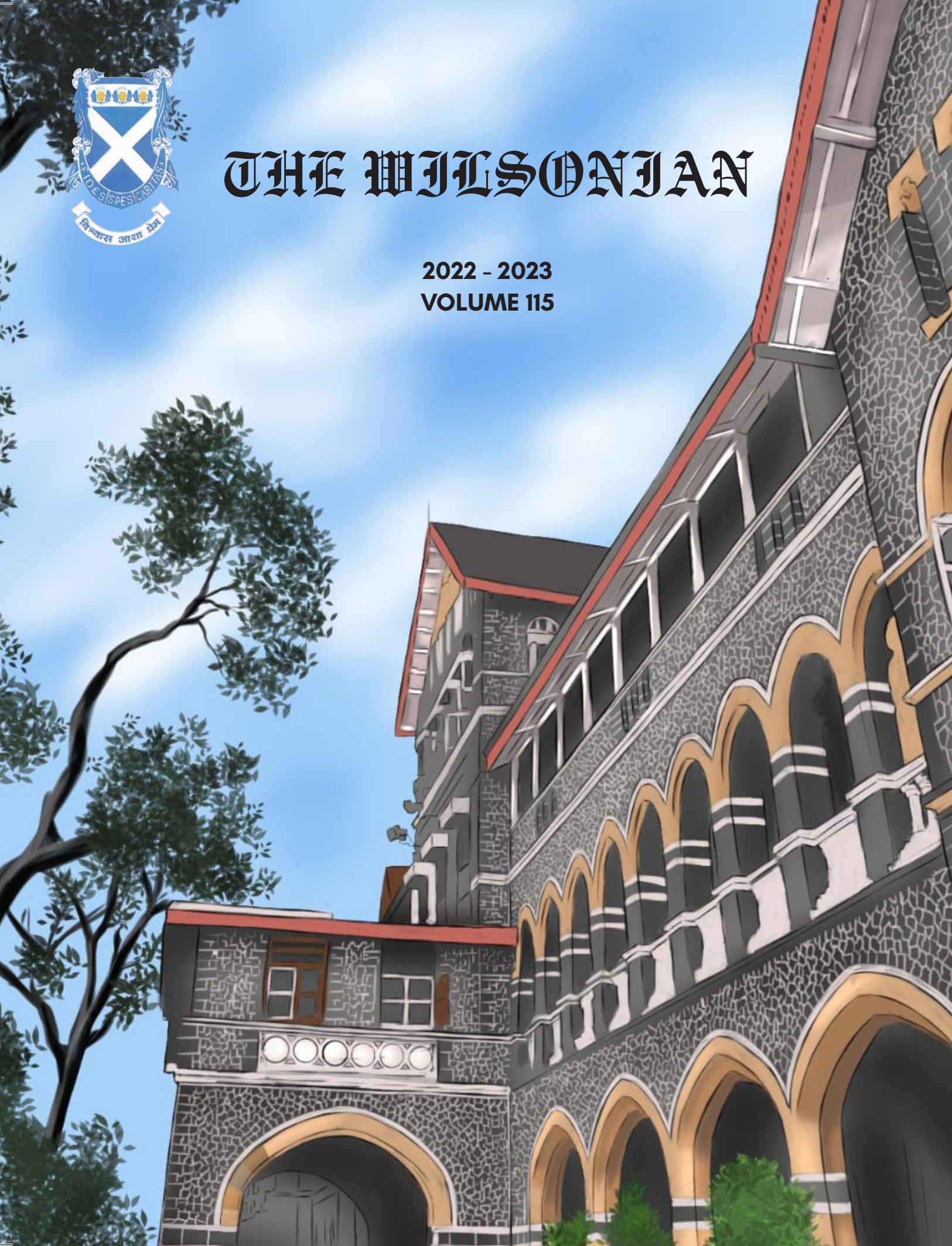




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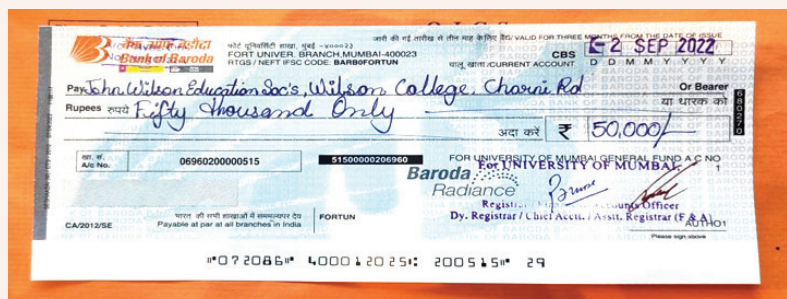
The College was conferred the 'Best College Award - Urban Category' by the University of Mumbai on 5th September 2022.

The award comprised the prize money of Rs. 50,000/- with a memento and a certificate.

After the flag hoisting ceremony, the ceremony was conducted at the Pherozeshah Mehta Bhavan and Research Centre at the University of Mumbai Kalina Campus.

The Award Trophy and Certificate were presented to Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje by the Vice - Chancellor Prof. Suhas Pednekar. This proud moment for the College was witnessed by members of the teaching and non-teaching staff.

This was a moment of great pride for our college as the award is given annually to one of the more than 700 affiliated colleges of the University of Mumbai. On receiving this award, Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje shared that this award is in recognition of imparting holistic, inclusive and quality education and green and student-oriented initiatives. It will surely motivate future Wilsonians to achieve greater heights. The event was then concluded by a screening of a film based on the architectural splendour of Mumbai University.



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From the Principal's Desk

I thank the Almighty for the strength and grace He has bestowed upon the entire Wilson College family and myself, so that we had an accomplished and momentous academic year 2022-23. It is with great joy that I pen these lines for the Wilson College magazine that recaptures and celebrates the life of Wilson College this past year.

It was a memorable year for Wilson College as we commemorated the 191st jubilee of the College with prayers, get-togethers and cultural events. Another great milestone in the history of Wilson College was the conferment of 'Autonomy Status' by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and University of Mumbai in November 2021. Hence the academic year 2022-23 began with a new chapter for the College with its Autonomous Status.

It was a hectic start: the IQAC was involved in various staff and academic matters and focused on capacity-building activities for the faculty. The Heads of Departments were occupied with preparing the syllabi for various courses. Statutory Regulations and various committees were put in place. The Governing Body, the Academic Council and the Board of Studies held meetings to enable a smooth transition into autonomy.

The admission process was well conducted and students from all over the country were welcomed for the variety of programmes and courses offered at Wilson College. A new programme in the Arts section -the postgraduate degree in 'English Literature, Media and Culture' was initiated, and got a good enrolment with ten students registering for the same.

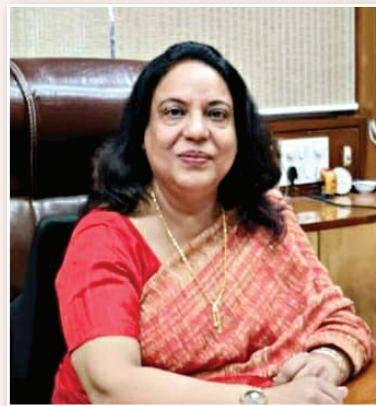
The new syllabi under academic autonomy for the First Year Undergraduate and Postgraduate programme has been implemented. The examination and attendance policies were also implemented for smooth administration. Teachers worked hard through the year framing the new curriculum, teaching, and overseeing all co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, as well as implementing the regulations of Autonomy. This year, six faculty members were recruited in the Aided Section and another six in the Unaided Section for various programmes.

Teachers were encouraged and deputed to attend various faculty development and induction programmes. Effective interaction among themselves enabled them to learn from each others' experiential outcomes and increase their participation in the IQAC.

Students won many accolades for the College in research, cultural activities, sports and in youth festivals. To name a few, the Microbiology students were awarded the National Award in the Microbiology Olympiad. A team of students were also shortlisted for an award by the Marathi Vigyaan Parishad.

It is with jubilation that I share that this year Wilson College received the Best College Award for 2019 -20 on September 5th, 2022. This award was bestowed by the University of Mumbai in the "urban category". It was indeed a moment of pride for us all.

The other equally significant achievement was that our college was shortlisted by the Department of Science and Technology for the DBT Star College Funding. This is funding for the upgradation of science laboratories. I am extremely happy to share that a 100% grant has been received by the College after a presentation by the Principal in the online mode. Recently an order of Rs. 1,22,67,613/- has been sanctioned for the development of the science laboratories in the



college. This grant will surely help in the much-needed renovation and upgradation of our laboratories, where students can work on interdisciplinary research projects that could culminate in the building up of research careers for them.

Many faculty members have applied for the research DST SURB SURE and SERB Power Grant which is around 4 crores.

Under autonomy this year we have initiated Wilson Social Responsibility (WSR) for which a dedicated coordinator has been appointed to train students in social outreach activities. We believe that we need to give back to society what we have received, and how better to do so than to volunteer with various NGOs. To fulfil this social role, our students are allocated internships as volunteers in various NGOs in the community. This helps them to become sensitive to the needs of others and also broadens their outlook and strengthens their emotional intelligence.

Founder's Day on 1st December 2022 was commemorated and we also had the smooth conducting of the Indian Council Social Science Research (ICSSR) sponsored conference by the IQAC and the Arts Departments, on 1st December and 2nd December 2022. Students were given various responsibilities which they executed smoothly. A NAAC-sponsored two-day state-level seminar on "Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges"; was conducted in the college on 24th and 25th March 2023. There was also a staff leadership seminar conducted for the faculty of various institutions of the John Wilson Education Society.

After a long gap of many years, Bazaar Day was revived. The students put up attractive food, games and product stalls which were entirely by their initiative, innovation and efforts. The Student Council took great initiative in the grand success of Bazaar Day.

The Placement Drive was successfully conducted and many students were recruited in different reputed industries. The details are presented in a report in this issue.

After the Covid-19 lockdown, nearly all Departments took the students for industrial visits/field visits to different places to provide them with educative industrial exposure.

We also had seminars and workshops for the non-teaching staff to empower them and prepare them to become all-round citizens.

This year the College has signed more MOUs with foreign educational and research institutions as well as with overseas academic institutions in South Korea and France.

At present the heads of departments and the committee members have geared up to prepare the new syllabi for the First Year undergraduate and postgraduate programs in line with the expectations of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

With the continuous support and guidance of the JWES management and the exceptional teamwork of my staff, both teaching and non-teaching, I am confident that Wilson College will successfully embrace the challenges of the NEP 2020. I thank God for his protection and peace as this year comes to a close, and I seek His mercy and blessings for all at Wilson College for the year ahead.

Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje
Principal

Editorial



Dr Michelle Philip - Chief Editor

College campuses are breeding grounds for innovation, creativity and social change. Thronging the campus are young minds eager to interrogate old ideas, explore new ones and carve pathways towards a just and informed future. Lack of intellectual diversity can stunt intellectual and personal growth, stifle creativity and undermine the spirit of academic freedom, giving rise to echo chambers that repeatedly put forth similar ideas minus challenge or scrutiny. Wilson College has been committed to providing a vibrant landscape for academic curiosity, and intellectual diversity leading to collective growth. The vision and mission of Wilson College is not merely to impart knowledge but to nurture critical thinking through diverse perspectives and ideologies.



I am grateful to Principal Prof Anna Pratima Nikalje for her support and guidance, IQAC Convenor Dr Radhika Birmole, the Wilsonian team, in particular Ms Kshama Jayaraj, the sectional editors, both faculty and students and to the student editor Keith Correa for his patience, resilience and efforts in facilitating the publication of the magazine.

As you immerse yourself in this edition of our college magazine, remember that each report, story, and article is a testament to the spirit of our college community. The Wilsonian is a celebration of our collective journey, our shared experiences, and our unquenchable thirst for learning and growth.

Here's to another year of discovery, creativity, and community. Enjoy the read!

Student Editorial

Keith Correa - Student Editor

An expression of incomplete joy stayed drowned in a pond of incorrect grammar and an ignorant priority to poor punctuation. As I formed bases of operations in and around Wilson's, a disguised understanding of well-being took form, furnished with an opinion orbiting under a tinge of awkward adaptability. All this coupled with a punctual time frame, adequate afternoon lunches, and a conundrum of confusion in the realm of cooperation engulfed the editing experience. An opportunity such as this arrives fleetingly, and with the constant inquiry since the beginning of Semester 5, a satisfactory essence washed over me with the news of being selected as the Student Editor. Everything in this magazine, the lines of writing, the covers, the excessive use of AI, and the mind-numbing hours, is all possible only due to the supervision of Chief Editor Dr Michelle Philip, and help from other college mates such as Myra Fernandes, Dhruven Dutia and Poonam Rana. Your help is appreciated.



Poonam Rana - Cover Design

I was fortunate to have been presented with the opportunity to design the cover of Wilson College's esteemed magazine, where I eagerly poured my creativity and enthusiasm into this project. Inspired by the vibrant memories of my college days, I aspired to infuse the cover with vivid hues that would resonate with its readers. It was indeed an enjoyable and fulfilling experience, and I am immensely grateful to Michelle Ma'am for entrusting me with this undertaking. This journey has reinforced my commitment to artistic excellence and has deepened my resolve to continue exploring and pushing the boundaries of my abilities in the field of creativity.

College Achievements

Mumbai Sustainability Award 2023



The College was presented with the 'Mumbai Sustainability Award 2023' on 12th January 2023, an award in the field of sustainability by the Hon. Governor of Maharashtra Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari from the Vivekananda Youth Connect Foundation.

DBT Star Grant

In keeping with the plan of the college to apply for funding from various bodies, six science departments jointly applied to the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) under their STAR college scheme. The college got shortlisted for presenting its proposal to the DBT. In April 2022 the principal of the college made a detailed presentation to the DBT explaining how the college proposes to utilise the grant given under the STAR Scheme (Strengthening component). The college has finally sanctioned a grant of ₹1,22,67,613/- to be utilised by the chemistry, physics, mathematics & I.T. (clubbed together), botany, microbiology and zoology departments. In keeping with the proposal to DBT the college has planned the following:-

1. Strengthening of the laboratory infrastructure for undergraduate science laboratories by upgrading the instrumentation and increasing capacity to cater to larger numbers of students
2. Capacity building of teachers by sending them to participate in seminars, workshops and conferences.
3. Introduce students to new experiments which could not be performed earlier.
4. Organise workshops and seminars for students and teachers on various topics related to their curriculum and beyond.
5. To have students and teachers take up projects in different areas.
6. Develop interdisciplinary courses and programmes.
7. Increase the capacity of laboratory staff by organising various workshops.
8. Increase the outreach and activities of departments.

Michael C. D'Souza
Coordinator
DBT-STAR College Scheme

NAAC Grade Extension

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) recently took a decision saying that those institutions that have obtained the highest grade for three cycles successively will get an extension of the validity period of NAAC accreditation from five years to seven years.

NAAC is provided with a four-year extension in their accreditation to John Wilson Education Society's - Wilson College from its 3rd Cycle- "A" CGPA- 3.21 valid till 29/10/2022 to now extended till 29/10/2026.

Dr Radhika Birmole
IQAC Coordinator

Staff Achievements

Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje won multiple awards in the year 2022-23



Highly Effective Principals in Maharashtra Award for Excellence & Leadership in Education by Golden Aim Conference Awards 2022 on 18th December 2022.



Valuable Contributions Award for Excellence in Education by The Christi Sevak Federation in the Distinguished Presence of His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias (adviser to His Holiness, Pope Francis) on 13th December 2022.

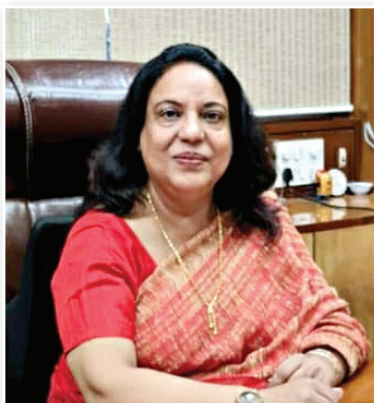


"Bharat Ratna Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Award 2022" by Hon'ble His Excellency The Governor of Maharashtra Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari Ji for the excellent work & contribution to society for justice to the deprived people on 8th July 2022.



Prof. Indira Parikh Women in Education Leaders Award by World Education Congress on 7th July 2022.

Research and Development Cell The Existing Cohort of PhD Guides



*Prof (Dr) Anna Pratima Nikalje
Chemistry*



*Dr Harsha Badkar
Philosophy*



*Dr Jamson Masih
Chemistry*



*Dr Harishchandra Parbat
Chemistry*



*Dr Sushant Mane
Zoology*



Dr Ajita Kumar



Ms Vinita Mathew

Congratulations to Ms Vinita Mathew and Dr Ajita Kumar on their appointment as Vice Principals from 2022-23



We congratulate Mr Michael D'Souza, Asst. Professor of Physics, on his appointment as Controller of Examinations under Autonomy.

We commend these professors for their recognition as Ph.D. Guides.



*Dr Michelle Philip
English*



*Dr Satyawati Chaubey
Hindi*



*Dr Ashish Uzgare
Chemistry*



*Dr Abhishek Chris
Botany*



*Dr Jai Knox
Botany*

Ph.D. Degree Awarded



*Congratulations Dr Kailas Shinde for completing his PhD in
"Synthesis and Biological Studies of Novel Substituted Quinoline
Compounds" in June 2022.*

Awards

Dr Jai Knox won the Young Achiever Award 2022.

Dr Abhijeet Kadam was listed among the top 2% Worldwide Scientists in 2022.

Dr Abhishek Chris was granted a fellowship at the Indian Botanical Society, Jaipur in October 2022.



Dr Harish Parbat was conferred the Avishkar Achievers National Dynamic Teacher Award for his hard work, dedication and diligence in the field of education.



Indian Marathi Film & Television Actor Pandharinath Kamble presented first place and Rs. 30,000/- award to Mr Surendra Wankhede, In-charge of the Department of BVoc, for Drama Set Design in the Final Round of Maharashtra State Sangeet Natya Competition organized by Sanskrutik Karya Sanchanalaya, Mumbai, Government of Maharashtra at Ponda, Goa.



डॉ. सत्यवती चौबे - 26 नवंबर, 2022 को हिंदुस्तानी प्रचार सभा, मुंबई द्वारा 'महात्मा गांधी शिक्षा प्रतिभा सम्मान' से सम्मानित किया गया।

NAAC-Sponsored State Level Seminar On Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges

It is the duty of all people belonging to the educational field to ensure the better delivery of 'Education' to learners, in terms of something that would not only help them to gain theoretical knowledge but simultaneously inculcate morals, ethics, attitude and rationality to face the world. Any educator plays a paramount and significant role in this. It is with this goal in mind that the seminar on Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through Accreditation was organized.

The seminar was scheduled in hybrid mode providing a space for educators staying miles away to participate, the seminar had participation from 6 different states all across the country including Punjab, Delhi, and Gujarat. The session began with an addressing Keynote by Dr Rajendra Shinde, Principal of St. Xaviers College (Autonomous), Mumbai. He enlightened the participants with ways of ensuring social equity in the college with multiple instances based on his experience. He acknowledged the contribution of his institution and faculty that made St Xaviers pioneers in addressing the needs of persons with disabilities. The first technical session gave participants the point to ponder on Ableism, Culture and Caste in Academics. Dr M. T. Joseph from the Department of Sociology focused on forms of exclusion in society and academic institutions. Dr Bijoy Thomas in his session focussed on strategies for building

inclusive curriculums. Social Labeling, critical reflection on pedagogical practices, and various theories of inclusion were taken as reference points. The second day of the seminar started with poster presentations in hybrid mode. It was followed by two technical sessions by Ms Neha Trivedi and Dr Sanjay Jain. Practical teaching learning strategies to be adopted in classrooms were demonstrated and Dr Jain highlighted the legal and normative necessity of inclusion. Dr Devendra Kawday addressed the participants during the Valedictory Function and guided institutions with the ways ahead to promote equity and Inclusion in educational institutions through the support of bodies such as NAAC.

The two-day seminar concluded with audience reflection. It was indeed a successful journey as each educator had many takeaways to contribute towards the growth of their institutions.

It has culminated into a recommendations document submitted to NAAC for modification of Criterion 1 and Criterion 2 as per the guidelines of the Universal Design of Learning that can ensure that education remains relevant and accessible to all learners irrespective of their class, caste, gender, religion, or disability.

Dr Radhika Birmole
Convener

Dr Biraj Mehta Rathi
Co-Convener



ICSSR Arts Conference

21st Century Commitment to Models of Environmental Sustainability National Conference Proceedings

The National Conference titled “21st Century Commitment to Models of Environmental Sustainability” was held from the 1st to the 3rd of Dec 2022. In collaboration with the ICSSR, the conference was aimed to provide us with an opportunity to delve into the above objective from a social sciences perspective to understand the impact of environmental degradation on vulnerable sections of society in a more constructive way. The chairperson of the Conference Committee was Prof Dr Anna Pratima Nikalje. Dr Michelle Philip was the Conference Convenor. The inauguration of the Conference coincided with the Founder’s Day Commemoration ceremony. Student Performances, a talk on the heritage of Wilson College “Founders, Guardians and Institution Builders” by Dr Shehnaz Nalwallah and the Principal’s address flagged off the 3-day National Conference.

The Keynote Speaker was Adj. Prof. Sudhakar Solomonraj introduced the topic “Building Models of Sustainability”, a session chaired by Vice Principal Ms Vinita Mathew, which was to provide the foundation for all other speakers for the Plenary Sessions. The following were the themes addressed by invited speakers:

Rohit Goel, Director of BICAR Mumbai, delivered his talk on ‘The Role of Art and Ethics in Environmental Degradation and Sustainability’. The session was chaired by Aashray Rao, a student of TYBA English Literature.;

Dr Sebastian Joseph, Researcher, Author and Historian, delivered his talk on ‘Indian Environmental Movements - Need for an Interdisciplinary Approach’. This session was chaired by Dr Aarati Manerikar.;

Dr Medha Tapiyawala, MSEPP, University of Mumbai, spoke about ‘The Effects of Globalization and Mobilization of Public Policy on the Environment: Measuring Environmental Costs’, in a session chaired by Mrs Lorraine Ramos Vaz.;

Dr Indra Munshi, Former Faculty, Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai, talked about ‘Development, Environmental Degradation and the Adivasis’, in the session chaired by Mrs Muneerah Khambhwalah.;

Dr Kanchana Mahadevan, Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai, discussed ‘Environmental Justice: Beyond Anthropocene Critiques’. The session was chaired by Vice Principal Dr Harsha Badkar.;

Prof. Sudhakar Solomonraj, Adj. Prof., Department of BAMMC, Wilson College, talked about ‘Solastalgia and Ecopsychology’ in a session chaired by Mr Shyam Gulve.;

Debi Goenka ‘Mangrove Man of India’, Environmentalist, Executive Trustee, Conservation Action Trust (CAT), spoke about ‘Tactical Solutions to Mitigate Environment Degradation’ in a session chaired by Ms Rita Chettiar.;

Dr Ranjana S. Varma, Sr Scientist, Magnomer Industries Pvt. Ltd, presented ‘Design2Recycle: Magnetic Ink’. The session was chaired by Dr Kapil Bhatt.

Abstracts were received and 18 (+) many were selected for presentation. There were 3 sessions during which presentations were made. They are as follows:

Session 1: 1st December 2022

Timings: 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm

Session Chair: Dr Biraj Mehta Rathi

1. Hetanshi Agarwal and Dr Jai Knox: Hazardous Effects of Congress grass on Farmers Health: A Review
2. Dr Devdatta Lad: Mahseer: A Bioindicator Teleost
3. Dr Pooja Shinde: Sacred Groves of Maharashtra
4. Arti Bhatnagar: Biosensors: A smart approach towards clinical diagnostics and healthier Environment
5. Lorraine Tellis: Indoor Air Pollution: A Silent Health Hazard
6. Neha Elizabeth Koshy: Conservation of Olive Ridley Turtles at Velas Beach in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra
7. Sushant Mane: A review on “Effect of overfishing on depleting marine ecosystem”

Session 2: 2nd December 2022

Timings: 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Session Chair: Dr Satya Chaubey

1. Shyam Gulve: Decarbonising Indian Economy: Analysis of Ways to Decarbonise the Agriculture Sector
2. Archana Meena & Ruthika Saravanan: ELECTRIC VEHICLE: A MODEL TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY WITH REFERENCE TO PUNE CITY
3. Atiya Menon & Mahima Sachdev: Sustainable Development Models from Fritz Schumacher to Contemporary Discourses
4. Poornima Kadam: A Study of the Coastal Road Project: Critically examining coexistence of the development and

sustainable livelihood.

5. Lavish Mittal: A Perceptual study of Environmentally Friendly Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) of India
6. Shyam Palkar: LITERATURE, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTS: FESTIVITIES OF INDIA

Session 3: 2nd December 2022

Timings: 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm

Session Chair: Dr Jamson Masih

1. Aashray Rao and Fiona Francis: Madness in the Meadows
2. Suma Lalit Podnolanna: Alice Walker's The Color Purple mirrors Ecomemory: A Study of Ecomemory, Female Oppression and Earth Justice.
3. Dr Satya Chaubey: इक्कीसवीं सदी के हिंदी उपन्यासों में पर्यावरण चिंतन
4. Dr Michelle Philip and Keith Correa: Destabilising and Decentring the Nature Culture Interface
5. Vernon D'souza: When Words Fail, Music Speaks: The Role of Music In Environmental Awareness

Students were encouraged to present their research findings as posters. A total of 18 posters were received and displayed for participants to view. The judges for the poster competition were Dr Sebastian Joseph, Dr Shehnaz Nalwalla and Dr Sanjay Mhaske and the winners were:

First Place: 'They are just never satisfied' made by Deodarsh Ekka, Deoparv Ekka, Cyrus Martin, Shloka Shetty, Tanya Joseph of SYBA.

Second Place: 'Is there anything more frightening than people?' made by Poonam Rana, Yukti Baldev, Beverly Fernandes and Lavanya Tabeck of TYBA.

Third Place: 'Ecosystem Restoration' made by Hakini Namera of SYBA.

Consolation: 'Seeds of Change', made by students Stuti Parmar, Zulekha Siddiqui, Songam Swamy, Sonal Salaskar, Felicia Misquitta and Sarena Dsouza of TYBA.

At the end of Day 1, the participants were treated to a Diversity Walk from Wilson College to Malabar Hill with resource persons Dr Sushant Mane and Bandu Konde, Heads of the Department of Zoology and Botany respectively, facilitating the walk by highlighting the local diversity of flora and fauna. Around 30 participated.

A book display of books, magazines and coffee table books from the Wilson College Library was put on display in the Library.

A panel discussion on "Practical Solutions to Mitigate Environmental Degradation" with Resource persons Bhagyashree, Lorraine, and Vernon was chaired by Dr Michelle Philip.

A cultural programme was held at the end of the 2nd day of the conference and was hosted by Galvin George and Neeti Kapoor. A play was performed by Mujeeb Khan's Theatre troupe highlighting Environmental Issues. The College Choir performed a medley of songs with the theme of environmental sustainability. Rashmi Satpute of the Marathi department and Poornima Kadam of the Political Science department both performed readings of their own compositions in Marathi and Hindi. Jyotsna Birje performed an extract from Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues that served to highlight the exploitation of Women that is part of the breakdown of holistic living. There were two classical dances performed by Alaisa Debbarma and Lillina Maria.

The conference ended on the third day with the Valedictory ceremony during which Dr Satya Chaubey coordinated the feedback from select participants: (name, and more) (Bhagyashree from Goa) (Shyam Palkar from Ruparel College) (Suma Lalit Podnolanna). The chief among the suggestions received was that more time should be allotted to paper presenters. Dr Badkar presented an overview of the conference proceedings. Dr Michelle Philip, the conference convenor, proposed the vote of thanks. Principal Prof Dr Anna Pratima Nikalje, Chairperson of the National Conference offered the concluding remarks and distributed the certificates to the participants. The conference ended with the playing of the National Anthem.

Sudhakar Solomonraj, Dr Jamson Masih, Mrs Shubhangi Gavankar, Teachers of Arts and Science Departments, the R&D Cell, Non-Teaching Staff, the Principal's Office, the Registrar all played an active role in the success of the Conference.

The Student Council led by Ansa Anthony and Brij Rajpopat efficiently managed the logistics, while StageCrew facilitated the video recordings and photography.

Keith Correa of TYBA English Literature handled design, documentation, and content preparation, and facilitated the PowerPoint presentations.



Plenary Sessions by Rohit Goel - Director of BICAR India (L) & Debi Goenka - Mangrove Man of India (R)



Prof. Sudhakar Solomonraj: Solastalgia and Ecopsychology



Dr Ranjana S. Varma, Sr Scientist at Magnomer Industries Pvt. Ltd



Musical performance by the choir led by Mr Vernon D'souza



Conference Convenor Dr Michelle Philip



Mrs Rashmi Satpute recited a Marathi Poetry



Lillina Maria performing classic dance



Jyotsna Birje performed an excerpt from 'The Vagina Monologues'



Mujeeb Khan's theatre troupe performed a play on Environmental Issues



Poster Presentations at the National Conference

HOPE

HOPE (Help Our People Elevate) is an Institutional Social Responsibility of Wilson College. The theme for HOPE REVIVAL 2022 was Illuminating Lives in a Village in Walshet. The team provided 26 solar units and 5 street lights in Asangaon. The activities organized under HOPE are as follows:

07/09/2022: Pre-HOPE Event 1: Roses & Candle Distribution.
To create awareness about Institutional Social Responsibility Initiative HOPE and our social cause in Walshet, Asangaon. Roses and candles were distributed in the city of Mumbai.

10/09/2022: Pre-HOPE Event 2: Pre-Village Visit (Conducted Session on Women's Hygiene and Distributed Educational Kit)

HOPE Team conducted a female hygiene awareness session and distributed sanitary napkins to the women and educational kits to the children of the village.

11/09/2022: Pre-HOPE Event 3: Post Visarjan Beach Cleanup

HOPE Team organized Post Ganpati Visarjan cleanup drive with 'Change Is Us at Girgaun Chowpatty.

16/09/2022: HOPE Day 1: Village Visit - Asangaon a.) Donated 26 solar units & 5 Street Lights) b) Conducted Medical Check-ups.

The inauguration of the solar units was done by our Vice Principal Dr. Harsha Badkar and the inauguration of streetlights was done by the Lions International and Leo Club International who were our prime sponsors for this rural development initiative.

Also, conducted a free medical checkup for the people of the village in collaboration with the doctors of Switch India NGO for 25 villagers. (above 8 years of age)

Also, a lunch for the people of the village was organised along with an entertaining evening to wrap up our first day of HOPE REVIVAL 2022.

This initiative led to the villagers getting an affordable, permanent, and sustainable solution to their electricity problems. With the 26 solar units and 5 streetlights, their life is illuminated.

19/09/2022: HOPE Day 2: Majestic Mosaic

Inauguration of HOPE REVIVAL 2022 was done with the faculty of Wilson College, Principals of St. Columba and Wilson High School and the Guest of Honours. A human mosaic in the form of a bulb with 2300+ students from various schools and colleges at Chowpatty. This crowd was gathered to create awareness about the social cause. It also created a strong foundation of HOPE for future generations and positioned HOPE in the minds of these colleges and schools as a great student initiative that brought a change in the lives of people in Walshet, Asangaon.



20/09/2022: HOPE Day 3: Celebrating the Cause

To celebrate our social cause, we had an event to commemorate our village visit and mosaic day. The model that enlightened our event was Adline Castelino, Influencer Khyati Sharma, Actor Ashish Bhatia, Singer and Rapper Akash joined us to celebrate HOPE 2022.





OLÉ 2023

BANJAARA - GOING WHERE THE ART TAKES US!

Wilson College held its 7th annual inter-collegiate festival OLÉ on 27th and 28th January 2023, with the theme of this year being “BANJAARA- GOING WHERE THE ART TAKES US!” which celebrated the wanderer and artist present in each one of us. The fest this year was powered by IDFC First Bank and co-powered by Leading Edge.

The event began with an opening ceremony held on 27th January 2023, with an opening prayer by Rev. Arpana Rangayya. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Vice-Principal, Dr Harsha Badkar who shared a few words of encouragement along with Vice-Principals Dr Ajita Kumar and Ms Vinita Mathew and chief guest Mr Rajan Jayakar who himself is an alumnus of the college.

The vice-principals, chief guest, IQAC Coordinator, Registrar and the 4 coordinators of OLÉ then proceeded to begin the

event by lighting the lamp. This was then followed by cultural performances by Dr Thomson Fernandes and Ms Palak Surti who performed Pushpanjali, Ms Faiza Jasmine who performed Odissi dance form, Ms Lillina Maria Garry, Ms Pratiksha Bhagat and Ms Sandra Paleri performed Narsimha Kautuvam. Ms Priyanka Basumatary, Ms Alying Christina Kwan, Ms Lalfaktluangi, Ms Namponliu Chawang and Ms Phungmichon Hunphun Awungshi of the North East Collective of the college also gave a performance.

The hosts then introduced the 4 Coordinators of OLÉ, Ms Heenakshi, Ms Anvitaa Jagtap, Ms Palak Surti and Mr Nash Rebello. Ms Heenakshi gave a short speech on OLÉ 2023 and explained the theme and what it means to the team this year. The inauguration was brought to an end with a vote of thanks by Muktangan committee co-convener Ms Vinita Mathew after which the festival was declared open for the year 2023.



Chief Guest - Mr Rajan Jayakar inaugurated Ole 2023 Banjaara by lighting the lamp



Ms Palak Surti and Dr Thomson A. Fernandes Bharatanatyam Dance performance on the occasion of the opening ceremony of Ole 2023- Banjaara



Bharatanatyam Dance performance by Ms Lillina, Ms Pratiksha and Ms Sandra on the occasion of the opening ceremony of Ole 2023- Banjaara



Odissi dance performance by the Ms Faiza on the occasion of the opening ceremony of Ole 2023- Banjaara

190th Founder's Day



Dr Shehnaz Nalwalla

The Founders Day Service on 1st December 2022, was held in the College Hall. It began with a Prayer Song followed by a bible reading from the gospel of John: 15 which speaks of God as our good Shepherd, who continues to lead us just as he had led our founder Rev Dr John Wilson. The Chaplain prayed after the Bible reading thanking God for the leaders of the past and the present who carry through God's vision in every generation. Principal

Prof Anna Pratima Nikalje shared her thoughts about the founder and spoke of the achievements of the College as an institution. This was followed by a beautiful shadow play scripted and directed

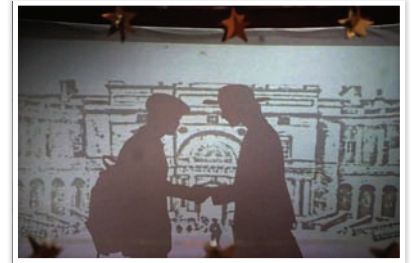
by our very own teachers and enacted by the students who brought alive the very life of our founding fathers. It

encapsulated his life in a nutshell which got etched in our minds for a long time to come. Dr Shehernaz Nalwalla, a well-respected and erudite scholar on the subject of Rev Dr John Wilson enlightened the audience with many revelations about the life and work of the founder.

The service was followed by a prayer of remembrance offered at the Founder's Bust and an offering of flowers to respect his memory.



Choir Performance



Shadow Play

- Rev Arpana Rangayya



Principal's Welcome Address



The Bust of Rev John Wilson



Prayer by Rev. Arpana Rangayya



Shubhada Kedari, Principal, St Columba School

Life Skills Programme Programme Introduced under Autonomy

As we enter the chaotic post-pandemic world, where things seem to be falling apart, we are keenly aware of the inadequacies of earlier methods and frameworks to recognize and respond to these disruptions. Upheavals in all areas pertaining to self, environment, society, and technology-enabled media, have led to myopic views of the current scenario with stress levels rising in geometric progression.

In keeping with the UGC mandate of the Foundation Course taught by colleges across Maharashtra, the revised Life Skills Programme of the autonomous Wilson College is intended to address the contemporary challenges of this disorienting

and unsettling milieu by equipping learners with the skills / capacity to visualize the big picture to create new frameworks, new discourses, and new rhetoric.

The syllabus included Building a Personal Brand, Addressing Societal Concerns, Ecological Literacy and Cross-Faculty Courses. A special two-day workshop was conducted over two weekends by Mr Sudhakar Solomonraj to train the teachers who were to teach this programme.

Dr Michelle Philip
Chairperson, BoS Life Skills



MuktAngan Course or MAC

Programme Introduced under Autonomy

In keeping with the transformative initiatives envisaged by NEP 2020, for the holistic development of the learner, MuktAngan (MAC) has been introduced by the Autonomous Wilson College with effect from 2022-23. MAC will carry 2 credits and is a mandatory activity aimed at encouraging participation in various co-curricular activities available on campus.

The Convener is Dr T. Fernandes and Co-convener Ms V. Mathew Members - are Dr H. Shaikh, Dr S. Chaubey, Ms P. Kadam, Ms N. Karras, Mr M. Bhatt, Ms S. Bordia, Dr S. Wankhede, Dr P. Wankhede, Dr J. Knox, Ms L. Ramos, Mr A. Kataria, Mr P. Abhyankar, Ms R. Lopes, Ms S. Ujgaonkar, Mr S. Mourya, Ms B. Jacob, Ms B. Panchal and Mr K. Nikam. Cultural Representatives (students) Ms Heenakshi and S. Tandel.

The Independence Day programme was organized on 15th Aug to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Principal, Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje, followed by the speech. The cultural programme was hosted by Mr Srivatsa and included a Bharatanatyam dance (by Ms Anvita Jagtap and Ms Palak Surti.) Shreyas Patila's patriotic poem (by S Patil), group singing in seven different languages of northeast states (by NEC) and group singing by Boys of Machichan Hall, a dance by SYBA students, patriotic songs by Mr Pratik Joseph and Ms Mary Yadav proposed the vote of thanks.

On 8th Sept Onam was celebrated, initiated by the South Indian students and volunteers. The program started by felicitating our Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje (who lit the traditional lamp) and our Vice Principals and teaching staff. This was followed by a brief description of Onam and performances by students like Thiruvathirakali (traditional dance), folk songs and energetic dances. A flash mob was held followed by a vote of thanks.

A workshop on Acting was organised in collaboration with MAHETIK Entertainment organized a two-day acting and theatre workshop on the 16th & 25th of Sept. The resource persons were Mr. Rohit Jadhav and Mr. Manoj Sharma. Besides sharing valuable information a live demo to give the attendees a glimpse of acting on stage. The students were then made to act and the resource persons gave individual feedback. Navratri was celebrated by organizing Raas Utsav,

a celebration filled with dance and music on 1st Oct. Sham-è-Mehfil was celebrated on Wilson College Campus on 18th Nov. It was an initiative by the TYBA students (Stephan J.Sarfaraz K, Agnel J. and Sejal S) with many volunteers. The Guests were Mr Faisal Malik, Mr Ishtiyak Khan, Mr Fayesal Siddiqui and Mr Sanjay Keni. Students were given the opportunity to participate in the poetry, songs and dance followed by a vote of thanks. The Thinkers Forum, under OLE 2023, organized an interactive panel session for the students with expert artists from different backgrounds of art! It was arranged on Jan 13. The guests were Mr Danish Rana (Writer), Mr Ajitesh Gupta (Theatre Artist) and Mr Shayne Colaco (Artist). Mr Ajitesh Gupta explained how he started his theatre journey and the details of his initial days. During the interaction, all were happy to know that Mr Shayne Colaco was an Ex-student of Wilson.

Mr Danish Rana shared his story of how he got fame on TikTok with just one video and recited the poems he has penned. The Traditional Day celebrated Jan 12th, 2023 was a pre-event of an exciting two-day annual fest "OLE" which was held on the 27th & 28th of January. Students performed Bharatanatyam, Bhangra, Oyilattam, Kummi AttamKuthattam and also the North East Collective of the college performed a folk dance based on a festival of Assam-Bwisagu. There were various stalls selling roses, stickers as well as games to hype the enthusiasm. To top it off, the DJ played some solid beats with irresistible music on which the crowd got tempted to dance.

Pongal was celebrated on 17th Jan. It was an initiative by the Tamil students and volunteers.. After the description of Pongal and folk performances by students like Oyillattam, Karagattam, etc. The Tamizh Thai vazhthu, the Tamil anthem was sung followed by the vote of thank

f Tie and Saree Day on 19th January 2023 which was a pre-event for the amazing two-day fest "OLE" which was held on the 27th and 28th of January. Everyone upped their suave style by bringing their Ties and Sarees out of their closets. The students enthusiastically participated in the event by dressing according to the event and even expressed their creativity by mixing up the styles and not conforming to any rigid restrictions.

The esteemed Principal, Vice-Principals, Chief Guest, and Teaching and Non-teaching faculty graced the event. The Coordinators and HODs presented an array of performances for everyone to enjoy and to the energetic beats of Dhol-Tasha, the banner of OLE was revealed. The student body was quick to participate in the dancing celebrations and the DJ left no space for complaints about bland music. Stalls for flowers and games were arranged for everyone to enjoy.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Republic Day celebration was organised on 26th January 2023 to celebrate India's 73rd Republic Day. The programme was graced by the presence of Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje, Senior College Vice Principal Dr Harsha Badkar, Dr Ashish Uzgare, Junior College Vice Principal, Mrs Smitha Mashi, IQAC Coordinator Dr Radhika Birmole and Registrar Mr Pradeep Abhiyankar.

The programme was hosted by Ms. Vaibhavi and began with an opening prayer by Rev. Arpana Rangayya followed by a beautiful poem recitation by first-year students and a speech by NSS volunteer Mr. Hasnain. The programme was continued with powerful classical dance by Ms Pratiksha and Ms Ananya. Mr Vaibhav recited the original poem written by him. The students of the Cultural Committee engaged the audience with beautiful performances through which they showed patriotism for their

nation. The vote of thanks was proposed by Ms Palak Surti after which the programme was brought to an end.

Achievements of students in the 55th Youth Festival 2022-23, organised by the Department of Students' Development, University of Mumbai.

1. Ms Vidya Bhanushali from S.Y.B.Sc.(IT) secured Consolation prize (in the selection Round at Zonal Level) and 1st Rank in Mehendi Designing Competition (in the final round at University Level)
2. Mr Soumyadeep Biswas from (SYBA) secured Third Rank in Cartooning competition and Consolation prizes in Poster making & Clay modelling Competition (Selection Round at Zonal Level)
3. Mr Kannampuzha Andrew James from T.Y.B.Sc. secured Second Rank in the Western Instrumental Solo competition (Selection Round at Zonal Level)
4. Ms Tuscano Serena Simon (TYBMS) secured 3rd Rank in Western Vocal Solo Competition (Selection Round at Zonal Level)

The Mukhtangan committee is proud of committee members and students who have made the effort to participate in various fests and wishes them success in future endeavours. We look forward to achieving more and shaping the flairs of our students helping them in every way possible.

Student Mutual Aid Disbursed during 2022-2023				
Section	Female Students	Male Students	Total no. of Students	Amount Disbursed
Junior College	13	07	20	50,000/-
Senior College	12	33	45	2,43,000/-
Total	25	40	65	2,93,000/-

Ms Vinita Mathew
Convenor



Wilson Social Responsibility Cell (WSR)

Programme Introduced under Autonomy

In keeping with the vision and mission of the college to raise socially-conscious global citizens with contemporary sensibilities, the Wilson Social Responsibility Cell (WSR) has been introduced from the academic year 2022-23 under autonomy.

The objective of WSR is to sensitize learners to the role and scope of community service, we aim to harness the potential of voluntary community work in making WSR a truly transformative experience for our learners and bring focus to merging community service with the learner's choice of profession/ career when they graduate. The WSR program is mandatory with 2 Non-academic credits for the undergraduate degree programme.



Activity done by students in the general rehabilitation ward at AIIPMR

In order to enable students to learn from experienced social workers and development practitioners, we place students with selected civil society organizations, government bodies, movements, and other entities that will be able to facilitate students learning about social work practice and social realities.

Social Work coordinator Mr Digambar Acharya started working from 17th August, creating a master database of all first-year students including all documentation from orientation till evaluation. Orientation was conducted on 24th Aug for BAMMC, FYBA – B and C, FYBsc. – A and C and BAF and 25th August 2022 for FYBA – A, FYBsc. – B, FYBsc. – IT and FYBCom. Coordination with different NGOs began for the field engagement of first-year students. Uptill now 500 first-year students engaged with Yashwantrao Chavan Centre, Goonj, Welfare of Stray Dogs, All India Institute for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Plants & Animals Welfare Society, IIG Educational Trust, Navnirman Samaj Vikas Kendra, Green Work Trust, Green Warriors, Salaam Bombay Foundation, Pehlay Akshar Foundation, Bright Future India, Community Outreach Programme – India, ADAPT – The Spastics Society of India, Child Help Foundation, Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust. The process is still ongoing.

Social Work Coordinator attended the six-day residential Faculty Development Program on Mentoring



Beach Clean-up activity done by students with Child Help Foundation

Institutions for Social Responsibility and Facilitation of Community Engagement organized by Mahatma Gandhi National Council for Rural Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India and Faculty of Social Work Maharaja Sayajirao Gaikwad University - Baroda in which social work coordinator attended and participated in various sessions, activities and field engagements. Social Work Coordinator also took one session for all faculties of Wilson College regarding Institutional Social responsibility and community Engagement in which he shared his faculty Development programme

experience. Social Work Coordinator created Google Drive links for better data management of agency and student engagement status. SWC also creates agency-wise separate student task completion sheets. Reallotment of students done on a regular basis who found difficulties in previous agencies. And vice versa. He also shared an update on WSR at the staff council.

Plans are afoot to expand the network of agencies engaged with WSR Cell and to overcome structural barriers found this year while working with agencies.



Musical Fusion perform by students at Yashwantrao Chavan Centre on the occasion of Intergenerational Bonding Mela



Students with Hon. Supriya Sule ji on the occasion of Youth Awards and Education Conference

Graphic Novel Display

Unconventional Engagements

“Graphic Novels are an amazing blend of art, literature, and the theatre of the mind.”

- John Ridley

Popular Culture, which is one of our electives in the Third-Year Bachelor of Arts English Literature Programme, explores cultural theory and practices, often addressing topics considered taboo in purist literature programmes, such as comics, graphic novels, popular fiction, and TV Series.

A two-day, first-of-its-kind Graphic Novel display was held at the Wilson College Library on the 17th and 18th of March 2023. Curated by Dr Michelle Philip and TYBA student Keith Correa, the display was a culmination of a dream to share the world of Graphic Novels with the larger public. From teachers' and students' private collections, ranging from the earliest Comic Books like Parent Trap, The Absent-Minded Professor and Adventures of Tintin to more recent ones, such as Alan

Moore's Watchmen and Grant Morrison's Invincible, to Niche Indian graphic novels such as Chottu (Aayushi Rastogi and Varud Gupta), Angry Maushi (Abhijeet Kini), and classic Raj Comics works including Nagraj & Doga (Sanjay Gupta) were also on display. A total of around 100 books were displayed with a footfall of about 150 visitors.

We are grateful to Adjunct Faculty Mr Sudhakar Solomonraj, Dr Sheheranaz Nalwalla, Mrs Kshama Jayraj, students Reuben Ohol and Hrishi Kumar for sharing Graphic Novels from their personal collection, Poonam Rana for her Poster and Brochure design, Heenakshi for logistics, and the teams of TYBA English students who undertook the process of researching, editing and assisting with all aspects of the event.



Electromas

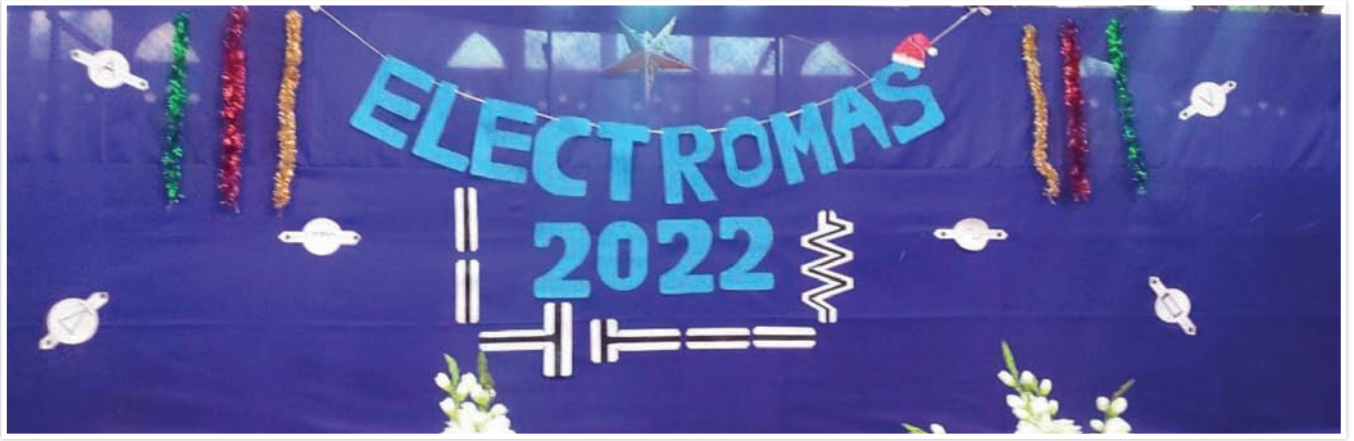
Unconventional Engagements

Electromas, an electronics exhibition saw 11 working models made by SYJC students and 9 Charts made by FYJC students on display. The models were: Water Tank Overflow Indicator, Infrared Digital Counter, Infrared Burglar Alarm, Flood Alarm, Touchless Doorbell, Clap Switch, Fire Alarm, Automatic Street lights, Darkness Detector, Musical LEDs, and Electronic Piano. The 9 Charts pictorially displayed various Electronic

Components which were explained by the FYJCs. The Chief Guest was Mr Jegan Selvaraj, Physics Teacher, Cathedral & John Connon School. Mr Mahesh Shetti, Physics Department, Wilson College judged the displays.

Mr Rayomand Bacha,
Teacher of Electronics Department Junior College





“Knowledge is not power. It only has the potential to be power. You can read a book and learn everything in it, but if you don't take it and apply the knowledge, it will be useless.” - Limitless, Jim Kwik

Maharashtra Bhramanti Unconventional Engagements

The Department of Sociology collaborated with the Departments of Marathi, Hindi, History, and Political Science to host 'Maharashtra Bhramanti,' a cultural event held on September 17, 2022. This engaging three-hour event aimed to familiarize learners with Maharashtra's history, regional diversity, and cultural richness through captivating folk dance, melodious folk music, and traditional attire representing various communities in Maharashtra.

The word 'Bhramanti' translates to 'roaming' or 'wandering.' Maharashtra Bhramanti offered a captivating tour of Maharashtrian culture, thoughtfully curated for non-Maharashtrian students. Our talented students showcased mesmerising performances, including Abhang, Lavni, and

Paramrik Veshbhusha, all celebrating the vibrant traditions of Maharashtra. The event concluded on a delightful note with authentic Maharashtrian refreshments, fostering a sense of camaraderie among students, teaching, and non-teaching staff members, culminating in a resounding success.



PHOTO GALLERY

Sports Section



Aryan Satpute, SYJC Arts, Winner of Conroy Cranston Memorial Trophy for Best Wilsonian Boxer



Gaurav Jadhav, FYBA, Gold Medal in University Best Physique and Power Lifting



Siddhi Pankaj, TYBAF, Gold Medal in University Athletics Hammer Throw



Wilson College organised Inter-Collegiate OLE Boxing Tournament



High Jump in 110th Annual Sports Day



Degree College Team, 3rd Place in University Football Championships



Victorious Degree College Boxing Team

Celebration of National and State Events



Yoga session conducted by Ms Dipti Deshpande



A talk on "Yoga the Biological Aspect"
by Ms Aditi Adkar



NCC Cadets escorting Principal Prof.
Anna Pratima Nikalje on the occasion of
Republic Day Celebration

Capacity Building Programme



Awareness talk on Sexual Harassment by Ms Rashna Patel, Presiding Officer, ICC

Chapel Activities



Annual Wilson College Chapel Camp, Gujarat, September 2022



Intra College Christmas Carol Competition on 10th December 2022



Late Rev Ashok N Patet Life Celebration Service

Library



Mini Display



Graphic Novel Display



Marathi Book Display

Hirkani



Participants deputed for Hirkani, an Intercollegiate one-day sports competition at Nirmala Niketan for women non-teaching staff.

Student Support Activity



Placement Fair 2023 - CTP



Group Discussion - CTP

STUDENT TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME



A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO YOUR TAX FILING



HANDS ON INSIGHT OF DIGITAL MARKETING



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



DIGITAL CURRENCY



FACING FEARS



STARTUP @ NEW AGE ENTREPRENEURS

Best Practices



Student volunteers maintaining bird-feeders on campus



Green Warriors' Stall at Bazaar day Ole 21st January 2023.



Student volunteers saving unused pages, graph papers from note books and journals



Green Warriors' Stall at Biomosaic



Beach Cleanup Post Ganpati Vsrjan by Rotaract Club of Wilson College



Blood Donation Drive by Rotaract Club of Wilson College and Rotaract Club of Mumbai Downtown Sealand in collaboration with Asian Foundation



Blood Donation Camp by NSS Unit



NSS Unit Parade

Cultural



Bharatanatyam Dance performance by Ms Palak Surti and Mr Thomson A. Fernandes on the occasion of the opening ceremony of Ole 2023- Banjaara



Odissi dance performance by the Ms Faiza on the occasion of opening ceremony of Ole 2023- Banjaara



Coordinators of Ole 2023 - Banjaara (from L-R) Ms Anvita, Mr Nash, Ms Heenakshi and Ms Palak



A performer for the Kala Utsav- Classical Dance competition



Volunteers of Ole 2023- Banjaara



Pongal Celebration through the preparation of sweetened rice in milk



Folk dance performance by the Northeast Collective students on the occasion of Traditional Day



Organising committee for the College Traditional Day

PSA Political Science Association



The Wilson College Youth Parliament 2023, a mock parliament event, the flagship event of the PSA.



Heritage Walk around South Bombay (Chowpatty beach, Churchgate, Fort, etc.) with Wilson College alumni, Hannah Godfree and Renita Samson.



StageCrew Core Committee and Professors with Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje at the Inaugural Ceremony



Wilson's Got Talent: Day 2 with Judges Dr Michelle Philip, Thomas Andrews and Ashley Fernandes

StageCrew English Literary Society

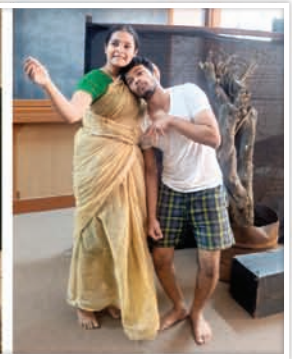
Department Activities



FYBVoc Students performing
Waiting for Godot (Hindi)



FYBVoc Students – Final Performance: Ghayal Pakhara (Marathi)



TY Political Science students visit IPS Officer Archana
Tyagi (1993 batch)



TY Political Science students visit National
Museum of Indian Cinema



TY English students participate in the DBJ College Film Festival
'Romancing the Green...'



TY English students at Metro INOX watching
the 7 Academy Award winner
'Everything, Everywhere All At Once'



TY Sociology students visit the Samyukta Maharashtra
Smriti Dalan



TY Sociology students Interactive Session with
Chowpatty Laughter Club

Department Activities



SYBA Students browsing Philosophy and Psychology books at the College Library



SYBA students Zainab Ladak, Maseera Shamsi and Alishah Noorani with internship certificates; with Ahura Support staff



Marathi Department: Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din 2022 - 2023



Marathi Wangmay Mandal Inaugural Function



Economics Dept Fest: Shark Tank pitches during Aether Day 1



Economics Dept in collaboration with the Rotaract Club, organised a session on 'Financial Literacy' by Mr Shatul Gupta

Department Activities



MSc Students AT Inorganic IFAT 2022- Water Treatment and Recycling Industry



CSMVS, Mumbai students interacting with Natural history lab scientist on 14 Dec 2022



Students of the IT Department handled the technical aspects of hybrid mode during the NAAC Sponsored State Level Seminar



Botany Department organised an Eco-Friendly Rakhi Making Competition

Department Activities



BAMMC Dept – Tibetan Parliament Visit



BAMMC Dept - Film Analysis with Actor, Director and Producer Mr Anand Tiwari



Industrial Visit to Steelbird Helmets: Dharashala Amritsar and Chandgarh by BMS Department

Academic Section



Maths Exhibition - 'MATHEVERSE'



Winners of History Fest at Ruia College



IT Dept - National Science Day



Prize-winning Microbiology Students at the National-Level MicrobiOlympiad at Aurangabad



अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस में प्रस्तुति के बाद श्री ललित पंडित से सम्मानित होते हुए विल्सन कॉलेज के विद्यार्थी

Student Achievements



Heenakshi winning the award for Best Female Cultural Volunteer



Brij Rajpopat awarded for being the Best Male Cultural Volunteer and Best Student Council Member



Atiya Menon - Topper in SYBA Political Science



Sanjeevan Dabre winning the Rev. John Langdon Prize and the Dr M. M. Altekhar Prize



Aaditi Kosey winning the Principal Borde and the Haresh Gohil Memorial Prize



Ansa Anthony winning The Mary Murthy Prize and the Romario Rozar Trophy

Retiring Staff



Ms Yojana Parab

Yojana joined the Department of Chemistry, Wilson College on 1st September 1990 and retired in March 2023. She is well known as a good and dedicated teacher of Chemistry. Bringing energy and enthusiasm to the department, her commitment to teaching remains undiminished over her career spanning over 30 years.

Her endearing qualities have been her flexibility and willingness to help and support colleagues and students at every opportunity. She possesses the ability to handle all situations optimistically, calmly and positively. Working in various committees at the college level, including the Gymkhana Committee, the Annual Sports Day Committee, the Cultural Committee, the Science Circle, and the Convenor of E.V.S Committee, she maintained a healthy relationship with both teaching and non-teaching staff. She also worked as Moderator, Deputy Conductor and Press conductor of H.Sc Board examinations. A few of us are aware of Yojana's talents outside the college environment. Being a keen dancer, Yojana would not miss her practice sessions involving various dance forms even after a busy day in college. She also has a passion for writing, and many of us have been fortunate enough to have witnessed her recite Marathi poems and articles. Colleagues in the department and students will miss her smiling countenance. We wish her a very happy, healthy, fruitful life full of joy and contentment.

Shirin T. Irani, In-charge Dept of Chemistry, Junior College



Mrs Paramjeet Shetti

Mrs Paramjeet Shetti retired through VRS as the Head of the Department of Zoology on 1st August 2022 after a long and memorable tenure of 21 years at Wilson College.

She graduated from KJ Somaiya College. Later she completed her post-graduation with a specialization in Genetics from the University of Pune. She also successfully cleared the SET qualifying examination in Life Sciences.

Mrs Shetti taught Zoology to undergraduate and postgraduate students. During her journey in the institution, she contributed in many ways to the functioning of the college, as a member of the FYBSc Admission Committee, Attendance Committee, and Examination Committee among others. Apart from college teaching and administrative work, she was also a PG-recognized faculty member and contributed as a paper-setter, examiner and moderator at B.Sc. and M.Sc. examinations conducted by the University of Mumbai.

As a teacher, she was sincere and meticulously prepared for lecture deliveries in the classroom and laboratory. She had proficiency in subjects like Molecular Biology, Genetics, Developmental Biology, Bioinformatics and Instrumentation. Her ability to listen, empathize and provide guidance

made her a trusted mentor to many, as a result of which, she maintained good rapport with the alumni.

A farewell was organised gathering to wish her on her retirement towards the end of July 2022, during which many faculty members and non-teaching staff shared their warm memories with Mrs Paramjeet Shetti. As she prepares to embark on a new chapter in her life, we want to thank her for her years of service and wish her all the best in her future endeavours. May her retired life be filled with joy and contentment.

- Teaching Faculty, Department of Zoology

In Memoriam



Dr Elizabeth Reuben

A tall, slender lady refined in simplicity stood at the door of the class which today's students wouldn't even know once existed. This was the space on the second floor to the extreme left corridor of the Dept. of English.

As a sixteen-year-old, I felt instant affinity little knowing that later in life I would gain a friend and a guide forever.

Whatever assignments I submitted were acknowledged with a smile and an anglicized accent which always said, 'It's good!' But I wanted more. And I would repeatedly urge this genius to say something more. Sometimes she would drive me to anger asking me instead, 'What more should I say? It's good and that's it.' And my argument would continue, 'But is there no room for improvement? You are my teacher and shouldn't you be saying something more?' But she would just smile and turn away leaving me behind wondering what was she! She never even made use of a red (teacher's) pen and her justification would be, 'Why would I colour a student's paper red? Do you not like blue?' Oof! Would I ever win?

When the time came to say goodbye, I remember her sitting as poised as ever in the department with an all-blessings approach as always. She always sat at the edge of a seat with a spine rod straight. Once when we were travelling together on a bus, I slouched next to her and picked up the courage to ask, 'Why don't you ever rest your back?' Her answer was as whimsical as her and it was just an 'UMMM'. I slammed my books on my lap and said, 'Never mind, sit the way you want to.' I had come quite close to her. I could see with my side eye that she was side-eyeing me with a smile. I too smiled back.

A one of kind of sight in the staffroom would be when this composed piece of creation would be laughing and giggling with Dr Mathia, the Head of the Dept. of Zoology, a lady who was considered majorly by many to be a terror because of her 'call a spade a spade attitude'. It used to be like the meeting of the East and the West. These extreme differences in personalities were best friends! One a Jew and the other a Parsi. Maybe this Jew had an affinity with Parsis and therefore took me under the folds of her tutelage. Lucky me!

A proud moment in my life was when I became a teacher and got the chance to sit at the royal departmental table beside her. My best teacher became my best colleague.

Teachers like her are rare to be found today, with their heads in their books, looking up only to share a smile and sort of say, 'I know that you don't know you know. But a time will come when you will know that I knew that you would know that you know.'

She will live forever in some hearts, and surely in mine.

- Ruby Malshe

In Memoriam



Mr Ashok Patet

Professor Patet was a visionary and pioneering figure in the annals of our esteemed institution, Wilson College. As we reflect upon his illustrious career spanning over three decades, we are reminded of his invaluable contributions to the field of Sociology and his groundbreaking work in the realm of college counselling.

Professor Patet's journey at Wilson College commenced in 1961, where he embarked upon a lifelong commitment to the discipline of Sociology. He dedicated his wisdom, guidance, and passion to shaping the minds of countless students.

Beyond the confines of his department, Professor Patet was a trailblazer in the field of college counselling. He played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Sophia Wilson Counselling Centre, leaving an indelible mark on the landscape of student support services. Moreover, his contributions extended to a global stage, as he assumed the mantle of leadership in the Association of Psychological and Psychological Counsellors of Asia (APECA). Under his esteemed presidency, Wilson College hosted the third conference, a testament to his commitment to fostering cross-cultural exchange and collaboration.

Professor Patet's imprint on Wilson College extends far beyond the confines of academia. His tireless dedication to the holistic development of our students manifested in his numerous leadership roles. For an astonishing thirty-one years, he served as the revered warden of St. Andrews House, a cherished haven for young scholars. As the longest-serving chaplain of the college chapel, he nurtured the spiritual well-being of our community for twenty-eight years. It was during his tenure that he conceptualized the Graduation Service, a poignant tradition that remains an integral part of our college ethos to this day.

In addition to his administrative prowess, Professor Patet's innovative spirit shone through in his role as the convener of the Cooperative Education Program (CEP) from 1983 to 1986. It was during this period that he crafted the framework that continues to underpin this transformative program. Through his diligent efforts, he cultivated strong ties with industry leaders, resulting in a pivotal shift of the CEP to the end of the second year. His visionary approach ensured that our students were better equipped to navigate the ever-changing professional landscape.

Ever the advocate for holistic education, Professor Patet recognized the importance of counselling skills for teachers. In his pursuit of excellence, he initiated a training program for teacher counsellors, equipping them with the tools to provide much-needed guidance and support to their students. His commitment to enhancing the educational experience of both students and teachers is a testament to his unwavering dedication to the betterment of our academic community.

Beyond his contributions to Wilson College, Professor Patet's influence reached the wider academic arena. As a respected member of the Board of Studies of Sociology at the University of Mumbai, he lent his expertise to shaping the course of sociological education throughout the region. His wisdom and insights have left an indelible impact on the field, ensuring that future generations of sociologists will continue to benefit from his pioneering work.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Economics

With the advent of the offline mode of learning in full swing, the department was set to provide an enriching and holistic experience to help students achieve their highest potential in all domains. The forum for Economics and the Department of Economics – ‘Arthiki’, witnessed its ballot elections on 18th August 2023. The candidates campaigned through social media and word of mouth, and those who secured various posts were: Ms Shreasha Suhan as President, Ms Aditi Dubey as Vice President, Mr Seimuankhup Khuptong as Finance Head, Mr Manas Tiwari as General Secretary, Mr Sujal Parker as Joint Secretary, Ms Ishika Basak as PR Head and Ms Hrithika Lokhande as the Creatives Head. This was followed by the elections for the Internal Committee, a sub-body that assists the Core Committee with the general management of the club. The most competent candidates were selected through a round of interviews, these were Ms Diya Thomas for Visuals, Mr Ronit Nair and Mr Nirav Thanki for Creatives, Mr Yash Desai for Finance, Mr Cruz D’souza for Visuals, Ms Lutfia Khan for Content Writing, Ms Vidhi Ghadi for Documentation, and Ms Alankrita Veer, Ms Khuslen Sansom, Ms Riya Jerome and Ms Divya Mayekar for General Management.

The department began the implementation of its first autonomous FYBA syllabus and prepared the revised SYBA syllabus for the upcoming academic year as per the requirements of academic autonomy conferred on the institution.

A glimpse of the departmental activities reveals how remarkable the year has been.

Guest Lectures:

The ‘Guest Lecture’ series was inaugurated with a session on 13th September 2022, in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Wilson College. The title of the session was “Financial Literacy” and was delivered by Mr Shatul Gupta, manager of two business firms- DDK Wealth Partners and Growing Solutions. In addition to managing his firms alongside his wife, Mr Shatul possesses 8 years of corporate experience with two multinational private wealth firms. The session brought out the relevance of evaluating costs and benefits associated with financial decisions made in life and proved

successful in bringing the practicality of economics to the forefront.

To ensure that our students can apply the theory learnt in the classroom and to provide them with an avenue to hone their research skills, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed with Maharashtra Economic Development Council (MEDC), on 17th September 2022. The signing took place at the MEDC office, Y. B. Chavan Center, Nariman Point, and those present for the signing from MEDC included Deputy Director, Ms Sheetal Panchal, Research Intern, Mr Sagar Sawant in addition to the faculty of the Department of Economics. The signing of the MOU was followed by an introductory session on internship opportunities with MEDC on 18th November 2022 by Deputy Director, Ms Sheetal Panchal. Through this session, students were able to understand the career prospects related to the field of Economics.

Under the Aegis of IQAC, the Department of Economics in collaboration with UTFINSERVE and DSP Mutual Fund organized a session for the staff members titled “Grow your wealth slowly” on 25th November 2022. The session was interactive and beneficial to the staff members and was followed by snacks sponsored by UTFINSERVE and DSP Mutual Fund.

As part of the ICSSR-sponsored National Conference titled “21st Century Commitment to Models of Environmental Sustainability” from 1st–3rd December 2022, the department coordinated with Prof Dr Medha Tapiawala, MSEPP, University of Mumbai, who was the guest speaker on the topic “Fiscal Context and Evolution of Climate Budget”. She lucidly presented her research following the theme of the conference, as well as encouraged questions from members of the audience.

Sessions on investing and financial literacy received overwhelming responses this year, which led Arthiki to conduct a session on 25th January 2023 titled “Financial Literacy: Part 2” delivered by Mrs Sashirekha Ragahavan. She has almost 22 years of industry experience and has worked for Mutual Fund and Insurance companies in Mumbai. She is also the founder of Arth Bodi, a Wealth Management firm and helps many in financial management.

Student Presentations:

On 10th October 2022, the junior college section of the Department of Economics organized an event to develop students' interest in the subject and ensure clarity of Economic concepts. The event commenced with the introduction of the subject followed by a questionnaire session. Students hosted a few games on general knowledge based on the topic of Economics. Economic concepts were simplified with explanations given by the students.

Student Achievements:

The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony 2022-2023, took place on 11th March 2023. The students felicitated for various awards were as follows;

The Anandibai Achyutrao Kamat Prize for the best female student was awarded to Ms Khushi Mahesh Vaishya (TYBA Economics).

The Ajit Datar Prize, Haresh Gohil Memorial Prize and the Principal Borde Memorial Prize for the student with the highest marks in Economics at TYBA were awarded to Mr Atharva Amul Kanthi.

The Principal Borde Memorial Prize and the Haresh Gohil Memorial Prize for the Student with the highest marks in Economics at SYBA were awarded to Ms Aditi Rajkumar Kosey and Ms Christina Sarah Kumbukattu, and FYBA was awarded to Ms Hritika Lokhande.

The Haresh Gohil Memorial Prize for the student with the highest marks in Economics at SYJC was awarded to Ms Chaudhari Jahnvi Girish and Ms Bhavikaa Sagar.

Quizzes and Competitions:

On 14th July 2022, Arthiki kickstarted the year with 'Ecomania', a quiz competition with some exciting games infused with Economics. Teams had to go through a total of three rounds as part of this event. In the first round "Quiztopher," participants were expected to answer multiple-choice questions. In the second round, 'Soch beta Soch,' the memory of the participants were tested, followed by the final round, 'Pictoria' - a pictorial game filled with laughter, joy, and healthy competition. Ecomania helped to initiate the journey of Arthiki for the upcoming academic year and made students aware of its upcoming events.

On 24th September 2022, The Forum for Free Enterprise, a non-political and non-partisan organization, established in

1956 to encourage college students to think and speak on economic and related subjects, in collaboration with the Student Council of Wilson College and the Departments of Economics, Commerce, BAF & BScIT conducted the first round of The 56th A.D Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm in the college AV room. The judges for the event were Dr Harish Parbat, Dr Sushant Mane and Ms Rashna Patel. A total of 8 students participated in the competition and the topics were as follows; 'Managing the economy during a pandemic', 'Making India a \$5trillion economy by 2027(80 years of independence)', 'The changing role of international finance in developing economies', 'The menace of increasing cybercrimes and solution'. The selection round and final were subsequently conducted by The Forum for Free Enterprise.

Economics Festival Aether 2022

Arthiki, the Student Economics Forum organized its first offline fest – 'Aether 2022'. Through Aether, meaning "clear sky" or "pure air," the aim was to bring about a shift in students' mindset regarding the academic nature of Economics, creating an aura of intrigue around it. The boundlessness of the bright blue sky and the endless opportunities that Economics presents together amalgamated and formed the crux of the fest, proving that the sky's the limit in all realms of life. The theme of the fest was 'Wonderland' - an imaginary place of magical charm. Wonderland created a platform wherein participants had the freedom to use their imagination and flair for economics in inventive ways. Aether also intended on engaging students in an array of opportunities that help in developing skills for future careers, while promoting the vision and mission of the college. The pre-events for our fest consisted of the following;

The Organizing Committee Meeting (OC meet) - on 9th November 2022, the idea, meaning and logo of Aether were explained, followed by the directors - Ms Shreesha Suhan, Ms Aditi Dubey and Mr Seimuankhup Khuptong speaking about their journey and aims regarding the fest. The Heads of different departments introduced themselves through short dance performances and the Aether chant was used for the first time- 'Dawn, Dusk, Night and Day, Aether is here to stay!'

Treasure Hunt and Banner Reveal- On 14th November 2022, to promote the fest, Aether conducted its first pre-event - The Treasure Hunt. Multiple teams participated and juggled through the campus corners to find clues and hints that led to the treasure of Wonderland. Following the hunt,

Aether saw its banner reveal in front of the students who worked hard for the vision of the fest to come true.

Recycling Drive - From 15th November 2022 onwards, Arthiki organized a reduce, reuse, and recycle drive on the college campus. This was a week-long activity to raise funds for the fest. The theme was to get Eco-friendly while celebrating Economics.

The Contingent Leaders Meeting (CL meet) - On 16th November 2022, contingent leaders from colleges across Mumbai were invited for the Logo reveal the introduction video of Aether and the brochure reveal- whereby the detailed description of all the events was mentioned.

Finally, on the 28th, 29th and 30th of November 2022, the moment everyone was waiting for, the Department of Economics Annual Inter-Collegiate Festival, Aether 2022 was here, and provided numerous opportunities for students to participate in both cultural and economic-related activities.

Faculty Participation and Achievements 2022-2023

Ms Lorraine Ramos Vaz

Attended the ICSSR-sponsored National Conference on 21st-Century Commitment to Models of Environmental Sustainability, organized by Wilson College, Mumbai from 1st - 3rd December 2022.

Attended the twenty-eight Lalit Doshi Memorial Lecture on "Energy Aatmanirbharta- Meeting Emergent Challenges" by Dr Vikram Singh Mehta on 15th December 2022 at the Y. B. Chavan Center Auditorium.

Attended the NAAC-sponsored State level Seminar on "Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges" organized

by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Wilson College (Autonomous) Mumbai, from 24th - 25th March 2023.

Presented a paper titled "India's Journey Towards a Circular Economy" at the International Commerce and Management Conference on Local to Global Perspective of Business and Finance, Trade and Commerce, Economic Turbulence and Private Capital, Education and Society: A Multidisciplinary Approach on 10th March 2023 organized by the Department of Commerce, University of Mumbai.

Mr Sunit Das

Attended an ICSSR-sponsored National Conference on 21st-Century Commitment to Models of Environmental Sustainability, organized by Wilson College, Mumbai from 1st - 3rd December 2022.

Attended the twenty-eight Lalit Doshi Memorial Lecture on "Energy Aatmanirbharta- Meeting Emergent Challenges" by Dr Vikram Singh Mehta on 15th December 2022 at the Y. B. Chavan Center Auditorium.

Attended a seminar on 'National Education Policy (NEP) 2020' organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Royal College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mira Road on 11th February 2023.

Attended the NAAC-sponsored State level Seminar on "Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges" organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Wilson College (Autonomous) Mumbai, from 24th - 25th March 2023.

*Lorraine Ramos Vaz
In Charge Head,
Department of Economics*

English

Awards won by students:

Professor Robert Miller and Leela Damodar Patil award for the student with the highest marks in English at the TYBA Examination - Monica Rai

Professor Robert Miller prize for highest marks in English - Janmejy Tewari (SYBA) and Galvin George (FYBA)

Smt. Vimla Joshi Most Deserving Student studying in English Literature - Dhvani Dharmendra Gohil

Best Female Cultural Volunteer - Heenakshi

Most Proactive Female Students: Kaveri Devkate and Fiona Francis; and Most Proactive Male Students - Aashray Rao and Keith Correa

Department Activities:

Establishing Master's Programme in English: Literature, Media and Culture

The syllabus for this programme included the following papers:

FYMA Semester 1: Literature & Ideology; Literature, Media and Culture; Research Methodology; Creative Writing I

FYMA Semester 2: Literature and Culture; Literature and Cinema; Stylistics; Creative Writing II

Primary Faculty for the same includes Dr Michelle Philip, Professor Vernon D'souza, Professor Sudhakar Solomonraj and Dr Biraj Mehta. The majority is covered by visiting faculty, which includes Dr Preeti Oza, Dr Supriya Daniel, Souranil Paul, Maryam Sharif and Shanti Polamuri. This programme received 10 enrolments, all female students.

Professor Vernon D'Souza was hired in place of Mrs Veronica Bhonsle for 6 months.

TYBA students Dhruven Dutia and Keith Correa assisted with the Video on an Introduction to Wilson College for the Student Orientation Programme that took place on 6th August 2022.

The TYBA students had a **Field Visit** to Shekhar Bhadasavle's Saguna Bagh on the 23rd and 24th of August 2022.

Digital Video Conference and Film Screening - 'Women of Freedom' with the director Abeer Zeibak Haddad, from Tel Aviv in collaboration with the Philosophy Department, held on 27th August 2022.

'Women of Freedom' follows the stories of women who were murdered in the name of 'honour killing', in Arab and Palestinian society. The director, who witnessed such tragedy in her own life, embarks on a journey – wandering through Israel and Palestine, collecting various stories of the victims, the survivors, and the killers themselves.

Fr Sacaria Joseph, faculty of St Xavier's College (Autonomous), Calcutta, delivered two guest lectures on 29th November and 7th December 2022 on 'Reconstructing Bram Stoker's Dracula.'

TYBA Students volunteered for and presented papers and posters during the ICSSR-sponsored **Three-Day National Conference on '21st Century Commitment to Model of Environmental Sustainability'** held on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd December 2022.

- o Dr Michelle Philip and Keith Correa: *'De-centring and Destabilising the Nature-Culture Interface'*
- o Fiona Francis and Aashray Rao: *'Madness in the Meadows'*

- o Vernon D'Souza: *'When Words Fail, Music Speaks: The Role of Music In Environmental Awareness'*

Students from the department also won prizes for their posters/

- o Second Prize: *'Is there anything more frightening than people?'* by Poonam Rana, Yukti Baldev, Beverly Fernandes and Lavanya Tabeck
- o Consolation Prize: *'Seeds of Change'* by Zulekha Siddiqui, Stuti Parmar, Songam Swamy, Felicia Misquitta and Serena D'Souza

The department organised a Creative Writing Workshop taught by Poet and Writer **Rochelle Potkar** for MA and TYBA students on the 14th, 15th, and 16th of December.

Book discussions were commonplace in the TYBA classes, and most were headed by students.

- o Heenakshi, Kaveri, Aashray: *'The Sound of Thunder'* by Ray Bradbury
- o Aysha, Fatima and Tehseen: *'Animal Farm'* by George Orwell
- o Aashray and Fiona: Walter Benjamin, *Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction*

Along with Book discussions, TYBA students also watched movies every week, Thursdays were designated for the screenings. Movies Watched were Omakara (2006) Dir: Vishal Bharadwaj; Haider (2014) Dir: Vishal Bharadwaj; Look Back in Anger (1959) Dir: Tony Richardson; Psycho (1960) Dir: Alfred Hitchcock; Shakespeare in Love (1998) Dir: John Madden; Emma (1996) Dir: Douglas McGrath; Metropolis (1927) Dir: Fritz Lang; Mirch Masala (1987) Dir: Ketan Mehta; Vertigo (1958) Dir: Alfred Hitchcock; Satya (1998) Dir: Ram Gopal Varma; Chungking Express (1994) Dir: Wong Kar-Wai; In the Mood for Love (2000) Dir: Wong Kar-Wai; Adaptation (2002) Dir: Spike Jonze; The Hours (2002) Dir: Stephen Daldry; It's a Wonderful Life (1946) Dir: Frank Capra; Watchmen (2009) Dir: Zack Snyder; Loving Vincent (2017) Dir: Dorota Kobiela, Hugh Welchman; and Pervert's Guide to Ideology (2014) Dir: Slavoj Zizek.

The staff and students of the Department of English went to a viewing of the film **Everything Everywhere All At Once**, directed by The Daniels, on 17th September 2022, which later went on to win 7 Academy Awards.

Some TYBA engaged students for lectures, such as:

Aashray Rao covering 'Things Fall Apart' by Chinua Achebe and 'Decolonizing the Mind - Ngugi wa Thiong'o' for the Post Graduate students on 3rd October 2022 and 'The Faustian Myth in Popular Culture' for the FYBA students on 6th February 2023

Keith Correa on Film Adaptations of William Shakespeare's Macbeth

The TYBA students along with Ms Vinita Mathew attended a talk given by scholar and critical thinker **Homi K. Bhabha** at St Xavier's College, Mumbai on 5th January 2023.

Amy was invited to present a talk on '*Women's Rights, Music, plastic as an environmental pollutant and travel experiences*' on 23rd January 2023.

Accompanying Dr Michelle Philip, 10 students from the TYBA batch attended a **Film Festival 'Romancing the Green...'** at D. B. J. College, Chiplun, on the 13th, 14th and 15th of March 2022. Students presented sessions on various topics. Keith Correa spoke about '*Establishing Shots in Cinema*'; Aashray Rao on '*Environmentalism in the films of Bong Joon-Ho*'; Fiona Francis and Kaveri Devkate on '*Princess Mononoke: Eco Anime*'

The students also watched the Academy Award-winning 'Elephant Whisperers' and were inspired by an excellent Keynote speaker Prof Dinesh Nair on 'Greening the Screen,' a lecture on Ecocriticism.

The department held a two-day **Graphic Novel Display** in the Wilson College Library on the 17th and 18th of March 2023. It consisted of Graphic Novels from teachers' and students' private collections ranging from the earliest Comic Books like Parent Trap to classics and Indian works. Notable individuals who generously donated their graphic novels for our display include Dr Michelle Philip, Professor Sudhakar Solomonraj, Dr Sheheranaz Nalwalla, and Mrs Kshama Jayraj.

TYBA Students who contributed to the display were Keith Correa, Reuben Ohol, and Hrishi Kumar who donated their books, Poonam Rana designed the Posters and the Brochure, and security detail was handled by Heenakshi.

Faculty Achievements and Activities

Dr Michelle Philip:

Invited as a speaker to the 9th International Conference on Gender and Women's Studies 2022, Singapore, where she

gave a presentation on the topic 'Gendered Responses to the Post-Pandemic Phase Change Among College Students in Mumbai'.

Held a session at Tuljaram Chaturchand College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Baramati, on 'Developing a Passion for Literature Through an Exploration of the Classics' on 16th September 2022.

Academic collaboration with C. K. Thakur College, New Panvel: The Departments of English of C K Thakur College and Wilson College have signed an MoU to promote collaborative research, to facilitate exposure to industry experts through masterclass series, to exchange expertise and technical support for effective organisation of activities such as workshops, seminars, conferences, training programmes in the fields of language, literature, culture, and film studies.

Chaired a session during the TATA Lit Live, engaging Kynpham and Jazz Money on her collection of poems.

Chairperson for the Board of Studies for formulating the Post-Graduate Syllabus for English, BA, and Life Skills.

Paper setter for Popular Culture, Film and Literature

Dr Philip was invited to be the Guest of Honour and presented her ideas in a session titled 'Literature and Language vis a vis NEP 2022' at the International Conference on 'Innovations in Languages, Literature and Linguistics in Relation to NEP' held on 1st and 2nd November 2022, at Rabindranath Tagore University (RNTU) Bhopal.

Dr Philip delivered the sermon at St Stephen's Church Bandra on 6th Nov 2022, on the theme: Heal the Earth... Our Home for Fellowship of the Least Coined

Interviewed for a Podcast 'Kuch Karte Bro,' to be aired shortly

Interviewed for a Podcast 'Local Heroes' by Mirang Manek that aired in November 2022.

Approved PhD guide: Dr Michelle Philip has been granted recognition as a teacher to guide students for the PhD degree in the subject of English with effect from 8th Dec 2022, the University of Mumbai, email, no. Thesis/ICD/2022-23/3398. She currently has 2 students registered under her.

She was the Convenor of the ICSSR Sponsored Three-Day National Conference on '21st Century Commitment to Model of Environmental Sustainability' held on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd December 2022.

Gave a talk on 'Podcasting' highlighting the process of creating a Podcast and her experiences over two seasons of her show Soul3 to SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce on 22nd February 2023.

Second Keynote Speaker for Chiplun Film Festival 'Romancing the Green...' held on 14th and 15th March 2023.

Invited as a resource person for the International Conference on 'Knowledge Systems across the Globe-Changing Paradigms' organised by Sinhgad College of Commerce, Mumbai in association with IKSAD – Institute of Economic Development and Social Research, Ankara – Republic of Turkey and Grand Academic Portal (GAP) held on 17th March 2023.

Publications:

Love, Power, and Control: Exploring the Dynamics of Relationships in George Orwell's "Nineteen Eighty-Four" published in the Grand Academic Journal, ISSN: 2581-5857

Deconstructing the Narrative of the Fragmented Self in Umberto Eco's "The Name of the Rose" published in the Grand Academic Journal, ISSN: 2581-5857

Exploring the Intersection of Desire and Disability in Margarita with a Straw published in the Andalus International Journal of Socio Humanities, ISSN: 2715-601X

Moderated the discussion on Barry O'Brien's book, *The Anglo-Indians: A Portrait of a Community*

Invited Guest of Honour, to perform Stand Up Comedy at the Christmas Programme of All India Anglo Indian Association Mumbai Branch

Interviewed several alumni from Wilson College for her own Podcast Soul3, namely singer Thomson Andrews which aired on 25th March 2023, and researcher Liz Marie Joys, airing 10th September 2022.

Held an 'Interactive Session on Innovative Teaching Techniques' organised by CETE, TISS on 18th March 2023

Participated in NAAC sponsored two-day State Seminar on "Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges" organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Wilson College held on 24th and 25th March 2023

Ms Vinita Mathew

She completed an online short-term course from 27th February to 3rd March 2023 organised by AIACHE and Madras

Christian College on "Effective Research Methodology and Publication Strategies".

She was part of the Organising team for a NAAC-sponsored State Level Seminar on "Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges" held on 24th and 25th March 2023.

She continues to be the Editor in Chief for the departmental literary magazine, *The Literati*.

Mrs Veronica Bhonsle

(Activities mentioned from January 2023 onwards due to a 6-month medical leave)

Attended a talk by Homi K. Bhabha organised by St. Xavier's College Mumbai on 5th January 2023

Participated in the Web Lecture "Reading, Writing and Being Creative", an Interaction with Poet Dr Syam Sudhakar organised by PG Department of English, Jayaraj Annapackiam College for Women (Autonomous), Periyakulam, Tamil Nadu in collaboration with St Thomas College (Autonomous), Thrissur, Kerala on 24th January 2023

Participated in NAAC-sponsored two-day State Seminar on "Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges" organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Wilson College held on 24th and 25th March 2023

Mr Vernon D'Souza

He was instrumental in training the Choir for various events, such as the National Conference and various chapel meetings. The choir became an integral part of opening ceremonies during college events.

Presented a paper on 'When Words Fail, Music Speaks: The Role of Music In Environmental Awareness' at the National Conference on '21st Century Commitment to Models of Environmental Sustainability' signifying the importance of music in uniting cultures and increasing awareness about the Environment.

Part of the Board of Studies in formulating the syllabus for the Master's Programme in English.

Stagecrew

The Stage Crew Club was conceived this year under the Department of English at Wilson College. The inauguration

ceremony was held on the 7th of September, 2023. The ceremony was attended by Vice-principal Dr Harsha Badkar, the Head of the Department Dr Michelle Philip, Vice-principal Prof. Vinita Mathew and Mr Vernon D'Souza and the students of Wilson College. The college principal Dr Anna Pratima Nikalje also graced the occasion and unveiled the club's logo. The investiture ceremony of the committee members took place during the occasion, with President Ms Natasha D'Souza, Vice-president Ms Sanya Mehta, secretary Ms Arfaa Shamsi and chairperson Ms Diksha Rani together constituting the core committee. The internal committee included the following members: Head of Finance Ms Jiya Dalal, Heads of Editorials Mr Galvin George and Ms Myra Fernandes, Heads of Public Relations Ms Aditi Dubey and Ms Isha Koparde, Head of Technicals Mr Dhruven Bhatia and Mr Shaun D'Cunha, Head of Social Media Ms Diya Liz Thomas, Heads of Creatives Mr Shrivatsa Venkatesh and Ms Hritika Lokhande. The members prepared quite a line-up to entertain the audience.

Stage Crew conducted its debut activity, a 'Creative Writing Workshop' by renowned Author and Poet, Ms Rochelle Potkar on 8th August 2022, before the official inauguration of the club. The speaker enlightened students with many writing genres, focusing especially on Haikus and Haibuns. She let students use their imagination, helping them to shape their writing.

A poetry writing competition was held soon after. The theme for the same was 'Imagination'. Students from other colleges were invited to participate. The judges were impressed with the level of talent displayed by these young poets. This event allowed the involved to develop a greater appreciation for poetry.

In November 2022, Stage Crew organised a two-day talent show, 'Wilson's Got Talent' that witnessed the participation of students from all departments. Day 1, scheduled for Creative Art events including mug painting, face painting, sketching and creative writing was judged by Dr Lorraine Ramoz Vaz, HoD of the Economics Department of Wilson College.

Performing Arts events were conducted on Day 2. These included solo singing, solo dance, group dance, musical band performance and stand-up comedy. The judges for Day 2 were acclaimed Indian Singer-songwriter, Thomson Andrews, Dancer Ashley Fernandes, and Dr Michelle Philip, HoD of the English Department of Wilson College. The talent show was a huge success among students.

A photography competition, 'Picturesque', was held in February 2023, with the theme, Emotions of a College Fest (about the annual college fest, Olé).

The concluding event for the academic year was an Elocution Competition, organised on 25th February 2023. Ms Veronica Bhosle from the English Department judged the competition. The audience was captivated by the speeches and impressed by the effort students put into their speeches.

Apart from the activities, the club volunteered to assist in the three-day National Conference on '21st Century Commitment to Models of Environmental Sustainability' organised by the Humanities Departments of the college in December 2022. Stage Crew collaborated for a 'mono-acting' event with Aether 2022, the Economics departmental fest.

The club has served as a testament to the talent and dedication of the students at Wilson College.

Junior College English Department Report 2022-23

The year 2022-23 was another happy eventful year at the Junior College English Department.

On June 16th, a career talk was organised for our junior college students in collaboration with the International College of Liberal Arts (ICLA) Japan. The students greatly benefitted from these online talks.

On June 27th, Rev Arpana Rangayya conducted a workshop on "The Power of Words" with our students sharing the power of effective communication skills.

On World Chocolate Day, the students wrote poems on their favourite "Chocolates." The winners were 2nd prize Vijaya and 1st prize Shalmon Abhyankar from SYJC Arts.

All students were made aware of ragging and its ill effects in a special talk by Kshama Jayaraj.

For Independence Day, a speech competition was held on the Topic "Is India Really Celebrating Freedom?" 2nd prize went to Vinay Jacob and 1st prize to Sebastian Thaypra.

A special workshop was conducted by Prof. Sudhakar Solomonraj on Nature Photography at Wilson College. He spoke about the many species of flora and fauna at Wilson College, discussed the leaf species, and the different butterflies and moths, and also challenged the student to photograph the species.

In December, for the 190th Founders Day Programme, students from the FYJC class staged a Shadow Play on the life of the founder 'Rev Dr John Wilson.' The play was staged in the College Hall and then subsequently for all the classes in the Chapel.

In collaboration with the Arts Circle, Madam Dahlia Neuman Deputy Consul General was invited to give a talk on Israel's diplomatic relations. An online session on the Holocaust was conducted to remember International Holocaust Memorial Day. The students were asked to register for an Instagram post called "My Story, Your Story" and connect the world to the holocaust victims. Mrs Kshama Jayaraj shared stories

about the holocaust with students of the Wilson High School Girgaum and also conducted an online session for students and staff of other schools.

Mrs Kshama Jayaraj went on a leadership facilitation programme to Hawaii USA in October 2022. She also gave a talk on Pandita Ramabai in California to commemorate the 100th death anniversary of Pandita Ramabai.

She helped coordinate a session on personal finance with the BAF department by inviting a financial advocate Mr Randell Tionshon from the Philippines. She continues to serve on various Trusts.

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वर्ष 2022-2023 में हिंदी-विभाग ने विद्यार्थियों में हिंदी भाषा और साहित्य के प्रति रुचि उत्पन्न करने के उद्देश्य से विभिन्न शैक्षिक, साहित्यिक गतिविधियों और प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया। हिंदी-विभाग द्वारा आयोजित गतिविधियों की सूची निम्नलिखित है -

- 9 जनवरी, 2023 को 'अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हिंदी दिवस' के अवसर पर विल्सन कॉलेज (स्वायत्त), हिंदी-विभाग ने 'आंतरिक गुणवत्ता आश्वासन प्रकोष्ठ' (IQAC), बी.एम. रुइया गर्ल्स कॉलेज के हिंदी-विभाग व 'आंतरिक गुणवत्ता आश्वासन प्रकोष्ठ' (IQAC) और मुंबई हिंदी अकादमी के सहयोग से 'विश्व भाषा में हिंदी का स्थान' विषय पर एक सम्मेलन आयोजित किया था। इस सम्मेलन में हिंदी भाषा के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों से जुड़े विद्वानों में एबीपी न्यूज़ के क्षेत्रीय संपादक-पश्चिम भारत से श्री जितेंद्र दीक्षित, ऑल इंडिया रेडियो के वरिष्ठ सेवानिवृत्त उद्घोषक श्री आनंद सिंह, बी.एम. रुइया गर्ल्स कॉलेज की प्राचार्या डॉ. संतोष कौल काक, प्रसिद्ध युवा हिंदी लेखक श्री पवन तिवारी और भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के उपमहाप्रबंधक श्री सुशील कृष्ण गोरे उपस्थित थे।
- 9 जनवरी, 2023 को 'अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हिंदी दिवस' के अवसर पर विल्सन कॉलेज (स्वायत्त), हिंदी-विभाग ने 'आंतरिक गुणवत्ता आश्वासन प्रकोष्ठ' (IQAC), बी.एम. रुइया गर्ल्स कॉलेज के हिंदी-विभाग व 'आंतरिक गुणवत्ता आश्वासन प्रकोष्ठ' (IQAC) और मुंबई हिंदी अकादमी के सहयोग से एक कवि सम्मेलन का आयोजन किया था। इस कवि सम्मेलन में मुंबई के बारह जाने-माने कवियों ने अपनी कविताओं से कार्यक्रम में चार चाँद लगा दिये।
- हिन्दी-विभाग के विद्यार्थी 9 मार्च, 2023 को मैसूर एसोसिएशन, माटुंगा में एक नाटक 'इश्क : जले तो जले ऐसा' देखने गए थे। यह नाटक हिंदी और पंजाबी की एक सुप्रसिद्ध लेखिका अमृता प्रीतम के जीवन-प्रेम पर आधारित है। इसे आइडिया के संस्थापक श्री मुजीब खान के निर्देशन में उनकी प्रतिष्ठित टीम द्वारा प्रस्तुत किया गया और दर्शकों द्वारा खूब सराहा गया।
- 'अंतर्राष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस' के अवसर पर हमारी आठ छात्राओं ने 9 मार्च, 2023 को मैसूर एसोसिएशन, माटुंगा में एक सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किया था। सुश्री समृद्धि शिव पुजारी ने शास्त्रीय संगीत प्रस्तुत किया, सुश्री रुचि जयप्रकाश नीलम तिवारी ने हिंदी कविता का गायन किया, सुश्री आकांक्षा सिंह ने हिंदी भाषण को नाटकीय अंदाज़ में प्रस्तुत किया। सुश्री अवनी काशिव ने एक एकल गीत प्रस्तुत किया, सुश्री पूजा पवार (एस्टर), सुश्री लक्ष्मी उमेश राय, सुश्री शिवांगी कुमारी और सुश्री रोशेल पॉल रेगो ने फ्यूजन गीत प्रस्तुत करके सबका मन मोह लिया।
- 11 जनवरी, 2023 को 'राष्ट्रीय युवा दिवस' के उपलक्ष्य में हिंदी-विभाग और राजनीति शास्त्र के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में कर्मयोगी स्वामी विवेकानंद के जीवन पर आधारित एक विशेष व्याख्यान का आयोजन हुआ। श्री श्याम गुलवे इस सत्र के वक्ता थे।
- 31 जनवरी, 2023 को स्नातक (बी.ए.) द्वितीय वर्ष के विद्यार्थियों को 'राष्ट्रीय सिनेमा संग्रहालय' की शैक्षणिक यात्रा पर ले जाया गया था, क्योंकि भारतीय सिनेमा उनके पाठ्यक्रम का हिस्सा है।
- 14 सितम्बर, 2022 को 'हिन्दी दिवस' के अवसर पर हिन्दी-विभाग द्वारा विद्यार्थियों के लिए एक विशेष प्रेरक व्याख्यान आयोजित किया गया था। इसके लिए हिन्दी के प्रख्यात साहित्यकार श्री संजीव निगम जी को आमंत्रित किया गया था।
- 14 सितम्बर, 2022 को 'हिन्दी दिवस' के अवसर पर हिन्दी-विभाग द्वारा विद्यार्थियों को विश्व प्रसिद्ध कथाकार प्रेमचंद की दो कहानियों पर आधारित टेलीफिल्म 'मनोवृत्ति' और 'बूढ़ी काकी' दिखाया गया था, इसके बाद उस पर समूह-चर्चा किया गया था।
- हिन्दी-विभाग ने प्रत्येक वर्ष की भाँति इस वर्ष भी विद्यार्थियों के लिए विभिन्न साहित्यिक प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया था। ये हैं - काव्य पाठ, निबंध लेखन, सुलेखन स्पर्धा, वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता, वक्तृत्व स्पर्धा, भाषण स्पर्धा, आशुभाषण, समूह-चर्चा, मुहावरे लेखन प्रतियोगिता और मन की बात आदि।

10. 17 सितंबर, 2022 को आयोजित अंतर्विषयक गतिविधि में समाजशास्त्र, इतिहास, राजनीति विज्ञान, मराठी-विभाग के साथ हिंदी-विभाग भी 'महाराष्ट्र भ्रमंती कार्यक्रम' का एक अंग था, जिसमें महाराष्ट्र राज्य की गौरवशाली लोक-संस्कृति को प्रस्तुत करने के लिए विद्यार्थियों ने गायन-नृत्य, साहित्य, खान-पान, वेश-भूषा, फैशन शो आदि में बढ़-चढ़कर हिस्सा लिया था। इस सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम को सभी ने खूब सराहा था।
11. शैक्षणिक वर्ष 2022-23 में हिन्दुस्तानी प्रचार सभा के सहयोग से हिन्दी भाषा के अधिक से अधिक प्रचार-प्रसार के उद्देश्य से हिन्दी-विभाग ने 'सरल हिन्दी सर्टिफिकेट कोर्स' जारी रखा। अबसे इस सर्टिफिकेट कोर्स करने वाले विद्यार्थियों के लिए 2 क्रेडिट सुनिश्चित किया गया है।
12. अकादमिक वर्ष 2022-2023 में निबंध लेखन हेतु मिस आकांक्षा सिंह नेहरू पुरस्कार विजेता और मिस रुचि तिवारी विल्सनियन पुरस्कार विजेता रहीं, तो वहीं 2021-2022 में बी.ए.प्रथम वर्ष हिंदी अनिवार्य में मिस नीति कपूर प्रथम स्थान, बी.ए.प्रथम वर्ष हिंदी वैकल्पिक में मिस कविता राठौर प्रथम स्थान और बी.ए.द्वितीय वर्ष में मिस कैफिया खान प्रथम स्थान से उत्तीर्ण हुईं।

शोध संबंधी गतिविधियाँ

1. शैक्षणिक वर्ष 2022-2023 में विल्सन कॉलेज, हिंदी-विभाग में चार शोधार्थियों श्रीमती रचना हिरन, श्रीमती नीरज चौहान, सुश्री शशिकला त्रिपाठी और श्री सिद्धार्थ द्विवेदी ने पी.एचडी करने हेतु दाखिला लिया है।
2. तीन विद्यार्थियों ने संगोष्ठियों में शोध पत्र प्रस्तुत किया है।
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श्रीमती नीरज चौहान - राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी
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संकाय संबंधी गतिविधियाँ

डॉ. सत्यवती चौबे

1. सोफिया कॉलेज (स्वायत्त), मुंबई के हिंदी अध्ययन मंडल (BOS) में मुंबई विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपति के नामिती (VC Nominee) के रूप में नियुक्त।
2. 26 नवंबर, 2022 को हिंदुस्तानी प्रचार सभा, मुंबई द्वारा 'महात्मा गांधी शिक्षा प्रतिभा सम्मान' से सम्मानित।
3. एचएसएनसी विश्वविद्यालय, मुंबई में स्नातक-स्नातकोत्तर (UG & PG) पाठ्यक्रम समिति की सदस्य, पीजी में व्याख्याता और पेपर सेटर के रूप में चयनित।
4. मुंबई विश्वविद्यालय में 'इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ डिस्टेंस एंड ओपन लर्निंग' (IDOL) पीजी कक्षाओं में अध्यापन और उनके लिए स्व-शिक्षण सामग्री का लेखन।

5. हिन्दी-विभाग में स्थानीय स्तर का सम्मेलन, कवि सम्मेलन, अतिथि व्याख्यान, शैक्षणिक यात्रा, फिल्म स्क्रीनिंग समेत विभिन्न साहित्यिक गतिविधियों का आयोजन।

शोध संबंधी कार्य

1. डॉ. सत्यवती चौबे को अकादमिक वर्ष 2022-2023 में मुंबई विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा एक मान्यता प्राप्त पीएच.डी. गाइड के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया।
2. विल्सन कॉलेज में इनके निर्देशन में चार शोधार्थियों ने पी.एचडी हेतु दाखिला लिया।
3. 'इक्कीसवीं सदी के हिंदी उपन्यासों में पर्यावरण विमर्श' विषय पर मुंबई विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा अनुदानित लघु शोध परियोजना पूरा किया।
4. 14-15 मार्च, 2023 को श्रीमती मणिबेन एम.पी.शाह महिला महाविद्यालय (स्वायत्त), एस.आई.ई.एस. कॉलेज (स्वायत्त) और महाराष्ट्र राज्य हिन्दी साहित्य अकादमी के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में आयोजित दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी में 'भक्तिकाल में सूरदास की प्रदेयता' विषय पर शोध पत्र की प्रस्तुति।
5. 9 मार्च, 2023 को 'अंतर्राष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस' के अवसर पर महाराष्ट्र राज्य हिंदी साहित्य अकादमी, मुंबई और महर्षि दयानंद कॉलेज के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में आयोजित राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी में 'इक्कीसवीं सदी में नारी: दशा एवं दिशा' विषय पर शोध पत्र की प्रस्तुति।
6. 20-21 जनवरी, 2023 को एसएनडीटी महिला विश्वविद्यालय, भारतीय ज्ञान, संस्कृत एवं योग केंद्र, उत्तर प्रदेश हिंदी संस्थान, लखनऊ और हिंदुस्तानी प्रचार सभा, मुंबई के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में आयोजित दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी में 'भारतीय स्वतंत्रता में हिंदी साहित्य का योगदान' विषय पर शोध पत्र की प्रस्तुति।
7. 1-3 दिसंबर, 2022 को विल्सन कॉलेज (स्वायत्त) और ICSSR के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में आयोजित तीन दिवसीय अंतःविषयक राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी में 'इक्कीसवीं सदी के हिंदी उपन्यासों में पर्यावरण चिंतन' विषय पर शोध पत्र की प्रस्तुति।
8. 18-19 नवंबर, 2022 को बी.के. बिड़ला कॉलेज (स्वायत्त), कल्याण और केन्द्रीय हिंदी संस्थान, आगरा के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में आयोजित दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी में 'इक्कीसवीं सदी में दलित साहित्य: दशा एवं दिशा' विषय पर शोध पत्र की प्रस्तुति।
9. 23-24 मार्च, 2023 को बी.एम. रुइया गर्ल्स कॉलेज और महाराष्ट्र राज्य हिंदी साहित्य अकादमी, मुंबई के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में आयोजित 'नई शिक्षा नीति और भारतीय भाषाएँ' विषय पर आयोजित दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी में प्रतिभागिता।
10. 10-11 फरवरी, 2023 को आर. जे. कॉलेज, घाटकोपर और नैक के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में आयोजित 'नई शिक्षा नीति' पर आयोजित दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी में प्रतिभागिता।

11. 24-25 मार्च, 2023 को विल्सन कॉलेज (स्वायत्त) और नैक द्वारा आयोजित 'इन्श्योरिंग सोशल इक्विटी, डाईवर्सिटी एंड इन्क्लूशन' विषय पर दो दिवसीय राज्य स्तरीय संगोष्ठी में सक्रीय प्रतिभागिता।
12. विभिन्न सम्मेलनों, कार्यशालाओं और वेबिनारों में प्रतिभागिता।

पुस्तक / शोध आलेख प्रकाशन

1. 'हिंदी कविता का जनतंत्र' समीक्षात्मक पुस्तक का प्रकाशन।
2. 'राष्ट्र नायक सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल व्यक्तित्व और कर्तृत्व' पुस्तक में 'लौहपुरुष सरदार पटेल की दृष्टि में किसान, गाँव और स्वराज' विषय पर शोध आलेख प्रकाशित।
3. 'गंगा प्रसाद विमल: सृजन के आयाम' समीक्षात्मक पुस्तक में 'विमल की सहजानुभूति: मैं वहाँ हूँ' विषय पर शोध आलेख प्रकाशित।
4. 'काला पत्थर: रचना प्रक्रिया और समकालीन बोध' समीक्षात्मक पुस्तक में 'काला पत्थर नाटक में वैवाहिक त्रासदी और प्रेमकथा' विषय पर शोध आलेख प्रकाशित।

Mrs Sunita Chauhan

This academic year Mrs Sunita Chauhan completed successfully her ten-day, 24 years of service training for selection

grade organized by the Maharashtra State Board with distinction. It was online training conducted by Infosys in June 2022.

She attended a one-day educational workshop organized by Balbharti, Pune on the 2nd of January 2023.

She was invited as an expert for a guidance lecture at Lala Lajpat Rai College for class twelfth before the board examination in 2023.

She was invited as a judge for the elocution and poem recitation competition organized by Narsi Monjee College of Commerce and Economics 6th of September 2022.

She was also invited by Hindustani Prachar Sabha at Sophia College as a judge of the education competition.

She attended a seminar organized by Hindustani Prachar Sabha from time to time. She has been an examiner for Hindustani Prachar Sabha Saral Hindi Course.

She also gave a talk on the topic *How to be stress-free during the board exam* on radio FM.

*Dr Satyawati Chaubey
Head, Department of Hindi*

History

After the confinement during the pandemic, this academic year began with the offline mode of lectures and activities and with the first batch of FYBA in the Autonomous status.

To flag off the activities for the year, the History Society got its logo designed by SYBA History student Soumyadeep Biswas. The department conducted various co and extracurricular activities throughout the year.

Visits:

National Museum of Indian Cinema 21st July 2022: A much-required outdoor visit was organised with a group of about 75 students joining us. Drizzle, a guided tour, and great hands-on activities at the museum led to enjoyable experiential learning and many smiling faces.

Convocation Hall Exhibition 13th August 2022: Ms Aarati Manerikar with about 30-40 FYBA History students visited an exhibition on the History of Mumbai put up by several individuals and groups. Adv. Rajan Jaykar, an ex-Wilsonian had displayed his rare postcard collection. He shared his knowledge about the History of Bombay and his collection.

Khotachi Wadi 7th September 2022: Another exhibition put up by an alumnus of the History department, Dr Andre Baptista was visited by TYBA and FYBA History. The students learnt about this enclave of an East Indian gaothan or village within the urban setting of the city.

Tata Literature Festival 14th November 2022: Five students of FYBA attended a book release at NCPA. The book was titled 'Rising From The Sea - Gerald Aungier and the Founding of Bombay' and was authored by Ms Jane Ohlmeyer.

Gaondevi Heritage Walk 21st December 2022: Ms Aarati Manerikar conducted a walk in the Gaondevi area around the college. The walk lasted for more than two hours. About 70 students joined to learn about the rich history of the buildings, the people, and their stories related to an area they traverse through every day yet do not know much about.

Collaborative Activities:

Collage Making Competition with the Student's Council - 11th August 2022: Celebrating Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav, the theme of the competition was the freedom struggle. Eleven

groups participated, prepared their collage, and presented it to the judges, Vice Principals Dr Harsha Badkar, Ms Vinita Mathew and Dr Ajita Kumar.

Maharashtra Bhramanti - 17th September 2022: Five Arts Departments, Sociology, History, Political Science, Marathi and Hindi either teaching topics related to or having entire papers decided to Maharashtra come together to host a cultural event to showcase the Cultural Heritage of our state.

Hundred-plus students tirelessly worked to put up a grand show which included Folk songs, dances, and a display of traditional attire. The performers received enthusiastic applause from their friends and faculty. The show was followed by a Maharashtrian mini-meal.

Visit to the Conservation Lab of CSMVS in collaboration with the departments of Chemistry and Zoology - 14th December 2023: The faculty and about 40 History students got glimpses of the conservation of artefacts of various materials like wood, metal, and cloth. The students watched experts working, who explained the process and answered the questions of our students.

ICSSR sponsored National Conference 1st - 3rd December 2022: All Arts departments joined together to host a 3-day National Conference on '21st Century Commitment to Models of Environmental Sustainability.'

Inter-Collegiate Quiz Competition on Tourism Day: 27th September 2022: It was apt to host this intercollegiate Quiz competition as the department has two courses teaching Tourism. It was the first time that an intercollegiate event was organized, and it was successful with the participation of six teams from various colleges. Three cash prizes were given to the winning teams.

Guest Lectures

- Mr Sandeep Dahisarkar spoke on the 'Development of Art in Mumbai' on 15th November 2022
- Ms Ruta Waghmare spoke on 'The changing role of Museums' on 12th December 2022

Exhibition on History of Mumbai on 25th November 2022

The faculty of the department came up with a creative assignment for the FYBA students. For CIA 2, the activity was to put up an exhibition on the History of Mumbai, the course the students learn during Semester I.

Students enthusiastically put up the charts, the maps and the models on the topics selected by them. They were also the 'Docents' explaining their exhibits. It was meticulously organized, and a well-appreciated activity, as told by Principal Ma'am and many faculty and students visiting the exhibition.

Student Achievements in Inter-collegiate Activities

In January 2023, five SYBA students - Anamata Khan, Tanishka Taksale, Pranit Vyas, Soumyadeep Biswas and Sahil Joshi participated in 'Mudra', an Intercollegiate History fest of Ramnarain Ruia College, Dadar. Soumyadeep Biswas and Sahil Joshi won the First prize at the Quiz and Tanishka bagged the first prize in the culinary contest.

In February 2023, Sahil Joshi was awarded the first prize for his Research Paper presentation on Kalinjar Fort at Jhunjhunwala College

Participation of Faculty

Ms Aarati Manerikar completed a Faculty Development Programme on Teaching-Learning Digital Skills in the 21st Century organized by GAD-TLC under PMMMNMTT Scheme. It was held from 26th July to 1st August 2022.

Ms Aarati Manerikar participated in a Short-Term Course organized by UGC HRDC, Mumbai from 9th to 15th March 2023.

The academic year thus ended with many fun-filled and educational activities.

*Ms Aarati Manerikar
Head, Department of History*



Marathi

Student Activities

The Marathi Department organized The Dr M. M. Altekar Memorial Essay Writing Competition on the 27th of August 2022. The topics were as follows:

'Manse Vachnyacha Chanda'; 'Mahavidyalayin Shikshan, Mazya Apekshka'; 'Badalti Vachan Sanskriti'; and 'Aamhi Netkari'.

The prize winners were:

1st Prize Mr Sairaj Sawant from SYBA, 2nd Prize Ms Aastha Engle from SYBAMMC, and 3rd Prize Mr Sagar Modkale from SYBA.

The Department organized The Dr M. M. Altekar Memorial debate competition on 13th February 2023, on the topic 'Premache Aadhunik Aavishkar, Abhivyakti Swatantrya?' The team, which argued for 'Abhivyakti Swatantrya' won. The following students won prizes at the debate:

1st Prize - Mr Sairaj Sawant from TYBA, 2nd Prize - Mr Shubham Dalvi from FYBA, 3rd Prize - Mr Sanjeevan Dabre from FYBA, shared Mr Asit Borgaonkar FYBA.

Interdisciplinary Activity:

The Department of Sociology with the Department of Marathi, Hindi, History and Political Science organized a cultural event 'Maharashtra Bhramanti' on 17th September 2022. It was a three-hour event aimed to help learners understand the history, regional and cultural diversity of Maharashtra state through folk dance, folk music, and traditional dressing of different communities in Maharashtra.

Students from the department performed Abhang and Lavni, and participated in Paramprk Veshbhusha. The event was followed by authentic Maharashtrian refreshments. Students, teaching and non-teaching staff members enjoyed this event.

Screening

The Department conducted a screening of a Marathi Drama 'Cigarettes' written by Manaswini Lata Ravindra which is included in FYBA Marathi Literature, Paper I, on 10th August 2022. Students enjoyed the drama a lot. It also helped them to understand the various aspects related to contemporary relationships between young men and women.

Marathi Bhasha Pandhravda

'Marathi Bhasha Samvardhan Pandhravda' is celebrated by the department (as per the State Government's guidelines), in the first half of January.

The Department conducted a One-Day 'Acting Workshop' on 20th January 2023. Mr Surendra Wankhede, In-charge of the BVoc Department conducted this workshop. Students truly enjoyed and learnt many things through it.

The Library Committee in collaboration with the Marathi department organized a Mini Display of Marathi books between 25th January to 8th February 2023. The objectives were to inculcate reading habits among students and to create awareness of subject-specific books in the library.

The department runs a small library for the benefit of the students of the Degree College.

*Ms Rashmi Satpute
In-charge, Marathi Department*

Philosophy

The academic year 2022-23 was when the true spirit of college life was seen again with the world around us coming back offline. This spirit was vibrant in the various festivals organized by the students and teachers of the Philosophy Department throughout the year. The Department of Philosophy hosted events such as the Celebration of World Philosophy Day and Film Club screenings, the details of which are as follows:

Film Club: This is the fourth successive year of the film and philosophy club. The year began with the forming of

the core organizing committee (from TYBA class) and club membership enrolments. There was an overwhelming response as 158 students from All Streams are members of the club with an average of 50 - 60 members participating in each screening. A total of five films were screened this year. The films included Minari, Mother(2017), The Truman Show, Fight Club, and Jana Gana Mana. It also co-hosted the documentary film screening of 'Women of Freedom' followed by a discussion with the author with the Department of English and screenings during human rights

week with the Department of Political Science. Each session was curated and moderated, with discussions and analysis of the form and content of each cinematic text. Films were curated through audience poll recommendations and by core committee members under the guidance of the department.

Alumni meet: As a yearly practice, the alumni meet and lecture sessions were organized on the topic “What is Research? Nature and Methods of Social Science Research.” This session was conducted online on the Zoom platform by Mr Mohammad Shaikh, PhD scholar from Jawaharlal Nehru University. The session highlighted the details of identifying areas of research, framing titles, and objectives, defining scope, doing a literature review, and formulating expected outcomes. The session was attended by students of SYBA and TYBA classes.

Field visits:

Students of Comparative Religion visited the Banganga Tank and Jaina temples around the college vicinity. They gained first-hand experience with Hindu and Jaina places of worship and rituals. The SYBA Psychology students visited Ahura Support, a residential home in Byculla, Mumbai, for Differently Abled individuals, on 15th September 2022.

On 2nd January 2023, a Memorandum of Understanding between Ahura Support and Wilson College Autonomous was signed by Principal Dr Anna Pratima Nikalje, Wilson College, and Ms Hutoxi Doodhwala, Managing Trustee, Ahura Support, for starting internships with SYBA Psychology students. Ms Zainab Ladak, Ms Maseera Shamsi and Ms Alishah Noorani, students of SYBA Psychology, completed an internship with Ahura Support. The students worked on the “Life Skills Enhancement Programme.” They received a Certificate of Internship, stating that they had displayed good teamwork, were dedicated, and understood the needs of the beneficiaries at Ahura Support. A stall for Ahura Support was arranged by Rashna S. Patel on 22nd January 2023. The stall was set up in the quadrangle, during Ole 2023. Products made by the differently abled such as bags, cards and spectacle cases were displayed and purchased by staff and students.

Twenty-one FYBA and SYBA Psychology students visited Sadhana, a school for the differently abled, on the Sophia College campus on 18th January 2023. Students were given information on different therapies practised with the students. Mrs Kashmira Vajifdar, the counsellor, gave an interesting talk on educational and therapeutic work engaged in.

Student Achievements: Ms Jessica Joseph (SYBA) won the first prize and Mr Siddhant Bandekar (SYBA) won third prize at the intercollegiate paper presentation competition FALSAFA organised by Bhavans College (Andheri). Ms Arya (SYBA) also presented a paper in the same competition. They were guided by Dr Biraj Mehta on the theme of “Women Thinkers and Philosophers”. Four students, Ms Evita David (FYBA), Ms Nimisha Shah (FYBA), Ms Ananya Saha (FYBA), and Ms Jessica Joseph (SYBA) guided by Dr Biraj Mehta submitted philosophical essays and personal narratives to the Mapping of Mumbai: Re-Visiting the City edition of University of Mumbai’s E-Journal. All entries have been accepted for the forthcoming publication.

Display of Books: Selected books of Philosophy were displayed, keeping in mind all levels of philosophy enthusiasts. A mini display of Psychology books was arranged on 7th August 2022, in the library.

A short story, The Silent Child, was shown to the SYBA students in A.V. Room on 26th July 2022. The students engaged in an insightful discussion on the story thereafter. Videos on drug addiction and counselling of addicts were shown to the SYBA Psychology class on 14th July 2022. Videos on various psychological topics were shown to the SYBA Psychology of Adjustment class on 20th July 2022. Students appreciated the videos.

Talks: Talks on “Therapy outside the textbook” and “Navigating Toxic Relationships”, were given by Ms. Tanya Serrao and Ms Beaula Furtal, of Fettel Counseling, on the 3rd February and 13th February 2023, respectively. The talks were appreciated and followed by animated discussions with the students.

Faculty Achievements:

Dr Harsha Badkar:

Invited as a resource person at the Basics of Inter-Religious Dialogue (BIRD) programme organized by the Archdiocesan Commission for Inter-Religious Dialogue on ‘Hinduism.’

Chaired a Session in the International Conference on Religious Thought and Praxis: Critique and Prospects scheduled from January 4th to 6th, 2023.

Research Publications:

‘Mahatma Gandhi Krit Hind Swaraj Me Satat Vikas ki Sankalpana Aur Paryavaran’ in Sameechheen-Peer reviewed UGC Care Listed Journal Vol:32 July-Sept-2022, ISSN:2250-2335

'Is Gandhi a Philosopher', in GENIUS Vol.11 (I) Aug-Jan 2022-23 pp.162-166, ISSN/2279-0489

'Dharma Within the Bounds of Reason: Gandhian Approach' in IDEAL, Vol.11 (II) March-Aug 2023 pp.128-131 ISSN 2319-359X

'A philosophical approach to Religion: The Gandhian Perspective', in IDEAL Vol.10 (I), Sept-Feb 2022-23, Pp 133-137, ISSN 2319-359X 6.008

'Viewing Humanism in a globalizing world through the Lenses of Religion' in AJANTA, Vol.10 (4), Oct-Dec 2021, pp1-5, ISSN 2277-5730, 6.306

'Book Review: Sheryar Ookerjee: Plato and Arthashastra: Plato's Political Philosophy and Indian Political Thought', K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, Mumbai, 2010 Pages 248, Indian Philosophical Quarterly

'Significance of Inter-religious Dialogue in Secularism: The Gandhian Perspective', in International Journal of Advance and Innovative Research Vol:9, Issue XIII, April-June - 2022, ISSN:2394-7780

Dr Biraj Mehta Rathi

Completed Refresher Course conducted by UGC HRDC, University of Mumbai with an A grade in November 2022

Resource Person at Certificate Course on Existentialism conducted by St Andrews Centre of Philosophy and Performing Arts (SAPP), "Preparing Research Proposals" organised by IQAC of Wilson College, "Hermeneutics as Research Methodology" at the Masters in Buddhist Studies, Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies, and discussant at the book review seminar on Mapping Scientific Method at Department of Liberal Studies, HSNC University.

Research Publication: "Justice for Persons with Disabilities and Rawlsian Perspective: Opportunities and Challenges" in

the special issue of Sambhashan titled "On the Occasion of a Century of John Rawls (February 21, 1921- November 24, 2002)" Vol, July 2022.

Mr Mihir Bhatt

Organised and hosted the World Philosophy Day event on 16th November 2022 along with the TYBA philosophy students which focused on crowd-sourced questions that people thought were worth discussing and contemplating, and the responses to which were then provided by the Vice-Principal and HoD of Philosophy, Dr Harsha Badkar, and other participants.

Moderated the film screening of 'Jana Gana Mana' for Wilson's Film and Philosophy Club along with the TYBA philosophy students.

Completed the Certificate Course 'Existentialism and Beyond' conducted by St Andrews Centre of Philosophy and Performing Arts (SAPP).

Judged a parliamentary debate competition at Vivekanand Education Society's College of Law and judged the Aether festival's competition inspired by Shark Tank at Wilson College.

Visited the village Asangaon for the Wilson College CSR activity for the HOPE festival where solar street lights were installed by the college with donations from Lions Club.

Participated in an educational trek with TYBAMMC students and Prof. Sudhakar Solomonraj in Karnala.

Selected for PhD at the University of Mumbai and began coursework under Dr Namita Nimbalkar for the proposal topic 'Interpreting the Heideggerian notion of being towards death in the context of caregiving for the terminally ill'.

*By Dr Harsha Badkar
HoD, Philosophy*

Political Science

The Political Science Department had an excellent year of student activities and programs. Mr Sham Gule was appointed as the in-charge head of the department on 21st June 2022. However, due to better career opportunities, he had to leave the department in January 2023. The department would like to appreciate his contributions during his tenure. Dr Meenu Chandra was appointed as his replacement and Ms Poornima Kadam continued as an assistant professor.

The department has a student-driven and popularly elected committee which organises a wide range of activities called the Political Science Association. Elections to PSA were held in two phases to include all classes. This year, for the first time, an election for junior college representatives was conducted.

The Phase One of the elections, the following candidates were elected: Atiya Memon (TYBA) as President, Manas

Tiwari (SYBA) as Vice President, Sahil Joshi (SYBA) as Secretary, Saumya Shukla (SYBA) as Joint Secretary, and Avni Kashiv (SYBA) as the Treasurer.

The Phase Two of the elections, the following candidates were elected: Lavanya Sharma (FYJC) as Junior College Representative, Shrinesh Pachpohé (SYBAF) as Social Media and PR Head, and Nigel George (FYBA) as Social Media and PR Handler.

The year began with the annual tradition of Map reading sessions for TY students by Mr Sudhakar Solomonraj. The sessions were held for 3 consecutive days starting from 18th June 2022.

The Department in collaboration with the Student Council organized an interactive session 'Journey of Indian Democracy: Through ups and downs,' to celebrate the 75th Independence Day of India. The guest speaker for the session was Anand Jayshette.

On 19th July 2022, a mood board had been organized by Aarya Ambore and Tanishka Urade, SYBA students on the topic: "What does feminism mean to you?" aimed at gauging the intimate definitions of feminism by students and teachers alike. They received definitions like "equity and equality" to "feminism feels like home."

On 26th August 2022, the Department organized a National Film Museum Visit to the National Museum of Indian Cinema. The students understood a lot about Indian Cinema, its origin, and developments over time.

On 08th September 2022, the Department in collaboration with the Department of Sociology organized a visit to the Samyukta Maharashtra Dalan. This visit was very important, especially for TY students, as it helped them understand the formation of Maharashtra and the important events involved.

One of the most important activities of the Department is the field visits, a department tradition since 2013, for Paper IX on Local Self Government. This year there was a two-day field visit organized to see Rural Local Self-governing bodies on the 20th and 21st of September, 2022. On the 21st the Panchayat Samiti office in Pen was visited, where students interacted with the administrative officials, followed by a visit to the Tara Gram Panchayat. Later in the evening, students visited the tribal hamlets nearby, followed by a self-enrichment session by Prof Sudhakar Solomonraj at Yusuf Meherally Centre. On the 21st students visited the Raigad Zilla Parishad office in Alibaug where they interacted with

Chief Executive Officer Mr Kiran Patil and administrative heads of the standing committees of Zilla Parishad. This was followed by a visit to Chendare Gram Panchayat in Alibaug.

On 17th September 2022, Maharashtra Bhramanti was organized in collaboration with Sociology, History, Marathi and Hindi departments. Students performed Abhang, Lavni, Gondal, Ovi, and Koli dance; diverse performances reflecting the cultural and historical traditions of Maharashtra. Sanjeevan Dabre, a TY Political Science student made an excellent presentation on Kupari Community in Vasai explaining their culture, festivals, practices, dialects, recipes, costumes, etc.

On 11th January 2023, National Youth Day, the birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, the Department of Political Science in collaboration with the Hindi Department of Wilson College, conducted a session to enlighten the students, keeping Swami Vivekananda as an example, by Mr Sham Gulve.

On 24th November 2022, Mrs Simran Dhivar continued the departmental tradition started by Mrs Sheela Acharya of the visit to Vidhan Bhavan for Senior and Junior College students Mr Sham Gulve and Ms Poornima Kadam, Mrs Nathaline Periera, Mrs Pinky Gala assisted her.

On 11th February 2023, the PSA organized its flagship event, the Youth Parliament. It is a mock parliament with students holding portfolios with discussions on various issues of importance, which includes heated debates over a bill drafted by the ruling party.

On 9th March 2023, a Resume Writing Session was conducted by Prof. Sudhakar Solomonraj, enlightening the students regarding various aspects of a resume, and how one should write it.

On 17th March 2023, a visit to IPS Officer Archana Tyagi (1993 batch) posted as Managing Director of Police Housing and Welfare Corporation, Mumbai. The students interacted with her regarding the civil services preparations and she gave in-depth knowledge about the working of the police department in our country.

Faculty Achievements:

Mr Sham Gulve presented a paper entitled 'Decarbonization of the Indian Economy: Possible ways in the agriculture sector' at the ICSSR-sponsored Three-Day National Conference on '21st Century Commitment to Models of

Environmental Sustainability' organised by Wilson College (Autonomous).

Ms Poornima Kadam presented a paper entitled 'A Study of the Coastal Road Project: Critically examining the co-existence of the development and sustainable livelihood' at the ICSSR-sponsored Three-Day National Conference on 21st Century Commitment to Models of Environmental Sustainability organised by Wilson College (Autonomous).

Dr Meenu Chandra:

Got appointed to the Department of Political Science as Assistant Professor on a contractual basis on 6th February 2023.

Chaired Board of Studies (BOS) meeting and proposed a new syllabus with Miss Poornima Kadam (Assistant Professor) before members of the Board in an online meeting held on 16th March 2023.

Organised a meeting with Archana Tyagi Madam IPS officer 1993 posted as MD of Police Housing Welfare Corporation for Students of TYBA (Political Science) under the Students Mentoring Programme on 17th March 2023.

Participated in a two-day State Level Seminar on 'Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges'- Organized by IQAC of Wilson College, held on 24th – 25th March 2023.

Participated in the lecture "The Ambedkar Lecture 2023- Becoming Babasaheb: Learning from Dr Ambedkar's formative years"- Given by Professor Aakash Singh Rathore- Philosopher with specialization in European and continental thought, comparative politics and Buddhism and Ambedkar studies and an international fellow at ETHOS. Conducted by the Department of Inter-Religious Studies (DIRS) St. Xaviers College Mumbai, and held on 14th April 2023.

Gave a talk on "Ambedkar's role in drafting the Constitutions of India" in a session organized by the Students Support and Welfare Committee in collaboration with the Student Council on 15th April 2023.

19th April 2023 - Proposed new syllabus for SYBA Political Science for Papers - Political Theory, Public Administration and Applied Component (Introduction to Law).

*Ms Poornima Kadam
Head, Department of Political Science*

Psychology

Learning is never done without errors and defeat.

· Vladimir Lenin

A little progress each day adds up to big results.

· Satya Nani

The main aim of the TYBA Psychology Department this year was to encourage students to take small steps to achieve success in academics as well as personal domains. The teachers were determined to help students overcome their academic fears by ensuring that they made progress every day. A glance at the departmental activities for the year paints an exciting picture of how eventful the year has been.

Departmental Activities:

Mindsight inauguration (13th July 2023)

The student-led Psychology club was inaugurated on 13th July 2023 by the Principal and the Vice-Principals, and it took place in the AV Room. The event saw the launch of the departmental magazine, *The Mindsight Times*, and the handover of the club from its founders to its successors. The former President and the current President shared their thoughts and introduced to the

audience the functioning of the club, highlighting key elements like membership.

Coffee with Counsellor (25th November 2022)

The Mindsight Club of Wilson College (Autonomous) collaborated with Moving Minds, Mumbai and organized a session on the topic: '*Relationship with self and others.*' The session was conducted on 25th November 2022 in the Psychology lab (Room no. 32) and was attended by students of different streams. The resource person was Ms Pallavi Shimpi, a Mental Health Therapist specialising in working with women to get through challenging life experiences so that they can manage their emotions effectively.

Coffee with Counsellor was a mental health awareness initiative with discussions about various aspects of mental health over a cup of coffee in an interactive manner.

Poster-making activity (11th November 2022)

To enhance creative learning and spread mental health awareness amongst students, Ms Hasti Mehta ideated this activity. The topic was "Anxiety Disorders" which is

part of the curriculum of TYBA Psychology. Approximately 35 TYBA students came together and made posters on the topic. This event helped students develop a better understanding of the subject and subsequently received positive feedback.

QPR Gatekeeper Training on Suicide Prevention (11th February 2023)

The number of deaths by suicide has rapidly increased, especially among youth, after the pandemic of Covid-19. Students of TYBA had an opportunity to understand and study this sensitive topic as a part of their Abnormal Psychology curriculum. A guest session was organized by Ms Hasti Mehta to educate and help students recognise warning signs of suicide, know how to get help and save a life. The students were provided with a certificate of training along with 2 International Credits valid for 2 years.

This session was organized in association with “The Connect Hub” and the resource person of this event was Mr Sachin Chidambaram, a certified QPR Gatekeeper Instructor, Cognitive Hypnotic Coach, and a trainer with over 7 years of experience in training and developing modules. About 30 students benefited from this training as it helped break the stigma related to mental health and encouraged them to talk about a sensitive topic like suicide.

Guest Lecture on Forensic Psychology (11th February 2023)

Many students were keen to know about Forensic Psychology as a future career prospect. A guest lecture was organized by Ms Jeffrin Stephen, on 11th February, 2023 (Room 314). The resource person was Dr Rutuja Karkhanis More, Head of the Psychology Department, at NMIMS University. She previously worked at National Forensic Sciences University as an Assistant Professor at the School of Behavioral Sciences and was the Program Coordinator for M.A/M.Sc Criminology and M.A/M.Sc Forensic Psychology. The session mainly focused on ‘*Knowledge about Forensic Psychology and its Scope as a career option.*’

About 18 TYBA and 15 SYBA students attended this session. The session proved to be beneficial, giving students clarity about the field and its scope.

Enthusiasm Booster:

To keep the students motivated and focused, the faculty of TYBA Psychology engaged in the following few activities:

Ms Anushka Damani often began her lectures with music or engaged in fun activities, fostering psychological development in students.

Ms Jeffrin Stephen kicked off her morning lectures with pursuits like gratitude journaling, self-care bingo, a to-do list for the day and a self-compassion list. She also conducted exercises like the Johari Window and other textbook experiments for a better understanding of concepts.

Ms Hasti Mehta conducted experiments and ice-breaking activities to provide an enhanced learning experience. She facilitated students’ learning of psychological disorders with the use of patients’ videos sharing their experiences, TV series and movie recommendations which helped in envisioning the form of these disorders in real life.

Ms Nidhi Bhandari tried to emphasize practical applications of the course by facilitating discussion about topics like “period leaves for women in organizations”, “how can sexual abuse be tackled at the workplace”, and the like. These discussions were supported by case studies and expert opinions. The students actively participated.

All four faculty members aimed to deliver topics of the syllabus with the help of activities to aid students develop an understanding of the application of theoretical concepts in real-life situations.

Further, to keep the Christmas spirit alive, Ms Stephen ideated a *Secret Santa* event on 21st December 2023. Everyone participated in this celebration by exchanging gifts and singing soulful carols. It proved to be a good stress-buster for the students and allowed them to connect.

Faculty Achievements and Activities:

Ms Anushka Damani cleared her UGC-NET exam in November 2022.

Ms Nidhi Bhandari and Ms Jeffrin Stephen were a part of the mentoring program of Wilson College (Autonomous), mentoring students by conducting sessions on Emotional First Aid.

*Ms Anushka Damani
In-charge, Department of Psychology*

Sociology

Being the year that would be completely in offline mode after the COVID-19 pandemic, it was both exciting and challenging. Exciting since the department could conduct various offline programmes for students to enhance the teaching-learning experience and be challenging to prepare students for the offline examination.

Degree College

Dr Sarita Kadam was appointed in the first half while Mr Simab Khan was appointed in the second half of the academic year, both on a contractual basis.

Programmes Organized by the Department

The Department organized many sessions, workshops etc. on a variety of topics and themes of social and contemporary relevance as well as to enrich their curricula. To prepare learners to develop soft skills, the Department conducted group presentations in class.

As part of a new initiative, the Department held a Parents-Teachers Meeting for TYBA on **23rd July 2022** to inform parents about the attendance rule, examination pattern etc. under autonomy.

A mini-display of Sociology reference books was arranged from **1st - 13th August 2022**, as part of the initiative by the library to encourage and inculcate reading habits among students

Organized a workshop on Research Writing on **11th January 2023** for TYBA students. The resource persons were from Observer Research Foundation (ORF), Mumbai.

Enrichment (Guest) lectures and visits

To provide the learners with an empirical understanding of the subject, the following sessions and visits were organized:

Two movie screenings followed by discussions were organized. 'Jayeshbhai Jordaar', a movie on son preference and masculinity was screened on **22nd June 2022**. 'Darlings' was also screened on **22nd August 2022** which depicts the issue of domestic violence overtly. These issues are dealt with in TYBA as part of their course on Gender.

To equip learners with empirical research skills and knowledge, the Department organized the following sessions each Semester, designed specifically to cater to our TYBA students and help them in their research project work.

Semester V

A session titled 'Quantitative Research' was held on **15th July 2022**. The resource person was Dr Vaijayanta Anand, Associate Professor, Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work & Founder Member, Nirmane NGO.

Semester VI

The first session titled 'An Introduction to Social Research' was conducted on **15th December 2022** by Mrs Pramila Pinto, Head, Counselling Department, Pawar Public School & Research Analyst, Department of Community Organization and Development School of Social Work, TISS.

The second session titled 'Qualitative Research' was on **22nd December 2022**. The resource person was Dr Vaijayanta Anand, Associate Professor, Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work & Founder Member, Nirmane NGO.

Both the resource persons are the parents of our TYBA students.

The Department along with TYBA students visited APRE Art House, Mumbai on **15th September 2022** upon their invitation to watch their show titled 'Shadow Lands' as well as the works of Artist Ranjeet Singh displaying the lives of coal miners and labourers at large. The visit was intended to enrich the curriculum of 'Sociology of Labour' - a course on the informal sector (TYBA).

Organized an Interactive Session with 'Essence of Laughter' - a Laughter Club at Chowpatty on **21st December 2022**. This session was organized for SYBA Sociology students with the objective to sensitise learners on the abilities and capabilities of senior citizens and to enrich their curriculum containing a unit on Geriatric Care.

Collaborative Programmes

Departments of Sociology and Political Science planned a visit to Samyukta Maharashtra Smriti Dalan with their SYBA and TYBA students respectively on **8th September 2022**. Both these classes have a specific unit on Maharashtra in their syllabi. Hence, the purpose of this visit was to help learners explore and enrich their understanding of Maharashtra state in terms of its history, socio-cultural landscape and Samyukta Maharashtra Movement at large.

An initiative of the Sociology Department in 2017, 'Maharashtra Brahmanti' was organized on a bigger platform

this year with the collaboration of the following Arts Departments: Sociology, History, Political Science, Hindi, and Marathi. Showcasing the culture of Maharashtra, this programme was organized on **17th September 2022**.

Like every year, this year too, the Departments of Sociology of Wilson College and Bhavans Somani College organized a collaborative programme. A lecture series on 'Feminist Jurisprudence' was held on **12th, 13th, and 17th December 2022**. The resource person for this series was Ms Persis Sidhva, Advocate High Court & Director, Rathi Foundation for Social Change. Advocate Sidhva gave an in-depth understanding of the working of the Criminal Justice System in India as well as laws against Domestic Violence, Sexual Harassment at Workplace etc. focusing on the issues and concerns with regards to its implementation.

Department of Sociology & Women Development Cell organized a short play in Hindi titled 'Bas itni si Baat' on the topic of everyday misogyny and casual sexism faced by women/girls on **16th January 2023**. The play and the discussion that followed were arranged and executed by members of MAVA NGO.

The Department collaborated with BAMMC to conduct a discussion on the movie 'Maja Ma' on **24th January 2023**. The discussion was with the Director of the movie Anand Tiwari who gave insights on the journey in the making of the movie.

On International Women's Day, a two-day programme was organized jointly with the Students Council and Women Development Cell on the **8th and 9th of March 2023**. Around forty posters sensitizing students on gender concepts and issues were displayed on prominent sites throughout college.

On **9th March 2023**, in collaboration with Akshara Centre, an exciting and fun-filled event titled 'The Mela' was organized, consisting of gender-bending games and activities. The participants learnt about gender roles and their impact on women.

The Department acknowledges and appreciates the sincere hard work put in by them in various capacities in the planning and execution of these programmes.

Students' Achievements

The Department is proud of the following Sociology students for their achievements.

Mahendra Singh (TYBA) won the gold medal in the 20 km Walk and a Silver medal in 110 meters Hurdles at Mumbai University Zone 1 Athletics Meet held at University Sports Pavilion, Marine Lines on **14th & 15th November 2022**.

TYBA students of the Sociology Department performed exceptionally well in the **College's Annual Sports Day** bagging **9 medals in total**. The winners' list is as follows:

Isika Pinto: Women's High Jump (Gold), Women's 100 m (Silver), Women's 800 m (Bronze)

Mahendra Singh: Men's 100 m (Gold)

Valerian Fernandes: Men's 100 m (Silver), Men's 200 m (Gold), Men's Long Jump (Silver)

Mahendra Singh & Valerian Fernandes – Men's Relay (Bronze)

Mahendra Singh, Valerian Fernandes and Isika Pinto - Mixed Relay (Gold)

Special Achievements:

Isika Pinto - Women's All-Round Championship (Gold)

Valerian Fernandes – Men's All-Round Championship (Gold)

Dhanshri Mandage (SYBA) and **Huda Sayyed** (SYBA) participated in the University Inter-collegiate Carrom competition held at Burhani College, Mazgaon on **8th and 9th March 2023** and won 3rd place in Carrom Doubles Competition.

Sumit Auti (SYBA) won the 1st prize in the Talent Showcase event organized by the hostel on **26th January 2023**.

In addition, Ms Vedanti Patil, TYBA attended G20 Summit held at BKC Bandra, Mumbai on **13th December 2022** along with her friends from other classes.

Faculty Report

Ms Muneerah Khambhawala

She was appointed as the Chairperson and paper setter for Papers IV and IX by the University of Mumbai.

She was invited as a Moderator at Mithibai College (Autonomous), Bhavans Somani College and St. Xavier's College (Autonomous).

She was a member of the Core Committee of the ICSSR-sponsored Three-Day National Conference on '21st Century

Commitment to Models of Environmental Sustainability' organized by JWES' Wilson College (Autonomous) on **1st, 2nd & 3rd December 2022**.

Sessions Attended:

A session titled 'Staying Motivated to Function Efficiently under Autonomy' was organized by IQAC, Wilson College on **22nd June 2022**, by speaker Dr Agnelo Menezes.

A workshop on the Revised TYBA syllabus organized by the Department of Sociology, St. Andrews College under the aegis of the Board of Studies, Sociology, University of Mumbai on **29th June 2022**.

Sessions are organized by IQAC every Friday, starting from **5th August 2022**.

Workshop on Community Interventions conducted by St. Xavier's Institute of Education (Autonomous), Mumbai on **20th September 2022**. The workshop was facilitated by Mr Elvis Thomas, Retd Associate Professor, Nirmala Niketan, College of Social Work.

ICSSR sponsored Three-Day National Conference on '21st Century Commitment to Models of Environmental Sustainability' organized by JWES Wilson College (Autonomous) on **1st, 2nd & 3rd December 2022**.

NAAC sponsored State-level Seminar (Hybrid Mode) on 'Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges' organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), JWES' Wilson College (Autonomous) on **24th and 25th March 2023**.

Dr Sarita Kadam

Attended a workshop on the Revised TYBA syllabus organized by the Department of Sociology, St. Andrews College under the aegis of the Board of Studies, Sociology, University of Mumbai on **29th June 2022**.

Attended sessions organized by IQAC every Friday, starting from **5th August 2022**.

Mr Simab Khan

Attended sessions organized by IQAC every Friday, starting from **5th August 2022**.

Junior College Report

A debate competition was conducted between students of SYJC Division A and B on the topic 'Difficulties of Tribal vs Rural Communities' on **13th August 2022**. Judges for the competition were Mrs Shalini Rodrigues, Faculty, Department of History & Mrs Prajakta Alphonse, Faculty, Department of Psychology. SYJC Division A was the winner (for the Tribal community).

On **22nd November 2022**, the film 'Babli Bouncer' focusing on women empowerment was screened for FYJC and SYJC students. This was followed by a discussion.

On **24th November 2022**, an educational tour to Vidhan Bhavan was arranged for all SYJC students.

A poster-making competition on the theme 'Child Abuse' was organized for FYJC and SYJC Sociology students on **26th November 2022**. The competition was judged by Mrs Yojana Parab, Faculty, Department of Chemistry and Mrs Anagha Gadkari, Faculty, Department of Biology.

Winners of the competition were felicitated with a certificate and a prize, with Ms Zainab Electric (FYJC Arts) & Ms Joann Pereira (FYJC Arts) winning the First prize, Ms Dyaneshwari Raut (FYJC Arts) & Ms Revathi Ramesh (FYJC Arts) the Second prize, Ms Avni Chandekar (SYJC Arts) & Ms Sonal Vaity (SYJC Arts) the Third Prize.

A special guidance lecture by Guest Lecturer Ivan John, Faculty, Department of Sociology, Sophia College (Autonomous) was organized in **December** to prepare SYJC students for their Board Exams.

Additionally, Remedial lectures were arranged by Ms Nathaline Pereira for SYJC students to guide them in their preparation for Board Exams. These lectures helped clarify the students' doubts and were well received.

To encourage students to continue with Sociology in the Degree college as well, a session was conducted by Mrs Muneerah Khambhawala, Head of the Department, in **January**. The session familiarised the students with the various Sociology courses offered in Degree College and provided a broad understanding of the same.

*Mrs Muneerah Khambhawala
Head, Department of Sociology*

Botany

Activities in the year 2022-23:

A Parent teaching meeting was held on 23rd July 2022. Even a small career guidance session was taken by the Head of the Department, Mr B.M. Konde.

Workshop on Nursery Techniques for Saplings - TY Botany students were taken to Nursery (Vasai) on 3rd July 2022, where they had hands-on training on pot filling and sapling-making. They were also introduced to different wild trees.

An Inter-departmental Ecofriendly Rakhi-making competition was organized on 5th August 2022 to encourage the use of eco-friendly materials.

A visit to Malabar Hill and Hanging Garden was organised for TYBSc & SYBSc Botany students to study the local flora and vegetation on 27th July 2022.

SYBSc students were taken to Blatter Herbarium at St. Xavier's College to know about the functions of herbarium and plant preservation techniques.

An offline session on 'The ozone layer depletion: causes and impacts on plants and animals' was conducted by Dr Abhishek Chris on World Ozone Day.

Session on Hydroponics - Under the Aegis of DBT Star, an offline workshop was conducted by the resource person 'Mr Sunit Choudhari' on 24th November 2022. He shared his knowledge and experience on the topic 'Grow your Veggies with Hydroponics.'

In collaboration with the Department of Botany, St. Xavier's College Autonomous, an offline session was conducted on 'Cytotaxonomy' by the eminent worker in the field of Taxonomy, Dr Manoj M. Lekhak on 3rd March 2023, who explained the technique of cytotaxonomy and the identification of plants using basic cytological preparation.

Under the Aegis of DBT Star, a workshop was conducted by resource person 'Dr. Jai Knox' on 16th February 2023. He provided training on methods of statistical analysis and tools used for it using software.

Workshop on 'Visible Spectrophotometry' - Under the Aegis of DBT Star, a workshop was conducted by resource person Dr Pooja Shinde on 27th February 2023. In this workshop, hands-on training on visible spectrophotometers was also provided to the participants.

The Department celebrated 'National Science Day' by displaying a variety of exhibits related to Botany, with information about endangered plants of the Western Ghats, Traditional millet farming, Sacred groves of Maharashtra etc. School students visited the exhibition.

A workshop on Fruit and Vegetable Carving was conducted on 6th March 2023. All the students of TYBSc Botany participated and learned about carving skills.

Botanica Melange: The Department took part in the OLE Bazaar Day by setting up a stall called 'Botanica Mélange.' The stall hosted multiple products, from organic to food items and all this was done by the HoD and students.

Study Tour – Pachmarhi - After the pandemic, the first study tour out of state to Pachmarhi, Madhya Pradesh was organised with students. Along with a visit to the jungles of Satpura and learning about plants and the environment, the students also enjoyed the stay at Pachmarhi from 3rd to 6th January 2023

Departmental Fest: Cornucopia Season 4

The students of Botany along with the teachers have been organizing the fest for the past three years. The fourth year was introduced with a theme - Ecolution: solution for urban revolution. It was a one-day fest which was on the 10th of February 2023 with day-long multiple events like Picture Perfect, Trash to Treasure, Eco-illustration, Be Seen Being Green, Botany ka CID, etc. All of these had a footfall of about 200 participants and 230 volunteers this year.

Departmental Activities:

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An intra-collegiate Departmental festival '*Cornucopia*' was held by students and teachers of the Botany Department on 10th January 2023. The objective of this festival was to create an awareness of Botany as a subject and an atmosphere of healthy camaraderie on the college campus. The student's response to the festival was overwhelming. The events of the festival were as follows: Fruit and vegetable carving, Photography, Quiz, Bio-rangoli and Bio-jewellery, Rhyme and Rhythm and a Treasure hunt. Besides having fun, the festival also helped foster several soft skills in students viz. teamwork, decision-making, leadership etc.

Administrative developments: Dr Pooja Shinde was appointed as a Full Time Faculty in the department in July 2022.

Teachers Activities:

Mr B. M. Konde

Attended a local field visit at Malabar Hill for SYBSc and TYBSc students in July 2022.

Attended a one-week online Faculty Development Program from 12th to 18th July 2022 organized by Jai Hind College, Mumbai and Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi under PMMMNMTT of Ministry of Education, India.

Presented a talk on 'Career Options in Plant Sciences' for TYBSc. students during the Parent Teacher meeting.

Attended a five-day workshop on 'Art in the Age of Multidisciplinarity' from 12th - 16th Oct 2022, organized by Maharashtra State Faculty Development Academy (MSFDA) at YCMOU, Nashik, Maharashtra.

Conducted a field session for TYBSc. students on 'Lawns Preparation and Management,' and another session for SYBSc students on 'Ecological Perspectives of Biotic Factors' at Kamla Nehru Park, Malabar Hill, Mumbai.

Conducted a structured open resource activity for FYBSc. students on a theme 'Explore Less Knowns and Unknowns' based on Ecology and Environment.

Promoted and coordinated students' Presentations of SY and TYBSc classes on various topics.

Coordinated Organoleptic Evaluation of the processed food (Jams, Pickles, Squashes and Sauces) prepared by TYBSc. students on 28th February 2022

Coordinated a workshop on 'Fruits and Vegetables Carving' for TYBSc. students on 6th March 2022

Participated in NAAC sponsored two days state level seminar on Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges organized by IQAC of Wilson College on 24th and 25th of March 2023

Dr Ajita Kumar

Appointed as Vice-Principal for Science.

Participated in NAAC sponsored two days state level seminar on Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion through

Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges organized by IQAC of Wilson College on 24th and 25th of March 2023

Attended a Workshop on 'Cultivation and Analytical Techniques of Medicinal Plants' Organized by Global Education Society's, SciTech Training Centre, Pune on Sunday, 26th March, 2023.

Dr Abhishek Chris

Publication - The impacts of insecticide endosulfan on growth and enzymes of nitrogen metabolism in water fern *Azolla filiculoides*. *Ind.Hydrobiol.* 21(1):123-126.

Granted recognition as a teacher to guide students for a PhD degree in Botany of the University of Mumbai from the session 2022- 23.

Elected fellow of the Indian Botanical Society on 14th October during the XLV Botanical Conference held at the University of Lucknow from 14th – 16th October 2022.

Dr Jai Knox

Appointed as Dean of Students for the year 2022-23.

PhD guide (Botany) recognition from the University of Mumbai letter no. Thesis/ICD/2022-23/757 dated 14th June 2022.

Publication - **Jai Knox**, Paulo J. C. Favas, Joan Pratas & Harichandra Parbat. *Eclipta alba* (L.) A Promising Weed for Extraction of Cadmium, *International Journal of Tropical Agriculture* 40(3-4):363-364. **UGC Jr. No. 7714**

Presentations -

'Phytochemical inhibition on flower head and seed output of *Parthenium hysterophorus* L. by competitive botanic agents' in Online International Conference on Advancement in Biological Research Methods and DNA Sequencing on 25th March 2023 organized by Department of Zoology and IQAC of Arts, Science and Commerce College, Mokhada, Dist. Palghar.

'Hazardous Effects of Congress Grass on Farmers Health in National Conference' on 21st Century Commitment to Models of Environmental Sustainability from 1st - 3rd December 2022, organized by Wilson College (Autonomous), Mumbai.

Participated in the NAAC-sponsored two days state-level seminar on 'Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges,

organized by IQAC of Wilson College on the 24th and 25th of March 2023.

Hands-on Training in HPLC on 10th September 2022, organized by the Department of Chemistry in collaboration with the DST- FIST program, Wilson College, Mumbai.

Online Refresher Course in Human Rights from 20th July 2022 to 2nd August 2022, organized by UGC, Human Resource Development Centre, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. **(Grade- A)**

Online Faculty Development Programme in E-Content Development under PMMMNMTT scheme from 20th to 26th August 2022, organized by Ramanujan College, University of Delhi. **(Grade- A+)**

Workshop organized by the Department of Botany on 'Statistical Analysis' on 16th of February 2023.

Chaired Scientific session in 14th ICAHFS, 2022, organized by The Society of Tropical Agriculture, New Delhi and was awarded the Young Scientist Award, 2022.

Dr Pooja Shinde

Attended workshop on 'Genomics in Health and Diseases' Organized by National Institute for Research on Reproductive and Child Health on 1st October 2022.

Participated in ICSSR-sponsored national conference on '21st-century commitment to models of environmental sustainability, organized by Wilson College on 1st December 2022.

Awarded second prize for oral presentation on the 'Antibacterial activity of different extracts of *Derris heyneana* (Wight and Arn.) Benth.' at the international e-conference on 'Recent Innovation on Science and Technology' organized by Ismail Yusuf College on 10th January 2023.

Attended Mumbai sustainability summit organized by Vivekananda Youth Connect Foundation on 12th January 2023.

Resource person for the workshop arranged by the Department of Botany on 'Visible spectrophotometer' on 27th February 2023.

Part of the Organizing Committee for NAAC sponsored workshop on 'Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and challenges, organized by IQAC of Wilson College on 24th and 25th March 2023.

Dr Swarupa Agnihotri

Invited as a guest speaker on the topic of 'Millets' in Sadguru Gadge Maharaj College, Karad on 17th February 2023.

Invited as a resource person on the topic of 'Millets' in Krishna Mahavidyalaya, Rethare BK. on 6th March 2023. News related to this lecture was published in the 'Tarun Bharat' News Paper on 20th March 2023.

Attended one-day national seminar: 'Indian Botanical Garden Challenges and Responsibilities' held on 4th February 2023 at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai.

Publication - S.V. Agnihotri and V. Nikam (2022). "Waterlogging stress: ROS generation and its effects on plants". In: Plant metabolites under environmental stress. Mechanism, Responses and Adaptation Strategies. (Eds.) Pullaiah, T., (Publ.) Apple Academic Press (CRC), Pp 61

Ms Natasha Karras

Organized the Departmental Fest - Cornucopia Season 4 by introducing the theme Ecolution - Solution to Urban Revolution.

She was the Botany Department representative member for organizing the National Science Day on 28th February 2023.

Part of the Hospitality Committee for NAAC sponsored workshop on 'Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and challenges, organized by IQAC of Wilson College on 24th and 25th March 2023.

Attended a foundation course for Global Career Counsellors from AcadSpace.

Mr Bandu M Konde
Head, Department of Botany

Chemistry

New Appointees:

Dr Abhijit Kadam and Mr Sachin Gupta were appointed in July 2022 on a granted post. 83 students enrolled for TYBSc., 30 students for MSc. and 10 students for PhD in Chemistry. Many talks and lectures were organized for BSc. and MSc. students.

Departmental activities: -

The department organized an Intercollegiate chemistry fest “Chem Euphoria 2023” on the 16th and 17th of February 2023. The fest had different chemistry-based events like poster presentations, PowerPoint presentations, chem house, relay bonding, Calci painting and Chem mystery. The event received an overwhelming response with 350 students participating from different colleges in Mumbai. The coordinator for the event was Dr Hina Shaikh.

The DST FIST Laboratory in collaboration with the Chemistry Department organised a series of “Hands on training workshops on HPLC” on 10th and 17th September 2022. 94 participants all over Mumbai enrolled and underwent the training program. Dr H. A. Parbat, HoD and Dr Ashish Uzgare DST FIST Coordinator express gratitude towards the Trainer Mr. M Singh for his help and support in making this workshop a huge success.

Department of Chemistry conducted an Online Certificate Course on “Quality Assurance and Quality Control” of 30 hours duration - 36 students enrolled for the course, with lectures conducted by resource persons from different institutes and industries. In the end, an evaluation was done and certificates were given to students. The course coordinators were Dr Hina Shaikh and Dr Kailas Shinde.

Visit to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) Mumbai (23rd August 2022 and 14th December 2022)

CSMVS, Mumbai is one of the important museums having more than 80000 artefacts and state of art Conservation lab equipped with sophisticated instruments for analysis and restoration and conservation of different artefacts present. Industrial visit for the students of Chemistry (UG and PG), Zoology (UG), and History (UG) is aimed to give a student idea about the work ongoing in the museum in its different departments such as education, curatorial and conservation.

In the conservation lab students got the opportunity to see the live working of conservation on objects, photography, analysis, condition report, restoration, documentation, scientific analysis for FTIR, XRF, Optical microscopy, lasers cleaning, storage, handling and more. Interactive sessions with CSMVS staff with the curiosity of students were held, with many students expressing a desire to work in a museum.

Looking into limitations of students' entry to the Conservation lab two different visits are arranged first on 23rd August 2022 with MSC students of Chemistry and, second on 14th December 2022, a total of 27 and 48 students respectively. A visit was coordinated by Dr. Shilpa Deorukhakar who had worked in the Museum in the capacity of Sr. conservation scientist. Faculty from chemistry accompanied by Ms Bhakti, Ms Sherya, and Ms Anajali. Ms Ankita and Faculty members of other departments namely History and Zoology.

Visit to National Institute of Oceanography, NIO (26th September 2022, and 1st January 2023)

NIO is one of the CSIR institutes from India situated at Andheri West and deals with major coastal and oceanic activity-related scientific and industrial work for environmental impact assessment for the industry. NIO arranges an OPEN day for visitors on their foundation day and CSIR day during the year and we got the opportunity to arrange students of nearly 50 in both visits.

Students got a chance to explore the undersea lifestyle through their project results and ongoing analysis during discussion. Dr Pradhan and Dr Ramesh explained the area of work and facilities to students who then got a chance to see through a microscope minute zooplankton and microorganisms demonstrated and preserved by NIO. Students got NIO internships opportunities. Dr Shilpa Deorukahar who worked and completed PhD from NIO coordinated the visit of NIO and other faculty members accompanied including Dr Aniket Kundu, Ms Shreya and Dr Hina in respective visits.

IFAT exhibition Goregoan (29th September 2022)

IFAT India showcases solutions to resolve the environmental concerns of the hour. Masters' students of Inorganic chemistry (No 7) visited and witnessed the application of education transformed into the business industry perspective.

Students got a chance to interact with company members for demonstration and discussion. The exhibition visit was arranged by Dr Shilpa Deorukhakar, and Dr Sakina Bootwala accompanied the students for the Exhibition visit.

Industrial Visits arranged by Chemistry Department (Jodhpur-Jaisalmer (Shri Ram Industries, Jodhpur and Conservation lab of Mehrangarh Fort Museum, Jodhpur):-

As a part of the Curriculum students of TYBSc (82) and SYBSc (02) participate in a 5-day industrial visit to the Jodhpur Jaisalmer. Students got an opportunity to visit Shri Ram Industry which is manufacturing Gaur seed gum used in the petrochemical and pharma industry. Students got the opportunity to see working processes in large-scale production, and got to visit the quality control lab where different instruments are used to monitor the physical and chemical parameters of raw and final products.

The second visit was to the conservation lab of Mehrangarh Fort Museum which mostly deals with royal collections from the fort and Royal belongings. Students got the opportunity to see their paper conservation work and painting restorations work in the lab. Students also roamed the golden city and desert of Rajasthan. The Education tour was arranged by Universal Tours and coordinated by Dr Hina Shaikh and accompanied by Dr H A Parbat, Mr Sachin Gupta, and Dr Shilpa Deorukhakar.

Organized a talk by Prof. Deepa Kushlani, TIFR Mumbai on a Topic 'A Materials Scientist's Approach to Energy Sustainability and Pollution Remediation' dated 20th August 2022

In collaboration with the Career Counseling Cell, the department organized an online talk on Career opportunities in India and Abroad held on 13th August 2022 at 4:00 pm. The talk was delivered to 87 participants by Dr Chinna Bathula, Assistant Professor, at Dongguk University. The coordinator for this activity was Dr Abhijit Kadam. All participants benefited from learning how to choose and apply for a Fully Funded Masters and PhD Program in the top 2% universities in South Korea, USA, Europe and Australia.

Felicitation Ceremony and Seminar on Current Research in Chemistry

On 30th September 2022, the Department of Chemistry held a felicitation ceremony to honour Prof. Anna Pratima

Nikalje for receiving the best college award (Wilson College) in the urban category, as well as Prof. Dr Vishwanath Patil, Prof., Dr Navinchandra Shimpi, and Dr Bholanath Mukherjee for receiving the best teacher award. The felicitation programme was followed by a talk on current chemistry research. Prof. Dr Vishwanath Patil lectured on 'AntiViral Nanocoating for PPE Kit & N95 Mask'; Prof. Dr Navinchandra Shimpi on 'Synthesis, Characterization, and Application of Nanomaterials: Marching Towards Advancement'; and Dr Bholanath Mukherjee on 'Hydrogen Energy Storage- A Green Perspective'. The programme had 80 participants, motivated to participate in current chemistry research. Mr Sachin Gupta was the activity's coordinator.

The National Science Day 2023 was celebrated on 28th February 2023 by the Department of Chemistry. The department organized various exhibits in the department of chemistry to create awareness of and importance of Chemical Sciences in today's scenario.

Various interesting and thought-provoking Chemistry experiments were demonstrated by second and third-year UG and MSc students as volunteers.

The exhibits were: Chemistry Book exhibition, Exhibition of old antique instruments such as pH meter, and potentiometer; and Chemistry experiment demonstration; and **Poster exhibition:** Atoms and molecules - different atomic models, and Acid bases

Volunteers helped in arranging various exhibits and understood the principles and science behind demonstrations. They explained and performed demonstrations to visitors and school children.

Dr Thomson Fernandes, Dr Anand Burange and Mr Sachin Gupta discussed chemistry with school children in a chemistry laboratory and demonstrated a few experiments. Wilson College students and teachers from various faculties visited the exhibits.

Dr Anand S. Burange and Mr Sachin Gupta oversaw the Chemistry Department exhibits.

Safety Measures in Laboratory

A session on "Safety Measures in Laboratory" was conducted by Dr Rupesh H. Gaikwad, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, M.D. College, Mumbai. on 24th September 2023 organized by the department of chemistry under DBT-Star College Scheme. Dr Gaikwad demonstrated

the first aid arrangements required in case of any casualty. More than 60 participants were present and the session ended with a positive response followed by a vote of thanks given by Dr Shilpa Deorukhakar.

Parents Teachers meeting of TYBSc. Class:

Department of Chemistry organized a Parent Teachers Meeting for TYBSc students each semester, Semester V and VI for the academic year 2022-23. The Parents were informed about the meeting well in advance. The meeting was conducted online in Semester-V on 17th September 2022 from 5:00 pm and for SEM-VI an offline meeting was held at Wilson College AV room on 3rd March 2023 from 10:00 am onwards.

Academic Industry Interaction Internship drive: -

To narrow the communication gap between the academic industry, the Department of Chemistry organised a one-day academic-industry interaction. Mumbai-area businesses from a variety of industries were contacted about taking part in the event.

The idea of interaction with HoD, faculty and students appealed to five distinct industries. After getting all the logistic arrangements the event was organised on 25th April 2023 with five industries namely; Oxypro Labs Pvt Ltd, Lahs Green India Pvt Ltd, SEEDAP, International Institute of Gemology, Anateck Services Pvt Ltd from Food testing, Solid waste management, Clinical research, Jewellery, analytic instrument services respectively.

The program is organised in two sessions. A total of 11 delegates were present for the session from five industries.

The first-morning session in the conference room was to have a brainstorming discussion with Industry officials, briefs about the company services and opportunities available and provided. All Faculty members of Chemistry took the active discussion in the session to put forward different training programs that can be offered as collective works and projects, internships. All 19 faculties were present for discussion and input.

The second session was held in the AV room where students are directly connected through these industries. Inauguration of the session was done by Dr Ajita Kumar, all guests were felicitated and introduced to students with air of this session.

All five industries presented their industry/organisation to students. After the presentations, students were given a chance to have one-to-one interaction across the table with all five industries to clear any doubts/queries.

Total students from Chemistry (SY, TY, M.Sc.) and microbiology, IT courses registered for the event and 59 students appeared for the event on the day. Students provide their biodata to interested companies.

Dr Parbat express thanks to all delegates informing them that it was fruitful interaction and both are getting benefited as outcomes.

The event is coordinated by Dr Shilpa Deorukhakar with support of faculty staff and student volunteers successfully under the guidance and support of HoD Dr H. A. Parbat.

Staff Activities and Achievements:

Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje:

Governing Body Member of Hislop Education Society, Hislop College, Nagpur, Maharashtra from 2022.; and Smt. K. L. Tiwari Degree College of Commerce and Science, Nallasopara, CDC member as an Academician from 2023.

Editorial Board Member of EC Neurology journal

Publication: Swati M. Andhale, Anna Pratima G. Nikalje, "Simultaneous Estimation of Bilastine and Montelukast in Bulk by Rp-HPLC and Assessment of its Applicability in Marketed Tablet Dosage Form, Journal of Pharmaceutical Research International, 34(3B), 2022, 8-25.

Resource Person in One-Month Online National Faculty Induction Programme organized by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, S.G.T.B. Khalsa College, University of Delhi under the Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMMNMTT) of Ministry of Education on 25th February to 27th March 2023.

Invited to present a talk on Green Synthesis and Designing of Novel Anti-Cancer and Anti-Microbial Agents in International Conference on Greener Synthesis & Catalysis-Recent Developments and Opportunities organized by K.L.E Society's Science and Commerce College, Navi Mumbai on 14th March 2023.

Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje was appointed as a V.C Nominee for conducting CAS interviews in K.P.B Hinduja College of Commerce on 18th April 2023.

Oral Presentation on 'A green approach to the transition metal ion oxidation of some secondary alcohols using KIO₄ in the acidic medium' at Novel Swings in Chemical Sciences (NSCS-2022) Conference organized by Thakur College of Science and Commerce on 23rd December 2022.

Dr H. A. Parbat

Invited as a Resource person in State level workshop on "Research Methodology" organised by Tatyasaheb Anthare College, Devrukh, Maharashtra on 20th-21st, March 2023.

Presented a paper on "Fabrication of OD/2D SnO₂ Quantum Dots/CdS nanosheets hybrids by electrostatic self-assembly for enhanced photoelectrochemical water splitting" One Day International Conference On "RECENT ADVANCES IN CHEMICAL SCIENCES" (Hybrid Mode), Friday, March 10, 2023, organised by Department of Chemistry Sonopant Dandekar Arts, V.S. Apte Commerce and M.H. Mehta Science College, Palghar.

Presented a paper on "A Kinetic Approach to The Transition Metal Ion Catalyzed Oxidation of Some Alcohols Using Ammonium Meta Vanadate In Acidic Medium" International Conference on Novel Swings in Chemical Sciences organised by Thakur College, Kandivali on Friday, 23rd December 2023.

Publications:

Fabrication of ternary polyvinyl alcohol/tetraethyl orthosilicate/silicotungstic acid hybrid membranes for pervaporation dehydration of an alcohol, Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochemical and Engineering Aspects, Volume 652, 5th Nov. 2022.

Interface-engineered Z-scheme of BiVO₄/g-C₃N₄ photoanode for boosted photoelectrochemical water splitting and organic contaminant elimination under solar light, Chemosphere, Volume 308, Part 1, Dec. 2022.

Multifunctional polyoxotungstocobaltate anchored fern-leaf like BiVO₄ microstructures for enhanced photocatalytic and super capacitive performance, Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochemical and Engineering Aspects, Volume 662, March-2023.

Essence of Chemical Kinetics, by Sara Book Publication, Ahmedabad, first edition, September - 2022.

Coauthor in Practicals in Chemistry for FYBSc. Semester-I & II as per the revised syllabus of Wilson College (Autonomous) and the University of Mumbai. By Sheth Publishers Pvt. Ltd (2022).

Impact of Transition Metal Ions on the Oxidation of Perfumery Alcohols, E-book version of the book entitled "Current Topics on Chemistry and Biochemistry Vol. 4", 2022, B P International Publisher.

Oxidation Studies of Perfumery Phenols Found in Indian Spices, Recent Progress in Chemical Science Research Vol. 6, Feb 2023, B P International Publisher.

Dr Ashish Uzgare

Invited as a resource person to conduct a Day Workshop on "Soft Skills" for Post Graduate students at Sonopant Dandekar College, Palghar on 4th March 2023.

Dr Jamson Masih

Publication: S Dwivedi, N Tewari-Singh, J Masih, A Taushiba, A Lawrence. Evaluation of indoor particulate matter and associated PAHs during the winter season in Northern India: A comprehensive impact of regional appearances. Journal of Hazardous Materials Advances (Elsevier), 2022, 8, 100195.

Invited as Resource Person in ICSSA-2023 Resource Person for an International Conference on Climate Change held at Kalinga University, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh from 6th to 7th April 2023.

Invited as a Resource Person in a National Conference on Materialsooze-2022 conducted at AVS College of Arts and Science on 20th September 2022, Salem, Andhra Pradesh.

Chaired Session 18: New transit models; Chaired Session 21: Cities and Climate; Chaired Session 26: COVID-19 mobility; Chaired Session 35: Climate and Sustainability; Chaired Poster Teaser Session 3B; and Chaired Poster Teaser Session 2A at Urban Transitions 2022, A global Summit, integrating Urban and Transport Planning, Environmental and Health for healthier Urban Living organised by Elsevier 8-10 November 2022 | Sitges, Barcelona, Spain.

at Urban Transitions 2022, A global Summit, integrating Urban and Transport Planning, Environmental and Health for healthier Urban Living organised by Elsevier 8th – 10th November 2022 | Sitges, Barcelona, Spain.

Dr Kailas Shinde

Completed PhD (Chemistry) on the topic "Synthesis and Biological Studies of Novel Substituted Quinoline Compounds" on 29th June 2022.

Coauthor in Practicals in Chemistry for F.Y.B.Sc. Semester-I & II as per the revised syllabus of Wilson College (Autonomous), Mumbai. By Sheth Publishers Pvt. Ltd (2022).

Dr A. S. Burange

Publication: Catalytic application of $K_2Ce(PO_4)_2$ in Knoevenagel condensation - A green protocol. Journal of the Indian Chemical Society (Elsevier), 2022, 99 (10), 100680.

Dr Thomson A. Fernandes

Coauthor in Practicals in Chemistry for F.Y.B.Sc. Semester-I & II as per the revised syllabus of Wilson College (Autonomous), Mumbai. By Sheth Publishers Pvt. Ltd (2022).

Dr Abhijit N. Kadam

Recognized as one of the top 2% most influential scientist in the world according to a survey conducted by the Stanford University of USA based on citations, total impact factor, and several publications analysed by the Scopus database.

Editorial Board Member of International Journal of Molecular Sciences

Publications:

MOF derived $NiCo_2O_4$ nanosheets for high-performance asymmetric supercapacitor, Journal of Electroanalytical Chemistry Available online 19 April 2023, 117475 (Article in press)

Green and sustainably designed intercalation-type anodes for emerging lithium dual-ion batteries with high energy density, Journal of Energy Chemistry, 80, May 2023, Pages 466-478

Mechanochemically interlocked cubane copper complex interface for WOLED, Journal of Colloid and Interface Science, 633, March 2023, Pages 589-597

Multifunctional polyoxotungstocobaltate anchored fern-leaf-like $BiVO_4$ microstructures for enhanced photocatalytic and super capacitive performance, Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochemical and Engineering Aspects Volume 662, 5 April 2023, 130974

Magnetically separable mixed metal oxide nanocomposite ($Pd/MnFe_2O_4$) for Suzuki cross-coupling in an aqueous medium, Journal of Organometallic Chemistry, Volume 983, 1st January 2023, 122541

Interface-engineered Z-scheme of $BiVO_4/g-C_3N_4$ photoanode for boosted photoelectrochemical water splitting and organic contaminant elimination under solar light, Chemosphere, 308, Part 1, December 2022, 136166

Recent trends and outlooks on the engineering of $BiVO_4$ photoanodes toward efficient photoelectrochemical water splitting and CO_2 reduction: A comprehensive review, International Journal of Hydrogen Energy, 47, Issue 94, 5 December 2022, Pages 39796-39828

Biogenic synthesis of metal oxide-based photocatalysts for dye removal, Current Developments in Bioengineering and Biotechnology Advances in Eco-Friendly and Sustainable Technologies for the Treatment of Textile Wastewater 2023, Pages 69-109 (Elsevier).

Mr Sachin Gupta

Presented a paper on Indoor Air Pollution: A Silent Health Hazard at the ICSSR-sponsored National Conference on 21st Century Commitment to Models of Environmental Sustainability organised by Wilson College, Mumbai from 1st - 3rd December 2022.

Presented a paper on 'The Characterisation of Sub-Micron Particulate Matter and the Trends in its Varied Concentration in Mumbai' at the International Conference on Climate Change, Sustainable Development & Smart Agriculture (ICSSA-2023) organised by the Department of Zoology, Faculty of Science, Kalinga University on 6th - 7th April 2023.

Dr Shilpa Deorukhakar

Invitee lecturer as a Subject expert for "Training course on conservation of Natural History Collection with focus on Taxidermy specimens" on "FTIR analysis in conservation" held at CSMVS, Mumbai supported by Tata trust under its Art Conservation Initiative Program on 4th July 2022.

Students' participation and achievements:

Bhakti Sindhav, Ph.D. Scholar: State-level Aavishkar held at Pune University, Shortlisted for the second round.

Jenifer Dsouza Msc -Part II, Analytical: Poster presentation. SIES College "Utkarsha" 2 Feb 2023, 2nd prize

MSc Part II Inorganic (09 No.) /Analytical (5No.): Online Certificate course "Fire E-learning" by Armstrong Ceiling, Completed.

MSc Part II, Inorganic (09 Nos.): Two days RUSA-Sponsored Chemspark, Workshop on Spectroscopy), At Patkar College, Goregaon, Completed.

PhD. Scholar and TYBSc: International Conference, Thakur College for Poster Presented on Fabrication of OD/2D SnO₂ Quantum Dots/CdS nanosheets hybrids by electrostatic self-assembly for enhanced photoelectrochemical water splitting by Bhakti Sindhav, Kusum Maurya, Sanika Bile, Raveena Pathare, Saniya Sarang, Harichandra Parbat, Abhijit N. Kadam.

PhD Scholar Anjali Tiwari: International Conference, Thakur College PPT Presentation on A kinetic approach to the transition metal ion catalyzed oxidation of some alcohols using ammonium metavanadate in acidic medium.

PhD Scholar and TYBSc: International Conference, Thakur College Poster Presentation on Synthesis of cauliflower-like carbon by scalable bottom-up approach towards rapid and efficient removal of organic cationic pollutant by Ankita Pendem, Sakshi Panchal, Sakshi Dalvi, Aditya Bamane and Riddhi Panchal.

TYBSc.:

Aavishkar, Mumbai University Poster Presentation on Synthesis of cauliflower-like carbon by scalable bottom-up approach towards rapid and efficient removal of organic cationic pollutant.

Kusum Maurya: 1st prize for Video Making and Photography

Kusum Maurya, Shubham Dubey: AI Chemica 2023- Maharashtra college- poster presentation-topic-Alternative chemistry, Consolation Prize.

Sanika Bile and Parth Kharade: Participated in AI Chemica 2023- Maharashtra college- poster presentation - environmental chemistry

TYBSc and M.Sc. students: QAQC certificate course: Completed.

TYBSc. Students: Debate competition-Genesis by zoology, First prize.

TYBSc. Students: Treasure Hunt -Genesis by Zoology, First prize.

SYBSc.:

Saurabh Pandey: AL CHEMIA 2023- Maharashtra College of Arts, Science and Commerce- intercollegiate poster presentation -topic-Carbon credit, Second price.

Saurabh Pandey: Online Certificate course of 12 modules for 'Energy Literacy' conducted by Energy Swaraj Foundation. Completed.

Saurabh Pandey, Rahul Jaiswal, Yusuf Khan, Abin Kurian (IT-SY): Participated -in ongoing II Mumbai FOSSEE Mapathon 2023, Championship by IITB

*Dr Harichandra A Parbat
Head, Department of Chemistry*

Junior College Report Department of Chemistry

Mrs Bindu Nambidi successfully completed In-service training for 24 years in Online mode in the month June 2022.

Mr Vivek Ramchandra successfully completed In-service training for 12 years in Online mode in the month of June 2022.

Mrs Manisha Tribhuvan successfully completed an Online certificate course of 6 weeks on Education for All: Disability,

Diversity and Inclusion by the University of Cape Town.

Mrs Bindu Nambidi and Mrs Manisha Tribhuvan attended a seven-day Faculty Development Programme on 'Befriend Technology with New Educator's Code' conducted by Bharat College of Arts and Commerce Badlapur (W).

*Shirin T. Irani
Department of Chemistry,
Junior College*

Information Technology (IT)

The IT department had well-organized lectures with the active participation of students. A Science Day program was organised for students, guiding them in their area of interest about training in different software, hardware, internships and projects. Offering full-time undergraduate and postgraduate courses, the department bagged good results during the academic year 2022-2023. It aims to create sharp and analytical minds essential for the dynamic and ever-changing field of technology. The curriculum covers a wide range of subjects along with value-added certifications including the SAP training and Global certification.

This year the Department of IT had a series of events, organizing and managing co-curricular activities and extra-curricular activities. The focus of these events was on the ultimate development of students. As it's the first year, the FY Student Induction programme was scheduled on 6th September 2022 and the Library orientation programme was conducted on 19th January 2023. The department has been awarded a **DBT Star** Scheme Grant in the year 2022-23

Departmental Activities:

A Parent Teacher Meeting for different classes of the IT Department was conducted. The attendance and exam matters/policies were discussed. Parents and students were interactive and gave a positive response to organizing such a meeting.

Career Guidance Program: The I.T. Department organized in collaboration with Career Counselling Cell & *Back2study*, conducted "Dream Study Destination." The resource person for this program was Sakina Kuwawala, with the phenomenal participation of 64 students. The main objective was to make students understand the benefits of studying abroad. The speaker introduced students to various study opportunities in abroad destinations and choose the best among them.

Cyber Security: The I.T. Department organized a workshop on Cyber Security with the participation of 120 students. Alumni Mr Vinoy was the resource person for this workshop. Participants were able to gather tips on defending networks and computer systems against cyber-attacks. Overall, the seminar was a huge success and an excellent platform for knowledge-sharing in the field of cybersecurity.

Workshop on Data Structures: The I.T. Department organized a workshop on Data Structures with the

participation of 80 students. The resource person for the workshop was Ahesham Shaik which was held on 15th September. It was attended by many I.T. students and professionals from various backgrounds. The seminar was aimed at providing an overview of data structures and various algorithms, like the Quick Sort algorithm, which helps students grasp the concept of algorithms useful in their academics, projects, and interviews.

The National Science Day 2022-2023: The I.T. Department organized the National Science Day on 28th February 2023. The importance of Information Technology in the common man's life was the centre of the exhibit theme. Students from various departments visited the exhibit, and the participation of 110 students was recorded. Mrs Srilatha Ratnam oversaw the IT exhibits. SYBsc.IT and FYBsc.IT students volunteered for the exhibit demonstrations and explanations. Following is the list of the title of exhibits with a brief introduction and names of the student volunteer in charge.

3D Printer: Create complex shapes with less material than traditional methods. No need for expensive tooling or moulds. Sustainable alternative to traditional Manufacturing methods. Revolutionize your design process with endless possibilities. Student Volunteers are Harsh Pandey and Ryan Antao.

The ultimate attendance solution: Detects registered individuals' faces with ease using our Python OpenCV interface. Quickly and accurately record attendance data with our Arduino - based fingerprint sensor. Simplify attendance tracking and avoid lost or inaccurate records. Student Volunteers are Yash Samson and Alicia Pereira.

Soil Humidity Detector: The volumetric content of water in the soil is measured using a variety of sensors, one of which is the soil humidity detector. Students Volunteers are Seanna Dbritto and Vanisa D'souza.

Drunk and Driving Alert: Real-time project that automatically locks the engine whenever a drunk driver tries to drive any vehicle. The student volunteer was Vikram Ahirwar.

Contactless Sanitizer Dispenser: The automatic sanitiser dispenser is an infrared motion sensor-based dispenser. It is used to dispense an alcohol-based sanitiser. It has a touchless operation, which makes people fearless and more confident about the sanitization process. The student volunteer was Steffi Mascarenhas.

HotinGo: The coolest Python-based hotel management system. Designed with a focus on user interface and open-source flexibility. Manage rooms, guests, and reservations with ease. Secure login and authentication through a MySQL database. Secret storage keeps your data safe using environment variables. The student volunteer was Saurav Patil.

Student Achievements:

SYIT students participate in **University Youth Festival** and won Gold Medal.

IT students (FY, SY, and TY) participate in College Annual Sports Day.

SYIT student Secure the Best Volunteer in NSS.

Staff Achievements

Mrs Srilatha Ratnam served as a paper setter for B.Sc. (Information Technology) Semester II Python Programming at HSNC University, Mumbai 2023.

Mrs Srilatha Ratnam is appointed as external examiner for M.ScIT –Part-II Semester III regular practical examination on 17th December 2022 by HSNC University and conducted and evaluated practical examination for Programming computer vision.

Staff Activities:

Mrs Srilatha Ratnam:

Participated in NAAC-sponsored two-day State Level Seminar on “Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges” organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Wilson College held on 24th and 25th March 2023.

Resource Person for a session on “Understanding NEP – Session 1” under Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Wilson College held on 24th February 2023.

Participated in Two Day National Webinar on “Transforming Higher Education Institutions” aligning with National Education Policy (NEP) organized by R. J. College under the aegis of UGC PARAMARSH SCHEME which was sponsored by NAAC held on 10th and 11th February 2023.

Participated in Three Day Faculty Development Program on “Machine Learning” organized by Indira College, Malegaon held from 23rd to 25th Feb 2023.

Participated in a 7-Day International Level online FDP titled “Pathway to Modern Accounting Era” organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Nirmala Memorial Foundation College of Commerce amp; Science in collaboration with Western India Regional Council of ICAI held from 14th to 21st March 2023.

Position held as Chairperson of the Board of Studies of IT Department, Wilson College.

Dr Pradhnya Wankhade, Mrs Simran Puri and Ms Anam Khan

Participated in NAAC-sponsored two-day State Level Seminar on “Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges” organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Wilson College held on 24th and 25th March 2023.

Position held as Faculty Member of Board of Studies of IT Department, Wilson College.

*Mrs Srilatha Ratnam
In-charge Department of IT*

Mathematics

The following activities were organized by the Department of Mathematics for the academic year 2022-23:

Inauguration of MATHEVERSE:

Sixty students of Degree and Junior college attended the inaugural of the Maths Society under the name **Matheverse** held on Thursday, 28th July 2022 at 1:00 pm. Principal Dr Anna Pratima Nikalje inaugurated the event, followed by a guest lecture by Dr Selby Jose, Associate Professor, The Institute of Science on ‘**Data Science and its Applications.**’

A Parent-Teacher meeting of SYBSc. and TYBSc. was held on 30th July and 9th August 2022 respectively.

One hundred students participated in a **Quiz Competition** on 25th August 2022. Three Levels, (i) Quiz Competition, (ii) Diagonal Dandiya Game, (iii) Puzzle Race were held and top three winners were given prizes and participation certificates.

Thirty students attended an **online guest lecture** by Dr Venkitesh Iyer, Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Haifa,

Israel on 'A Glimpse of Mathematics in Real World' on 21st December 2022 at 11:00 am.

Seventy-five students attended a **guest lecture** by Dr Vijay A Singh, Visiting Professor, CEBS Mumbai on '**The Forgotten Legacy of Aryabhata**' on 16th February 2023 at 12:30 pm.

As a part of the National Science Day Celebration, students of FYBSc., SYBSc. and TYBSc. put up exhibits at McKenzie Hall showcasing the unique applications of mathematics.

*Ms Jophy Jose
In-charge Department of Mathematics*

Microbiology

The academic year 2022-23 began with lectures and practicals in the offline mode after two years. The TYBSc. University results showcased a pass percentage of 98.01% and the MSc. students cleared their exams with a 100% pass percentage.

Since the College has received autonomy, the M.Sc. Microbiology seats have increased from 5 to 12. The toppers for the Academic year 2021-22 are Mr Nachiket Moti (TYBSc.), Ms Ananya (SYBSc.), Ms Nidhi Shah (FYBSc.), and Ms Priya Maurya (M.Sc Part 2).

TYBSc. student Mr Nachiket Moti received the Best Student Award from the Microbiologist Society of India for the Academic year 2021-22. Every year the department recognises students with good academic records for the Prem Arya scholarship. This scholarship was awarded to Ms Apurva Singham (TYBSc.) and Ms Fiza Khan (SYBSc.).

This year, syllabi for SYBsc and Msc. Part II was designed for autonomy which will be implemented from June 2023.

Summer Internships

During the summer vacation of April-May 2022, 15 SYBSc. students completed internships at eminent hospitals, laboratories, and industries like SRCC Hospital, Bhatia Hospital, Dalvi Hospital, Lilavati Hospital, Jariwala Laboratories and Breach Candy Hospital. The objective of the internship was to expose the students to the work related to Microbiology.

As a part of autonomy, an LOU was signed with SRCC Hospital, Haji Ali, where 11 students from the M.Sc. part I completed a 15-day compulsory internship in various departments like microbiology, haematology, blood bank, and molecular biology.

Educative Sessions and Career Guidance Lectures

Every year the department aims at exposing the students to different career opportunities and enriching career sessions.

The following sessions were organized by the department:

"Opportunities in Israel" by Ms Radhika Haldankar was organized by the Department with the Career Counselling Cell, in collaboration with Bar -ILan University on 5th August 2022. The session was highly interactive with students asking many doubts about pursuing higher studies.

"Career in the Food Industry" by Mr Lucky Sharma, an alumnus well-established in the food industry was held on 10th September 2022.

Intercollegiate Events

BIOMOSAIC

The intercollegiate fest 'BIOMOSAIC,' organized by the Department of Microbiology at Wilson College marked its 15th consecutive year in the academic year 2022 - 2023. The event provides a competitive platform to students fostering confidence, and competence and constantly encouraging and motivating them to spread awareness about Life Sciences. This event was conducted offline after 2 years and saw 149 enthusiastic participants from various colleges across Mumbai for different events. The ceremony was formally inaugurated by alumnus Ms Mariamma Charles, who is a TEDx speaker and holds several patents. The festival consisted of both science-related and fun-filled events such as Quizzeria, Dice decide your fate, Cell-fie, Petri Art, Memology, and Forensic. All the events were well appreciated and were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The fest was sponsored by The New Great Eastern Spinning and weaving company Ltd., Green Escape Travel, Hi Media, Cravova Food and Beverage Pvt Ltd., Mad Over Donuts, The Food Corner, and AV Builders. As part of social responsibility, people having small businesses were invited to set up their stalls on campus for sale.

Activities such as Cryptic Crossword and The Maze of Riddles were organized by the MBSI unit of Wilson College in collaboration with MICROBIOLOGISTS' SOCIETY, INDIA on 11th September 2022.

Enrichment Lectures

A lecture in collaboration with Indian Women Scientists Association was organized titled "Confocal Microscopy and its Applications in Biology" by Dr Rohan Khadilkar (ACTREC, Tata Memorial Centre) on 12th November 2022.

Another online workshop on 'Application of Statistical Optimization in Research' was organized on 10th February 2023. The resource person for the session was Dr Pradnya Gogte.

Parent-Teacher Meeting

The department organized the parent-teacher meeting for all the students from FY, SY, TY and PG students. These were organized to abreast the parents about their pupils' activities. Feedback for the betterment of teaching and learning was considered.

Student Achievements

The department submitted two proposals under the undergraduate and postgraduate categories to **AAVISHKAR**. In the PG Category, Mr Kiran Umbalkar, Ms Pooja Rane, Mr Vishal Bhor and Ms Kanak Sharma won the final round at the regional category for their project titled 'Use of Violet Pigment as Bio-ink Obtained from *Chromobacterium violaceum* K2PVR22 Isolated from Waterfall Soil' and represented the University at the state level.

The Postgraduate students Mr Kiran Umbalkar, Ms Pooja Rane, Mr Vishal Bhor and Ms Kanak Sharma also won the 2nd prize for their poster presentation at the National Conference on 'Biotechnology for Better Tomorrow, Convention-2023' organized by MBSI in collaboration with Taywade College on 24th January 2023. Both projects were under the mentorship of Dr Radhika Birmole.

At the Undergraduate level Ms Sakshi Sanjay Kumbhar, Mr Parth Ajit Arolkar and Ms Keola Kapitan won the first prize for their project titled "Use of Photobacterium leiognathi PR2KSJ1 isolated from *Harpadon nehereus* to detect heavy metal pollution in water bodies' and were selected for the Science Research Contest Award on 29th January 2023. The project was mentored by Dr Joyline Mascarenhas. The achievement included certificates and a monetary prize of Rs 12000/- for the students and 2000/- for the mentor in charge.

Mr Aayush Pandey, Ms Mahee Patil and Ms Shubitha from FYBSc. Microbiology secured the First Prize in the

competition Age of Antimicrobial Resistance organized on 6th & 7th January 2023 as a part of Microbes 2023 by the Department of Microbiology of Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College, Mumbai.

Mr Ammar Savliwala, Ms Natalia Jethawani and Ms Alina Kasu from TYBSc. Microbiology won the FIRST prize at the 21st National Level Microbiolympiad which was held on 20th February 2023 at Aurangabad. The FYBSc students Mr Aayush Pandey, Ms Mahee Patil and Ms Shubitha also represented the department for the 21st National Level Microbiolympiad. They were selected from among the 3000 participants from various states.

Mr Soham Kamble from FYBSc. won first place for his presentation at the MICROBIOPodium organized as a part of the 21st National Level Microbiolympiad.

Ms Sharin Solomon Samuel from FYBSc. got the consolation prize at the scientific photography event during the National Talent students meet 2023 held from 3rd March to 5th March organized by the Microbiologists Society, India, and R. K. University Rajkot.

National Science Day 2023

The National Science Day 2023 was celebrated on 28th February 2023. The Importance of microorganisms in the common man's life was the theme of the exhibits. The exhibition was volunteered by the FY, SY and MSc. part I students. The topics included Food Microbiology, Microbial growth, Microbial pigments, the Importance of Hand washing, Health and Hygiene, and Bioluminescence.

Staff Achievements:

Dr Anuradha Pendse:

Participated in Maharashtra State FDP MS-DEED Level 1 Workshop on Introduction to Innovative Pedagogies for UG Teachers organized by Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College in collaboration with The Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Pune on 27th and 28th July 2022.

Publication - Patil, S. J., & Pendse, A. S. Optimization of Carotenoid Production from *Microbacterium oleivorans* SAA1517 and its Application as Fish Feed. Biological Forum – An International Journal. 2023. 15(2): 323-332(2023)

Dr Radhika Birmole:

Resource person for The National Conference on 'Biotechnology for Better Tomorrow, Convention - 2023'

organized by Microbiologists Society India in collaboration with Taywade College, Nagpur on 24th January 2023.

Publications –

Birmole R, Aruna K. Elucidating a pathway for degradation of azo dye Reactive red 120 by bacterial consortium. *Journal of Applied Biological Sciences*, 16(3): 396–417, 2022.

Birmole R, Aruna K. Biological Treatment of Dyes Using Immobilized Microbes, Toxicity Studies, and Analytical Techniques: An Overview. Monograph published by B.P International, 2022.

Birmole R, Aruna K. Role of various physicochemical factors in enhancing the microbial potential for bioremediation of synthetic dyes. Book: Biodegradation - New Insights. Intechopen 2022.

Ms Candida Silveira:

Participated in a Seven-day DU-STUTI-sponsored Hands-on training program on Advanced Biological Imaging and Elemental Analysis at the University of Delhi from 7th - 13th September 2022.

Ms Meghna Gore:

Publication – Gore, M., Shaikh, N., & K, A. (2022). Decolourization and Detoxification of Malachite Green by *Enterobacter cloacae* NAM-9415 Isolated from Flower Vase Water. *Journal of Applied Biotechnology Reports*, 9(3), 691-698. doi: 10.30491/jabr.2021.261270.1323

Industrial Visits

TYBSc. Students visited **The Advanced Centre for Training, Research and Education in Cancer (ACTREC)** on their open day on 1st December 2022.

The TYBSc. Microbiology and MSc. Part I students visited the **Plant Tissue Culture Lab** at R. J. Jhunjhunwala College and the Animal tissue culture laboratory at the Bayview Clinic on 9th December 2022 and 23rd January 2023 respectively. The students were exposed to research in the areas of eukaryotic biology.

The MSc students visited the Sunandan Divatia School of Science, **NMIMS**, and gained exposure to various areas of molecular biology and biotechnology, with a tour of multiple laboratories.

On 17th and 18th January 2023, 52 students of Second and Third-Year BSc (Microbiology) visited **the Birla Institute of**

Scientific Research, Jaipur and Saras Milk Processing Plant (Jaipur Dairy). The Aim was to give them practical exposure in addition to the theoretical curriculum. The students were informed about the newer developments and career opportunities in scientific research.

Social Outreach Activities

Junior College Open Day - The Open Day titled '**THE INVISIBLE LIFE - Come and interact with the microbes**' for Junior College students was organized by our undergraduate and postgraduate students on 4th October 2022. Junior College students from Wilson College and the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Parsee Charitable Institution attended the session.

School activity- The Microbiology department conducted a series of experiential learning sessions in the field of Microbiology and Biotechnology for the 8th, 9th, and 10th Standard students of **Jagannath Shankar Sheth Municipal School** at Grant Road. Science experiment demonstrations, specifically designed for the 9th Standard syllabus, have been proposed to the school authorities. These demonstrations, not covered in the regular academic curriculum, aim to enhance students' comprehension of the subject matter and foster their motivation. These sessions included MSc and SYBSc. student volunteers under the supervision of the microbiology staff. This was an ongoing program with one session, interaction per week.

AIDS awareness – On account of World AIDS Day, designated December 1st, 8 students of the Microbiology Department, TYBSc., conducted an outreach programme. It was conducted in the following manner:

- 1) On-campus by virtual dissemination of an e-poster.
- 2) A Google survey form on awareness of AIDS.
- 3) One-on-one interactive awareness sessions with students from 5 schools within a 3km radius.

The main objective of the initiative was to raise awareness about the syndrome by simply supplementing the college students' previously garnered knowledge, and reaching out to students within the 12 - 16 age group from a fact-than-fiction scientific perspective. The programme was under the counsel of the Head of Department, Dr Anuradha Pendse & Ms Meghana Gore. 5 schools responded favourably, namely BJPC High School, Model High School, Seva Sadan Society's Girls High School, Manav Mandir High School, and Jagannath Shankar Seth Municipal School.

On 30th November 2022, the students visited the above schools. Over 400 students from the classes of 8th -10th belonging to all three regional mediums of instruction were addressed in English, Hindi, and Marathi to ensure a comprehensive grasp of the subject matter.

In each session, the educator began by asking questions of increasing difficulty to the students. This was done to gauge their prior knowledge & pique their curiosity. Rewards were given as positive reinforcement of their scientific temperament and their higher-order thinking skills.

The department is recognized under the '**STAR College Scheme**' by Govt. of India (GOI)'s Department of Biotechnology (DBT), which allowed an expansion of research opportunities. The Department is committed to providing a rigorous learning experience to ensure the effective growth of each student associated with our department at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Similarly, the department is geared up to meet the requirements of the National Educational Policy for higher education.

Dr Anuradha Pendse
Head, Department of Microbiology

Junior College Report

Selected for & attended the 4-day camp Biology Olympiad Teachers' Exposure Camp (National-Level Camp) from 15th to 18th November 2022 at Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE-TIFR). Biology teachers from all over India were selected.

Ms Aditee R. Adkar
Biology, Junior College

Physics

The department is proud to acknowledge that the following TYBSc. students from the 2021-22 batch were selected for admission to M.Sc. Physics: Mr Nishant at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; Ms Bindya Nair, Ms Elsi Ramya, Ms Vidula Pednekar at University Department, Mumbai University and Ms Sadiya for MCA at SNDT University.

Student Achievements

TYBSc. Physics students won the prize for arranging the best games at their Bazaar Day stall on 21st January 2023.

Mentored by Mr Shubham Mourya, TYBSc students Mr Chaitanya and Ms Manasa, won a prize for their Arduino-based project at Acharya and Marathe College Science Utsav 2023, held on 25th February 2023.

Summer school for physics students across Mumbai

In collaboration with the Mumbai Sub-Regional Council (8B) of the Indian Association of Physics Teachers, a 10-day summer school in theoretical physics was organised from 1st June to 11th June 2022. Thirty-eight students from Wilson College (6), Ruparel College (12), Jai Hind College (7), K. J. Somaiya College (4), St. Xavier's College (3), S.I.E.S. College (2) and one each from KC College, Sathaye College,

Ruia College and Vivekanand Education Society's College attended. Alumni of Wilson College (Mr Rohit Patil, Ms Ninisha Patil and Ms Shareen Khan) worked as facilitators, who along with resource persons helped the participants in problem-solving.

The resource persons were, Ms Hemalatha Deshpande (retired from Vivekanand College) for relativity, Mr Ganesh Madkaikar (D. G. Ruparel College) for electrostatics, Dr Shyamala Bodhane (retired from St. Xavier's College) and Dr Shantanu Kadam (Dnyanasadhana College) for statistical mechanics and Mr Mahesh Shetti (Wilson College) for optics.

Enrichment sessions were also conducted by Dr Atul Mody (President, Mumbai IAPT) on the k-transform method in relativity, Dr Vinita Navalkar (JOVE) on "Photography: writing with light," Mr A. M. Shaker (Vice President, Maharashtra IAPT) on "Essentials in Experimental Physics" and Prof. H. G. Salunke (BARC) on "applications of statistical mechanics".

Mr Mahesh Shetti worked as coordinator. The Valedictory was presided by Principal Prof Anna Pratima Nikalje and Chief Guest was Prof H. G. Salunke (BARC).

Guest talks for students

Following guest talks were arranged for students:

“Nuclear energy and ionising radiations” by Mr Uday Kashelkar, Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd on 23rd August 2022.

“The small world: Portraying miniatures” by Dr Suhas Jejurkar, National Centre for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, University of Mumbai on 29th August 2022.

“Nanomaterials for Sustainable Energy and Environmental Applications” by Dr Neetu Jha, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai on 20th September 2022.

Problem-solving workshop on “Nuclear Energy” by Mr Uday Kashelkar, NPCIL, on 27th November 2022.

“India’s Nuclear Reactors” by Mr Uday Kashelkar (NPCIL), on 25th February 2023.

Department Outreach activities

A star-gazing session on 28th December 2022 for Tribal students at Nareshwadi, Dahanu in K J Somaiya College NSS Camp. It was conducted by Mr Mahesh Shetti, assisted by physics alumnus Mr Rohit Patil and astronomy course alumnus Mr Harikrishnan.

Workshop on Optics for Science Teachers of R-ward on 5th January 2023 at St Rock’s High School, Gorai, Borivali (W). Mr Mahesh Shetti worked as a resource person.

Online Lecture on “हबलची वारसदार – जेम्स वेब अंतराळ दुर्बीण” was conducted for Janseva Samiti, Vile Parle on 23rd January 2023, which was specially aired through their FB live for schools around Jalna City. Mr Mahesh Shetti worked as a resource person.

As a part of National Science Day, exhibits were arranged in the Physics lab on 28th February 2023. Physics students in the second and third years volunteered under the guidance of Mr Shubham Mourya.

Staff members invited as resource persons

Mr Shubham Mourya judged the PowerPoint presentation competition organised by Science Circle of Junior College, on 6th December 2022.

Mr Mahesh Shetti delivered the following guest talks at various forums:

Lecture on “Calendars” for Vigyan Pratibha workshop for school teachers conducted at HBCSE, TIFR on 24th August 2022.

Lecture on “Indian Knowledge System and Astronomy” for UGC Sponsored Short Term Course organised by Hindu Study Centre, University of Mumbai on 1st September 2022.

Lecture on “What could be the colour of aliens?” for Pawar Public School, Chandiwali on 25th August 2022.

Lectures on “Science and Philosophy” for Philosophy Department students on 22nd July 2022 and 4th August 2022.

Lecture on “Physics of the Impossible” at K.E.T. Vaze College, Mulund on 19th September 2022.

Session on “Building Competency in Scaling and Order of Magnitude” for IAPT RC1 Online Convention on 25th September 2022.

“Science of Imaging” for Kalindi College on 20th October 2022, in a National web seminar on “Omnipresent Physics: An experiential approach” in collaboration with The National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI)

“भूतकाळाचा शोध, भविष्याचा वेध – जेम्स वेब अंतराळ दुर्बीण” on 28th November 2022. It was part of a series of public lectures in Sanskar Vyakhyanmala been organised in Borivali since 1975.

“Go with the flow” a public lecture on fluid dynamics in the physics festival VIBGYOR at D. G. Ruparel College on 4th February 2023.

Staff participation in workshop/conference

Mr Shubham Mourya and Mr Mahesh Shetti attended a workshop on “App-based experiments in physics” at KET’s Vaze College in collaboration with IAPT, Mumbai on 7th September 2022.

Mr Shubham Mourya attended RUSA supported IQAC conference titled ‘ Navigating the Educational Policy: CURRICULUM, COURSES AND CREDITS’, organised by IQAC, Sophia College on 4th February 2023.

Dr Kapil Bhatt attended a two-day national webinar on Transforming Higher Education Institutions Aligning with National Educational Policy on 10th and 11th February 2023.

Junior College section

Ms Suhasini Kate and Mr Ashish Mishra have completed online in-service training for selection grades from April 2022 - July 2022.

Department Festival Event Horizon

On 27th February 2023, the annual festival Event Horizon was organised for the 5th year in succession. The theme for this year was 'Cybermatrix.' The concept of AI and machines has been a buzz for the past couple of years and was selected as the theme by our students for Event Horizon.

The four events were: Temporal Caching (quiz), AICryption (crossword), NextGen Shutter (photography) and Neon Velocity (Arduino-based car race). The cars for Neon Velocity were designed, assembled and programmed by TY students

under the guidance of Mr Shubham Mourya successfully showcasing innovation, teamwork and precision involved in the knowledge of physics.

The event, coordinated by Mr Shubham Mourya, was inaugurated by the Vice Principals and Ms Swati Mali, Asst. Prof at K. J. Somaiya Engineering College, the guest for the day. The riveting lecture by Ms Mali on Artificial Intelligence - The Future is Now - trends, applications and career opportunities, inspired every one of us to the beauty of man-made wonders while showcasing the challenges and limitations of the same. Principal Dr Anna Pratima Nikalje inspired the students to pursue this field but also remember human importance over AI and machines.

*Mr Shekhar Deodhar
Head, Department of Physics*

Zoology

In the academic year 2022 – 2023, Mrs Paramjeet M. Shetti retired from service after a career of 22 years in the Zoology Department and Mrs Ananya Bar joined the Zoology Department as a permanent staff member. Ms Lakshika Hodar, Mr Anas Khan, Ms Akshita Ghodke and Ms Roshni Joseph joined the department as full-time contractual staff members.

The Zoology Department conducted a series of events this year for the students.

A talk on "Scope in fishery Sector" was held in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries, Maharashtra State on 8th July 2022 and 42 students attended the session.

A session on "Stem Cell" was held in collaboration with NSS on 26th July 2022, with 70 students in attendance.

On 16th September 2022, the Zoology Department celebrated Ozone Day by conducting a quiz competition based on Nature Conservation and a Talk on "Ozone Depletion, Climate Change and its Effect on Fauna" delivered by Dr Devdatta Lad.

The Department successfully conducted its first fest "Genesis" on 17th January 2023 with an overwhelming response received by the students.

Dr Devdatta Lad delivered a talk on "Career Options in Biology after 12th Std" to the 11th Std students organized by the Science Circle on 3rd February 2023.

The Department actively participated in the Science Day celebration by arranging exhibits in the Zoology Lab on 28th February 2023.

Various Field Visits and Excursions were conducted by Dr Sushant Mane, Ms Lakshika Hodar, and Dr Devdatta Lad, which included the Versova Fish Landing Centre on 29th September 2022; Priyadarshini Park Marine area on 24th November 2022; Jijamata Udyan Byculla (Zoo) on 10th January 2023; Tadoba – Andhari National Park and Tiger Reserve from 29th January 2023 to 3rd February 2023; Sasson Dock Fish Landing Center on 9th March 2023; and the Animal House of ICMR- National Institute For Research In Reproductive and Child Health on 3rd April 2023.

The students visited IIT Mumbai Tissue Culture Laboratory on 3rd March 2023 as a field visit conducted by Dr Ananya Bar, Ms Neha Elizabeth Koshy and Ms Roshni Joseph.

Staff Achievements:

Dr Devdatta Lad:

Attended a one-day state-level conference on "Accreditation: The Way Ahead" organized by the University of Mumbai at Kalina Campus.

Published article titled "Aquaponics: A Way of Green Technology" in the book titled "Cutting Edge Research in Biology Vol. 1" November 2022 Print ISBN: 978-93-5547-943-3, eBook ISBN: 978-93-5547-944-0.

Presented a paper entitled "Mahseer: A bioindicator teleost" at the ICSSR-sponsored National Conference "21st Century Commitment to Models of environmental sustainability" held at Wilson College from 1st to 3rd December 2022.

Paper Published: Dr Devdatta Lad, (2023). Mahseer: A Bioindicator Teleost, Uttar Pradesh Journal of Zoology, Volume 44, Issue 3, Page 16-20, 2023; ISSN: 0256-971X (P) (Web of Science indexed Journal)

Published article titled "Fruits for a healthy life" in the book titled "Nutrition Education: An Important Pillar of Health" February 2023 ISBN no. 9798889599159.

Dr Sushant Mane:

Presented a paper entitled "Effect of overfishing on depleting marine ecosystem" at the ICSSR-sponsored National Conference "21st Century Commitment to Models of

environmental sustainability" held at Wilson College from 1st to 3rd December 2022.

Ms Neha Elizabeth Koshy

Presented a paper entitled "Conservation of Olive Ridley Turtles at Velas Beach in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra" at the ICSSR-sponsored National Conference "21st Century Commitment to Models of environmental sustainability" held at Wilson College from 1st to 3rd December 2022.

Ms Lakshika Hodar and Mr Adnan Bhanwadia presented a paper entitled "A review on in-situ Conservation of Asiatic lion (*Panthera leo persica*) in Gir National Park, Gujarat." at the ICSSR-sponsored National Conference "21st Century commitment to models of environmental sustainability" held at Wilson College from 1st to 3rd December 2022.

Dr Sushant Mane
Head, Department of Zoology



UNAIDED COURSES REPORTS

Commerce: Accounting & Finance

The Department of BAF had a series of events with offline lectures, organizing and managing the co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities. The FY Student Induction program was scheduled on 6th September 2022 and the library orientation programme was conducted on 19th January 2023. Parent-Teacher meetings were conducted on 4th August 2022, 7th and 8th February 2023. Throughout the year, the students were motivated to write and submit research papers for journals, as well as participate in inter-departmental activities.

TYBAF Student Ms Siddhi Pankaj secured first place in Hammer Throw in the Inter-zonal Athletics Tournament held by Mumbai University.

This academic year too had 100% results in the BAF department. 14 students completed their internships and many TY students received job offers.

A Mentoring Session was conducted on 4th March 2023 for SYBAF students. Ms Saloni Bordia mentored 9 students and Ms Shruti Ujgaonkar mentored 5 students. The mentorship session helped students improve their self-assessment of academic abilities.

Department Activities:

Under the aegis of IQAC, the BAF & IT Department, in collaboration with Rotaract club, organized a two-day PAN card camp on 16th and 17th September 2022 to help enrol students as well as staff with PAN card services, resolve pending queries and keep documents up to date.

Under the aegis of IQAC, BAF Department in collaboration with NSS Unit and in association with India Post organized a two-day Aadhar card camp on the 16th and 17th of September 2022 to enrol students and staff for Aadhaar by collecting their demographic and biometric data in confirmation with the UIDAI enrolment process, resolve pending queries and keep the documents up to date.

A Parent Teacher Meeting was held for different classes of BAF on 4th August 2022, 7th and 8th February 2023. More than 60 parents attended the meeting to understand the structure of BAF, the outcome, and college policies, including attendance and exam policies.

Sports Utsav was held under the aegis of IQAC, the BAF Department along with the Sports Committee and in collaboration with Decathlon. The event was spread across three days i.e., the 21st, 22nd and 23rd September 2022 between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The events were: Badminton, Dart Challenge, Box Cricket, Mini Table Tennis, and a Virtual walkathon. The response of students was overwhelming. All the participants were issued certificates, medals, and Decathlon gift vouchers.

To celebrate Investors Week, Under the aegis of IQAC, the BAF Department in collaboration with CASI on behalf of MSEI organized a street play with the help of around 7 first-year students. Their play was conducted to create awareness among students on financial literacy.

Departmental Workshops/ Seminars/ Bridges Courses:

Seminars:

A training session for NISM certification was organized by Mrs Kruti Bavishi, Ms Vishakha Pandey and Ms Shruti Ujgaonkar and was conducted in collaboration with the Centre for Training and Placement Cell on 15th December 2022. The speaker for the session was Mr Nikunj Sharma (Director CIEL) head of Training and Investor Awareness verticals. With 115 students in attendance, they understood professionals working in the stock market and seeking a beneficial career in commerce and finance.

A seminar on Gender justice was organized by Mrs Kruti Bavishi and Ms Vishakha Pandey. The initiative was undertaken in collaboration with the Women Development Cell on 25th January 2023, with around 215 students participating, creating awareness of Gender equality to make our community safer and healthier.

In collaboration with the Career Counselling Cell, the department organized an interactive session on the functioning of the RBI followed by a visit to the RBI Monetary Museum on 10th January 2023. Around 120 students attended the session and visited RBI Monetary Museum. RBI screened a short film for the students, providing details of their roles, functions and activities.

The seminar on Stewardship of Finances was organized by Mrs Kruti Bavishi and Ms Shruti Ujgaonkar on 30th January 2023. The speaker Mr John Randell Tiongson (Advocate, Life and Personal Finance, Phillipines) let the students understand a scenario in the financial market, different investment strategies and a career in the financial sector. More than 100 students participated in the session.

Extra/Co-curricular Activities

The Department organized a three-day Industrial visit to AMUL factories in Anand, Gujarat with a total headcount of 102 i.e., 99 students of the BAF Department along with 3 faculty being Mrs Kruti Bavishi, Ms Saloni Bordia and Ms Shruti Ujgaonkar. The visit was at the two factories of Amul viz. Amul Chocolate Plant and Amul Dairy mainly focused on understanding the procedures involved in making the products, the technology and the equipment used. The visit was completed by showing a short presentation about Amul at their A/V centre.

The Department of BAF systematically organised its intercollegiate festival – Calligo 2023 on 2nd March 2023 under the supervision of Mrs Kruti Bavishi and Ms Shruti Ujgaonkar. Calligo 2023 observed enthusiastic participation in all four categories of competitions spread over the whole day.

Details about the Internships completed by the students in 2022-2023:

SYBAF:

Sakhi Shrungarpawar at IIMUN; Janice Dcunha at JRA Law Associates LLP; Tanaya Desai at Raj Computer Academy; Altina Dsilva at Altina's Associates; Melvin Dsouza and Divyesh Chavda at Raajesh Doshi and Associates; Dilpreet Singh Syan at YOUNITY.in; Ansh Dave at Bhandari and Associates; Athira Prasad at Santo Protectors.

TYBAF:

Joshua Belvin at Rainshine Entertainment Pvt. Ltd.; Chrispin Moses at MAMG & Co.; Vivek Chakranarayan at Velocrush India; Riyana Dsouza at Cars24; Kaushal Kakaria at N. A Shah Associates; Sheffin Thomas at Proscience.com.

Student Achievements

Winners for events/competitions: -

The Students of the BAF Department bagged the following awards/ recognitions:

Siddhi Pankaj (TYBAF) secured the first position in Inter-zonal Athletics Tournament in Hammer Throw organized by Mumbai University. She received a Certificate of Merit for her outstanding achievements in the Best 1st-year event and a Certificate of Appreciation for her contribution as a Volunteer in Aether 2022 organised by the Economics Department of Wilson College. She was a Delegate of India – UNSC hosted by Munity International.

Mr Davis Pushparaj (TYBAF) received the Rama Murthy Prize for Best Male Student with a good academic record and outstanding social work from Wilson College.

Dilpreet Singh Syan (SYBAF) secured 2nd place in the Debate Competition organized by Mahatma Education Society's Pillai Group of Institutions, secured 2nd place in MEME-O-NOMICS and 3rd place in Thoughts Full of Arguments at the Economics department Fest-ARTHIKI of Wilson College. He was also given a High Commendation award in Lok Sabha Committee organized by Munity International.

Devansh Agarwal (SYBAF) was awarded as the overall Academic topper of the boys' hostel securing 90.57%.

Nafisa Risalawala (FYBAF) got her research paper published titled "Entrepreneurship as Key to youth bright future" concerning the Conference organized by Vedanta College, Mumbai.

Staff Achievements:

Mrs Kruti Bavishi

Authorised for Paper setter and examiner for the IDOL examination, at the University of Mumbai during March 2023.

Authorized for the Evaluation of Project Work in M. Com Semester IV.

Appointed as the Subject expert, Interviewer at KES Shroff College, Kandivali, Mumbai in May 2022.

Member of Organizing Committee under the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Wilson College for conducting NAAC-sponsored two-day State Level Seminar on "Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges" held on 24th and 25th March 2023.

Resource Person for the session on "Understanding NEP – Session 1" under Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Wilson College held on 24th February 2023.

Participated in Two Day National Seminar on “Transforming Higher Education Institutions” aligning with National Education Policy (NEP) at R.J. College under the aegis of UGC PARAMARSH SCHEME which was sponsored by NAAC held on 10th and 11th February 2023.

Participated in 7 Days International Level online FDP titled “Pathway to Modern Accounting Era” organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Nirmala Memorial Foundation College of Commerce & Science in collaboration with Western India Regional Council of ICAI held from 14th March 2023 to 21st March 2023.

Position held as Chairperson of the Board of Studies of BAF Department, Wilson College.

Published a research paper entitled, “Digital Skills- an essential factor to Youth Employment” in National Conference on “Youth Employability India – Opportunities and Challenges.” The publisher is P. R. Talekar. Secretary, Young Researcher Association Kolhapur (MS).

Ms Saloni Bordia

Participated in 16 Days online FDP on “Fundamental of Research” organized by Indian Teacher Education Community, Indore (M.P) held from 9th January 2023 to 24th January 2023.

Published a research paper entitled, “Role of Human Rights in Women’s Empowerment” in the book titled “Women Empowerment and gender equality towards sustainable development” with ISBN no.:978-81-959050-1-0. Publisher - Jyoti Kerappa Mane Deshmukh Colony, Mhaswad Road, Malshiras Solapur, 413107.

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Published a research paper entitled, “Radical Changes In Banking by the Virtue of Innovation” in the International Journal of Advance and Applied Research with ISSN – 2347 - 7075. The publisher is Vedanta College, Vithalwadi, Mumbai.

Ms Vishakha Pandey

Participated in One Day National Multidisciplinary Conference on “Survival, Resurgence & Sustainability in Digitalization: A Global Perspective” organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Ghanshyamdas Saraf College of Arts & Commerce held on 15th February 2023.

Participated in Multidisciplinary National Conference on “Startups in India: Past, Present & Future” organized by Achievers College of Commerce & Management (Night), Kalyan held on 6th January 2023.

Participated in National Webinar on “Intellectual Property Rights – Awareness Programme” organized by IPR Cell and Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Naipunnya School Of Management held on 21st February 2023.

Participated in International Webinar on Academic Writing organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell - Government College (Autonomous) Rajahmundry held on 25th February 2023.

Participated in National Conference on “Global Market – One Place, One Idea (NCGMOPAI – 2K23) organized by Faculty of Commerce in association with Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Pillai HOC College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Rasayani held on 24th February 2023.

Participated in an International lecture titled “Multidisciplinary Research in Education” organized by DPG Degree College held on 9th February 2023.

Participated in International Webinar on “Google Colab” – Verticals in Education and Research organized by DPG

School of Technology and Management, Haryana held on 23rd March 2023.

Participated in online FDP on “Overview of Capital Market” organized by Vedanta College in association with Bombay Stock Exchange Brokers Forum from 2nd January 2023 to 6th January 2023.

Participated in online FDP on “Machine Learning” organized by Indira College, Malegaon held on 23rd February 2023 to 25th February 2023.

Published a research paper entitled, “Bisleri’s Initiative “BOTTLE FOR CHANGE- CSR” with the help of digitalization: A case study on Bisleri Company CSR Activities ” in International Journal of Advance and Applied Research with ISSN – 2277 -8721. The publisher is Pramila Thokale Multidisciplinary Scholarly Research Association & Aarhat Journals and Aarhat Publications, Mumbai – 20.

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*Mrs Kruti Bavishi
In-charge, Department of BAF*

Multimedia and Mass Communication (BAMMC)

The department organized master classes across all disciplines, film screenings with interaction with directors, actors and production teams, industrial visits, and saw the participation of students in various intercollegiate activities.

Guest Lectures Organized:

Two Film Screenings were organised followed by analysis, Jhini Bini Chadariya’ by director Ritesh Sharma on 16th January 2023, and ‘MAJA MA’ by director Anand Tiwari conducted on 24th January 2023.

Master Class Organized:

In total, 24 Masterclasses on various subjects were conducted in the academic year 2022-23.

‘Effective Understanding Through Research’ by Mr Abhishek Hariharan on 9th July 2022;

‘Ad-Film Making’ by Mr Shishir Khandelwal and ‘Corporate Communication’ by Mr Denver Fonseca on 16th July 2022;

‘Copywriting’ by Mr Kshitij Salve and ‘Public Relations’ by Mr Nouman Qureshi on 23rd July 2022;

‘Content and Television Programming’ by Mr Akul Tripathi and ‘Advertising and Market Research’ by Ms Kirtana Jayanth on 30th July 2022;

‘Sports Journalism’ by Mr Vijay Christadoss and ‘Client Servicing and Campaign’ by Ms Gitanjali Saini on 6th August 2022;

‘Media Industry’ by Mansi Rachh and ‘Marketing Communication through event management and its changing nature’ by Mr Rajesh Singh on 13th August 2022;

‘Radio Management and Radio Features’ by Ms Nisha Thomas and ‘Sports Journalism and Career as a Journalist’ by Mr Ayush Puthran on 7th November 2022;

‘Brand Management’ by Roshnee Desai on 16th November 2022;

‘Fake News and Fact-checking’ by Mr Govindraj Ethiraj on 10th December 2022;

‘Film Making and Disability’ by Mr Ajay Shukla on 12th December 2022;

‘Film Making, Career in Film and Wildlife Photography’ by Mr Jayesh Shikarkhane on 4th February 2023;

'Creative Expression and Copywriting' by Ms Alisha Sharma on 11th February 2023;

'Resume Writing' by Prof Sudhakar Solomonraj on 17th February 2023;

'Social Media Marketing' by Mr Amarjeet Singh on 25th February 2023;

'Managing Brands, especially Luxury Brands, exploring Markets in the North East' by Mr Jaffrey Zaman and 'Exploring Opportunities in Digital and other spheres' by Jayadatta Nikalje on 4th March 2023;

'Television Journalism' by Mr Jitendra Dixit on 11th March 2023.

Alumni Interaction:

Pooja Nair (Jo) shares her experience as a Wilsonian and experience of her sociology research.

Student Achievements (Academic/co-curricular/extra-curricular)

North East Collective, BAMMC Department, the English Department, and Stage Crew hosted an event under the Literature Fest - TATA Literature Live and BAMMC Department released its 1st Newsletter.

Extracurricular Activity:

Khushi Singh Contingent Leader in Jai Hind College, Mithibai College won 1st Prize,

Anshvardhan Amle Cutting chai radio show event in RD National College Bandra won 1st Prize,

Sandhra PV for English poem in Wilson College won 1st Prize,

Siddhi Shinde Dialogue Writing & Op-Ed Writing in Jai Hindi – Detour won 1st Prize,

Aleyna IT creeps (radio show) in R. D. National College Bandra won 1st Prize,

Shantanu Satav Tame-O-Tale in Jai Hind College won 1st Prize.

Kunami Soren Event (Paint your own Canvas) of OLE in Wilson College - painting won 1st Prize,

Grace Dsilva Best CL for Cutting Chai representing the college in RD Nationals College won 1st Prize,

Sandhra PV Chess in Wilson College won 2nd Prize.

Anshvardhan Amle Cutting Chai Parody Marketing event in RD National College Bandra won 3rd Prize,

Sandhra PV Classical Dance - Bharatnatyam in Mithibai College - Kshitij (representing Wilson College) won 3rd Prize.

Shreyash Patil Stand-up comedy competition from Wilson College participated in Ruia College BMM fest won 3rd Prize,

Jess Jojan Tug of War competition in Contingent event from Wilson College won 3rd Prize,

Riona Coutinho's Music video in Ruia College won 1st Prize,

Disha Pawar Quilling Competition - Fine Arts in Ramnarain Ruia College won 1st Prize,

Disha Pawar Singing Competition in Wilson College - Stage Crew won 1st Prize,

Saniya Jain Tilt-shift:- fashion show in Ramnarain Ruia autonomous college won 2nd Prize.

Disha Pawar Music Video Making in Ramnarain Ruia College won 2nd Prize,

Shantanu Satav The Final Cut in R.D. National College won 2nd Prize,

Disha Pawar Patriotic Solo Singing Competition in Wilson College - Student Council won 2nd Prize.

Saniya Jain Tilt shift fashion show in Ramnarain Ruia autonomous college won 2nd Prize.

Sports Achievement:

Anshvardhan Amle University taekwondo competition at Mumbai University won 2nd Prize,

Rudolf Dias for Football Wilson College won 3rd Prize,

Rosh Rodrigues, Mumbai University Football tournament (Mumbai zone), 3rd Prize.

Industrial Visit:

Visit for a film screening of 'Ghode Ko Jalebi Khilaane Le Ja Riya hoon', on 26th June 2022.

An industrial visit to Amritsar-Manali-Shimla-Chandigarh for TYBAMMC students was organized in the month of November. Highlights - Visit Tibetan School of Performing Arts, Tibetan Parliament & World's highest stadium Shimla, Study of local branding and contemporary issues in northern areas.

A two-day visit to Yusuf Meherally centre was organized for SYBAMMC and FYBAMMC students in the month of March.

Visit to a tribal village.

Visit to Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya Museum for the TYBAMMC live project of Marketing Children's Museum.

Department CSR Activity:

Tree plantation was done by TYBAMMC students in Karnala Region.

Visit to tribal villages - Koral Wadi and Kairat Wadi.

*Ms Gayatri Raghubans
In-charge BAMMC Department*

Commerce: BCom & MCom

This year the Department of Commerce had a series of events, organized and managed co-curricular activities and extra-curricular activities. The FY Student Induction program was scheduled on 8th August 2022 and the library orientation programme was conducted on 19th January 2023. Throughout the year, the students were motivated and encouraged to write research papers for various journals/ etc.

Department Activities:

The Department has conducted various activities for the students and faculties of Wilson College.

The 1st session for the academic year 2022-23 was "Research Pe Charcha", conducted by the department in association with IQAC and the Research and Development Cell of Wilson College. The theme of the session was "How to write a perfect Research Paper." The resource person for the session was Mr Atul Sathe from H.R. College, and around 100 students participated in the session.

In collaboration with Fortis Hospital and the Red Swastik Society, the department conducted a free Health Check Up for the teaching and non-teaching staff and organised a Blood Donation Camp. The camp was a huge success with mass participation.

On 29th September 2022, the department in collaboration with the Bombay Stock Exchange conducted a study visit to the Bombay Stock Exchange for 1 day. Around 350 students participated.

An International Session on "Freshers Hiring Secrets" was conducted by the department, with resource person Elliott Rosenberg, CEO of BossJi. The session was attended by around 80 students.

To celebrate "World Investors Week" the department conducted a session on the "Commodity Connect Program"

in collaboration with NSDEX.

The department has also joined hands with the Indian Navy for conducting a session on "Career Opportunities for the Students in Indian Armed Forces", a motivational session for the students.

The department organized an intercollegiate cricket tournament for the students in which the Bcom department lifted the trophy.

The department arranged an industrial visit for the students to Chandigarh-Kullu-Manali.

Internships:

TYBCOM students Mr Ayush Paratap Singh, Mr Zoran Ansari, and Ms Vrushika Shah have completed their internship during the academic year 2022-23 at 'Beauty by Bie', 'Oyster Sailing and Services', and 'Treasures by Kiara' respectively.

Student Achievements (Academic/co-curricular/extra-curricular)

Winners for events/competitions: -

Mr Ayush Pratap Singh (TYBcom) won 3rd prize in Mumbai City Zonal Football Tournament conducted by Mumbai University while representing Wilson College.

Mr Bhavesh Jadhav (TYBCom) and Mr Sanskar Bhalerao (TYBcom) were the participants of the cricket team represented in Mumbai City Zonal Cricket Tournament conducted by Mumbai University.

Staff Activities

Faculty members Ms Poonam Tanwar and Ms Joffi Jose participated in the online FDP on "Overview of Capital Market" organized by Vedanta College in association with Bombay Stock Exchange Brokers Forum from 2nd to 6th January 2023.

The BoS for the Commerce department is led by Mr Ashwin Kataria as the Chairperson with Ms Poonam Tanwar and Ms Joffi Jose as members.

Mr Ashwin Kataria, the In-charge of the department has a chapter published in his name in the Mumbai University IDOL Department titled "Classification of Cost and Cost Sheet" in the book 'Financial Accounting and Auditing Paper-VII: Cost Accounting (English Version)' for B. Com, Semester V.

He has also published a research paper titled "A study on Awareness and Acceptance of Digitalization of Banking Sector among Youth of Mumbai" ISBN-978-93-91999-12-8 in AARHAT Publications & AARHAT Journals.

*Mr Ashwin Kataria
In-charge, BCOM Department*

Management Studies (BMS)

Department Activities

Institutional Social Responsibility: HOPE (Help Our People Elevate)

HOPE is a BMS Department Initiative Event. The theme for HOPE REVIVAL 2022 was Illuminating Lives in a Village in Walshet. The team provided 26 solar units and 5 street lights in Asangaon. It was spearheaded by Ms Nilofer Sarang and Ms Vandana Daki.

Student Training and Empowerment Program (Step)

The Students Training and Empowerment Program aims to train students how to be competitive in the job market. This program is the current need of the hour and has been curated to include a series of sessions, courses and workshops designed to equip College students with the skills necessary to be competitive in the job market and improve students' self-confidence and self-image. This programme was organised by Ms Nilofer Sarang and members Ms Vandana Daki, Ms Murel Rodrigues, and Ms Nisha Gupta.

Six Sessions were conducted on topics: 'A Practical Guide to Your Tax Filing'; 'Startup @New Age Entrepreneurs'; 'Hands-on Insight on Digital Marketing; Facing Fears'; 'Digital Currency - Do's and Don'ts'; 'Mental Health Awareness'. These sessions were delivered by various industry experts and contributed towards students' knowledge and skill development.

Generation Next Mentorship Program (GNMP)

The Generation Next Mentorship Program (GNMP) is a programme within the Wilson student community with the primary objective of enabling constructive interaction, guidance and mentorship of junior students by senior students, faculties, alumni and industry professionals. Groups were made and a mentor was allotted to each group. For every group, a minimum of two sessions were conducted

to help the mentee in building effective relationships, facilitate reflective thinking, and career guidance, and cope with academic and non-academic problems.

Peer Learning Strategy

The Peer Learning strategy establishes an environment where students can learn in small groups as a team with each other. This activity includes group discussion, doubt-solving sessions, PPTs, peer-peer teaching & learning new skills.

Seminars Organized

The following seminars/sessions were organized for the students:

The Art of Financial Planning by Dr Ranu Jain on 2nd July 2022.

BMS Department in Collaboration with WDC and ICC organized- Understanding 'The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013' by Adv. Persis Sidhva on 23rd August 2022.

BMS Department in Collaboration with Central Depository Services (India) Limited - IPF and Krisha Foundation - Investor Awareness Program- Basics of Investment and Depository Services by Ms Reshma Verma and Ms Daksha Gogia on 14th October 2022.

Centre for Training & Placement in Collaboration with BMS Department -Session on "How to write a Winning Resume" by Ms Nilofer Sarang on 18th November 2022.

Career Guidance in Choosing Specialisation by Payel Mukherjee Bose and Ms Nilofer Sarang on 9th and 16th January 2023.

How to write a Research Paper by Mr Atul Sathe on 23rd February 2023.

Parent-Teacher Meeting

Regular Parents Teacher Meet was organized for all classes. The attendance, academic and non-academic performance updates were communicated to parents. These meetings act as great platforms for the holistic development of a child.

Industrial Visits

The students have visited the Bombay Stock Exchange, Gowardhan Industries Pvt. Ltd. (Pune); Steel Bird (Amritsar-Dharmashala- Chandigarh). These visits have given an insight into the internal working of the industries with real-life problems faced by industries. The visits have made students aware of the working culture, practical challenges, and career prospects of the industries.

Internships

Appx. 120 students badged their summer internships this year. Post their internship, TYBMS students were guided to undertake to draft the project as per the University mandate and submit the same for viva-voce. It includes companies such as Morgan Stanley, Tech Mahindra, Sterling International, JIO, BIAP, Viral Fission, Larsen and Turbo and many more.

Student Achievements

Tuscano Serena Simon ranked 3rd in District/Zonal Inter-Collegiate Youth Festival-Western Vocal Solo organized by the University of Mumbai.

Shivang Agarwal ranked 2nd in Rangoli Making Competition organized by Wilson College.

Mansi Dolas ranked 3rd in Taekwondo Sports Tournament organized by G.N. Khalsa College

Pokhyol Raj ranked 1st in Badminton organized by Decathlon Atria & Wilson College

Darrick Maria ranked 3rd in the University of Mumbai - Inter-college Football Tournament organized by Mumbai City Zonal Sports Committee

Rohan Chabukswar ranked 1st in Wilson Got Talent - Stand-Up Comedy.

Zharsis Kelawala ranked 3rd in Mumbai University Football Tournament.

Mayank Panore ranked 3rd in the Interzonal Table Tennis tournament organized by the University of Mumbai.

Sidharth Das ranked 3rd in Bazigar O Bazigar (O2 Fest) organized by Bhavan's College.

Allen Dass ranked 3rd in Zindagi Ek Safar Photography (O2 Fest) organized by Bhavan's College.

Simeon Sequeira awarded with Meritorious Student Council on Annual Day- Wilson College

Nash Rebello was awarded Best Male Student on Annual Day- Wilson College.

Natika Sawal ranked 2nd in Solo Dancing - Wilson's Got Talent

Amrit Semwal ranked 3rd in Football organized by the University of Mumbai.

Tiah Pereira ranked 3rd in Women's Boxing organized by the University of Mumbai.

Chris Gonsalves ranked 3rd in Football organized by the University of Mumbai.

Riyan Dsouza ranked 2nd in Annual Sports Day-High Jump.

Pokhyol Raj ranked 2nd in Games of Serves organized by the Rotaract Club of Wilson College of Sophia College

Faculty Participation

The sessions attended by departmental faculties are as follows:

Basic Guideline and SOPs of AQAR Filling on 12th and 20th June 2022

12th Banking & Finance Conference-Banking & Finance Sector in India: 'How is it poised to deliver sustainable growth in a post-pandemic world?' on 16th June 2022

"Inclusion of Learners with Disabilities in Higher Education Institution" on 18th June 2022

International Yoga Day: "Yoga - The biological aspect" on 21st June 2022

Staying Motivated to Function Efficiently Under Autonomy on 22nd June 2022

Interactive Session for Professional Development of Teachers on 1st July 2022

Exploring Wilson College and its Processes on 16th July 2022

Faculty Development Programme for Young Faculty of Colleges and Universities from 12th to 16th July 2022

Online Tools for interactive assessment 5th August 2022

Capacity-building session on Teaching Skills and Methodologies 12th August 2022

Workshop on Bloom's Taxonomy in question paper setting on 26th August 2022

How to draft a research proposal on 23rd September 2022

Designing Curricula as per the UGC Guidelines on 7th October 2022

Creating Employability through Skill-Oriented Education from 2nd to 8th November 2022

Accreditation the Way Ahead on 11th November 2022

Grow Your Wealth Slowly on 25th November 2022

Art in the Age of Multi-Disciplinary on 9th December 2022

Institutional Social Responsibility and Community Engagement on 23rd December 2022

Facilitating Learning: How and Why on 6th January 2023

Effective Mentorship Guidelines on 3rd February 2023

Navigating the National Education Policy: Curriculum, Courses and Credits on 4th February 2023

Workshop on 'Research Methodology & Data Analysis in Social Sciences' on 16th and 17th February 2023

Understanding NEP - Session 1 on 3rd March 2023

State Level Seminar on 'Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges'. On 24th and 25th March 2023

Faculty Achievement

Ms Nilofer Sarang

Rank 12th in the 15th Dharam S. Hinduja All India Essay Writing Competition for College Lecturers (2022-23) organized by K.P.B Hinduja College of Commerce.

Received 'Best Research Paper Award' at the International Commerce & Management Conference on 'Local to Global Perspective of Business and Finance, Trade and Commerce, Economic Turbulence, and Private Capital, Education and Society: A Multidisciplinary Approach' organized by the University of Department of Commerce, University of Mumbai.

Contribution to Research by Faculties:

Ms Nilofer Sarang published a research paper on 'The Way Forward from Traditional to environmentally sustainable banking practices through Gen Z' through an International Commerce & Management Conference on "Local to Global Perspective of Business and Finance, Trade and Commerce, Economic Turbulence, and Private Capital, Education and Society: A Multidisciplinary Approach" organized by University of Department of Commerce, University of Mumbai.

Ms Vandana Daki published a research paper on 'A Study on Awareness and Acceptance of Digitalisation in Banking Sector among Youth of Mumbai' through a Multidisciplinary National Conference organised by Ghanshyamdas Saraf College of Arts and Commerce.

*Ms Nilofer Sarang
In-charge, BMS Department*

BVoc: Theatre and Stage Craft

The Department of BVoc Theatre and Stage Craft conducted various cultural, educational, and theatrical activities to generate interest among students in the performing arts. The Department successfully achieved these goals by organizing the following activities and workshops.

Guest Lectures

The following Guest lectures were held this year 2022-2023 in FYBVOG

On 26th Aug 2022, Mr Amey Mehta conducted a Guest Lecture on Dance & Body Theatrical Movement

On 8th Sep 2022, an Online Talk On "Bhavai, Caste and Gender in 19th century Western India" by Abhimanyu Acharya, a Research Fellow at the University of Western Ontario, Canada was conducted.

On 27th Nov 2022, a Guest lecture on 'Art, Ethics and Law: Copy Rights Act' by Advocate Xerxes Ranina was scheduled.

On 10th Dec 2022, Dr Ramesh Thorat & Dr Shashikant Choudhury conducted a Guest lecture on 'Mime Theatre and Solo Act Techniques'.

Internship

1. The Bose Legacy on 8th October 2022, at NCPA, Mumbai.

Playpen Performing Arts Trust & NCPA: 'The Bose Legacy' - An Academia and Industry Collaboration with Wilson College (Autonomous), Readings in the Shed. One of the finest plays on the Bose brothers was staged on Saturday 8th October 2022 at the experimental theatre of NCPA. 'The Bose Legacy' is a play written by Nikhil Katara & Himali Kothari. A total of 11 BVoc Students were an integral part of the dramaturgy and the design and performed both in front of the stage and backstage in various capacities. participated in this production.

2. The Bose Legacy at Ahmedabad on 18th November 2022 at Ahmedabad

Students were selected to perform for the show 'The Bose Legacy' at the prestigious Natarani Festival held at Ahmedabad on 18th November 2022. 3 students were selected for this internship. This was a great opportunity to be a part of an important theatre festival organized by a prestigious artist herself: Malika Sarabhai.

3. The Bose Legacy Kala Ghoda festival on 6th February 2023 in Mumbai.

To celebrate his legacy and pay tribute to his 126th birth anniversary, an English play called 'The Bose Legacy', directed by Nikhil Katara of Playpen Performing Arts Trust did the rounds of the country, garnering appreciation. After successful performances at NCPA Mumbai and Natrani Festival Ahmedabad, it was set to perform at Mumbai's Kala Ghoda Arts Festival on February 6, at 8:30 pm. A total of 7 students participated in this Festival.

4. Letters of Love on 14th Feb 2023 at NCPA, Mumbai

'Letter of Love', based on various Love stories and produced by Readings in the Shed, was the first experience for the students doing reading performances, being chorus members and stage technicians, which allowed them to learn. It was the students' 4th internship with the team Reading in the Shed, and under the guidance of Mr Nikhil Katara, 7 students participated.

Fieldwork Visit

From 15th November to 14th December 2022, the Marathi Drama Competition organized by the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Government of Maharashtra, was held at three

centres: Dadar, Kalyan and Girgaon in the city of Mumbai. In these three centres, 10 plays (10 days) were seen by the students. Around 11 Students visited this fieldwork.

On 27th February 2023, the Kamgar Kalyan Final Drama Competition was organized by Kamgar Kalyan Kendra, Mumbai, Government of Maharashtra at Savarkar Natyagruha Vikroli, Mumbai. Students watch and observed the play "Bharatiya Rangbhumeche Adya Natakakar: Bhadant Ashvaghosha" written and directed by Virendra Ganveer. Around 8 Students visited and discussed with the artist, technician and director.

Mani Bhavan

Eight students visited Mani Bhavan, a place where Gandhiji lived and interacted with his colleagues to mould the freedom movement.

Sahitya Akademi

The Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Books & Letters, is an organization dedicated to the promotion of literature in the languages of India. Students got the opportunity to read meaningful books. The students learned the process of book preservation and archival work. A total of three students visited the library at Sahitya Academy, Dadar, Mumbai.

On 23rd March 2023, students visited the Theatrical commercial performance 'Elephant in the Room' by Yuki Elias organized by Dur se Brothers at Prithvi Theatre, Juhu, Mumbai. Around 5 Students visited and discussed with the artist, technician and director.

On 12th April 2023, students attended the Theatrical commercial performance 'Irani Cafe' written by Shiv Subrahmanyam & directed by Hidayat Sami, organized by Playtrix Players at Prithvi Theatre, Juhu, Mumbai. Around 5 Students visited and discussed with the artist, technician, and director.

Workshop

Faculty Surendra Wankhede conducted a one-day Acting Workshop on "Marathi Bhasha Samvardhan Pandharwada". This workshop was organized by the Department of BVoc (Theatre and Stagecraft) and the Department of Marathi on 20th January 2023 at College Hall, Wilson College. Around 25 students participated in this workshop.

Famous Puppetry and Mask Making Artist Mr Kapil Dev conducted a Workshop on "Puppetry and Mask Making." The

workshop was held on the 20th and the 21st of March 2023 at AV Room, Wilson College. Around 11 students including 3 outsider students from HSNC University participated in this workshop.

Famous Folk Theatre artist and trainers Mr Priyapal Dashantee & Mr Pravin Tambe conducted a workshop on "Tamasha: A Folk Theatre of Maharashtra." The workshop was held on 31st March 2023 at AV Room, Wilson College, Mumbai. Around 11 students including 3 outsider students from HSNC University participated in this workshop.

Performances and Shows

FYBVOG SEM I

Mricchakatika (The Little Clay Cart) by Shudraka (Hindi) -

In the final practical examination, the students of FYBVOG Semester I Paper VI: Performance I, Ancient drama was presented in which about 11 students performed 'Mricchakatika', a historical play written by Shudraka by practising acting, make-up, set design and music.

Waiting For Godot (Hindi): 12th April 2023

The play 'Waiting for Godot' written by Samuel Beckett was staged by two students Sambita De and Sakshi Pandre in the practical exam of Subject: Contemporary Indian Theatre. Along with acting, both made full use of direction, music and stagecraft in this play and gave a commendable presentation.

Maranoparant (Hindi): 12th April 2023

'Maranoparant' written by Surendra Verma was staged by two students, Pratik Oad and Mihir Nikam in the practical exam of Subject: Contemporary Indian Theatre. Along with acting, both made full use of direction, music and stagecraft in this play and gave a commendable presentation.

Tin Apahij (Hindi): 12th April 2023

'Tin Apahij,' written by Vipin Agrawal was staged by four students Mohit Jha, Yogesh Prajapati, Karan Karania and Ansh Raghvani in the practical exam of the Subject: Contemporary Indian Theatre. Along with acting, all of them made full use of direction, music and stagecraft in this play and gave a commendable presentation.

FYBVoc Final Performance

Ghayal Pakhara (Marathi)

The performance of 'Ghayal Pakhara', written by Virendra Ganvir, was directed by Faculty Surendra Wankhede, acted by Mihir Nikkam as Bheema, Sambita De as Shewanta (Bheema's Mother), Pratik Oad as Bablya (Bheema's friend), Yogesh Prajapati & Ansh Raghvani played the role of Badmash. Music & Costume was handled by Shakshi Pandre, Stagecraft and Makeup by Karan Karania and Mohit Kishore. Students work on stagecraft, hammering nails into boards and making a wing out of it. Finding stuff from trash and making the best use of that. One example of this was the door frame. Initially, it was just some pieces of wood scattered which were collected by Students and assembled in the shape of a door frame with some nails and a hammer. Later, students painted the door frame. The set, on the main day, looked like a tree with some kind of seat, a rough road behind the tree which was made by using tree leaves. The wings were made using two notice boards and wrapping them with a black cloth. A musical track was found by Sakshi to be suitable for every scene in the drama and makeup and costume were arranged by students. The director Surendra Wankhede used the 'Grotowski Method of Poor Theatre.' All in all, it was a good show, appreciated by everyone including Principal Prof Anna Pratima Nikalje, Vice Principal Dr Harsha Badkar, IQAC Coordinator Dr Radhika Birmole, Treasurer Dr Jameson Masih, AVC Coordinator Dr Biraj Mehta, Hostel Warden Dr Ashish Uzgare, Dr Abhijit Kadam, Librarian Shubhangi Gavankar, HoD English Department Dr Michelle Philip, and Mr Sunit Das.

Faculty Achievement

Surendra Wankhede (In-charge & Assistant Professor)

Award & Certificate

Indian Marathi Film & Television Actor Pandharinath Kamble presented first place and Rs. 30,000/- award to Mr Surendra Wankhede, In-charge of the Department of BVoc, for Drama Set Design in the Final Round of Maharashtra State Sangeet Natya Competition organized by Sanskrutik Karya Sanchanalaya, Mumbai, Government of Maharashtra at Ponda, Goa.

Received a certificate of appreciation for assisting the organizing committee in conducting NAAC Sponsored two Day State Level Seminar on "Ensuring Social Equity,

Diversity and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges” organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Wilson College held on the 24th & 25th March 2023 at A.V. Room, Wilson College, Mumbai.

Faculty Development Training

MSFDA (Maharashtra State Faculty Development Academy) 11th - 13th Feb 2023

Surendra Wankhede participated in a three-day workshop on “ACT NOW”, jointly organized by Maharashtra State Faculty Development Academy (MSFDA) and Lalit Kala Kendra-Gurukul, SPPU concluded on 11th to 13th February 2023. Twenty participants from various parts of Maharashtra participated in this workshop. A lot of subtle human messages were conveyed through the wide range of activities planned by trainers, helping participants connect with some of the aspects that were a part of their experiential learning during the sessions.

Jury

Judgment in Marathi drama competition at Kalyan from 15th November to 15th December 2022 by Surendra Wankhede. There were about 25 dramas that were performed every evening from 7 pm to 10 pm. This theatrical competition was organized by the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Government of Maharashtra.

Conference

Participated in NAAC Sponsored two Day State Level Seminar on “Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges” organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Wilson College Held on 24th & 25th March 2023 at AV Room, Wilson College.

Publication and Journal

Wankhede, Surendra. “Satyashodhak Jalsase Ambedkarwadi Jalsa Ek Safar (Hindi)”, published in Importance of Various Elements of Society in Folk Art & Culture. Published By Lokayan Prakashan Sanstha. ISBN 978-81-960143-0-8, December 2022.

Wankhede, Surendra. “Bahujan Rangbhoomi Maharashtraatil Agrani Natya Chalval (Marathi)” Published in Jalsa Smarnika 2023, published by Dalit Natya Parishad Aurangabad, February 2023.

Nikhil Katara (Industry expert faculty)

‘The Bose Legacy’ written and directed by Nikhil Katara was selected for the prestigious Natarani Festival, Ahmedabad on 18th November 2022 and for the Kala Ghoda festival on 6th February 2023 in Mumbai.

Publications

Readings In The Shed: Nikhil Katara, Himali Kothari | Publisher: Partridge Publishing India | Publication Date: July 01, 2021, | Language: English.

SBN-10: 1543707963 | ISBN-13: 9781543707960

Students Individual Achievement

Sambita De

1. 3rd place in Vyankti Ek Bhumika Anek (MonoAct Competition) organized by V. G. Vaze Kelkar College.
2. 1st place in the Mono-Acting competition organized by L. S. Raheja College.
3. 2nd place in the Mono-Acting competition organized by Nirmala Memorial Foundation College.
4. 2nd place in the Mono-Acting competition organized by Wilson College
5. Played the lead in a Manto (2 Quammen) play at Kala Shetra studio, Mumbai.
6. Played the lead in a Manto play Khudkhushi (Heer) at The Black Box, Pune.

Pratik Oad

1. Wrote and directed the short film called ‘THE NORMAL GUY’ Available on YouTube, which is an experimental short film on this absurd world. He did the editing and voiceover.
2. Worked as a Third AD in the production of An Advertisement of Lodha Palava city acted by Aparshakti Khurana
3. Acted in the Short Film Called ‘Limerence’ as an antagonist.
4. Script editor of the Audio series ‘Spy Diaries’.
5. Worked as Voiceover Artist in the Audio series ‘Spy Diaries’

Yogesh Prajapati

1. From 12th to 18th Feb, he was performing as a Storyteller in different schools in Jaipur and Vadodara and gave the drama workshop to the School Teachers to make them

- more open and comfortable in every situation Under the CSR Project of JCB company.
2. Won Second prize in Poetry Recitation Competition organized by the Hindi department at Wilson College.
 3. Won Second prize in the Mono-act Competition in the inter-collegiate fest 'Aether' organized by the Department of Economics.
 4. On 19th Feb 2023, performed in the Mumbai International Storytelling Event called 'Gaatha' organized by Somaiya College as a guest Storyteller under the name of 'Kathanika' Company.

*Mr Surendra Wankhede
In-charge, Department of BVoc: Theatre and Stage Craft*



“A quality education has the power to transform societies in a single generation, provide children with the protection they need from the hazards of poverty, labour exploitation and disease, and give them the knowledge, skills, and confidence to reach their full potential.”

- Audrey Hepburn

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Anti-Ragging Committee

The committee comprised convenor Dr U. V. Patil and members Dr Ashish Uzgare, Dr J Knox, Ms R Chettiar, Dr A Kumar, Ms N Gupta, and Mrs K T Jayaraj. Anti-ragging posters were uploaded on the college website and placed at important locations on the college campus for awareness about ragging and its consequences. Students were made aware of the presence of the anti-ragging committee in college by displaying the members' information on posters

and also through orientation programs at the college. No complaint has been received by the committee for 2022-23. All students were asked to fill out the anti-ragging forms online on the UGC website. At the Junior College level students were made aware of the ill effects and consequences of ragging.

*Dr U. V. Patil
Convenor*

Arts Circle

The Arts Circle, Wilson College, has always provided a platform to engage all art students to develop their personalities and interests in their subject as well as other pertinent areas of life. 18th July 2022 a talk by Mr Sudhakar Solomonraj, former head of the Political Science Dept and currently in charge of BAMMC, on the topic Curiosity and the City which enabled students to understand and know their city better through learning about their surroundings. It was a highly interactive and informative session that was accompanied by music and handouts. On 2nd Aug, the Head of the English Dept, Dr M. Philip conducted a workshop on "Communicate like a Winner" The workshop helped students to understand their fears and to learn to live for what they believe in by not worrying about being judged. On 17th Aug, a workshop on Suicide Prevention and Awareness was held by an NGO by the name Sister's Living Work.

On 8th Sep 2022, the "Article 15" movie was screened for students. The movie was related to the subject of Political Science. The movie Article 15 projects the gruesome reality of casteism and its ugly repercussions. A workshop was conducted on 17th Sept, in the AV room. The theme of the workshop was to create awareness & sensitize the audience towards mental health. It was an interactive workshop, where 40 SYJC students participated. The workshop included Skits, music (singing, rapping, dancing, instruments & dance), Poems, PPTs, Speeches & Posters. On 17th Nov, An event to develop students' interest and clear various Economics concepts was organized. The event commenced with the welcome dance. The concepts of Economics were simplified by showing Presentations and also by giving examples on a day to day life. An impact of the government budget on a Middle-Class family was

enacted beautifully by the students through role play. The creative department displayed its creativity through various posters. The problems faced by the farmers was penned in the form of a Poem by one of our talented student. On 22nd Nov, Babli Bouncer a movie based on women empowerment was screened for our students. On 24th Nov, An educational visit to Mumbai Vidhan Bhavan was organized. Around 95 students were accompanied by 3 faculty members. Mrs P. Gala, Mrs S. Dhivar and Mrs N. Periera. It was a great and memorable experience for students and faculty members to visit Vidhansabha Gruh. The visit was informative and interesting for the students and teachers. The General Secretary, Mr Sunil Zore explained the rules and regulations of the respected decorum of the Vidhan Sabhagrah.

On 26th Nov. Constitution Day was celebrated to create awareness about the Constitution and also to sensitise the importance of Constitution Day among students. Poster making competition was organized on 26th Nov. on the topic of Child Abuse judged by Mrs Yojana Parab from the Chemistry department and Mrs Anagha Gadkari from the Botany department, the judges were impressed by the creativity of the students.

Names of Winners of Poster making competition.

1st place:- Ms Zainab Electric and Ms Joann Pereria

2nd place:- Ms Dnyaneshwari Raut and Ms Revathi Ramesh

3rd place :- Ms Avni Chandekar and Ms Sonal Vaity

On 30th November 2022, an educational visit to RBI monetary museum was organized. Around 80 students of SYJC Arts were accompanied by 3 teachers - Mrs S.

Rodrigues, Mrs P. Gala & Dr P. Alphonse. They viewed a very informative documentary on coins & notes during the pre & post-British era. Students viewed coinage of India, paper currency, gold bars as well as financial instruments and curiosities down the ages. Overall it was very informative. Students thoroughly enjoyed the visit. A guidance lecture on Arts subjects was conducted for SYJC students on the 3rd, 5th and 6th Dec. The Arts Circle (Jr.College) along with the Dept of English in collaboration with the Israel Consulate organized a talk on Human Rights for FYJC Arts students

on 14th Dec. Ms Dahlia Neumann Deputy Consulate General of Israel in Mumbai shared about the Indo-Israeli relationships. Appreciate the efforts of Mrs P. Gala, Mrs N. Pereira, Mrs S. Dhivar Mrs K. Victor and Dr P. Alphonse for all their cooperation and help in making the activities of the Arts Circle a great success. Student’s response was overwhelming.

*Shalini Rodrigues,
Convenor*

Andrew’s Vision Centre

Andrews Vision Centre continues to be committed “To Help Visually Challenged Students to be Educationally, Technologically, Psychologically and Socially Enriched so that they are better equipped to face the challenges of Life” as well as help students with other disabilities to ensure inclusivity on Wilson College campus since 2008. We welcomed Ms Michelle Furtado, as our coordinator for AVC in July 2022, AVC currently has 43 learners with disabilities on campus registered with the centre. 31 visually challenged students, 8 with learning disabilities, 1 with Autism, 1 with locomotor disability, 1 with cerebral palsy, and 1 with mental illness. They benefit from all the facilities offered by the centre.

second languages. We acknowledge Ms Amruta Pange, visiting faculty IT department (Junior College), Wilson College for her effort and time.

- This is the first time that students have appeared for exams without scribes for the Computer Systems and Applications paper. We hope this will enable the college to take forward this practice for other papers too.

Achievements of the centre (2022-2023)


Academic Interventions-

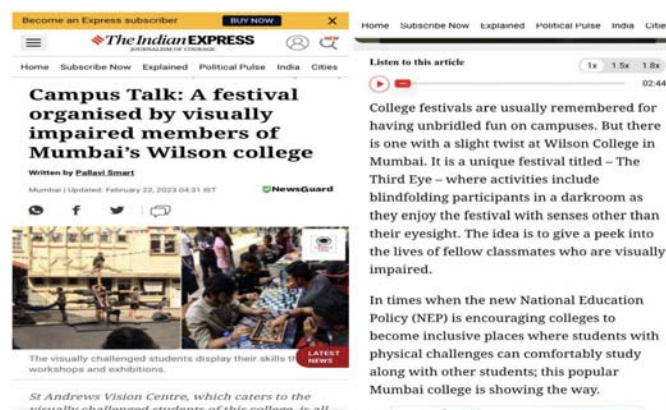
Sensitization Program

The Third Eye Event which aims at spreading awareness of “Disability as Diversity” was conducted after two years. 300-plus students and faculty members were invited to participate. Events included the sensory experience of ‘Walk in the Dark’, a street play, a film screening and felicitation of alumni, a talent show, mallakhamb performance, an art exhibition, and a fun fair and chess challenge.

The Indian Express wrote an in-detail article reporting The Third Eye event in its February issue of this year.

The centre continues to offer support to the college and registered learners as follows -

 <p>ACCOMMODATION CARD FOR VISUALLY CHALLENGED</p> <p>NAME: MICHELLE FURTADO CLASS: YJEA (PHILOSOPHY) ROLL NO: 501 CONTACT NO: 900925522 DISABILITY: PARTIALLY BLIND</p> <p>MATERIALS/BOOKS/EQUIPMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braille books • Use large prints in presentations and notes • Tactile graphs and maps • Use recorded texts as needed • Recorded books • Describe images from the presentation • Clear dark copies of notes • Provide notes in soft copies as much as possible • Present materials against a plain background • Allow mobile phones/personal devices to record lectures <p>CLASSROOM ACCOMMODATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navigation assistance • Open and close doors completely • Keep the pathway free. • Place materials in consistent places so that they are aware where the item is located • Preferential seating in the classroom • Permission to move around the room as needed to see information presented away from teacher desk. • Introduce class buddy system if not • Language fluency other than English • Adaptive notepad • Reduced distractions • Window shades to reduce glare • Avoid glare in general • Monitor social progress 	<p>EXAM/ ASSIGNMENTS ACCOMMODATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow extended time to complete assignments and tests • Allow use of scribes/readers • Allow alternate testing site • Allow use of assistive technology, hardware/software • Grace Marks (Maximum 20 marks for a 100 mark paper) • Introduce/allow oral tests or projects • Modified assignments (if needed) to reduce visual fatigue • Avoid assignments requiring extensive visual scanning • No handwriting penalty <p>YOU CAN APPROACH AVC FOR FOLLOWING SUPPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes are converted to audio recording • Scribes for exams • Volunteers to assist with assignments and projects • Tutors • Mentors • Study space • Conversion of visual files into audio files • Any other assistance required by the student • If you feel the learner needs any assistance with emotional/economic/social support, please guide them to the AVC. <p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Ansa Pratima Nibaje Principal, Wilson College</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Binay Mehta Convenor, Andrew Vision Centre</p>
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- This year we introduced personalized accommodation cards for all the members to make their learning more accessible.
- The subject “Computer Science and Applications” has been introduced this year under academic autonomy granted to the college. This is to widen the basket of

- Providing support for Admission- the centre provides support to students for the online university and college application process. Every applicant who applies with

a valid disability certificate is granted admission, the same is evident with the rising number of Persons with Disabilities on campus

2. Examination support - AVC has drafted the inclusive examination policies that include all reasonable accommodations mandated under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2018 and GRs issued by the State government and the University of Mumbai.

We have successfully provided scribes for more than 45 students this academic year. With the help of our junior college committee members, we were able to conduct this process very efficiently.

3. Financial Support - The centre provides support to needy students for education and accommodation facilities. It also facilitates procedures for procuring prestigious government and private scholarships. 9 visually challenged students secured scholarships worth 1,05,000/- from HELP THE BLIND FOUNDATION, and interviews were held on the college campus. 9 junior college students secured a government scholarship worth 72,000/-, we thank Mr Anil Rathod for this effort.
4. Strong Volunteer Support - A strong and committed volunteer group to assist as readers, scribes, friends, and mentors. 100 plus volunteers have registered and have morally and socially benefited from their experience at AVC.
5. User-Friendly Support - The centre is equipped with different assistive technologies designed specifically to cater to the needs of visually challenged students of Wilson College. It houses 5 internet-enabled terminals with navigation, reading, magnification, conversion software (NVDA) printing, and advanced scanning facilities.
6. The centre continues to conduct various training programs aimed at life skill development and computer proficiency. Online training to use different online platforms is also given. The reading club continues its activities with much enthusiasm. Every Saturday there would be a session online with a reader and the AVC members. This started during the lockdown and has continued ever since. A reader would pick the book and read it out to the students in each online meeting ending with a question-answer round.
7. Annual Mentor Meet- The program was graced by Dr Sam Skariah and many of the AVC committee members.

Dr Sam encouraged students through his words. Dr Sam emphasized how valuable the mentors and volunteers are to AVC. He shared specific examples of the positive impact they've had in the past and talked about how their work is helping to make a difference in people's lives. He took some time to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the mentors and volunteers.

7. Tutorials – Daily learning classes and creating accessible study material to ensure a smooth learning process. Andrew's Vision Centre has started online as well as offline tutorials for classes. AVC volunteers and mentors conduct regular tutorials for students of SYBA, FYJC and SYJC.
8. Assisted important bodies such as IQAC. It facilitated the IQAC-organised two-day national seminar on "Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges". It focused on introducing inclusive policies with regard to curricular and academics.

Student Achievements

Ms Shravani Pawar received a scholarship for the best female student with a good academic record for the year 2021-2022.

Mr Chaitanya Samant and Mr Shaiz Ali Shaikh received college scholarships for the best male student with a good academic record for the year 2021-2022.

Mr. Ajay Shukla, successfully registered for PhD program in f JNU

Mr Mohammad Shaikh successfully defended his PHD viva and is awarded a doctoral degree for the same.

AVC Students through the centre's own YouTube Channel upload audio notes that benefit other visually challenged students in the city.

Mr Atulkumar Kori and Mr Shailesh Batulwar have their own Youtube channels where they create videos based on recent technology to help Visually challenged people access to technology.

Acknowledgements

We thank the Almighty for the strength He provides all members, volunteers and staff in the smooth functioning of the centre.

Prof Sam Skariah for his guidance, support, blessings and financial support for the Third Eye Festival.

Wilson College Management and Wilson Sterling for supporting Andrews Vision Centre.

Faculty members, Mr Bandu Konde for his valuable mentoring and Mr Surendra Wankhede for his support with volunteers and expertise especially during the Third Eye Festival.

Our Alumni, Mr Mohammad, and Mr Ajay. Mr Ayush and Mr Jaydutt for taking out time and being a part of our event, we are truly grateful.

Ms Ansa for being the invaluable backbone of AVC.

*Ms Michelle Furtado and Dr Biraj Mehta Rathi & Committee
Members
Beneficiaries of AVC*

Certificate Course Committee

The certificate course committee consists of Chairperson: Prin. Dr Anna Pratima Nikalje, Convener: Mr M. Shetti, Members: Dr J.Masih, Ms A.Manerikar, Dr B. Mehta, Dr H.Shaikh, Ms S. Ratnam, Ms N. Gupta.

The objective of the committee is to promote and mentor departments and faculty to initiate Certificate Courses to provide skill-based education that can enhance employment opportunities for learners.

Committee members met several times this year to scrutinize various proposals for certificate courses.

The following courses are approved by the committee for this academic year:

The ongoing courses:

Certificate Course in Astronomy (Coordinator - Mr M. Shetti, Physics Department) (ongoing course)

Certificate course in disability studies, in collaboration with Youth 4 Jobs Foundation - (Coordinator - Dr B Mehta)

Certificate Course in Quantitative Analysis. (Coordinators - Mr M. D'Souza, Ms L R Vaz)

Certificate Course in Saral Hindi in collaboration with Hindusthani Prachar Sabha. (Coordinator - Dr S. Chaubey)

Newly proposed courses:

Certificate Course in Tally in collaboration with DVOC Institute - (Coordinator - Mr A. Kataria)

Certificate Course in Commercial German A1 (Coordinator - Dr B. Mehta)

Skill enhancement certificate course for Employability in Life Sciences. (Coordinator - Dr A. Pendse, Ms C. Silveira)

Certificate course in Basic and Advance Excel (in collaboration with DVOC institute). (Coordinator – Ms N. Sarang)

The following courses were successfully conducted:

Certificate Course in Tally in collaboration with DVOC Institute: 25 students enrolled and all got certified

Certificate Course in Astronomy: 51 students enrolled and 39 appeared for assessment. Results awaited

Certificate Course in Commercial German A1: 25 enrolled, assessment is to be completed.

Thank you to all the stakeholders who have done exemplary work and supported the committee.

Mr Mahesh Shetti

Chapel

“Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever to him who alone does great wonders.” Psalm 136:3-4

The Wilson College Chapel is one of the most unique Chapel in the city as it welcomes everyone into its fold and exists to organise itself in such a way that it can impart strength and support to the fragile, help and offer a place of solace to the seeker whereby truly fulfilling the vision of our Founder to make us morally upright and spiritually oriented in life.

Echoing the words of the above Psalmist, the Wilson College Chapel nestled in the far corner of the college is truly grateful to God for He indeed does great wonders in and through His people. The year unfolded with daily Chapel Service at noon for all and weekly “Piano classes” and “Guitar Classes” for the enthusiastic aspirants. Besides this, weekly “Prayer Day” was set aside throughout this year to pray for the special needs of the students and staff thus providing a support system. This academic year a certificate course

called "Figuring out Life through God's spoken word" was also held once a week to encourage the students to have a strong value system in life.

On 7th July which is 'World Chocolate Day', the Chapel organised a "Creative Chocolate Competition" called C 3 for the students in which students displayed their creativity followed by an "Art Workshop" for all the artists of our college. Ms Ritu Singh, the official creator of MOJ and an art entrepreneur taught calligraphy, floral and galaxy. On 8th August "Friendship Day" was celebrated with music, games and a small workshop on "Dosti" for the students, which emphasised the value of friendship and the importance of social involvement. The first-year degree students were also warmly welcomed by their seniors in the orientation service with a short program. On 13th August, the Chapel in the spirit of patriotism organised the "Tiranga Flower Arrangement Competition" wherein the students put up a colourful and creative flower show reflecting their love for the Nation. Archi and her group won this competition. This was followed by the "Solo and Group Patriotic Song Competition" sung in regional languages in regional costumes. The event ignited a sense of unity among us in the diversity of our great Nation. Roma, Maithili and Arjun bagged the prizes for the same. On 12th Sept the senior students welcomed the first-year students of Junior College by putting up a meaningful entertaining program. In the same month, the much-awaited yearly "Chapel Camp" was held from 30th Sept- 2nd Oct in Gujarat. The theme of the camp was "*Healthy, Wealthy and Wise*". The three-day camp was a memorable one with talks by guest speakers on the said theme and they spoke on the overall development of a person to achieve true success. Moreover, various games, camp fire and teamwork forged lifelong friendships among our students besides strengthening their leadership skills and making them resilient. Post vacations from the 23rd onwards for a month Carols were sung called "Christmas in the Air". On 10th December, under the able leadership of our Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje, an Intra College "Carol Singing Competition" was held at a professional level in our college for the first time. It had group participation from students and staff alike. The event was judged by Mrs Jennifer Sumithra, an Ex Wilsonian, a learned musician and an educationist. The winners were SYJC Arts, BA and BSc IT as first, second and third place respectively. The top two winning teams, then participated in the Inter College Carol Competition held at Nirmala Niketan College representing our college.

On 14th December "Christmas Card Making Competition" was held which encouraged the student to display their skills in making cost-effective cards but also helped develop a sense of sharing in the students as they presented the beautifully handmade cards to their 'gurus' that is their teachers as a token of gratitude in the true Christmas spirit. The top three winners for the same were Annie Jane, Adrian Daniel and Aasavari Salaskar.

On 19th Dec. the students had "Christmas celebrations" with carol singing, fun and eats besides expressing their gratefulness to God for His continued mercy throughout the year 2022.

On the 21st and 23rd Dec, the Wilson College Chapel undertook another meaningful venture under the able guidance of our Principal along with the huge support of our students, staff and well-wishers by organising the "Sharing the Joy of Christmas Project". It comprised giving away basic toiletries pouches and sumptuous snack boxes to underprivileged and destitute children in our city through organisations that work among and for them. Our students held games and entrainment for them in these two days at two different institutions at Fort and Colaba. The smiles on the children's faces were a well-earned reward for our students.

With New Year and New Beginnings a workshop called "Why do bad things happen to Good People" was held on 11th Jan. The purpose was to encourage the students to engage and stimulate them to discuss such existential questions and begin the year with a positive attitude.

On the 12th, "A Special Prayer for 12th Boards" was held and a special talk on "*Tips to overcome anxiety a day before the exam*" was given to the students. On 10th February, a special workshop by Mrs Aishawarya Sonawane was held called "From My Heart to Yours" for the students. It was also an open question-and-answer session aimed at building the emotional strength of our students.

From the 16th of the month a special ongoing weekly "Time of Prayer" has begun to uphold our students as they appear for their various year-ending assessments.

Activities for our staff were as follows: On 17th June a "Thanksgiving Service" was held for all the staff by the Chapel to pray and commit the new academic year in God's able hands.

Weekly Wednesday Prayer was held for the staff to support and pray for the College.

On 30th July the Chapel held a special Service to 'Celebrate the life of Late Rev Ashok N Patet' on his passing away. He had served as the Chaplain of our College and many of the alumni gathered to thank God for his life.

On 1st Dec, 'The Founders Day Service' was held with the life of Rev Dr John Wilson shown in a beautiful shadow play by the students.

On 15th Dec. 'Wilson College Staff Christmas Carol Service' was held followed by fellowship lunch.

On 12th Jan. a 'Thanksgiving Service for 190 years' was held to especially pray together and thank God for His faithfulness to bring us thus far.

On behalf of the Chapel, I would like to thank the Almighty God for His enabling power throughout, our Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje, the management, staff and every present and alumni student for their participation and valuable input in the life of Wilson College Chapel.

*Rev Arpana Rangayya
Chaplain*

Competitive Examination Centre (CEC)

The Competitive Examination Centre (CEC) provided UPSC/MPSC/Banking/NDA/CDS pre-oriented intensive coaching/guidance to enable the aspirants to achieve success in these examinations. The Competitive Examination Centre provided an opportunity for the aspirants to assess their current level of preparation and help them to fill the existing gaps. The centre also facilitates concrete learning through audio-visual tools and strategies suggested by the experts. Along with that, it provided regular guidance to help students focus and stay healthy while preparing for examinations.

CEC successfully conducted an awareness campaign for Competitive examinations. In May, Mr Shyam Gulve (Asst. Prof. Political Science) conducted 15 days Competitive Examination Training Program. More than 40 students

participated.

Collaboration with Phasor Education Pvt. Ltd. created awareness and guided our students. Phasor Education conducted a 10-day bridge course to guide and test the learning capabilities of students. More than 10 students benefited from the course. The course covered topics like Indian Polity, Economy, Environment, Geography and Ancient as well as Modern History. Personality and knowledge testing examinations were also held, based on the ten-day bridge course.

Regards,

*Dr H A Parbat,
Convenor, Competitive Examination Centre*

Counselling Center

The Counseling Center resumed its service in July 2021, post-pandemic. The facility was provided by the college free of charge. Keeping in mind the negative impacts of the global pandemic that Covid 19 had brought forth on the student population and being aware of the fact that it has majorly affected their mental health, this facility was being re-initiated. The main vision is- to promote the overall psychological well-being of the students. A total number of **165** sessions were conducted throughout this academic year, including follow-up sessions with male and female clients and a few sessions with parents too. One good thing that the counselling centre observed this year was that the majority of the students approached the counselling centre voluntarily to take most of the benefits of its services. This indicates that the students are more open-minded about seeking a counselling session which proves the growing awareness about mental health among college students.

Another notable thing was that a lot of students requested a follow-up session too. Most of the students were content with their session and felt a sense of empowerment and most importantly, felt a new sense of hope to change for the better. Also, most clients gained self-confidence and awareness about certain underlying aspects of themselves.

The standard session time was 45 minutes, although sometimes it would extend to 2-3 hours, as per the needs of the client. As a practicing counselor, it is crucial to have certain skills to effectively and efficiently cater to the needs of the students. Therefore, a holistic and phenomenological approach was central to the counselling sessions. The stages of counseling usually started with establishing a good rapport with the client, clarifying and assessing the presenting problem, looking into the personal history of the client, identifying and setting counseling goals,

finally followed by Planning and termination/ follow-ups. Anxiety, low productivity levels, inability to concentrate on studies, family issues, interpersonal & social adjustment issues, career guidance and decision-making, identity issues, childhood trauma, etc. were some of the common key complaints raised by the clients. The students were shown warmth, a non-judgmental attitude combined with being a patient and active listener, and providing 'minimal encouragers' while communicating. The nature of the questions asked was open-ended since it helped the clients to pause, think, and reflect. The counselling centre has received numerous positive feedbacks from the clients counselled in this academic year.

*Ms Aishwarya Vaibhav
Career Counselling Cell*

In the academic year 2022-2023, Career Counselling Cell organized five sessions. The details of the same are as follows:

On 30th July 2022, the B.Sc IT. Department of Wilson College (Autonomous) in collaboration with Career Counseling Cell & Back2study, conducted a session on 'Dream Study Destination'. The Resource person was Ms Sakina Kuwawala. The goal of this session was to help students understand their dreams and goals and choose their career options carefully. The students got clarity about the vast idea of studying abroad and also plan for better career options.

On 5th August 2022, the Microbiology Department along with the Career Counselling Cell of Wilson College (Autonomous), Mumbai, in collaboration with Bar-Ilan University Israel arranged a seminar focused on Career Guidance to study at one of the top 2 Universities in Israel, for UG and PG students. The seminar was attended by 120 students and was 1.5 hours long. The speaker for the day was Ms Radhika Haldankar, a representative of Bar-Ilan University in India. She presented to the young minds a detailed discussion on ample opportunities and career

options they can choose for higher studies along with the application process, scholarship preparation, university life, etc. in Israel. Overall the program helped the students to have a better understanding of the opportunities that could be offered by Apprenticeship, and Higher education across the seas in Israel.

On 13th August 2022, the Department of Chemistry, John Wilson Education Society's, Wilson College (Autonomous) and Career Counselling Cell organized a webinar on 'Career Opportunities in India and Abroad'. The resource person was Dr Chinna Bathula. The Students got all the details about the idea of a Fully Funded Masters and PhD Program in one of the top 2% of Universities in South Korea, the USA, Europe and Australia.

On 4th January 2023, the Career Counselling Cell of Wilson College (Autonomous) in collaboration with Edwise International conducted a session on 'Study Abroad from one of the top World-Ranking Universities' for arts students. The objectives of this session were to make the students understand the benefits of studying abroad, make them aware of the different types of career opportunities across the Globe and also scholarships for Masters and PhD Programs with top universities across the Globe.

On 10th January 2023, BAF Department in Collaboration with Career Counselling Cell organized an Interactive Session and Visit to RBI Monetary Museum. The resource person has covered the following topic on the Reserve Bank of India Role and Functions in brief, Note Refund Rule, Digital Banking, Basic Saving Habits, Banking Ombudsman, and RBI Developmental Role. After that students visited RBI Monetary Museum - Amar Building RBI, Fort Mumbai.

There was a session conducted for XII standard students on 'Career in Indian Languages' by Career Counselling Cell.

*Dr Satyawati Chaubey
Convener,
Career Counselling Cell*

Gymkhana – Sports Committee

The Gymkhana activities began with the Campus sports from the month of July, 2022. The sports equipments were issued for Table Tennis, Badminton, Chess, Caroms, Volleyball and Basketball, etc. This helped to create a sporty atmosphere on the College Campus.

As an Annual feature, Wilson College organized its 7th year in succession– One Day Boxing tournament at Inter college

level under the title of OLÉ Banjara Fest on the 27th of January 2023, on the college campus. A total of 102 boxers from 51 colleges participated. A total of 13 boxers from Wilson College participated and the following 6 boxers won Gold medals. From Junior college, Ms Anjali Yadav, Ms Parijat Rokade, Ms Smruti Dhavale, Aryan Satpute and from Degree college Rajvardhan (S.Y.B.Sc. IT), Daniel Sinate (F.Y.BMS).

Wilson College Gymkhana organized the 110th Annual Sports Day on 14th January 2023 at University Sports Pavilion, Marine Lines. Total 357 Men and 174 Women athletes participated. The Staff members gave away the prizes to the medal winners. The Championship Trophies were presented to the Champions by Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje. The women's category was closely contested. There were four winners in Individual Championships. The joint winners were Ms Sunita Damai (XI Comm.), Ms Khushi Wable (S.Y.B.A), Ms Ishika Pinto (T.Y.B.A), Ms Jenita Jaison (F.Y.BMS). In the Men's category, Valerian Fernandes (T.Y.B.A) was the winner of the Individual Championships. Runners-up were shared between Joel Cherian (F.Y.B.Sc.-IT) and Peniel Ebenezer Kumar (XI Sc.)

Degree College Report:

The Mumbai University Inter-College season started with our participation in the Table Tennis Championships held at the University Sports Pavilion on the 23rd and the 24th of August 2022. Based on the performance at Inter College Mayank Panore (F. Y. BMS) was selected for Inter Zone Table Tennis Championship held on the 6th of September 2022 at the University Sports Pavilion and secured 3rd place.

Our Badminton players also showed spirited performances at the Mumbai University Zone 1 tournament held at University Sports Pavilion on the 19th and the 20th September 2022. Benin Mullappillil (F.Y.B.Com.) was selected for Inter Zone Badminton Selection trials.

Professional Sports Coaches were appointed. Fenny Fernandes for Football, Rajan Jothady and Rohit Dere for Boxing, and Rohit Ruke for Cricket. This year the Degree college students excelled in a team as well as individual sports events.

The Degree Men's Football team displayed excellent football skills to win 3rd place in the University Zone 1 Inter-College Football Championships held from 8th to 13th December 2022 at Naigaon Police Ground. Rosh Rodrigues (TYBAMMC), Rohan Fernando (T.Y.B.Sc. IT) and Sudhanshu Gaikwad (T.Y.B.Sc.) were selected for Inter Zonal University Football Championships held on 14th December 2022 at Kalyan, where they won the 2nd place in Team Championships.

Our Athletes too gave remarkable performances in the University Zone 1 Athletics meet held at the University Sports ground on the 14th and the 15th of November 2022,

Sidhhi Pankaj (T.Y.BAF) won a Gold medal in Hammer Throw. Mahendra Singh (TYBA) and Ayush Gupta (F.Y.B.Sc.) won a Gold and Silver medal in 20 km. Walk. Mahendra Singh also secured a Silver medal in 110 metres Hurdles. Rose Pandanathu (F.Y.B.Sc.) won a Silver medal in Shot Put. All the winners were qualified for University Inter Zone Athletics meet held on the 22nd and the 23rd of November 2022, where Sidhhi Pankaj again won a Gold medal in Hammer Throw and Rose Pandanathu won a Silver medal in Shot Put.

Our girls too excelled in Martial Art events. Mansi Dolas (T.Y.BMS) won her first International Gold medal in the 73+ Kgs. category in the 6th India TIA Open International Taekwondo Championships held at Kolkata, West Bengal, held from 19th to 21st December 2022. The event was organized by the Korean Taekwondo Masters Association of India. In University Inter college Taekwondo held at Khalsa College on the 16th of September 2022, Mansi Dolas won a Bronze in the 73+ category and Anshvardhan Amle (S.Y.BAMMC) won a Silver medal in 73+ Kgs. He qualified for Inter Zone University competition held at Khalsa College on 29th September 2022. Deeksha Bhosale (T.Y.B.Sc.) won a Silver medal in 73+ kgs. In 23rd Mumbai District Taekwondo Kyurogi Championships held on the 7th of August 2022 at Mumbai.

Our Boxers carried their legacy by winning maximum medals at University Zone 1 Competition held from 11th to 13th November 2022 at Dr Ambedkar College. Gold. Medals were won by Arya Gadade (S.Y.B.A), Sharon MacDonald (T.Y.BMS), Aditi Dubey (S.Y.B.A), Tiah Pereira (F.Y.BMS) and Mary Yadav (S.Y.B.A). The Silver medals were won by Akhil Joseph (S.Y.B.A) Daniel Sinate (F.YBMS), Isha Koparde (F.Y.B.A), and Rose Pandanathu (F.Y.B.Sc). Bronze medals won by Mitali Sakurkar (F.Y.B.A), Brian D'souza (F.Y.B.Sc.), Denzil Fernandes (F.Y.B.Sc.-IT), Shivam Jadhav (F.Y.B.A), Firdous Qureshi (S.Y.B.A).

All the Gold and Silver medallists participated in University Inter Zonal Boxing held from 18th to 20th November 2022 at Thakur College. Mary Yadav won a Gold medal, Sharon MacDonald won a Silver medal and Bronze medals were won by Tia Pereira, Aditi Dubey, Arya Gadade, and Rose Pandanathu.

Mary Yadav (S.Y.B.A) represented the Mumbai University Women's Boxing team which had participated in the All India Inter University Boxing Championship held at Rohtak University, Haryana from the 25th of December 2022 to the 1st of January, 2023.

After many years our students participated in Best Physique and Power Lifting and gave their best performances. University Zone 1 Best Physique was held on the 10th of January 2023 at M. D. College. Gaurav Jadhav (F.Y.B.A) won a Gold medal in 60 kgs. category and Yash Dhawde (S.Y.BMS) won a Silver medal in 60 kgs. category. Gaurav Jadhav and Yash Dhawde qualified for the University Inter Zonal competition held on the 16th of January 2023 at S.S.T. College, Ullahasnagar.

In the Power Lifting University competition held on 11th January 2023 at M. D. College, Gaurav Jadhav (F.Y.B.A) won a Gold medal in 59 kgs. and Brandon D'Souza (S.Y.B.Sc.) won a Silver medal in 74 kgs. categories. Gaurav Jadhav qualified for the University Inter Zone competition held on the 18th of January 2023 at VD. Hariya College, Shahad.

Junior College Report:

This academic year Junior college students showed great enthusiasm in Sports activities and participated in Boxing, Cricket, Swimming, Badminton, Chess, Taekwondo, Caroms, Basketball, Athletics and Football.

Peniel Ebenezer (XIth Science), won a Gold medal in 3000 Mtrs. Run and Cross country race (6000 Mtrs.) in DSO Athletics meet held on the 12th and the 16th of December 2022.

He also participated in DSO Division Athletics meet held at Vasai from the 10th to the 12th of January 2023. Ms Sunita Damai (XIth Arts) won a Gold medal in 1500 Mtrs. Run and Rizwan Mansuri (XIIth Commerce) won Gold in Tripple Jump in DSO Athletics. Both of them participated in DSO Division Athletics held at Vasai.

A Swimmer of great class Bilal Sayed (XIth Arts) participated in the DSO Swimming competition held at DSO complex, Dharavi on the 30th of November 2022 and won a Gold medal in 100 Mtrs. Breaststroke, 50 Mtrs. Breaststroke, 50 Mtrs. Butterfly. He repeated the same Gold medal performances in all three events and was selected for the DSO State Swimming competition held at Balewadi, Pune from the 2nd to 5th of February 2023. He won Gold in 4 x 50 Mtrs. Freestyle relay, Silver in Medley relay, Silver in 200

Mtrs. Individual medley. Silver in 100 Mtrs. Breaststroke and Silver in 50 Mtrs. Butterfly. Bilal Sayed continued his winning form in Greater Mumbai Amateur Aquatics Association Aquatics meet held at Borivali on the 6th of November 2022. Won Silver in 100 Mtrs. Bronze medals in 4 x 50 Mtrs. Breaststroke, 4 x 50 Mtrs. Medley relay and 50 Mtrs. Breaststroke. He continued winning Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals in The Bombay YMCA inter Club Swimming Competition on 11th and 12th February 2023 held at YMCA, Agripada.

Another distinguished female Swimmer Ms Mihika Kolambekar (XIth Arts) participated in DSO Swimming meet held on 30th November at the DSO complex, Dharavi. She won the Gold medal in 800 Mtrs. Freestyle, Silver medal in 400 Mtrs. Freestyle, Bronze medal in 200 Mtrs. Butterfly. Mihika participated in the All India Sea Swimming competition held on the 7th and 8th of January, 2023 at Porbandar, Gujarat. She came 3rd in the 10 km. race with timings of 3:18:23 hours. She won 3rd place in 3 km. Open Water Swimming held on 21st January, 2023 at Juhu. She further participated in GOA Swimathon held at Betalbatim Beach, Goa on 29th January 2023. She won a Gold medal in 5 km. juniors female Sea water race.

Junior College boxers also performed very well by winning a good number of medals. In the DSO Mumbai District Boxing tournament held at DSO complex, Dharavi from 26th to 29th December 2022 Gold medals were won by Ms Anjali Yadav (XI Sc.), Aryan Satpute (XII Arts), Aditya Tamang (XII Arts). Silver medals were won by Larissa Fernandes (XI Arts), Arnav Basnet (XI Com.), and Jaden Fernandes (XI Com.) and Bronze medals were won by Aryanraj Malepu (XI Sc.), Parijat Rokade (XI Arts), Lekha Dukhande (XI Sc.).

In the DSO Mumbai Division Boxing Tournament held at DSO Complex, Palghar from the 15th to the 18th of January 2023, boxers continued winning medals. Ms Anjali Yadav, Aryan Satpute and Aditya Tamang won Gold medals and qualified for the State DSO Boxing tournament, which was held at DSO Sports Complex Palghar from the 20th to the 23rd of January 2023. Aryan Satpute won Silver medal.

*Dr Kailas Shinde
Convenor*



Green Warriors

Wilson College Green Warriors follow the motto “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Reform, and Restore” and strive to maintain eco-friendly and sustainable practices on campus. This academic year the Green Warriors were able to work on different platforms.

A poster about the initiatives and activities of Green Warriors was presented by Ms Murel Rodrigues at an exhibition called Metamorphosis at the University of Mumbai in association with Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (Maharashtra) on 11th November 2022.

A presentation was made by student volunteers Ms Pooja Mali, Ms Kanak Sharma, Mr Vishal Bhor, Mr Kiran Umbalkar at the National Conference ‘On 21st Century Commitment to Models of Environmental Sustainability’ on 1st December 22.

The activities of the Nature Club and the Green Warriors were recognised by the Vivekananda Youth Connect Foundation and an award in the field of sustainability was presented by the Hon. Governor of Maharashtra, Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari to the Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje on 12th Jan 2023.

The following activities were carried out in the academic year 2022-23:

Recycling of dry waste from college campus- Green Warriors sent the following dry waste for recycling to the NGO - Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangha.

Mix Paper - 223 kg, Plastic - 94 kg, Metal - 97 kg, E-waste - 86 kg, Cardboard - 68 kg.

Nearly 600 tetra packs were sent for recycling to RUR Pvt. Ltd.

Recycling of wet waste from the college campus- The wet waste from the canteen and the campus was converted to organic compost and sold at 20/- per kg. We also appreciate our canteen staff, gardeners Prakash Jadhav and Janardan Khapre for their contribution towards wet waste composting.

The Green Warriors team has come to the conclusion that it is not economically feasible to give all the paper and other

dry waste collected from the college campus, to Stree Mukti Sanghathana. We were granted permission to sell the paper dry waste to Raddiwalas instead so that we can generate funds for the construction of another compost pit which we have proposed earlier.

A total amount of 3610/- collected from dry waste sale to raddiwalas, and compost sale, was deposited into the college account. {Dry waste – 1210 /- and Compost – 2400/-}

1. **Reducing the use of plastic bags**, more than 700 cloth bags were sold at rates 10/-,15/-, and 50/- on a no profit- no loss basis to students, staff and administrative staff. Many of the guests and judges of different events in the college were presented with cloth bags as a token of appreciation.

Also, Green Warriors initiated a cab pool WhatsApp group especially from Charni Road station to college, to take a reducing fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

2. **Restoring nature** – Green Warriors strive hard to restore the sparrow and parakeet population by encouraging students to adopt bird feeders. Bird feeders were sold on a no-loss no-profit basis in the college. Students are encouraged to adopt these bird feeders. We have sold more than 50 bird feeders. Many of the guests and judges at different events in the college were presented with bird feeders instead of flowers, as a token of appreciation. Bird feeders are also installed on the college premises.

The Green Warriors Whatsapp organic gardening group facilitates the exchange of seeds, cuttings and seedlings, etc., among the staff and students. This helps to restore green spaces and encourages the hobby of gardening. This gives the students an opportunity to blend with nature and be sensitive about man-made damage to the ecosystem.

3. **Reform, reuse-** Plastic bottles continue to be used as planters for gifting and as ‘giveaways’ with plants.

*Meghana Gore
Convenor*

Hirkani

“Inter-Collegiate Sports Competition” for Women Non-Teaching Staff

On 13th January 2023, participants were deputed for the Rusa sponsored ‘Hirkani’, an Intercollegiate one-day sports competition for non-teaching women staff, organised

by Non-Teaching Staff, College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai. Staff members Mrs Kinnari Kamat, Mrs Priya Joseph, Mrs Namrata Chauhan, Mrs Priti Parmar, Mrs Deepali Jadhav, Ms Sabika Sayed, Ms Pratiksha Nakte, and Mrs Narmada Solanki.

Hindi Parishad

In July an essay competition was held and the winners were Archi R., Akanksha S. and Nishi V. from SYJC (Arts) securing 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively.

On 5 Aug the inauguration ceremony was held by the SYJC arts students and the chief guest was Dr Mukesh Gautam, a poet and stand-up comedian. After the lighting of the lamp was the welcome dance and later an interview was conducted by the SYJC arts students who asked various questions related to environmental and inspirational topics.

Dr Mukesh Gautam spoke about environmental issues and how one can improve the environmental crises. The inauguration ceremony ended with the question answer session. The following students were part of the inauguration programme Akanksha S., Stella Das, Deanna V., Anchal S., Malavika A., Nisha S., and Armaan S.

On 23rd August, a poetry writing competition was organised, the winners were - Shahana H. and Shaikh Afrin who stood first; Divyadarshini N. and Vincy I. who stood second; Natasha D., Avni C. and Tanjali D. stood third.

On 14 September, Hindi Divas was celebrated with a Film screening of two Short films “MANOVRTTI and BOODHEE KAKEE” written by eminent writer Munshi Premchand.

On 15 Sept, a competition ‘Abhivyakti’ and the ‘Maan ki Baat’ was organised. FYJC and SYJC spoke on various inspirational Abhivyakti topics. Later on, in the “Maan ki Baat” students expressed their thoughts and perspectives. Anchal S. and Anjali Y. got the first prize. Deanna V. and Farshin Khan got second in ‘Maan ki Baat’ and Fiza Machiwalli got second for ‘Abhivyakti’. Hansraj B., Shiva P. got third for ‘Maan ki Baat’ and Shaikh A. got third for ‘Abhivyakti’.

A Grand event of “Expression” by the Madhyam Foundation and Shabd Foundation was held at Wilson on Dec 10, 2022, called “Abhivikti” was organised. The special guest was well-known flute player, Miss Teen-2021 and youth icon Ms

Palak Jain who enthralled everyone with the mesmerizing tone of her flute. Dignitaries who felicitated our prize winners were Vice Principal Ms Smita Masih and the Trustee of Madhyam Foundation Ms Mansi Dodiya. Students received certificates and mementoes. After this, lyricist and poetess Dr Mridul Mehak, lyricist Mr Rasbihari Pandey, Mr Santosh Singh, Mr Basant Arya, Mr Rajesh Rituparn and Ed Rajeev Mishra, gave an enthralling presentation in the form of Kavya Kalash. Poetess Dr Varsha Mahesh, renowned saxophone player CA Mr Sachin Jain and educationist Mrs Smita Jain were especially honoured on this occasion. Senior College Vice-Principals Dr H Badkar, Miss V. Mathew, Dr A. Kumar, Vice-Principal of Junior College Mrs S. Masih, Supervisor Mr M.R. Dube, Mrs S. Chauhan, Dr P. Patwa, Ms S. Dubey, Mr A. Mishra, Mr P. Joseph, Mr Vivek, Mrs Aarti, Ms S. Irani, and from S.I.E.S. Mr Anjani Kumar Dwivedi and journalist Mr Ravi Yadav were present. Manas Tiwari was the host and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Satyavati Choubey.

During the prize distribution certificates, medals and trophies were distributed.

Students who volunteered in this event are:- Deanna V., Anchal S., Natasha D., and Mansi J.

The winners of the various competitions were Archi R. (essay), Harsh S. (essay), Anchal S. (Maan ki Baat) Anjali Y (Maan ki Baat), Shahana H. (poetry), S. Afrin (Poetry), Divyadarshini N. (Abhivyakti), Bina V. (Drawing), Akanksha S. (essay), Mansi J (essay), Deanna V. (Maan ki Baat), Farshin K. (Maan ki Baat), Divyadarshini N. (poetry), Vincy I. (poetry), Fiza M. (Abhivyakti), Tanvi T. (Drawing) Nishi V. (essay) Rosi Kinni R. (essay), Hansraj B. (Maan ki Baat), Shiva P. (Maan ki Baat), Natasha Dmonty, (poem competition), Avni Chandekar (poetry), Tanjali D. (Poetry), S. Almas (Abhivyakti) and Riya Jaiswal (Drawing).

*Sunita Chavan
Convenor*

Incubation Cell - Bazaar Day

Wilson College (Autonomous) held the much-awaited "Bazaar Day" on January 21, 2023, organized by OLÉ, 2023. This pre-event was to ensure that the talented wanderers of our college would get the opportunity to display their wares at the stalls. This was one of the pre-events of the exciting and enticing two-day annual fest "OLÉ" which took place on the 27th and 28th of January 2023.

Though the event started out at 10:00 am with the ribbon cutting done by the Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje, the students came in around 7:30 am to start decorating their stalls and set out their goods in the stalls. Different themes and ideas were bounced around by students to make their stalls attractive to the customers and they seemed to work as faculty members, students and guests filtered in with interest. There were stalls set up even by individual departments. The coupon counters opened at 10:00 am and everyone was able to exchange money for the OLÉ Coupons. 1 coupon equalled ₹20 and every product had to be priced at multiples of 20. Buyers visited different stalls after acquiring these coupons and brought the various merchandise and food arranged by students. Various games were played for exciting prizes. The unique concept of replacing actual money and online transactions with Coupons gave the distinct touch of being a traveller through the throngs of markets across the globe.

Around 2:00 pm, the chief guests Dattaram Girap (Senior Police Officer) and Rohan More (Senior Station Officer) arrived. They interviewed every stall owner about the vision

behind the stall, what inspired the works and all the efforts put into it by students and departments. OLÉ wanted this endeavour to be a way to spread the idea and ethics of small business. The aim was for students to gain knowledge and experience about this career choice and be able to handle the stalls on their own. There were stalls displaying various handmade articles like tote bags, handmade lanterns, composts, jewellery, etc. Various kinds of eatables were provided for the crowd to enjoy. Games were arranged by students and Departments that promoted the business of their students and their own creativity through the amazing mixture of their respective subjects and entertainment. The blend of games and business in exchange for currency which was the OLÉ Coupon was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for everyone.

Various events and games were held by the OLÉ committee in the Quadrangle to keep the crowd entertained. Bazaar wasn't the only entertainment, OLÉ Unplugged wherein rapping, singing, jamming, beatboxing, stand-up comedy and random dance-offs were performed and the students participated. Alongside these, a special event was set where students had to shoot all the stalls in creative ways and submit them to enter into a "Video Reel" contest. The OLÉ Events Department led the chants of OLÉ across the college to commemorate the success of this Pre-event. The whole day turned out to be a great success and the teachers as well as our dear Principal Dr Anna Pratima Nikalje lauded the efforts put in by the students and teachers who participated in Bazaar Day.

Internal Complaints Committee

Members of the Internal Complaints Committee for the academic year 2022-2023 were Presiding Officers- Ms Rashna Patel (Philosophy department), Lady Staff members Ms Veronica Bhonsle (English department) and Ms Meghana Gore (Microbiology Department), Dean of Women students- Ms Rita Chettiar (History Department), Male Staff members were Mr Kapil Bhatt (Physics department) and Mr Thomson Fernandes (Chemistry Department), Pandita Ramabai Ladies Hostel warden - Ms Kshama Jayaraj, Non-teaching representatives were Ms Shubhangi Gavankar (Librarian) and Ms Deepika Mattu, Adv. Sanhita Rane was the NGO member.

The student members of the ICC were Ms Liya Jacob, SYBA, Ms Shakshi Kankariya TYBCom, Ms Avani Sanalkar, TYBMS,

Ms Abhivyati Chauhan, TYBAMMC, Ms Hiral Boricha, TYBSc IT, Ms Uzma Jogikar, TYBSc Chemistry, Ms Kanak Sharma, M.SC Microbiology.

The Internal Complaint Committee and Women Development Cell, in collaboration with the Department of Management Studies, organized a talk on Understanding "Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, on 23rd August 2022, for the Second Year and Third Year students of the department. The Department of Multimedia and Mass Communication organized an awareness session on the 24th of August 2022. An awareness talk was also organized on 30th August 2022, for the second and third-year students of BAF and BAMMC. The resource person for all the above-mentioned sessions

was Persis Sidhva, Adv., High Court, Mumbai. Advocate Sidhva engaged the students in an active question-and-answer session after each awareness session.

Awareness talks on the POSH Act, 2013 were given to

the First Year students of the college by Ms Rashna Patel, Presiding officer, who spoke to the students about the complaint mechanism and procedures followed by the internal complaints committee. Regular meetings of the ICC were held.

Library

Library Committee Members for the year 2022-23 comprised of Ms N Koshy, Convenor, Ms S Gavankar, Librarian, Ms M. Khambhawala, Dr S Choubay, Ms B Panchal, Mrs H. Vijaywargi, Mrs S. Chauhan, and the following student representatives Mr S. Venkyatesh, Mr P. Solunke, and Ms R Mazgoankar.

The number of books & Periodicals procured Number between April 2022 and March 2023 were 390 and 9 for the senior and Junior colleges respectively and the number of existing periodicals is 35.

The library received a donation of books from Mrs Sandra Kavarana, retired staff, BAF and the Hindi dept.

Library Activities:

A Mini Display was organised in collaboration with respective departments throughout the academic year 2022-23. Each subject had two weeks to display & two subjects were allotted at a time. The subject-wise schedule was prepared. The head of a dept had recommended subject-related books for the display. The feedback from students showed this activity was very useful to them. Due to subject-wise display students were able to familiarize themselves with library resources, expand their knowledge horizons and gain in-depth knowledge of the specific subject resources available & develop an interdisciplinary perspective as well.

A Graphic Novel display was organised by the English dept in collaboration with the library on the 17th & 18th of March 2023. The objectives of this display are to refresh our childhood memories and to bring a new array of literature. A very great response was received from the students.

Library Day: A session on "Enhancing Reading Habit" was organised on 12th August 2022 celebrating Library Day. Mrs Vidya Subramanian, Librarian, Dr BMN College of Home Science, SNDT Womens University, Matunga was the resource person. The session brought up the significance of reading and also provided an understanding of that process. Further, it enabled the thirty participants to realise that though all of us read many things throughout the day, it is

important to be mindful of what we "Read". Her lucid style and very creative PowerPoint presentation added value to the session.

Vachan Prerana Divas: 15th Oct is celebrated every year as "Vachan Prerana Diwas" to mark the Birth Anniversary of India's former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. A wide display of books written by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam were organised by the Library Staff and his motivating quotations were displayed along with the books.

An orientation programme was held on 23rd Sept 2022 for FY Degree college students. The rules, regulations and various facilities available in our library and information on e-resources and how to access them were shared. The librarian shared the information about the Library, and Mr Srivastya informed them of the library services for students. Mr K Nikam spoke about NLIST & E-resources and Mr P Solunke proposed the vote of thanks.

Two hundred and forty-four students attended this extremely useful session.

Competitions were organised which are the Book Mark Making, Photography & Making a short video on Wilson College Library on 24th November 2022. There was an overwhelming response from the students. Total 67 students participated and there were 22 Entries received. The judges were Mr Mahesh Shetti & Dr Shilpa Devrukhkar. The following participants were declared Winners of the competitions: For Book Mark making Sauptik Das won 1st and Edriel D and Shreya M won the 2nd prize and Madhupriya S won the 3rd prize. For Photography and Short Video Making, Kusum M won both first prizes.

This year the Trophies & certificates were distributed by Convenor, Librarian & library staff to the students in the library on 10th February 2023. Mr Arun Panchmukh was felicitated by the Students Council during the graduating ceremony. He is the senior in the library. Students expressed their gratitude towards him.

*Shubhangi Gavankar
(Librarian)*

Mackichan Hall Boys Hostel

After a break of almost two years, a bright new, renovated hostel was ready to welcome the Mackichanites with facilities like brand new cupboards, cots, fans, easy dry stands in each room, new water coolers and water purifiers, microwave oven and three brand new washing machines. Soon new sports equipment was purchased along with reviving the Television connection with the OTT platform for our entertainment. FIFA world cup and cricket matches were delights to sports freaks. The number of hostellers soon grew to more than a hundred in just a few months. On 8th August we celebrated "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" at the college- a call given by the Indian Government. On the 14th of August 2022, the first official meeting of the hostel was conducted, where the Warden Dr Ashish Uzgare introduced us to the various rules and regulations and the celebrated history and tradition of the Mackichan Hall Boys Hostel. We were nothing but overwhelmed by the rich tradition the hostel has! Keeping with the tradition, this year too, on the auspicious occasion of the 76th Independence Day, the National Flag was hoisted on 15th Aug at 7:30 am at the Mackichan Hall ground, followed by a lavish breakfast in the hostel mess. After that, the hostellers assembled in the college where they wholeheartedly attended and participated in various entertainment programs. September 23 was an exciting day for all of us Mackichanites, as we got to form the committees and elect the G.Sec and the co-G.Secs in a democratic manner.

Manan M was elected the General Secretary and Akhil A. and Shivang A. were elected as the Co-General Secretaries. Maintaining a big family requires a lot of concerted effort, so we formed six jumbo committees - The Discipline Committee headed by Mr Indra S, the Mess Committee headed by Mr Shikhar S, the Maintenance Committee headed by Mr Rahul A, the Sports Committee headed by Mr Sharon G, the Cultural Committee headed by Mr Reuben O. and the Media Committee by Mr Soumyadeep B. On 23rd November, we went with the Wardens to see the hair-raising sequel of **DRISHYAM**, it was an enjoyable movie night. On the 26th of Nov, the much-awaited Principal's dinner was organised by the Mackichanites, where the Principal of Wilson College Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalije visited the hostel and was introduced to the various committee in charge and the hostelites. It was followed by an engaging interaction with the hostellers and a delicious dinner. Christmas is a time of celebration. The Mackichanites participated in the Carol

competition at the college and also presented several carols at the University Settlement Hostel.

The following were the sports events On 22nd Jan the Table Tennis tournament was organised by Mayank P. The Mackichan Cricket Premier League was the first outdoor sports tournament that was conducted on 24th Jan. On the 5th of Feb, the FIFA Football Tournament was organised on Girgaon Chowpatty by Melwin and Jeet which everyone had been eagerly waiting for. On the 6th of Feb, the Badminton Tournament was organised by Rohit On the 28th of Feb. the tug of war was conducted at the Chowpatty by Ayan where six teams participated. We have also organised and participated in carom, chess and at times the traditional hide and seek too.

We showcased our talents with great joy at the Hostel Talent Show 2023 on the 26th of Jan. After the Republic Day celebrations we showcased the following - Singing, dancing, standup comedy, acts, poetry, magic tricks, pushups etc Sumit was the winner of the talent show.

These events were judged by Vice Principal Ms Vinita Mathew, who is also a part of our Mackichan family, and Dr Anand Burange - the charge of the Drama club, and Rev Arpana Rangayya- the College Chaplin.

We Mackichanites believe in planning and execution. 31st of Jan. marked shooting the Mahurat shot of the hostel movie.

As our small contribution to the environment and to sensitize ourselves to environmental issues, On 28th Feb the Mackichanites gathered on the Chowpatty beach. We observed earth hour during which the electricity of the hostel was switched off for two hours. On 3rd March 2023: Poetry and Painting Competitions were organised by Reuben, the head of the Cultural Committee and were judged by Rev. Arpana Rangayya. This year the M.D David shield for the Best Hostel Student went to Manan Mittal and Wilson Khristi bagged the Romario Rozer Trophy for being Mr. Congenitality and Mr. Shikhar Sharma won the Best Sportsman trophy.

Besides these, the Warden Dr Ashish Uzgare conducted regular hostel meetings and briefed the residents about hygiene, the quality of food, rules and regulation of the hostel and also about values and conduct to make us all complete gentlemen.

Special prayers by him for those celebrating birthdays and midnight cake cutting will always be cherished. We are grateful to the assistant warden Dr Jamson Masih and the support staff for being there for us. I would also like to extend my gratitude towards the officials of the John Wilson

Education Society and to the JWES office staff at Wilson College for their support and cooperation.

*General Secretary
Mr Manan Mittal*



Marathi Wangamaya Mandal

The inaugural function of the Marathi Wangamaya Mandal was held on 16th Sept. The Chief guest was the renowned writer Manaswini Lata Ravindra. She delivered a speech on Sahitya Aani Anya Madhyamatil Likhanacha Parichaya. In her speech, she threw light on the various aspects and skills required to be a professional in this field. On the occasion of Marathi Bhasa Samvardhan Pandharavada, the Mandal organized an essay writing competition on 18th January. The topics were as follows: Veleche Gulam, My Marathi, Aajchi Nati: Aajachya Samasya, Badalti Shaikshanik Dhone.

The prize winners were: 1st Prize– Ms Gauri D, 2nd Prize– Mr Tanmay A. 3rd Prize– Mr Sagar M.

Marathi Bhasa Gaurav Din was celebrated on 27th February. It is the birth anniversary of the renowned author V. V. Shirvadkar alias Kusumagraj. The chief guest was Dr Arvind Redkar. He gave a speech on Vakrutava: Tantra Aani Mantra. In the same event, a tribute was given to Swatrantryaveer Savarkar on the occasion of his death anniversary.

Nature Club

The committee comprised Dr Sushant Mane, Mr Bandu Konde, Ms Vinita Mathew, Ms Meghana Gore, Dr Devdatta Lad and Ms Poornima Kadam. The Students representative selected is Ms Mrytal Chavan (T.Y.B.Sc.), Arista Menezes (T.Y.B.A) and Mr Yash Desai (T.Y.B.A.). This year, a total of 276 students have enrolled in Nature Club.

This year, the Nature Club started its activity by carrying out beach cleaning activities. The activity was carried out on 19th September 2022 at Girgaon Chowpatty. During the activity, around 20 participants made efforts to clean the beach. On 24th September 2022, Nature Club organized a Nature trail at Walkeshwar Hanging Garden. During the trail, students observed around 18 butterflies, 14 birds and many other insects.

After the Diwali vacation, the Nature Club organized a Nature conservation centre visit to Mahim Nature Park. The park is developed on an old dumping ground. The Nature park is very well maintained with different types of plants which are no-native to Mumbai. The butterfly garden is maintained with many different species of butterflies. These students have observed many different birds and reptiles also. The conservation centre is also having a plant nursery, which is maintaining different varieties of plants. The Nature park is providing very good information on ecosystems and conservation.

From 29th January to 3rd February 2023, Nature Club organized a wildlife habitat visit to Tadoba national park. During the visits, students observed different animals such as Tigers, Leopards, Wild Boar, Sloth Bear, Spotted Deer, Barking deer, Mangoes, Nilgai, Indian Gaur, Wild dogs, Civet Cat, reptiles such as snakes and lizards. Along with this students also observed many resident and migratory aquatic and arboreal birds. The visit was very informative and also gave me real-life experience with wildlife to the students.

On 22nd April 2023, in collaboration with 'Paryavaran Dakshata Mandal (Enviro Vigil), Thane, an NGO. Nature Club has celebrated World earth day at Upavan Lake, Thane. The activity was organized by the NGO to aware the students about how to conserve Nature with simple day-to-day life practices. During the visit, students also went on a Nature trail around Upavan Lake. Along with these activities, students have also participated in tree plantation.

As a Wilson College Social responsibility, on behalf of Nature Club, Mr Sudhakar Solamanraj has initiated a donation of Rs. 2.82 lac to Yousuf Meherally centre, Tara village, Pen, Raigarh, Maharashtra.

*Dr Sushant Mane
Convener, Nature Club*

North East Collective

The Student Core Committee for the year was unanimously selected and consisted of President Huanlianlal Khuptong, Vice President Darsh Rai, Secretary Alaisa Debbarma, Finance Head Seimuankhup Khuptong, PR & Social Media Incharge Priyanka Basumatary, and Creatives Soumyadeep Biswas.

On Independence Day the North East Collective presented a group song "Bharat Humko Jaan Se Pyaara Hai", and some of the lyrics were translated into the native languages of the Northeast.

On 8th September 2022, the Freshers' Welcome was organized for the newly admitted students. It was a fun-filled evening with introductions, music, dance and games. Ms Vinita Mathew gave a brief history of the NEC at Wilson College. At the end of the evening, Mr and Ms Fresher were

announced, this was followed by snacks that were prepared by the seniors.

This year was indeed an eventful one. A documentary on the North East Collective was made by Mr Vedratna Pratap Singh, Mr Joshua D'scouza and their team of TY students from the BAMMC department. The documentary which is 17 minutes long, was screened on 24 September 2022 for all staff and students.

This year North East Collective collaborated with Arthiki (Economics Department) for their annual fest Aether. We hosted a food stall, for memos, rice cakes, snow cookies, peanut toffee, sticky rice pancakes and shinju – these items were prepared by the NEC students. This activity played a very important role in enabling the members to bond with each other.

During the Tata Literature Live week in November 2022, the NEC hosted 3 writers from the Northeast for an 'On campus interactive session with writers from North East'. The guests for the session were Ms Mamang Dai, Ms Hannah Lalhlanpuii and Mr Kynpan Sing Nongkynrih. They talked about the different issues faced by writers in the northeast, and how writing from that part of the country is different from the mainland. People in the Northeast are usually connected to nature which is integral to their writing. It was a wonderful session followed by a lively question and answer round. The session was attended by about 228 students.

The North East Collective presented a Bodo dance performance on Traditional Day as part of Olé 2023. The members practised for weeks before they were able to perform on the main day. During the opening ceremony of Olé 2023, members of the Northeast Collective performed a Nepali dance in an attempt to give a wider representation of the cultural diversity in our country.

The annual trip took place on the 25th and 26th of February 2023. We went to Alibagh and camped in a village called Munavli. After a good trek into the hillside in a somewhat

wild area, we spent the night in tents under the beautiful night sky. Mr. Sudhakar Solomon Raj showed us the different constellations in the sky which we were able to observe quite clearly. This trip helped us to get an insight into the local culture of Maharashtra. We set up tents together, ate dinner outdoors, and enjoyed a bonfire. The next day Sudhakar Sir conducted a session on the history of Maharashtra and the life of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. He also shared information about the geographical and historical importance of the district we were visiting. The talk was followed by song and dance performances by some students. After lunch, we returned to Mumbai. The trip was a very enjoyable time together.

The Annual Traditional NEC dinner was held on 11th March 2023. We had a small session of songs, dance and memento distribution for the outgoing TY students. The dinner was a mix of traditional cuisines from the Northeast, that was prepared by the students. With the Annual Dinner, we ended a very event filled and memorable year.

Alaisa Debbarma (Student Secretary)

Vinita Mathew (Teacher in Charge)

NSS Unit

75 volunteers registered for the NSS Unit, Wilson College (Autonomous). The unit was led by Programme Officer Dr Anand S. Burange and committee members Dr Sanjay Mhaske (Co-convenor), Ms Neha Koshy, Dr Harishchandra Parbat, Ms Rashmi Satpute, Mr Sachin Gupta, and Ms Vandana Daki. The NSS orientation was held on 30th August 2022 for newly registered volunteers. The motto of NSS is "NOT ME, BUT YOU". The Unit conducted four blood donation camps in collaboration with Nair Hospital, Red Swastik Society, Saifee Hospital and Arpan Thalassemia Society and collected more than 200 units of blood throughout the year. A thalassemia check-up was also conducted on the college premises on 13th March 2023 which made students aware of Thalassemia and a total of 95 samples were collected for the test. A Stem Cell Awareness session and testing were organised by the unit on 26th July in collaboration with DKMS-BMST to create awareness among students about the situation of blood cancer patients and other blood-related diseases in India.

The Unit also conducted an AIDS awareness session and rally on the college campus. The Volunteers Conducted continuous clean-up drives at Girgaon Chowpatty and the railway station. The "Feeding Stray Animals" drive was

also conducted in the Grant Road and Charni Road areas as a continuous activity. The NSS Unit did the Bandobast for 5 days during the Ganpati Visarjan and helped the Girgaon Police in crowd management. A Rakhi distribution event was held with the community at Panvel. There was a setup of a tribal rakhi-making community on 3rd August 2022 and many rachis were sold. The Unit organized many events, activities and competitions on the Birth and Death Anniversary of great freedom fighters, soldiers, and leaders such as Subhash Chandra Bose, Mahatma Gandhi, Shivaji Maharaj and the Pulwama attack event. The volunteers attended sessions on de-addiction and participated in rallies organised by the University from Azad Maidan to Gateway of India. Yoga Day was also celebrated in the college where volunteers, students, and teaching and non-teaching staff participated in huge numbers and attended the session and workshop. The volunteers also participated in the Unity run on the eve of Sardar Vallabhbhai Jayanti organised by Girgaon police station starting from Wilson College to August Kranti Maidan. The Unit also organised visits to the Sanjay Gandhi National Park and Kanheri caves to sensitise volunteers towards the environment and collaborated with Andha Vidhyarthi Sangh and worked for Visually impaired students. 50 notebooks were made and distributed among

small children. A village named Varkhunti in Palghar district was also adopted where various educational activities for children were performed. A street play on the de-addiction of alcohol was also performed. The NSS Special Camp was organised from 7th - 13th Jan. The volunteers did

Shramanubhav where they collected nearly 2 tons of rocks and filled the broken road where many accidents during monsoon used to occur. Various sessions were conducted on leadership, team-building, theatre workshop as well as science and technology presentations.

Pandita Ramabai Hostel

This year the Pandita Ramabai Hostel welcomed fifty young students from all over the country. The hostel opened its doors after nearly two and a half years after the pandemic. The Committee for the year comprised Deborah F (Senior Student) Mahi S (Cultural Secretary), Naziya K (Sports Secretary) Palak J (Literary Secretary) followed by group leaders of the four groups Amethyst, Beryl, Crystal and Emerald. They were Saniya S, Shivani N, Shyana S. and Archisma K. First-year student representatives were also on the committee. Students were allocated duties for various segments of the hostel administration to help smooth functioning. The Warden Ms Kshama Jayaraj was also assisted by Ms Aishwarya Vaibhav. The first event of this year was the Principal's Dinner all had a great time with our Principal Dr Anna Pratima Nikalje. The talent night followed here the girls enjoyed displaying a variety of talents like solo singing, solo dance, group dance and mono acting. The judge for the day was Dr Anu Binny. The next event was the sandwich-making competition and the creative topic was Independence Day where all the Panditas showcased their culinary skills. A Pasta Night was happily held where the girls came together to cook some delicious pasta and spend quality time together.

On 15th August, all were dressed up in beautiful traditional attires and attended our College flag-hoisting ceremony. Hindi Divas was celebrated on the 14th of Sept and activities like singing, Shayari recitation, poetry and speech were held in Hindi. Friendship Day was celebrated and residents got to know each other very well. Some friendship day songs were sung together and a cake was cut. Sports events like carrom, badminton, tug of war, chess, dodgeball and musical chairs were enjoyed with great enthusiasm. Many literary events were held like storytelling, spin a yarn, poetry writing and just a minute (elocution), the judge for the poetry writing event was Madam Riya Mathews from the English Dept.

Next up was our hostel dinner which was at an Indo-Chinese speciality restaurant called "King Chilli". We had a great time and of course great food too. We went to the annual hostel movie to watch the blockbuster "Pathaan" on its first day of

release. The movie night was made special with Principal Ma'am and Sir accompanying us. The next event was the carol singing presentations where the Panditas performed Carols at the College Christmas Event.

At PRH we celebrated Christmas with a bonfire before that we also played the Secret Santa game.

Throughout the year informative and enriching sessions were taken, one such was in January based on financial management. It was held by Mr John Randell, a financial advocate from the Philippines he emphasized how to manage our finances and be financially independent. The next one was on mental and physical fitness conducted by seven resource people from Binny's Fitness lab (BFL). Another session was on Emotional quotient conducted by Dr Anu Binny. We celebrated our Warden's birthday and surprised her with a birthday cake.

The Panditas bid farewell to the graduating students in February with a formal candlelight ceremony followed by lots of drama and dance.

The Panditas enthusiastically participated in College Fest Olé 2023 and put up a stall at the Bazaar Day. The stall had a thrift shop with different activities like fluid Art, a Ping Pong game, nail art, a photo booth and even a delicious Italian dessert called Panna Cotta. All had a wonderful

experience that day. The annual trip was enjoyed at Water Kingdom. And all the residents splashed and jumped in the water. Social responsibility is also an important part of hostel activities so the girls collected small bags for the destitute children filling them with toiletries.

Our visually challenged student was also helped by some of our senior girls in academics. Once all Panditas went to watch the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn and as the skies were unclear we ended up at the Naturals Ice Cream parlour for a happy scoop.

We appreciate Madam Shubada Pereira for gifting our library with so many books this year.

On 8th March on Women's Day, we celebrated the annual function. As it was Pandita Ramabai's 100th death anniversary, the theme was remembering the Pandita. The girls put up a shadow play on the Panditas' life and also a mini exhibition play in the hall. The event was an unforgettable experience for all. Principal Anna P Nikalje gave away prizes to our students for all the events conducted all year round. Special prizes were as follows, the best group runner-up was Group Crystal and the winning group was Group Amethyst. The sportswoman of the year was Anushka

Chauhan and the All Round student who gets the "Sheila Kalawade" Shield of Honour was Naziya Khan. The Panditas participated in inter and intra College activities and won accolades for the hostel and College. Regular Bible Studies and prayer were conducted every Wednesday for interested students. We appreciate the support of the Management to keep the hostel running smoothly. So we come to the end of a beautiful and eventful year.

Kshama T Jayaraj
Warden



Pasta Night



Talents Night

Student Council

Student Council is a body of Student representatives from various Departments established to conduct programs for the welfare of the students. The Council is led by the Dean of Students Dr Jai Knox and the Dean of Women Students Ms Rita Chettiar. The student representatives along with their respective Department are as follows: Ms Ansa Antony, Mr Brij Rajpopat, Ms Anvita Jagtap, Ms Mary Yadav, Mr Johnson Methrie, Ms Heenakshi, Ms Mahima Sachdev, Ms Vaibhavi Malandkar, Ms Yamunadevi Gupta, Ms Palak Surti, Ms Kaveri Devkate, Ms Sakshi Panchal, Ms Mrytle Chavan, Ms Huda Bankotka, Ms Ramani M., Ms Ananya, Mr Davis Devaraj, Mr Simeon Sequeira, Ms Vrushika Shah, Ms Tamanna Singh and Mr Saurav Raj Patil. The council members for the following post were elected through an internal voting procedure: General Secretary, Ms Ansa Antony; President, Mr Brij Rajpopat; Vice President, Ms Anvita Jagtap and Women's Representative Ms Mary Yadav.

The activities of the council commenced with a session on Women's Health and Hygiene conducted on 28th July 2022 by Dr Chitwan Dubey, a Gynecologist and Obstetrician from L. H. Hiranandani Hospital, Powai, Mumbai. A large number of female students attended the session, encouraging the Student Council to conduct more such welfare activities. The activities of the council thereafter were as follows:

6th August 2022, the Student Induction Program for First Year Degree College students and Masters students.

A week-long activity for the 75th Independence Day with the theme **Har Ghar Tiranga** was started with the Flag hoisting on 9th August 2022 followed by a Talk on 'Tryst with Destiny' by Prof. Sudhakar Solomonraj on 10th August 2022, Collage Competition and Poem Recitation on 11th August 2022 in collaboration with History Society of Wilson College, Rangoli Competition on 12th August 2022, Solo singing competition on 13th August 2022, talk on Journey of Indian Democracy through ups and down by

Mr Anand Jay Shetty on 14th August 2022 in collaboration with Political Science Department. Independence Day cultural events were conducted on 15th August 2022. It was a successful week-long activity with a sheer sense of patriotism.

Teachers Day was celebrated on 6th September 2022 to appreciate the support and guidance of our teachers.

The 56th A.D. Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition was conducted on 24th September 2022 in collaboration with the Forum for Free Enterprise and the Departments of Economics, Commerce, BAF & BSc IT.

An online session was conducted by Prof. Sudhakar Solomonraj on 3rd October 2022 in collaboration with Political Science Department commemorating the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri towards the nation's independence and development.

The council is not only active on campus but also had an outreach activity on 19th November 2022 to Sneha Sadan (Orphanage for girls, Andheri) and conducted sessions on Physical and Mental health awareness.

The Student Council assisted in organizing the Founder's Day on 1st December 2022. It was also the commencement of the 3-day National Conference dating 1st December to 3rd December 2022 on 21st Century Commitment to Models of Environmental Sustainability and the council assisted in organising the same.

It was observed that female students were not following a proper diet which was causing their ill health, hence the council members went to classes to make students aware of the importance of the intake of proper nutrients and leading a healthy lifestyle. In collaboration with the Junior College of Wilson College, another session was organised on Gynaecological Health in Adolescent Girls by Dr Deepa Mohanty on 13th December 2022 for junior college female students.

On 3rd January 2023, a talk was conducted on Savitribhai Phule and Women's Education in India by Mr Shyam Gulve.

On 9th March 2023, a Mela was organised on the occasion of International Women's Day. This was in collaboration with the Women Development Cell, Department of Sociology and Akshara Centre (NGO for Women and Children). Student Council members have also helped organise various programs of other committees like the Student Support and Welfare (SSW), Women Development Cell (WDC) and Library Committee. They are also part of the committees in college as student representatives to make sure that the concerns and feedback of students are conveyed to the management.

On 11th March 2023, the most awaited function was conducted. The Annual Prize Distribution 2022-2023.

On the 8th of April, Convocation Ceremony was held in College Hall and AV room, simultaneously, for pass-out graduate and post-graduate students.

Dr Jai Knox
Dean of Students

Ms Rita Chettiar
Dean of Women Students

Staff Welfare Committee

This academic year, the Staff Welfare Committee circulated a welfare questionnaire to get feedback about the requirements of the staff on campus. The staff gave useful suggestions such as having stress management sessions, yoga, and sessions on financial literacy. The staff has also expressed the need for an ATM centre, a staff gym, a stationery shop and a photocopy centre on the college campus. In response to the suggestions, a session on financial literacy was conducted by Mr Ashwin Kataria from

the Commerce Department, in collaboration with the IQAC on 20th January 2023. The committee will be considering the other suggestions by the staff. Air conditioners were installed in the Common Staff Room. The Committee coordinated with the Principal to arrange for a Teachers' Day treat and gift of water bottles, as well as a Christmas lunch for the teaching and non-teaching staff.

Dr U. V. Patil

Rotaract Club of Wilson College (RCWC)

“Rotaract Club of Wilson College (RCWC)” was established in the year 2016 and the members have seen the club grow steadily since then. The theme for the present Rotaract year at RCWC is “KAIZEN” which is an approach to improving yourself that aims to make you 1% better every single day.

The professor in charge of RCWC is Dr Kailas Waman Shinde.

RCWC has executed numerous activities with various departments in college this year. We started conducting Activities after the Annual Rotaract Club installation on 8th July 2022. The activities conducted in the year 2022-23 by RCWC are as follows:

Beach Cleanup Post Ganapati Visarjan on 10th September 2022.

Basketball tournament at YMCA Sports Complex Colaba on 17th November 2022.

Conducted Tree Plantation drive on 24th July 2022.

Table Tennis tournament on 30th July 2022.

RCWC and Rotaract Club of Mumbai Downtown Sealand in collaboration with the Asian Foundation conducted Blood Donation Drive on 3rd July 2022.

Conducted a session on ‘Financial Literacy’ on 13th September 2022.

Celebrated Sports Day with the children from Gully classes on 28th August 2022.

Conducted a Food Drive for Dogs on 24th August 2022.

Dr Kailas Shinde
Convenor

Training and Placement Cell

“If you’re offered a seat on a rocket ship, don’t ask what seat! Just get on.”
– Sheryl Sandberg

The Centre for Training and Placement of Wilson College interacts with reputed companies for arranging on-campus and off-campus interviews for final-year students.

We make efforts to organize and design seminars, workshops and sessions to make the students understand the trends prevalent in the industries.

The Centre for Training and Placement works towards building confidence in students by organizing sessions with experts & mentors from the industry.

A poster with the link to the Google form for registration with the placement Centre was circulated among all the final-year students. A WhatsApp group was made and various session and job opportunities details have been circulated. Registered students also submitted their resume copies to the placement centre.

Sessions on the development of soft skills and enhancing employability skills help students to face interviews. Aptitude tests and training for group discussions were also conducted. Some sessions were as follows: Orientation &

Session on LinkedIn Networking, How to Write a Winning Resume, Succeeding in a Corporate Environment and Opportunities for Graduates in Canada, Training for NISM Certification and How To Crack an Interview.

To provide job opportunities the Centre organized a Placement Fair on 06th, 09th, 14th and 17th March 2023. 19 Companies participated in the Job Fair which was EIH Limited: The Oberoi, Mumbai & Trident, Moneytor, Urban Money (Squareyards), Brained, JK Residential Services, Singhanian Education Services Ltd. (Questplus), Glad U Came, Silverlink Technologies Pvt Ltd, NMIMS, Colgate Global Business Services, LogIQids, to name a few. Many students attempted the aptitude tests, pre-placement tests, and screening rounds of various companies out of which shortlisting for the final interview round was made. 50 students got selected through Placement Fair 2023 and 18 students accepted the offer. A 500% increase was found for On-Campus Placement and 138% increase for companies onboard. A feedback form was circulated among the companies and the students. Positive feedback was received with few suggestions.

Ms Nilofer Sarang
Convenor
Centre for Training and Placement

Training Programs For Non-Teaching Staff 2022-23

The Committee of Training Programs for Non-Teaching Staff for the year 2022-23 comprised of Mrs Shubhangi Gavankar (Convenor), Mr Pradeep Abhyankar (Co-Convenor), Dr Harsha Badkar, Mr Mahesh Shetti, Mrs Kshama Jayraj, Ms A. Vaibhav, Mrs Kinnari Kamat, Mr D. Chavan, and Mr Y. Thakur.

The committee for the training programme of Non-Teaching staff held its first session on Saturday 30th July 2022 entitled "Personal Financial Planning"

The session was facilitated by CASI GLOBAL and the resource person was Dr Mitez Seth and Ms Simmi who accompanied and coordinated with the Committee. Dr Mitez Seth is the CEO of CASI GLOBAL and has trained and advised staff of many institutions on the importance of investments and savings. He is a widely sought-after speaker on Financial investment both nationally and internationally.

The programme began with a welcome by the convenor and a note of greetings by the vice principal. After that, the resource person was introduced.

It was a very useful session for all the non-teaching as well as the teaching staff who attended. Financial investing strategies and simple saving plans were discussed and valuable suggestions and advice were given by the expert authority. Staff queries and doubts were patiently cleared by the resource person who also encouraged the staff to stay in touch for future financial advice.

After filling out the feedback form many came forward and appreciated the practical relevance of such a topic and are looking forward to many more such sessions — 57 Non-teaching staff who benefitted from this session.

The second session was held on Monday 27th March 2023, entitled "Enrollment & eligibility rules & regulations". The session was guided by Mrs Suvarna Mahadik, Deputy Registrar, University Of Mumbai. She is in charge of the Enrollment, Eligibility, Migration section & DBD cell at the University of Mumbai. She is the University representative Nodal officer of the Government of Maharashtra. With the vast experience of 39 years, she has received many honourable awards.

At the beginning of the session, Mrs Suvarna Mahadik was felicitated by the Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje. After that, Mr Abhyankar, the registrar introduced the resource person.

The resource person spoke about the whole process of admission. She explained giving some peculiar examples, that come across during the admission process. She spoke about cases before & after the autonomous status of the college. She further explained the MKCL system. The session was very interactive. The non-teaching staff who are working on the MKCL system asked their doubts. Mrs Mahadik solved all their doubts very calmly. Mrs Deepanjali Jambhale gave the vote of thanks. The feedback form was circulated. 30 Non-teaching staff who benefitted from this session. The session was appreciated by the audience.

The last session during this academic year was organised on 29th April 2023, titled "Financial audit and rules & regulations of services". Mr D N More, retired registrar of Birla College, Kalyan was invited as a resource person. He discussed the service book, salary rules & regulations, policies regarding leaves, pension schemes, salary structure during 5th, 6th & 7th pay commissions & the process of financial audits including important steps involved. He also spoke about the importance of documentation for each one of them. He equally stressed the importance of completing the assigned duties. The success of the session was reflected in the feedback as well as the responses received from the non-teaching staff.

In collaboration with the Microbiology department, the committee conducted a survey of Smartphone & Computer training under the Star DBT grant.

The committee has planned some more sessions on Sports training, Awareness of rules & codes of services, Spoken English Course, Giving Computer Training, Training about laboratory practices and maintaining various lab equipment for next academic year. The teaching staff is willing to help, shown by their enthusiasm to conduct the various sessions mentioned.

Shubhangi Gavankar
Convenor

Pradeep Abhyankar
Co-convenor

Political Science Association (PSA)

An interim committee was formed in June 2022 comprising Palak S. Sanjeevan D. Atiya M, Keisha S. Arista M. Ketaki K. and Walusha V; Avni K. Aarya A., Ishika B. Soumyadeep B., Saumya S. Manas T. Sahil J., Priya C., Lutfia K, Anamta K and Shivani S.; Lavanya S and Poorvi S.

The activities carried out by the Interim committee are as follows:

On 23rd June, on the occasion of United Nations Public Service Day, the PSA conducted an activity to make the students aware of the importance of public services in a modern state and society by taking in the opinions of the civil aspirants at Wilson College. It also provided a platform for these civil aspirants to raise their voices through the use of a vision board. 15 participants took part in this and the vision board was put outside A.V. Room and then outside the Political Science Dept for a week. Anamta Khan, who pitched in the idea for this event also participated.

A Glossary for Pride Month was sent out across social media platforms of the PSA to make the reader aware and sensitive about different genders and sexualities and also to make the reader more inclusive towards people of the LGBTQIA+ community and provide a platform for the student to raise awareness about the same. The Glossary was made by a total of 8 volunteers composed of Manas T., Poorvi S., Palak S, Atiya M, Mary Y, Lutfia K, Aarya A and Arista M.

"You never completely have your rights, one person, until you all have your rights." - Marsha P. Johnson.

On 19th July, a student Debate was organised on the topic 'Metro car shed being built in Aarey Forest' while focusing on the current issues of industrialisation vs environmentalism. The student's twenty participants were divided into the proposition team, who supported industrialisation, and the opposition team, who supported environmentalism. The session was jointly moderated by Sahil J and Walusha Vaz. Mr. Sunit Das, (Dept of Economics) and Mrs. Neha Elizabeth Koshy, (Dept of Zoology) were invited as judges. Manas T. and Atiya M. won the prizes for outstanding performance. Special mention was made to Predheesh T and Tanisha T.

On 29th July, a Film Screening of the film 'A Bid for Bengal' was organised, with director Ms Kasturi Basu (an independent documentary filmmaker, activist, researcher, educator and editor based in Kolkata) herself present for the screening.

The aim of this screening was to make the viewers aware of the history of and the ongoing political scenario in West Bengal and to develop an academic, unbiased opinion about the same. The students also had the opportunity for a direct conversation in the question and answer round with Ms Basu. For the students choosing to major in Political Science, it helped them understand and know how the media plays an important role in contemporary world politics. A total of 98 participants including students and faculty members attended the screening.

On 08th Aug the first phase of Elections was organised to elect the Core Committee of the PSA for the year 2022-23. There were a total of 25 portfolio applicants and a total of 90 PSA members as voters. In phase one of the elections, the following candidates were elected:- President - Atiya M.

Vice President - Manas T. Secretary - Sahil J., Joint Secretary - Saumya S. and Treasurer - Avni K.

On 14th and 15th Aug on the occasion of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', the elected committee of the PSA went around the campus of our college to ask everyone what they feel about independence and to provide a platform to share their opinions and thoughts about the same. We wanted to engage in a cultural discourse by sharing and celebrating our differences. Opinions were taken from everyone including students, faculty members, and non-faculty members. Importance of 'Azadi' was also given by Vice Principal Dr Harsha Badkar. Ms Poornima Kadam (PSA), Mr Shyam Gulve (Dept of Pol Sc), Mrs Lorraine Ramos (Dept of Eco), Mr Sunit Das (Dept of Eco) and also our beloved Security staff, Librarian, Canteen Staff, etc. happily gave their opinions on the importance of 'Azadi'.

This was followed by a set of questions about the Indian Independence movement. Both the videos were uploaded on the Youtube channel of the PSA as well as on Instagram.

On 26th Aug, a Heritage Walk was organised from Girgaon Chowpatty to Flora Fountain. A total of 105 participants from all depts. participated in the Heritage Walk. We covered important sites such as the Chowpatty beach, and the sculptures erected on the Chowpatty road such as the Shri Vithalbhaji J. Patel Statue and the Lokmanya Tilak statue. Then to Churchgate via the local and covered many historical and cultural importance such as the Bombay High Court, and the University of Mumbai. Hannah Godfree and

Renita Samson, (history graduates from our college) were our tour guides. Our aim in organising this walk was to make the participants aware of the heritage around Wilson College and its political importance and to understand and know the role played by our freedom fighters by actually visiting the heritage sites and getting a glimpse of the socio-political and historical significance of the same.

On 26th Sept phase two of the elections was organised to elect the Social Media and PR team and for the first time, elect the Junior College Representative. There were a total of 280 people in the audience and 70 student voters. They were Junior College Rep.- Lavnya S. Social Media and PR Head - Shrinesh P. and Social Media and PR Handler - Nigel G. Elections were followed by an induction ceremony where the aforementioned elected and nominated candidates were inducted by our Vice Principal Dr. Harsha Badkar. Mr Shyam Gulve, Ms. Poornima Kadam and Ms Simran Dhivar (all from Pol Sc Dept) were also inducted. The induction ceremony was followed by short Bollywood-themed performances where students exchanged and celebrated cultural talents.

On 15th Nov. a Kavi Sammelan was organised by the PSA on the topic 'Power and Politics'. A total of 12 student poets took part and it was hosted by Saumya S. and Avni K. Our judge for the event was In-charge Political Science Department Mr. Shyam Gulve who gave us his valuable insights in poetry writing. Based on his reviews, three winners were picked: Ruchi T., Akanksha S. and Arjun P.

On 22nd Nov, a Political Discussion moderated by Manas T. was organised on the topic 'Religious Freedom: is it in a crisis or not? Based on this, Sahil Joshi, on behalf of the PSA, wrote a statement that was published across the PSA's social media handles. On 26th Nov. on the occasion of Constitution Day, an Information Handout on the Constitution of India was sent out across social media handles

On 26th Nov .on the anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, Sahil Joshi wrote a statement to pay heartfelt and sincerest tributes to the martyrs and homage to the victims of the 26/11 Mumbai Terror attacks. The statement was posted on our social media handles along with our blog and our website 'Samvaad Nilay'.

From 27th Nov to 2nd Dec, we posted about the eminent personalities who could not get their deserved representation involved in the making of our prestigious Constitution. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar , Dr. Sachchidanand Sinha, Sarojini Naidu, Hansa Mehta ,Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Jawaharlal Nehru:

From 5th to 10th Dec, Human Rights Week (HRW) is the flagship event of the PSA and is celebrated every year where various activities and sessions are conducted, such as blog writing competitions, discussions on documentaries, debates, quizzes, etc. concerning human rights of the marginalised sections in society. Day 1 - 5th December: On 10th December 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) A keynote lecture on Communitarian Rights by Prof. Sudhakar Solomonraj, former head of the Political Science Department The PSA also announced the 'Call for Submissions' for its Website 'Samvaad Nilay' on the theme 'Human Rights'. Participation was open to students from all colleges and all streams.

Day 2 - 6th Dec.: Session on Tribal Rights in India by Irfan Engineer. Irfan Engineer is the Director of the Centre for Study of Society and Secularism. He is the editor of the Indian Journal of Secularism, which is published Quarterly. He worked among the Adivasis in The Dangs district of Gujarat State for 4 years - from 1989 to 1993. He is a human rights activist working for the rights of the marginalised, peace and communal harmony. He has contributed research papers in several journals, including the Economic & Political Weekly. Another activity on that day was InterPlay: Body Wisdom of the theme 'Human Rights'. InterPlay is an active, creative way to unlock the wisdom of the body. InterPlay is easy, fun, and life-changing. It is based on a series of incremental "forms" that lead participants to movement and stories, silence and song, ease and amusement. In the process, we discover the wisdom in ourselves and our communities. InterPlay integrates body, mind, heart and spirit. Life has become so fragmented. InterPlay helps to pull everything back together so we get more of what we want.

Day 3 - 7th Dec. a session was organised on Gender Awareness by Altamash Khan. Mohamed Altamash Khan is a development professional currently working as a Senior Gender Trainer and Program Coordinator at Men Against Violence and Abuse. On Day 4 - 8th Dec. A documentary titled 'Our Gauri' was screened. The Documentary on Gauri Lankesh was one of Karnataka's most prominent and fearless journalists. She was shot dead outside her house in Bengaluru on the night of 5th September 2017. Gauri spoke out against communal forces in the Country and represented dissent and freedom of speech. The film is more than a personal tribute and follows her political journey, envisaging what she stood for and her struggle for communal harmony until her last breath. And her life story has become the

history of Karnataka's fight against right-wing communal forces. Day 5 - 9th Dec. A session on Housing Crisis in Mumbai by Bilal Khan was organised. Bilal Khan is a labour and housing rights activist based in Mumbai. He is president of a registered trade union called the Kamgar Sanrakshan Sammaan Sangh which has a membership of more than 5,000 workers. He has played an important role in ensuring housing to more than 1000 workers' families in Mumbai and stopping illegal eviction of several informal settlements. Day 6 - 10th Dec. On the occasion of Human Rights Day, a statement written by Sahil Joshi on the behalf of the PSA was sent out. According to the statement given by Antonio Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, "Human rights are the foundation for human dignity, and the cornerstone of peaceful, inclusive, fair, equal and prosperous societies

On 5th Jan. an essay on 'Single Parenting' by Ramani M. was published on our website 'Samvaad Nilay'. Samvaad Nilay was an initiative of the PSA, started as a soapbox and a warm new home for the writers, artists, and thinkers of our generation to be able to express their thoughts and ideas and to add value to the learning process.

On 11th Jan, under the Aegis of IQAC, a Research Paper Writing Workshop was organised by the PSA with Dr Anuya Warthy. There were a total of 48 student participants. The aim of this workshop was to gain an appreciation of what quality means in the context of academic writing, to develop the ability to appropriately frame and structure a research argument using evidence as per disciplinary conventions, to reflect upon the social issues that are prevailing in the society, use research as a tool to find out the empirical

evidence and write a quality report to sensitise the society.

On 25th Jan. an essay on 'Book Launch and Discussion of the Last Heroes with P. Sainath' was published in Samvaad Nilay, written by Tanishka Urade and Manas Tiwari. According to them, in his book, he challenges the popular conception of the Indian freedom movement and attempts to redefine the words "freedom" and "fighter" itself.

On 11th February, Youth Parliament was organised. It is a mock parliament where students get exposure to the law-making process of our country. Participants either chose to apply for a portfolio, which was followed by interviews conducted by Dr Meenu Chandra (dept. of Pol Sc) or applied as members of either the ruling party (named Bharat Gantantra Party) or the opposition party (named Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh). The agenda of the bill was 'The Labour Standards and Empowerment Bill, 2023'. The judges were Jinesh Jhaveri, Atharva Kanthi and Anmol Jadhav. The winners were: Best Parliamentarian Award - Tanishka Urade (SYBA), Best Debater Award - Sahil Joshi (SYBA), Best Speaker Award - Ruling Party: Keisha Singh (TYBA) and Best Speaker Award - Opposition Party - Akanksha Singh (FYBA).

On 26th Feb. an essay on 'A Closer Inspection of the BSF happenings' by Malaikah Niyazi was published on Samvaad Nilay. The Core Committee was then dissolved. Volunteers who worked with the elected and nominated members and added fruitfully to the cause were Tanishka U.Arjun P, Parth P, Anamta (SYBA), Shaunak G. Mohammad A, and Aditi K. awarded with certificates which were mailed to them.

*Ms Poornima Kadam
Teacher in-charge of PSA*

Science Circle

The Formal inauguration of the activities of the Science Circle was done by Dr Poulami Chakraborty (Scientific Officer, BARC), followed by a talk on "Nuclear Fusion- Making a Sun on Earth" on 30th Sept Dr H. Parbat, Dr J Masih, Dr A, Kumar graced the occasion.

On 7th Oct around 57 students accompanied by committee members U.

Korde, L. Mascarenhas, A. Adkar, Dr J. Pandey, V. Ramchandra, S. Nunes and B. Nambidi visited the Maharashtra Nature Park at Dharavi. We gathered information about the life cycle of butterflies, studied the rich flora and fauna present,

and visited the medicinal plants' section, vermicomposting and nursery. The trail was led by nature interpreters, Daivat Bandgar and Nandini Dube.

The "MATHEMAGIC" event was held on 24th Nov. Mrs Jasmina Bhatt (Jaihind College) spoke on "The Application of Maths in day to day life".

A maths quiz was conducted by Mrs U. Korde and Mrs L. Mascarenhas in which the students enthusiastically participated.

On 6th Dec. Prof K. Sivan (former teacher, Microbiology, Wilson College) spoke on "Adolescence- Treading a fine/

fun line”, highlighting the challenges faced by today’s adolescents.

A Powerpoint Presentation was conducted by students, wherein 6 groups of FYJC students actively participated. Their presentations were judged by degree college teachers Prof B. Konde (Botany dept) and Mr S. Maurya (Physics Dept).

On 7th Dec. an interactive session was conducted by Mr Uday Kashelkar (BARC) on “ Nuclear is Green “. On 1st December, for the SCI-TECH (MD College Parel) Shantanu Phadnis, Vaibhav Gupta Sanj Sutar, and Harshit Sharma participated. On 14th December for TEENOVATION (MD College) the following participated: Shiva Pandey, Onkar Dubole, Shripad Kenjale, Jonson Jagli and Siddhi Rai (bagged the Consolation prize). On 16th Dec. at Vigyaan Pradarshan Thakur College, Harshit Sharma, Muskaan Shah. Mehul Talwadkar and Sakshi Singh participated. On 17th December, in TECHNO-SCIENCE GALAXY at St Andrew’s College, Hansika Goddam Om Patil, and Pratik Pulekar (Consolation prize) participated. On 23rd December at the Science Express (at K M Agrawal College, Kalyan) the following participated and won - Shantanu Phadnis (Consolation prize in debate), Manthan Rawle and Harshit Sharma (1st prize in Science exhibition), Vijay Waghmare, Rishi Verma, Shivanshu Tiwari, Aayush Suryavanshi, Sinead Dsouza, Sanj Sutar, Sakshi Singh, Mehul Talwadkar, Ritika Goswami, Triveni Varma (1st prize in Poster competition).

On 21st December, in the Science Exhibition, JVM’S Junior College, Airoli Harshit Sharma, Anjali Yadav (Consolation prize) Shiva Pandey, Aman Gupta. On 7th Jan. at SRUJAN KSD Model College, Dombivali, Shiva Pandey, Aman Gupta Harshit Sharma, Ritika Goswami Shantanu Phadnis participated and at KLE College of Science and Commerce, Kalamboli, Amruta Bhosale, Triveni Varma participated. On 21st January, South Mumbai (C/D) Ward in the Science exhibition Harshit Sharma presented “Li F Fi – An Alternative to Wi-Fi”. On 29th January, in IBB Competition at Saifee Hospital, Raj Yadav. Participated on 8th February, Bhavan’s College, Andheri Sinead Dsouza, Shantanu Phadnis, Krithya Kalluri (Consolation prize in essay writing participated. All the students received participation certificates for the competitions.

Career guidance talks were conducted on 31st Jan. by Prof Mahesh Shetti (physics) on 31st Jan by Dr Anand Burange (Chemistry) on 3rd Feb. by Dr Devdatt Lad. (Biology) .On 17th Feb, 29 students accompanied by A Adkar and Dr .i Pandey attended a hands-on session in Biology at HBCSE-TIFR, Mankhurd. It was a great learning experience where students could experiment in their well-equipped laboratory.

Science departments of Degree College in collaboration with Science Circle celebrated the National Science Day on 28th Feb the Guest of Honour was Principal, Dr Anna Pratima Nikalje. The Chief Guest was Mr Anish Gawande, President and founder of Teenovation. Eminent Scientist Dr A P Jayaraman and Mr Baldev Sharma added depth to our programme with their impromptu talk.

An ISRO Space exhibition, a satellite paper modelling workshop was conducted by Mr Anish Gawande. 15 School students from Bharda New High School, some students from Ruparel College and students of the Science Circle participated in the workshop. Students from nearby schools also visited the exhibition. The Annual Science Circle Prize distribution was held on 12th April 2023. All the students of Science Circle who participated in the various intra and intercollegiate competitions were felicitated by Principal Dr Anna Pratima Nikalje, Dr D V Prabhu, Smita Masih, Mr Dube and Dr Parbat.

Awwab Wadekar and Siddhi Rai won the 1st Prize in the Corrosion quiz conducted by the Department of Metallurgical Engineering and Material Sciences, IIT (Bombay) on 24th April 2023. They won a cash prize of Rs 2000 and certificates.

The Science Circle committee is highly obliged for the constant motivation and support provided by Principal, Dr Anna Pratima Nikalje, Vice Principal, Mrs Smita Masih and Supervisor Mr M R Dube, Prof Mahesh Shetti, Mr Shubham Maurya. Thank you to Mrs Urvashi Korde (Advisor, Science Circle) for arranging the Speakers from time to time and to committee members A. Adkar, L. Mascarenhas, R. Bacha, V. Ramchandra and D. Mohite for accompanying the students to the various exhibitions and also committee members Dr J. Pandey, S. Nunes and S. Yadav for their contribution to the Science Circle activities.

Bindu Nambidi
Convenor

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

The wise say “You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore.” This academic year brought with itself the excitement and challenge of executing the opportunities provided by academic autonomy conferred on the college in November 2021.

The prime task of IQAC this year was to ensure the maintenance of quality standards in teaching, learning, and evaluation through its effective intervention strategies as per the demands of the autonomous status of the college.

IQAC remained active in monitoring the effective implementation of the first-year syllabus. Keeping the tempo of progressive autonomy, IQAC ensured the smooth completion of redesigning and approval of the second-year syllabus to be implemented in the academic year 2023-2024.

IQAC played a crucial role in introducing the MIS system for the automation of admissions, administration, attendance and examination systems.

It also played an active role in instituting the examination systems as per University norms along with the controller of examinations under the autonomous status along with timely completion of all college and university exams.

The cell mentored the attendance committee to adopt and implement effective and enforceable measures to inculcate attendance discipline among learners. Being the year of resuming offline education this proved to be a challenge but IQAC proved to be effective in devising redressal strategies in compliance with the college values to encourage mutual trust and respect among stakeholders.

The IQAC designed policies for all important committees of the college and the same was communicated to all convenors at the beginning of the academic year.

The cell coordinated with the academic monitoring committee of the college to ensure the smooth day-to-day functioning of academic practices in departments as well as ensure monitoring of Course Outcomes attainment to analyse the success of the first year of autonomy.

It participated in building skill building certificate course, namely, “Certificate Course in Commercial German”, an 80+ hour program that enabled learners to undertake national level A1 examination. This was initiated by a survey

undertaken to understand learners’ needs on campus. IQAC remains an important body that mentors and co-ordinates instituting of new PG, and UG courses on campus along with the autonomy steering committee of the college.

IQAC undertook the task of continuous capacity building of teachers with the vision to train teachers to embrace new pedagogies with a positive mindset. Weekly meetings on Fridays ensured peer learning among teachers. From financial literacy to making podcasts, NEP implementation, devising courses as per UGC guidelines as well as NEP expectations, participative teaching-learning, community engagement, and application for research grants, the sessions were well attended and received. Details of the same are mentioned below -

IQAC conducted offline sessions on the 13th, 15th, 16th and 17th of June to understand the criteria given in AQAR.

1st July 2022 an offline session was conducted for the teaching staff on contract “Interactive session for Professional Development of Teachers”. The resource person was Dr Rakhi Sharma.

16th July 2022 an offline session was conducted on “Voicing” for staff. The resource person was Dr Michelle Philip.

5th August 2022 an offline session was held for the teaching staff on “Online tools for interactive assessment”. The resource person was Mr Mahesh Shetti.

12th August 2022 an offline session was held for the newly appointed contractual staff on “Teaching skills and methodologies”. The resource person was Ms Nilofer Sarang.

26th August 2022 an offline session was held for the staff on “Use of Bloom’s Taxonomy in Question Paper setting”. The resource person was Ms Vandana Daki and Ms Murel Rodrigues.

28th August 2022 an online session on SERB – SURE was organized by IQAC and Research and Development Cell. The resource person was Dr Chopade.

16th September 2022 an offline session on Integrated Teaching Assessment was organized by IQAC. The resource persons were Dr Anuradha Pendse, Mr Mahesh Shetti and Ms Briji Jacob.

23rd September 2022 an offline session on Guidelines for writing a grant proposal was organized by IQAC and R & D cell. The resource persons were Dr Jamson Masih and Dr Biraj Mehta.

Session on “Designing Curricula as per the UGC Guidelines”- 7th October 2022. The resource person was Dr Shubhada Nayak, Principal, Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil College (Autonomous), Vashi.

The session on “How to grow your wealth slowly” by Mr Nikhil Kamat was held on 25th November 2022.

The session on “Advanced Techniques in Research” was conducted by IQAC on 2nd December 2022. Resource Person were 1) Dr. Pooja Shinde, 2) Dr. Ananya Bar and 3) Ms. Candida Silveira.

A session on “Art in the Age of Multidisciplinarity” was conducted by IQAC on 9th December 2022. The Resource Person was Mr Bandu Konde.

The session on “Institutional Social Responsibility and Community Engagement” was conducted by IQAC on 23rd December 2022. Resource Person was Mr Digambar Acharya.

Session on “Facilitating Learning: How and Why” was conducted by IQAC on 6th January 2023. The Resource Person was Mr Mahesh Shetti.

The session on “Financial Literacy” was conducted by IQAC on 20th January 2023. The Resource Person was Mr Ashwin Kataria.

A session on “Effective Mentorship Guidelines” was conducted by IQAC on 3rd February 2023. The Resource Person was Ms Neha Elizabeth Koshy.

The session on “Understanding NEP” was conducted by IQAC on Friday, 24th February 2023.

A session on “Discussion on NEP” was conducted by IQAC on Monday, 13th March 2023.

IQAC played an instrumental role in mentoring the incubation cell for the successful Bazaar Day and the placement cell for conducting the placement week successfully

The IQAC has played an important role in securing the prestigious STAR DBT grant of 1 crore 22 lakhs for seven science departments

It also secured the NAAC grant and conducted a successful state-level seminar on “Ensuring Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through Accreditation: Opportunities and Challenges ” on 24th and 25th March 2023. It submitted a recommendation document to NAAC for redesigning its criterion to match its vision to promote equality and inclusion.

Submission of AQAR for 2021-2022 is in progress and is due to be completed soon.

The preparation for adoption of the New Education Policy is in full swing as IQAC along with different college committees and management have regular meetings and deliberations for implementation of the same.

Feedback collection is a crucial part of the quality assurance process, Students’ feedback on curriculum, and overall experience of education was taken by the IQAC each semester through MIS.

The IQAC conducted two meetings with the board of external members and we wish to put on record the unconditional support of Dr. Agnelo Menezes and for his patience, encouragement, inspiration and faith in us to strive towards excellence.

We thank the Almighty for the success of this year, and gratitude to the principal college management and IQAC team members without whose support none of this would be possible.

We end the year with the ambition to look higher than the sky and deeper than the oceans to face the new challenges of implementation of the New Education Policy (NEP).

Dr Radhika Birmole
IQAC Co-ordinator

Women Development Cell

The Women Development Cell consists of the following members, Convenor: Ms Muneerah Khambawala, Co-Convenor: Mr Bandu Konde, Members: Ms N. Koshy, Dr S. Chaubey, Ms S. Ratnam, Ms P. Joseph, Mr M. Palleti, External Member: Mr Harish Sadani (Co-Founder MAVA).

Student Representatives: Abhishek J, Riya G, Steffi M, Amaan A, Inamdar, Mahalaxmi M, Satvik S, Ruth M and Alaister M.

Since college began in the physical mode post-COVID-19, a need was felt to conduct sessions on awareness of the POSH Act, 2013 for students, stream-wise.

Details of the sessions on **POSH Act, 2013 (Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013** are as follows: on 23rd Aug 228 participants from dept of BMS, ICC were present. On the 24th of Aug, 55 participants from the dept of BAMMC and ICC. On the 30th Aug, 80 participants from the dept of BAMMC, BAF and ICC were present and on the 4th Feb, 35 participants from FYBA and SYBA were present.

In addition, the following sessions were organized in collaboration with other Committees, Departments, NGOs etc.

A session for First-Year female students on 'Personality Development and Mental Health' was organized in collaboration with Student Support Welfare Committee on **25th August**.

In collaboration with the Dept of Sociology, organized a short play in Hindi titled 'Bas itni si Baat' on the topic of everyday misogyny and casual sexism faced by women/girls on **16th Jan**. The play and the discussion that followed were arranged and executed by members of MAVA NGO.

An interactive session on 'Gender Justice' was organized in collaboration with the Dept of Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting & Finance) (BAF) on **25th Jan**. 215 students

attended in all; 179 from BAF, 21 from BCom and 15 from the Dept of Sociology. The resource person was Dr Meera Kaliyaperumal, Master Trainer & Counsellor at American India Foundation, CEO & Founder of Rising Sun Foundation and Career Counsellor, at Antarang Foundation.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, a two-day programme was organized jointly with the Students Council and Women Development Cell on the 8th and 9th of March 2023. Around forty posters sensitizing students on gender concepts and gender issues were displayed on prominent sites throughout college.

On 9th March in collaboration with Akshara Centre, an exciting and fun-filled event titled 'The Mela' was organized, consisting of gender-bending games and activities. The participants learnt about gender roles and their impact on women.

Youth for Change Program (YCP)

College Hosted a Workshop on YCP Module 1: Our Lives and our Rights on **3rd Oct**. 124 YCP volunteers from six colleges namely JWES' Wilson College (Autonomous), KC College, St Xavier's College (Autonomous), Vidyalkar College, Sophia College (Autonomous) and SIES College attended it.

Workshop on YCP Module 2 – Gender Rights was conducted on **2nd Feb**. at Rizvi College.

Akshara organised a training on Yuvak Yuvati Mela for the Wilson YCP volunteers on **6th March** for our upcoming programme 'Mela' on 9th March, organised on the occasion of International Women's Day. There were 19 Core Teams and Mela facilitators. 104 students participated and got insights on gender roles through the gender blending games.

Our YCP volunteers attended the Talks event on 22nd Feb.

*Dr Muneerah Khambawala
Convenor*

Yoga Committee

The Yoga committee comprised Ms M. Gore (Convenor), Ms L. Mascarenhas, and Ms S. Gavankar. The 8th International Yoga Day was celebrated on June 21, 2022, with a thematic message of "Yoga for Humanity". The Yoga committee and the NSS unit organized a day full of yoga demonstrations,

mass yoga sessions, and talks involving both physical and mental health. The event highlighted issues concerning the benefits of yoga, for health in youth. Many students participated in the event with energy and enthusiasm. The morning session was conducted by Ms Dipti Deshpande and

Mr Sourav Ghosh, faculty and trainer at the Art of Living. More than 75 students participated in this session. The afternoon session was conducted by Ms Supriya Gatade and Ms. Shyamali Chakrabort from the International Naturopathy Organisation (INO) - Surya Foundation in collaboration with Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India. All the participants for the afternoon session received certificates. A talk on "Yoga the Biological Aspect" was delivered by Ms Aditi Adkar, explaining the fundamentals of yoga practice. She demonstrated simple but profound breathing techniques to improve lung capacity, and a calm body and mind. Feedback for all the sessions was encouraging. On 25th Nov 2022, the Rotaract Club in collaboration with the Yoga committee and the Psychology

Club organised a session to create awareness of how to eliminate counterproductive activity and enhance learning ability. This session was conducted by Ms Prachi Sadani, who taught techniques and methods to improve memory, concentration and focus.

The Yoga Committee this year too continued to use the WhatsApp platform to reach the students, staff and non-teaching staff. We continued to share free and paid online sessions which were advertised on the WhatsApp group. Motivational quotes about exercises were also shared in the group.

*Convenor
Meghana Gore*



ब्रह्माण्ड की सारी शक्तियां
पहले से हमारी हैं। वो हम ही हैं
जो अपनी आंखों पर हाथ रख
लेते हैं और फिर रोते हैं कि
कितना अंधकार है।

- स्वामी विवेकानंद

My Situation of Peace

Anonymous

One day, I was travelling by the Mumbai Local, the lifeline of the great metropolis where a lover travels far away to meet his apple of the eye on a conspicuous Marine drive, a company employee with dreams trying to make ends meet and a mother hurdles down to teach millions of children, building the very future of INDIA. A vehicle that travels with total strangers with borders that see no caste, creed or religion but rather a companion to many. On these trains where the world pits war against each other, here strangers become friends. You play cards with a businessman selling luxurious belts, at Lamington Road, but in the same coach you will hear the devotional bhajans of a group of strangers singing in peace, unwearied of what lies before them.

It was fast Local to Churchgate, I was supposed to get down at crowded Andheri station. The train was semi-crowded with dreams and quests fighting to make space in this herd that Thursday evening. I planned to meet my dear friend for an interesting football match at Mumbai Sports Complex. The games weren't as interesting as I thought they would be but there was one interesting thing that happened on the train, a conversation that I had that made me curious. Two old gentlemen sitting right across me were having a rather great conversation so I, as an affluent Indian, thought why not invade their privacy? These two men who looked very young and stylish, involved greatly in crypto and A.I were only 68 years old. Now I would consider this stereotyping, but let me admit it fully from a worldwide perspective. I can't see a 68 year old who travels by train, has a stylish white hairstyle and converse about how Dogecoin was a complete joke of the century. Interesting but weird for somebody who travels by train. But their conversation steered towards my ill manners of poking my nose into other's affairs. But the sweet gentleman asked me a simple question from an array of questions he had asked a lot of strangers / intruders, "What is your situation of peace?" Situation of Peace..... sounds unusual, curiosity engaged at 20% level. The other gentlemen responded to my confusion, "That's the problem with this generation. You are so into the world that you have all forgotten to seek your true peace." Hurtful but realistic, Curiosity engaged at 50%. "Situation of peace is some situation where you know you feel loved, at peace, tranquil

where you know that you are at no harm now." My only take back from that very day was a serious question, "WHAT IS MY SITUATION OF PEACE?"

I asked many friends, family, and acquaintances. Result- we have seriously forgotten how to seek peace. So here is my guide to finding your situation of peace. Situation of peace can be anything; a time, a place, a situation, with anybody, your friends, your family, your loved ones, your exes. I found my situation of peace after a week of thinking, contemplating and being philosophical. My situation of peace would be me having a calm and warm time with a girl companion in the hills where we would talk about life, giggle at stupid things, look at the stars in the sky, hold her hand in divinity. Now the question is whether this situation would be anybody's peace. The answer is yes and no. Yes because it is romantic and everybody dreams, but no, because this situation may not be the same for everybody. For a man suffering from depression, his mother's lap would be his situation of peace, for a girl struggling for friendship, a girl bestie would be her situation of peace, for a hijra, the feeling of belonging to a stranger could be their situation of peace. My situation of peace is different because who would you share that celestial intimacy with; with whom would you hold hands while walking a lane in an unknown place, not afraid of what lies in front of you. Boys don't and can't share that intimacy, hence a female companion, but that girl doesn't need to be a lover, she can be a friend, an acquaintance, a stranger, because all it takes is one night to become friends with strangers. Hills are an essential part of life. These landscapes are where your heart lives truly, magnificence and immortality all in one place. I experienced this situation where I was totally at peace. A trip down memory lane somewhere deep in Northern India where the magnanimous hills lie, I hold hands with a girl while we stare at the sky full of stars. A lover, a companion, an acquaintance who knows what I actually know, that person I hold hands with is a breathing being with whom I can talk freely for hours to come. A twinkle in her eyes is what I cherish in the hills looked down upon by the kingdom of stars. This is what I cherish, this is what I seek, this is where I find peace. What is your situation of peace?

The Power of Art in Bringing the World Together (Nehru Prize Winner)

Aishwarya Iyer
SYBA

Art transmutes you in an existential way, asks questions, and it connects you to worlds and conceptions you didn't even know existed, at least not consciously. It's a woeful truth most artists must reconcile at some point in their ingenious lives: the role of the arts is perpetually being queried. Many might question whether art is imperative, quite usually when the subject has to do with subsidizing arts curricula. For others, there is no debating the credence that the arts have never been more consequential to our society and should be plenary integrated into our lives, our community and inculcation in general. I truly believe that artists, while doing what they do, are only a passage through which art flows out, almost as if born of itself, denuded of the artist's ego. The artist is no more or less than an implement in which great art is engendered. I believe that the artist should inherently experience their own means to an end, for their art to be born and flourish, lest their conscious presence detracts from the art itself. The artist must be nothing more than a "medium" through which art permeates, sanctioning for pristine expression devoid of the artist's ego. The artist and their artwork's symbiotic relationship must suffer for the art to flourish, to stand alone, to withstand the transmutations of time. The demise of the artist, which I believe occurs at the same time as the confinement of the art — be it carvings, painting, or making of films or music — sanctions the viewer/appreciator to enter the piece. First, art is the barometer that measures levels of cultural sophistication. Throughout human subsistence, we have learned about cultural accomplishments from the cultural artefacts left behind. Many of these artifacts have left behind sempiternal marks on the planet. If a story is what the random attestations threaded together in uniform unvarying structure induces in its reader, then why shouldn't smears of paint, or obliterated on marble the only thing to look at? Art can communicate information, shape our everyday lives. When you take a look at any brilliant works of architecture you notice how iconic structures are a piece of art that conveys paramount

messages about the time, place and context in which the structure was engendered. In integration with providing commentary about the larger culture, art makes life more manageable, tolerable and relishable. One may not celebrate more utilitarian artefacts and places as art, but they do play a part in one's inventive ordeal. Furthermore, art can elucidate conception of death. Cairenes mummified humans and laid them to slumber in luxurious tombs, while today individuals place profoundly revered and idolized persons in the ground (or adorn the final resting place with plaques, memorials and flowers.. El Dia de Los Muertos celebrates the passing of doted ones and remembers them by visiting them, believing that their souls remain near. These cultural and societal norms, coalesced with our newer scientific understanding, allow us to process life and death more holistically. Personally, I think of big names such as the Mexican painter Diego Rivera, and how much we are able to look into his soul, thanks to his artwork, and the many mural based portraits. I envision Jackson Pollock, I can't exactly comprehend what he was endeavoring to verbalize with his sublime colors...but I do discern what his art attempts to convey to me, and how I feel moved and seen and accepted in front of them. I think of emerging artists. I think of Vincent Namatjira and his resplendent work. The artist needs to be alive, especially when their ideologies are salient in specific times and places. The artist might additionally have to die in their efforts to create, bring into the world, their art, in order for us to fabricate our own relationship with their pieces of artistic output. For a lot of people, art has to be a voice, an articulation, a conveyance of life and more. Art drives humans to look beyond that which is indispensable, to survive and leads people to engender and create for the sake of voice, expression and construction. In fact, I believe existence has no meaning without art. That art in itself brings society together because there is no experience without art.

Shock. Disbelief. When human beings experience life-altering situations or circumstances, the initial reaction is that of shock and disbelief. We are appalled at the hand we have been dealt with by faith. When we receive heartbreaking information/news, the mind goes into an appalled state. All the people and hustle and bustle around us fades away, they all become white noises. The only thing that remains prevalent is the thumping of your blood in your veins, the air you inhale and the pain that ricochets into your chest. All sensations except that of pain go numb. Nothing registers. Our brain, which is always active and kicking, shuts down somewhere, not prepared enough to take in the information/news we have received.

Denial. It has not happened. It is all make-belief. It cannot happen. What I have been told is a lie, what I have seen is a lie or what I have heard is a lie. Oh, the things we do to soothe our minds. We constantly negate what has happened, constantly refusing the truth that has been laid down blatantly. It is difficult to deal with it. What if the acceptance of the situation makes it real? What if the only thing that will make this situation an imagination is the denial of it? Why not just caress my heart a little more and let it lie in a comfortable blanket. And in the end it is all make-believe, isn't it?

Self-Blame. Inquiry. Why did it happen to me? What had I ever done? Was I so bad a person? Am I not good enough? Why didn't they tell me? Why couldn't they confide in me? Why? After incessantly denying the unfortunate circumstances that life threw our way, we start with a vicious cycle of self-blaming and endless inquiry. It hardly

matters whether or not the events have directly negatively affected us or affected someone else and in turn affected us. Its agitating and nerve wracking. We try to think of the ways and methods we could have used and avoided the situation but did not and we end up hating ourselves for that. We keep pointing the finger at ourselves, keep asking why and keep hating ourselves.

Acceptance. Understanding. As the poison of self-blame and cruel inquiry wears off, we walk towards understanding and accepting the situation. Letting the cruel truth seep into the far out pores of our brains. Letting it sink in, letting the fact that something we could've never imagined has happened sink in. Believing in the reality of the situation. Accepting the fact that it has happened. Accepting the fact that what has happened is irreversible, cannot be changed. Accepting that we are not to blame. We were never to blame or to hate. Accepting that the ordeal that took place had nothing to do with us but everything to do with faith, everything to do with life and the lessons that it teaches us. Maybe what happened will or can have an everlasting impact on us, but we could decide the nature of that impact. That may be even this was a lesson, a moral of the story.

Moving On. We have accepted what happened. Understood what happened. Life doesn't stop for anyone and time can heal the nastiest of wounds. Slowly, over a period of time, we move ahead. We move forward in life, with life. We progress with time. The throbbing pain that once existed becomes a dull ache and from a dull ache it becomes a memory. A memory that can be compartmentalized and remembered.



“A non-writing writer is a
monster courting insanity.”
~ Franz Kafka

Inflation is a natural economic phenomenon that can be generally described as a sudden increase in the prices of goods and commodities due to various cyclical factors in the economy. Although mostly viewed as a natural factor of any country's economy, it may increase into troublesome economic predicaments if left unchecked, such as hyperinflation/ galloping inflation, which is an increase in the price of goods and commodities above the predicted increase rates causing people to have less of a hold over their currency and weakening the purchasing power of an individual, another worst-case example of inflation is deflation which is characterized by an increase in price rates of goods and services but a decrease in the number of goods and services which can lead the economy into a cyclical recession-to-depression state which can normally cause decades of growth and compromise to reach a revival of sorts, for example, the infamous great depression which lasted for a decade, 1929-1939. Inflation can differ in two ways; headline and core inflation. Hardline inflation is where the prices of food commodities, beverages, petroleum, and oil gas are counted, whereas the price of goods and services is discarded. On the other hand, core inflation includes the prices of service-based products and excludes the prices of food services.

Inflation is a necessary indicator and regulator of economic activity taking place at the base level of market operations of a country. If the inflation is high, there will be a decrease in overall market operations as spending of income by individuals will substantially decrease, leading to an increase in the rates of interest, affecting the healthy flow of money in the economy. On a more positive note, the decrease in inflation leads to a decrease in the rate of interest, leading to the onset of healthier economic activities. Individuals will start spending more of their income on purchasing goods/ services, promoting a healthy cyclical flow of credit and money. Inflation is a double-edged sword with both advantages and disadvantages of its own, each having its role in the cogwheel mechanism of the economy overall.

The inflation rate of a country can be calculated using two factors; the cost price index, and the wholesale price index. For this research article we shall be taking India for our hypothesis. The formula for rate of inflation calculation is to subtract the current year's cost index from the past year's cost index, divided by the past year's cost index.

An article from Forbes written by Dipen Pradhan stated that the annual inflation rate of retail goods and services, i.e. the retail rate, which is measured by the consumer price index

dropped to a 16-month low to 5.66% in March 2023, Inflation data on Wholesale Price Index eased up to 1.34% during the period. CPI (Cost Price Index) hit a high of 7.79% in April 2022, and the Wholesale Price Index reached 15.88% in May 2022. Compared to the inflation in March 2020. The CPI is down to 0.18% and the Wholesale price index is up to 0.34%.

The following is the cost price index for 2023 so far:

January- 6.52%

February – 6.44%

March 5.66%

As observed, there is a stark difference and a reduction in cost price index rates as the months progress forward. This may have both advantages and disadvantages for the economy as we go forward with the year, and it may have various cyclical effects on other economic sectors along with government policies added to the equation. As compared to the 2019 inflation rates where in January there was a recorded CPI of 7.59% whereas December had a recurring increase of 7.35%, the months between had CPIs ranging between 2-3%, which is an improvement as compared to 2023, signifying the still prevailing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and its adverse effects on the Indian economy.

Fortunately, there are various ways to combat the negative effects of inflation, such as

- A cut in excise duty
- Reduction in petrol prices
- Reduce import duties on key raw materials and crude edible oils
- Increase in repo rate

The main way to combat the evil effects of inflation is to inculcate healthy financial habits among the public that encourages conducive economic growth and helps lessen the increase in costs of goods and services. Government policies should aid citizens in adopting healthy spending habits and sound financial decision making which can assist them later on in the future. Habits such as savings and investments should be encouraged for positive effects in the future for both citizens and the economy alike. Management of personal finances is one of the most important habits an individual must inculcate in order to live a relatively financially comfortable life. Although the effects of inflation may often be unpredictable, they do take place in periodic cycles judging by the economic business cycle, if an individual is able to segregate the timings right, he/she can regulate finances with ease.

The Covid Era: How life has changed

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The conclusion is that it was and is dependent on us. For some, COVID turned out to be something that came like a tsunami and destroyed everything and, for some, it turned out to be an opportunity that one had been waiting for for a long time, where one could work upon themselves.

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Summer Days by the Beach

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Search for an identity: My time in Mumbai so far

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Indian Cinema Confronts The Stigma Around Mental Health and Therapy

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Starring Shah Rukh Khan as Dr. Jehangir and Alia Bhatt as Kaira, the film *Dear Zindagi* revolves around Kaira, who goes through major life changes and suffers from insomnia. She visits Dr. Jehangir, who helps treat her in many unique ways. This film is directed by Gauri Shinde and was released in 2016.

“Zindagi ek jigsaw puzzle ki tarah hai; mere jaise log us puzzle ke khoye hue tukde, sirf dhoondne aur jodne mein madad kar sakte hai, par only you can complete the puzzle!”

(“Life is like a jigsaw puzzle; people like me only help with finding the lost pieces of the puzzle, but only you can complete the puzzle.”) -Dr. Jehangir in *Dear Zindagi*

This movie is important for Indian audiences because it draws attention to an important aspect of human life: there is a lot of stigma around therapy and mental health. This is not to say that there is more awareness now, however, a huge part of the population in India is still not open to the idea of speaking out about mental health issues.

While colleges and universities in India are informing students about the gravity of therapy and how to receive and ask for

help when needed, these syllabi are mainly circulated in the major cosmopolitan cities of India. The older generation in India is yet to open up to such ideas. There are many reasons why the concept of mental health is not entertained by the public in India, but here are three reasons:

Those who have mental health issues are viewed as ‘crazy’ and people tend to avoid such topics or people. There is a strong belief that those who are suffering from mental health issues are a disgrace to their family or are ruining their family’s reputation. While not a lot of people believe in this, there is a part of society that believes that such issues are the work of black magic or the consequences of sins committed by the person who has mental health problems.

This movie disguises itself as a gateway to information and awareness of mental health problems and the proper ways to get treated for them. Dr. Jehangir is the therapist who aids Kaira through her problems, the Indian society was exposed to the idea of therapy and that it works for everybody, and is something that one should not be ashamed of admitting.

Alia Bhatt’s portrayal of Kaira touches every person’s heart, especially those who have unresolved childhood trauma or

buried emotions. This film is like a gift to those people who have a hard time expressing and understanding their own feelings and emotions. A lot of Indians related to Kaira and her problems and felt the burden of shame lifted off of them when it came to considering therapy. As mentioned before, the conversation revolving around mental health and therapy still continues to be hushed down. This movie brings this to light in a positive manner, encouraging those that ask for help to not think of themselves as weak.

The plot of the film revolved around Kaira's trauma which was rooted in her childhood. In psychology, our childhood experiences have a very strong impact on one's future and personality. Kaira's relationship with her parents is affected deeply due to her childhood experiences. And part of her problems as an adult, stems from the same reason. Thus, she visits Dr. Jehangir, who makes her aware of the importance of understanding her parents, learning from her experiences, and leaving the past behind. This may feel familiar to many others in the world, as most people have gone through some childhood trauma that they still need to heal from. This movie allows them to do so.

Hence much like the Indian public, the film reassures that all have their own hurdles and obstacles in life that they have to pass, and that everybody is in the same boat. That asking for help is never a sign of weakness, but instead courage. Because seeking help means accepting that you do need help and guidance. Acceptance of your problems is a crucial step in order to go forward and resolve it.

By the end of the film, tears of sadness as well as happiness flow, as Kaira grows and learns to love life again. Watching this character resolve her hurdle and come past it, would motivate

anyone to do the same. Leaving the past behind, understanding your emotions, and simply moving on.

Dear Zindagi encourages people to heal from their past trauma. It restores hope in people's hearts, that you can still learn to love life. The film breaks the stigma around therapy and mental health, spreading encouraging people to seek help. It is a film which reminds people of the most important thing, which is that it is okay to cry, feel mad, to love and to be happy! It assured people that help is given when asked for.

Some of dialogues in the film have deep life lessons and thought provoking lines:

"Genius woh nahi hota jiske paas har sawaal ka jawab ho ... genius woh hota hai jiske paas har jawaab tak pahunchne ka patience ho"

(A person who has the answer to every question is not a genius ... a genius is a person who has the patience to get to every answer)

"Kabhi kabhi hum mushkil rasta sirf is liye chunte hai ... kyun ki humein lagta hai, important cheezein paane ke liye humein mushkil rasta apnana chahiye ... apne aap ko punish karna bahut zaroori samajhte hai ... but why, aasaan rasta kyun nahi chun sakte ... kya burai hai us mein ... khaas karke jab us mushkil ka saamna karne ke liye hum taiyaar hi nahi hai"

(Sometimes we choose a difficult path only because ... we feel that to attain important things we need to choose a difficult path ... we think that it's important to punish ourselves ... but why can't we choose a simple path ... what's wrong with that ... especially when we are not ready to face that difficult path)

(Untitled)

Abhivyakti Chauhan
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I was just one happy soul,
living in my own fairy-tale and nothing more.
That's when the real world came right in,
All the magical faces turned into evil.
They will scratch your little heart out,
No matter how much you cry or shout.
Life will always be unfair no matter how much you care

I learnt it the hard way so now don't you dare.
Keeping it low and a little secure now.
I don't know who will turn their back on me and how.
Everything I ever thought but nothing came true.
But until I am here I know I'll make through,
Because what you need has always been within you.

The Lost Song

Alankrita Veer
FYBA

This is an era ending midway
I rip open my armor, drop down my sheath and turn my
back
to this fool's game
they call this a dynasty
I see this as a devil's paradise
they call me a coward, these pawns who have had heart
hiding behind their shields forever
I partly agree, because I'm running out of demons to
kneel before
and they are running out of bruised knees reeking of
dignity
I burn the throne I was sworn to protect to ashes
they take me a hostage for arson
and when all sorts of baptism oils fail at washing away
my sins
they bathe me in vintage wine and malt ale
maybe that's why they've been drinking in the first place
a failed attempt

And so I'm walking down an alley far away from the
battleground
my legs shake while walking on war debris
but there are no daggers weighing my shoulders down
anymore
I call a man beautiful
let a wailing mother throw slaps at me
an orphaned boy lose his childhood in my arms
it pains me that all I can say is
tell me, if I can be the parchment that you weep in.

If you wish to escape, can I be the chariot that you ride
in?
Let the waves of your screams wash all over my body
and I'll dive headfirst into the ocean
to retrieve the floating corpses
Tell me if my banners on flame can be enough to light
the pyre?
Tell me, little girl, if you can wipe blood off my hands
and put a quill in them
if you can teach me how to write a letter, or to carve a
pot
because it all reminds me of him.
He brought me flakes and flowers
when I was blinded by my blood-stained honor.
I would bow before the Gods
and he would pray into the crevices of my neck
History will remember us as friends,
as brothers
anything but lovers.
Blind poets will make songs
and paint me as the hero
but I'm not him.
They can't write songs about someone who chose war-
cries over hymns and psalms.
This song belongs to him who talked about the shortest
war in history and how he wished to see one even
shorter,
to him whose throat I ripped out a goodbye from,
before he could even open his mouth
This song belongs to Patroclus.

The Unknown

Anaya Karnik
FYBA-B

For whatever it is that the future holds,
for the moments and memories that unfold
I want to love, learn and laugh
I want to whimper, wail and wish
All that I ever hope is to awaken,
to something that has the pieces faltered
and at the same time have the strength
to make life; serene.
Where the unexplored calls,
and fear is sabotaged.
This walk, on which every turn is alien

and each new step; a surprise
I want to earn, encourage and ease.
These aspirations, they are all for tomorrow
They will be what they have to be.
I want to dream, dance and dare
and not forget to live what I have today,
owing to what they call, 'the unknown'
which I wish has both; joy and despair
Afterall what is felicity if there was no sorrow?
Does grief even make sense if there is no
happiness for it to follow?

Healing Token

Anaya Karnik
FYBA-B

Most of the times,
them with utmost power
are struggling and heartbroken.
Most of the times,
them with the toughest hearts,
have oceans of love inside
but it remains unspoken.
Most of the times,

them who care the least
when loved ones in suffering
all night they're woken.
Most of the times,
we all are grieved,
Afterall; everyone
is in the pursuit
of that one healing token.

The Storms We Face

Arnav Basnett
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Amid this storm, the boy awaits
For a fate which might not go his way
Forcing every step, as he can do nothing more
Returning is no possibility, but he also is far from the
end
A few moments ago the weather was pleasant,
And the road so smooth
Time slipped by in an instant,
Leading to a road that is painful to walk,
And a storm which summons a new challenge every
moment
The foreground stretches before him,
He looks ahead hoping to see the terrain that he will
soon have to face.
But the storm obstructs his view
And he knows not, what is to come his way.
After miles covered, he is exhausted, he just wants to
rest

And oh wow, things finally go his way
An old oak tree stands a mile away
With its branches spread
As if waiting to embrace him
As he heads for the shelter of this oak tree,
He knows that he now won't have to fight alone; the oak
tree will help him.
Little does the boy know
Complete reliance could be fatal
The oak tree uproots itself and flies off in the storm
Leaving the boy with nothing but a scar with its
branches,
But the betrayal hurts more
What now?
It is still not possible to return, and he is incapable of
most things
So the boy does the one thing he can,
He walks... he walks... he walks...

Just as I feel

Galvin George
SYBA

Just as my feet feel the cold water flowing down the
stream,
I feel my life more like a dream
Just as my ears listen to the waters cascading,
I feel the air lifting my being

Just as my tongue tastes the salt in my tears,
I feel the joy I hadn't felt in years
Just as my nose sniffs the scent of the first shower,
I feel time slipping by the hour
Just as my eyes open to the starless sky of the night,
I miss the the sun and it's light

All I ask for is room
To make mistakes,
To spiral and crawl back into;
To learn and walk out of

In the room there's mirrors all 'round
With faces many and all mine:
Each with a different mood,
All with voices unlike

They spit and they mock
But harden me like a rock
They lean in and comfort,
They make me strong inside out

But the world denies me-
That very freedom of self;
They have experience enough
And let me not have it myself

So the verdict is out!
'Guilty as charged'
But my soul says- "Defy"
And burns this tyranny just about

'I refuse to be tamed,
I am the master of my choosing'

And what have I gained?
The free will that I was owed

I broke bounds
Much to people's shock,
But it deemed necessary
That someone revolutionized

I implore thee to reflect:
How did you gain experience?
How am I less deserving
To learn from my mistakes?

Fall if I not, learn how I will?
Break if I not, mend how I will?
So I proclaim this now,
To the world that need changing:

"Fallen if you have not whilst running,
Unbeknownst are you to the swell in your chest-
Of when you rise and are looking
At your undone rousing quest

Change thy course, lead thy way,
Break by faults thine, wake by thy will.
Choose to break away
And bring your own light to fulfill"

He Wished for the Cloths of Heaven

"But I, being poor, have only my dreams;

I have spread my dreams under your feet;

Tread softly because you tread on my dreams."

- William Butler Yeats

Melancholy

Khyatee Bora
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broken patterns of skin
dark hues swirling
cindered pages of sin
arrows beneath my wing

a palace of isolation
walls as thick as stone
an ember of consolation
but nobody to mourn

burly men behind my thicket
calling my walls glass
countenance coloured in wicked
get knocked out with brass

seldom i peek
from the little glass window
seldom i seek
mortals in this hollow

for agony isn't a facade
it's an excruciating plague
balms could never stop,
its evergreen cascade
a little mellow; little vague

strangers come to look
at this abandoned castle
yet curiosity never shook
melancholy's shackle

they came to my haven
with hammers and drill
door as dark as raven
knocked and met
my high pitched shrill

for eons i waited
not for a prince
saviours were overrated
i wanted a mauve rose
ever since

so i let myself sleep
deep yet shallow
with nobody to keep
a rose at my fallen halo

they stare at it
like ancient ruins
a lowly spirit
blinded with illusions

they peer at my wreckage
say it's beautifully broken
calling it an artist's pilgrimage
while painting my corrosion

so my melancholy hangs
in a quaint candle lit room
painted inside golden frames
and in the yearner's doom.

The Place I Call Home

Liyanna Maria Garry
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The roads where I once got lost,
are the ones where you will find me now.
The people I once thought of as strangers,
are the ones that I call friends now.
The time that once wouldn't pass,
is the one that slips through my fingers now.
The moments that I once wished would stay forever,

are the ones in the past now.
The nooks and corners I was once scared of,
are the ones that hold memories now.
The places I once wanted to visit,
are the ones I find solace in now.
I was once new to this place,
but it just felt like home now.

Untitled

Manisha Kamble
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Everyday feels like a battle that I lose,
Tired of this fate and the slights that accuse.
This world seems no longer my shelter
And it's people, like some evil belter.

Everyday feels like an obnoxious journey,
For every close death it's me pulling my own gurney.
All I've known for long is scorn,
And everyday spent, is utterly forlorn.

Rain and Shine

Nimisha Shah
FYBA

you know it's monsoon when the doors start creaking and
you have to push a little harder every time you open up
your heart to someone again,
when your clothes are stained with soil and your eyes start
to rust, when mumma makes tea more often— so often that
you wonder if it's comforting or if she's just waiting for
appa to get home safe.
i wonder if she associates the monsoon with me. it was
my favourite season after all.
i wonder if she goes to the spot i once sat in for days
looking out of the window, waiting for him to come back.
he was right, i am just like her, a hopeless romantic and a
maniac.
i wonder if she'd have told him of all the things we did
together, of how i got my heart broken by another boy in
the last two years.

i wonder if she misses cooking for/with me.
i miss her hot meals - my soul craves them.
someday when i see her again, i hope i remind her of the
monsoon and hot tea.
i'll tell her about all the new songs i discovered and all the
new boys who broke my heart.
i know she'll comfort me about it and ten minutes later
we'll be laughing like it was yesterday when we saw that
movie for the ninth time.
i am my mom.
i am strong.
i am love and
i will last;
like the lullaby she sang to me every night till i fell asleep:
"you are my sunshine. my only sunshine...".

The Moment

Rumsha Merchant
SYBA

Anxiously peering into the crowd
Impatiently waiting for the day to end
To let the tight knot loose
Suddenly his gaze sort through mine
Tingling and sending shivers through my spine
He is handsome, I blurted out loud
To lit up a simile
It ignited a fire like never before

A few seconds and
The moment had passed by
I wished he stayed a little more
But he turned
Something I had never felt before
Ache and butterflies all at once
Only to know
He was never meant to be mine

Liberty Lies In My Hands (Ghazal)

Siddhant Bandekar
SYBA

Today in trance I see the blinding light by hands,
You move firmly, dancing over me, pour into my hands.

Your head moves back and forth the crevices of your faith,
In search of the light inside me, in prayer, your hands.

You speak in tongues and whisper your prayers unto me,
Tongues chanting and joined in prayer, our hands.

Tonight, I learn the craft of sculptures in the furnace.
You mould the clay, ask to worship and lead my hands.

You light the torch and ignite the fire of this ritual,
The sparks coming, flying out the torch, into your hands.

Your dimly lit face makes big embers in the fireplace,
Keeping warm our temple, our hearths, our hands.

We are drunk with the ripened fruits, the blind faith.
Cut open the devotees with the sword in my hands.

My wings soar high and mighty, the truth of tonight
Does justice, holding my arms in place with your hands.

Like you, Siddhant, we too are joined in our blind faith,
Palms united in prayer, our heads are one with our hands.

Arrival to Death

Titus Christian
FYBAMMC

There once was a long, dark scythe - the only companion of
the grim reaper. Both of them are very misunderstood souls.

Known to be of a very depressing and sad outlook. A torn
black cloak over his head with the scythe on his bony hands.

They are known to be greedy, to take away people's souls.
But they are just two lonely souls waiting for some kind of
interaction with people. Just looming all day to greet those
people who have left their whole world behind happily, or as
a tragedy.

Look at it this way, it's the story of two people who could
never meet or come in contact with. Like water and fire,
night and day, Life and Death.

The story where Life sends Presents to Death. Which slowly
passes through the Path of Time. It almost takes an eternity
for Death to receive its Present from Life. But this Present
has a Life of its own. It creates itself along the way. Death
receives all impartially. This is the fate of Life and Death. The
tragic lovers.

Untitled

Trupti Dhandar
SYBAMMC

Who are you to judge those,
whether she wears a kurta or some "short clothes"?
You say,
her visible bra strap makes her character loose,
But it's HER life guys, please let her choose?

If you really care for your girl, please do her protect
Instead of body shaming her in the protest!

She's sacred from within, no matter what she wore
Does really the short length of her dress make her a
"whore"?

And despite of all this, whatever she wears or wherever
she goes,
It's HER life, after all,
WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE THOSE?

विल्सोनियन पुरस्कार के लिए चयनित निबंध।

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रुचि जयप्रकाश नीलम
तिवारी

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हमारे रास्ते अलग- अलग हो सकते हैं, पर उस खुदा को तो मत बांटो यारों |

एकता में अटूट शक्ति है इसका अर्थ है, कि एक दूसरे के खिलाफ काम करने के बजाय एक साथ रहना और दूसरों के सहयोग से काम करना बुद्धिमाना है | हमें सबके साथ मिलजुल कर काम करना चाहिए और दूसरों के साथ सद्भावना में रहना चाहिए | खेल में, कार्यालय में, हर जगह खुशी और सफलता एकता का ही नतीजा है | महात्मा गांधी ने विभिन्न जाति और धर्म से संबंधित सभी नागरिकों को एकजुट किया और अहिंसा आंदोलन शुरू किया | एकता सफलता का आधार है | ग्रीक कथाकार - एशॉप द्वारा प्राचीन युग के दौरान इस वाक्यांश को खोजा गया था | वह वाक्यांश है - "यूनाइटेड वी स्टैंड, डिवाइडेड वी फॉल" यानी यदि हम एक साथ खड़े होकर किसी भी समस्या का मुकाबला करें तब वह छोटी और आसान हो जाती है | हम अगर साथ मिलकर रहे तब किसी भी परेशानी का सामना कर सकते हैं | यदि हमारा साथ देने वाला कोई हो तो हमारा मनोबल कभी नहीं टूटता है |

एकता में अटूट शक्ति होती है | यह बात ब्रिटिश को पता थी, तो इसलिए अंग्रेजों ने "डिवाइड और रूल का फार्मूला / सूत्र अपनाया था | उन्होंने इसी के तहत भारत की एकता को तोड़ा था, फिर हम पर राज करने की शुरुआत की थी | हमारे एकता में बल होता है | यदि कोई हमें अलग कर दे, तो हम कमजोर हो जायेंगे | समूह में काम करना आसान और सब को जानने घुलने- मिलने का मौका मिलता है | हम ग्रुप के साथ मंजिल आसानी से हासिल कर सकते हैं | जब हम सब एकजुट रहेंगे तो हम मजबूत बने रहेंगे | यहाँ तक कि, किसी भी समस्या का सामना करने में सक्षम हो सकेंगे | दूसरी ओर अगर हम लड़ते रहेंगे और अकेले खड़े हो तो टूट जायेंगे और फस जायेंगे | जहाँ बच्चों को अपने स्कूल के दिनों के दौरान एकजुट रहने के महत्व को सिखाया जाता है | कुछ ऐसे परिवार भी हैं, जहाँ लोग एक दूसरे के साथ खड़े नहीं होते एक दूसरे को नीचा दिखाने की कोशिश करते हैं | ऐसे परिवार के लोग

अक्सर अकेला महसूस करते हैं | एक उदाहरण के माध्यम से समझा जाए- तब वह यह है कि, एक लकड़ी को हम आसानी से तोड़ देते हैं, पर अगर लकड़ी का एक बंडल हो तो हम नहीं तोड़ पायेंगे | इसलिए हमें मिलजुलकर रहना चाहिए, किसी ने क्या खूब लिखा है - "चलो हम मिलजुलकर घर ढूँढते हैं | मौजूदा हालातों में ही जिंदगी को ढूँढते हैं | तुम साथ हो तो हर बात सुधर जाएगी | हम बस मोहब्बतें आवाज ढूँढते हैं " |

मदर टेरेसा का कथन था की, " कमी है तो वह इसलिए, क्योंकि हम भूल गए हैं कि, हम एक दूसरे से संबंधित हैं " | अनुच्छेद 14 से 18 में हमारा संविधान भी यही कहता है कि, सबको यानी बिना किसी भेदभाव के प्रत्येक व्यक्ति को चाहे वह किसी भी जाति, धर्म या लिंग का हो उसे सम्मान देना और उनके साथ एक साथ रहना चाहिए | जब हमारा संविधान, शासन- प्रशासन और अनेक कर्मचारी जब एकता में रहने और मिलजुलकर काम करने के लिए क्या-क्या नहीं करते तब हमारा भी फर्ज बनता है कि, हम भी इसे निभाएं | कई प्रसांगिक कहावतें समय-समय पर उभर कर आई हैं - इनमें से कुछ इस प्रकार हैं, "यूनियन इज स्ट्रेंथ", "स्ट्रेंथ लाइज इन द यूनिटी", "यूनियन गिव्स स्ट्रेंथ", और "स्ट्रेंथ इज इन द यूनिटी" हालांकि इन सभी कहावतों के शब्दों में थोड़ा-थोड़ा अंतर है पर उनका अर्थ एक ही है | इस कहावत का अर्थ है कि, जब हम एकजुट होते हैं, तो हम ताकतवर हो जाते हैं, बजाय अकेले चलने के जिससे हम कमजोर होते हैं | दुनिया बिल्कुल जानती है, यह उनकी इच्छा और महान स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों तथा नागरिकों की एकता के कारण ही हो सका जो अंततः भारत की स्वतंत्रता के रूप में सबके सामने आया |

हमारा देश भारत एक विशाल देश है | जहां विभिन्न प्रांतों के लोग मिलजुलकर रहते हैं | यहां की संस्कृति में भी विभिन्नता है, लेकिन फिर भी हम सब एक हैं | अलग-अलग प्रदेशों के लोग अलग-अलग धर्म, रीति रिवाज का पालन करते हैं | उनके रहन-सहन, खान-पान, नृत्य, संगीत, कला, भाषा, बोली आदि में भी अंतर है | लेकिन इस सबके बावजूद हम सब मिलजुलकर रहते हैं, और यही हमारी ताकत है |

हम हिंदुस्तानी साथ- साथ हैं | जय हिंद ! जय भारतीय संस्कृति !

इतना आसान नहीं होता अपनी मन की बातों को शब्दों में पिरो कर एक कागज पर प्रस्तुत करना। परंतु आज मेरी कोशिश रहेगी कि, मैं अपने मन की बात को लोगों तक सरल शब्दों में पहुंचा सकूँ।

मैं, एक लड़की हूँ, एक ऐसी लड़की जो मुंबई जैसे शहर में रहती है, जहाँ हर कोई बस भाग रहा है न जाने स्पर्धा कौन सी है। पर कुछ तो बात है इस शहर में, इस शहर ने मुझे सपने देखना सिखा दिया; या यूँ कहूँ कि, मेरे सपनों को पंख लग गए। मेरे लिए यहाँ कुछ भी पाना आसान नहीं था, क्योंकि मैं छोटे से शहर से महानगर में आ गई थी। यहाँ जंग जीतने का आश्वासन तो आपको कोई नहीं दे सकता परंतु जंग लड़ने का अधिकार हर किसी को था। मैं ऐसे शहर से हूँ जहाँ लड़कियों को नजाकत सिखाई जाती है। उन्हें नाजुक कली के रूप में जाना जाता है। परंतु मुंबई ने मुझे इंसानों से स्पर्धा करना सिखा दिया, मेरे लिए आदमी और औरत का भेद जैसे मिट सा गया।

मानती हूँ, सफर आसान तो नहीं था, ना है। परंतु सफर की शुरुआत मैंने की और इस शहर ने उस सफर को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए हिम्मत और प्रोत्साहन दिया। माना आज भी मुझे हर दिन शुरुआत से शुरू करना पड़ता है, परंतु इसका भी अलग ही आनंद है। जिस शहर से मैं आती हूँ, वहाँ पुरुषों के लिए सफलता की सीढ़ियाँ हैं परंतु औरतों के लिए ऐसी कोई सीढ़ी बनी ही नहीं, हमें तो हर दिन स्प्रिंग पर चढ़कर अपने मुकाम तक पहुंचना होता है। और फिर दूसरे दिन हम उसी स्थान पर पहुंच जाते हैं जहाँ से शुरुआत की थी हमारी सफलता में कोई पहला या दूसरा पड़ाव नहीं होता।

परंतु मुंबई में परिभाषा कुछ अलग सी थी। यहाँ दुनिया अपनी नजरों से देखने की आजादी थी, आत्मरक्षा करने के लिए दांव-पेंच सिखाए गए और बताया गया आत्मरक्षा के लिए किसी पर भी निर्भर होने की आवश्यकता नहीं है। मानती हूँ, मुंबई में हर किसी की कहानी सुखद नहीं रही होगी, परंतु कुछ बात तो है इस शहर में इसने मुझे घाव भी बहुत दिए हैं पर मलहम भी इसी शहर ने दिया, रुलाया तो बहुत है इस शहर ने परंतु हंसने की वजह भी, दुख को तो बहुत पास से दिखाया है इस शहर ने और सुख की परिभाषा भी इसी शहर ने समझायी है।

मन में बातों का बवंडर है, पर इस बवंडर में से कुछ साफ दिख रहा है, तो वह केवल मेरा वह अतीत। लोग बड़ी आसानी से कहते हैं अतीत को भूल जाना चाहिए और वर्तमान में जीना चाहिए, पर क्या उस अतीत के बिना यह वर्तमान संभव था? मेरे लिए तो नहीं, अगर मेरा वह अतीत ना होता तो मैं, अपने सपनों को साधारण समझती, अपनी खूबियों को नजरअंदाज करती। मेरे अतीत ने मुझे बताया- "मेरे सपने अनोखे हैं!" और "मेरे कई गुण असाधारण"।

लोग आज अक्सर मुझसे पूछते हैं कि, मेरे भीतर आत्मविश्वास, दृढ़ता, और साहस कैसे आया। जिससे मैं अपने आप को लोगों के समक्ष प्रस्तुत करने से कभी घबराती या झिझकती नहीं। लोगों को सफलता बड़ी आसानी से नजर आ जाती है, परंतु उसके पीछे की कोशिश और असफल इंसान कभी नजर नहीं आता। जो कि अच्छा ही है, मैं हमेशा से आत्मविश्वासी और साहसी व्यक्ति नहीं थी। जब मुंबई आई तो यहाँ का स्थान, लोग, यहां तक की भाषा भी अलग थी। जब पहली बार अंग्रेजी में बोलने के लिए मंच पर चढ़ी तो न जाने क्यों बिना एक भी शब्द बोले मैं मंच से उतर गई। उस दिन की स्मृतियाँ आज भी मेरे रोंगटे खड़े कर देती हैं।

उस दिन अपने आप से बस एक ही सवाल पूछ रही थी क्या हुआ क्या?, आज ही क्यों हुआ? उस दिन मैं पूरी तरह से टूट चुकी थी, अपना आत्मविश्वास खो चुकी थी और बस खुद को कोस रही थी।

बहुत सोचने के बाद समझ आया कि, मैं अपने आप और अपनी क्षमता पर संकोच कर बैठी थी। ऐसा इसलिए हुआ था, क्योंकि मुंबई में अंग्रेजी बोलने का लहज़ा थोड़ा अलग था। मेरे दोस्त कई बार मुझे टोका करते और कई बार मेरा मजाक उड़ाया करते थे, और जाने अनजाने इन घटनाओं ने मेरे अंदर हीन भावना जगा दी मुझे ऐसा लगने लगा जैसे सब मुझसे बेहतर है।

कुछ दिनों बाद मेरे पास दो रास्ते थे, या तो पलायन वादी लोगों के भाँति डर जाऊँ और मंच पर फिर कभी ना जाऊँ और दूसरा रास्ता यह था कि, मैं बार-बार उसी मंच पर जाऊँ और अपने डर पर जीत हासिल करूँ। मैंने दूसरा रास्ता चुना, मैंने हर प्रतियोगिताओं में बढ़ चढ़कर हिस्सा लिया और खुद को इतना काबिल बनाया की कभी अपने आप पर संकोच ना करना पड़े।

मैंने सीख लिया कि, दूसरों के अपेक्षाओं के अनुकूल खुद को ढालने का प्रयास नहीं करना चाहिए, अपितु खुद को इतना मजबूत बनाना चाहिए की, हम खुद अपना परिहास करने की क्षमता रखें। जिस दिन हम खुद पर हंसना सीख जाएंगे किसी और की हिम्मत नहीं होगी कि, वह हम पर हंसे या हमें हीनता का अनुभव कराएँ, और फिर आसमान की ऊंचाइयों को तय करना बहुत आसान हो जाता है।

आज मैं, गर्व से कह सकती हूँ कि, सफलता या विफलता वे मानदंड नहीं है जो मुझे परिभाषित कर सके, अपितु मुझे परिभाषित करता है, मेरा दृष्टिकोण। लोग अक्सर कहते हैं कि, वे अपनी नाकामयाबी की वजह से आज कामयाब बने हैं परंतु मैं मानती हूँ मैं, कामयाब और साहसी बनी हूँ तो केवल मेरी वजह से, क्योंकि प्रयास मेरा था, चुनाव मेरा था, जंग मेरी थी और जीत भी मेरी थी।

अपने डर पर जीत हासिल करने के लिए जरूरत है तो कड़ी मेहनत और अभ्यास की, उदाहरण के रूप में समझते हैं - अगर आपको तैरना नहीं आता तो समुद्र में छलांग लगाने से आपको डर लगेगा, परंतु एक बार आपने तैरने का अभ्यास कर लिया और तैरना सिख गए तो समुद्र की गहराइयाँ भी आपको आकर्षित करेंगी।

सफर काफी लंबा था इतना आसान नहीं था अपनी नाकामयाबी को अपनी जिदद और हुनर से कामयाबी में बदलना, परंतु आखिर में मैंने वह कर लिया। जो लड़की एक दिन मंच पर

अपना आत्मविश्वास खो चुकी थी उसी मंच ने आज उसे इतना आत्मविश्वासी और निडर बना दिया है।

अंत में मैं इतना ही कहना चाहूँगी की, इस संसार में कुछ भी असंभव नहीं है, जरूरत है तो खुद को परखने की, अपने आप को पहचानने की और अपने डर पर जीत हासिल करने की। नाकामयाबी और कामयाबी तो मात्र इंसान के रचे हुए भ्रम है, जिसमें इंसान खुद को ही खो बैठता है। आज मेरे लिए सफलता नहीं बल्कि वह कोशिश मायने रखती है, जिसने मुझे हर सफर की शुरुआत करने की हिम्मत दी। आज मेरा हर सफर सुहाना है, और जब सफर सुहाना है तो मंजिल तो मिल ही जाएगी।

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इक बूढ़ी किताब के कागज की छाती पर, मेरे लफ़्ज़ मेरी कलम से फिसल कर लड़खड़ाते हुए मुंह के बल गिर पड़े। कंकड़ पत्थरों की तरह जगह जगह फैल गए और उनकी खामोशी गूँजते रही। वह गूँज आपके आंखों ने सुनी और हंस के अलविदा कर चल पड़ी इसी फिज़ा में जहाँ खुदा विराजमान था ~ है और रहेगा। मेरे कुछ शेर खुदा की खिदमत में।

“मैं~मैं ना रहा जब मैं तू बन गया,
ऐ खुदा मैं तेरे जैसा हूँ बन गया।”

“आया हूँ, खुदा के दर पे मैं बनके फकीर यारों,
दिल ज़रा सा फट गया तो खुदा से सिलवाते चला।”

“अल्लाह ने मुझसे गुफ्तगू मे इक राज़ फरमाया कि,
सब अच्छे के लिए होता है, तू बस शुक्र मनाते चला”

खैर, नाज़ुक मौसम था, बादलों की आंखें नम थी शायद रोने के कगार पर थे। हवाएँ नन्हे बच्चों की तरह इधर से उधर तेजी से भाग रही थी। कोयल पेड़ को अपना गीत सुना रही थी। गुलाब अपनी खुशबू पूरे बाग में परोस रहे थे। वहाँ, एक योगी ध्यान में बैठा था या कहूँ ध्यान उस योगी में बैठा था। बगल में दिख रहा था कि, ख्वाजा दरगाह में है मगर शायद दरगाह ख्वाजा में थी।

काश, खुदा का कोई रंग~रूप होता, काश मैं उसे छु पाता, काश मैं उसे देख पाता, काश वो कोई देखने की चीज़ या छूने की चीज़ होती; लेकिन वह तो किसी कोयल का कूकना है। वह किसी पेड़ की छांव है। वह किसी बच्चे का रोना है। वह तो किसी दिल टूटे आशिक का आंसू है। वह हर माँ का स्नेह है। वह किसी किताब के पन्नों पर लिखे अक्षरों का मेला है, तो

किसी के मुंह से निकली गाली। वह कचरा भी है, वह कोहिनूर भी। वह किसी शायर की कलम से निकली स्याही है, तो किसी दुल्हन की मांग का सिंदूर। वह कोई कृष्ण नाम के पागल की बांसुरी की धुन है, तो किसी दुर्योधन का अहंकार। वह किसी नास्तिक की नास्तिकता है, तो किसी फकीर की फकीरी। क्या नहीं है यह खुदा नाम की चीज़ किसी योगी, किसी ख्वाजा, किसी पादरी, किस नानक या किसी मोहम्मद से पूछो। क्या हे ये खुदा।

मैंने इस चीज़ को बहुत लोगों से सुना है, अलग-अलग अंदाज में सुना है, अलग-अलग नामों से सुना है। मैंने तो यह भी सुना है कि लोगों ने इसे महसूस किया है। कैसा महसूस होता होगा खुदा। पिरो ने इसे वाहेगुरु का नाम दिया, सुफियो को नाम से क्या मतलब, उन्हें तो बस नाचना, गाना, और उस खुदा को जीना आता है। कोई अल्लाह कहता है तो कोई ईश्वर कहता है। भारत के योगियों ने इस परमानंद कहा, इसे सच्चिदानंद कहा, इसे ब्रह्म का नाम दिया और कहा कि मैं ही ईश्वर हूँ यानी “अहम ब्रह्मस्मी” और “तत्त्वमासी” यानी मैं भी ईश्वर हूँ और तूम भी। हर चीज़ ब्रह्म है, कण-कण ब्रह्म है। अरे ब्रह्म के सिवा तो कुछ है ही नहीं। कबीर ने कहा है कि निर्गुण ब्रह्म का ज्ञान रखो और सगुण ब्रह्म की सेवा करो।

पर लोग ईश्वर को जान नहीं पाते। इंसानों ने खुदा को मोती की तरह दिल में छुपा रखा है और दुनिया भर के सुखों की तलाश में खुदा को अंजाने में ढूँढते हैं। मनुष्यों की यह दशा देख कर मुझे कबीर का एक दोहा याद आता है, “कस्तूरी कुंडल बसे, मृग ढूँढे वन माहि।

ऐसे घट घट राम हैं, दुनिया देखे नाही।”

भारत सदियों से एकता का प्रतीक माना जाता है। और भारत विश्व की सबसे तेजी से बढ़ती हुई जनसंख्या है। भारत में पारिवारिक गृह ही चलता आ रहा है और यहाँ जनसंख्या का मुद्दा हमेशा से रहा है।

पहले लोग अधिक बच्चों को जन्म देना लाभदायक समझते थे। ये विचारधारा थी कि परिवार आगे बढ़ेगा। लोग लड़कों की चाह में अधिक कन्याओं को जन्म देते हैं जिससे जनसंख्या बढ़ती है। बालक के चाह में और बालक से वंश आगे बढ़ने की विचारधारा आज भी कई जगह है ये मानसिकता पाई जाती है। इससे अधिक परिवार बढ़ता है और कई समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ता है जैसे गृह की कामी, अनाज, नौकरी, स्वास्थ्य संबंधी समस्याएं और भी बहुत कुछ।

बेरोजगारी अलग ही मुकाम पर है, लोगों को पढ़-लिख कर भी अच्छी नौकरी नहीं मिल पा रही है, हर जगह हत्या के मसले सुनाई दे रहे हैं, हर क्षेत्र में लड़ाई चल रही है हर एक चीज के लिए, चोरी हो रही है, लोगों में आक्रोश देखने को मिल रहा है और इतने परिवारों के कारण उनके खर्चे ये अब देश की उन्नति में बाधा डाल रही है।

भारत में इसके चलते कई वनों को साफ कर दिया गया। पेड़ों को काटा गया, किसानों को अधिक माँग की वजह से रासायनिक खाद डालना पड़ता है उसकी वजह से खेती का भी नुकसान हो रहा है। अधिक वाहनों के धूओं से पर्यावरण दूषित हो रहा है। ऑक्सीजन लेवल गिर रहा है, और अधिक फैक्ट्री के वजह से पानी भी दूषित हो रहा है। केमिकल पानी में मिल कर नदी, समुंद्र को दूषित कर रहा है। यह सब जनसंख्या का ही परिणाम है।

इसलिए हमें लोगों को जागरूक करने की आवश्यकता है। इससे भारत की आर्थिक स्थिति पर भी असर पड़ता है, सरकार अपने स्तर पर कोशिश कर रही है, और हमें उनका साथ देना चाहिए, योजना का पालन करना चाहिए। जैसे सरकार ने “हम दो हमारे दो” योजना को लागू में लाए, इससे पता चलता है कि, सरकार हमें दो ही बच्चों को जन्म देने और उनका अच्छा पालन पोषण, अच्छी शिक्षा देने के लिए कह रही है, और हमें साथ देना चाहिए। इसी तरह से देश आगे बढ़ेगा और बदलाव आएगा, तो क्यों ना वो बदलाव लाने का प्रयास हम सब मिलकर करें।

“आओ नए भारत का निर्माण करें”

“हर क्षेत्र में उज्ज्वल बनाने का प्रयास करें” ॥

माँ किसे कहते हैं ?

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जो तुम्हारे जज्बातों को अल्फाजों से समझे। जो तुम्हारे तकलीफों को अंदाजों से समझे। जो रातों को नींद न आने पर थपकियाँ दे। जो अकेले होने पर प्यार भरी झपियाँ दे। जिसके ना होने पर घर, घर नहीं होता। जिसके आने पर दिल में डर नहीं होता। वो, वो होती है ,माँ। माँ नाम सुना ही चेहरे पर खुशी आती है। वह वक्त पड़ने पर पिता का भी किरदार निभा सकती हैं। माँ पेड़ के समान होती हैं, वह सिर्फ देना जानती हैं लेना नहीं। जो सुकून माँ के आँचल में मिलता है वह और कहीं नहीं मिलता।

मैं आप सभी को एक कहानी सुनाना चाहती हूँ, क्या आप सुनना चाहोगे? एक समय की बात है, माँ ने अपनी जान की परवाह न करते हुए अपने बच्चे कि जान बचाई। यह कहानी एक नसरीन नाम की महिला की है, वह गर्भवती थी। वह तपेदिक और पिलिया यह रोगों से पीड़ित थी। डॉक्टर ने उनके परिवार से कहा था कि “यह तो मैं उन्हें बचा सकता हूँ, यह उनके बच्चे को” यह सुनकर उनके परिवार को बहुत दुःख हुआ। डॉक्टर ने उनके पति को बच्चा गिराने की दवा दी क्योंकि नसरीन के परिवार वाले उन्हें जीवित देखना चाहते थे। जब यह बात नसरीन को पता चली तो उनके हाथ पैर ठंडे पड़ गए वह बहुत रोई। उनके पति और घरवालों ने बहुत समझाया पर वह यह बात मानने के हाल में नहीं थी। जब उनके शौहर उन्हें दवा देते, तब वह खाने का नाटक करतीं और अपने पति के तुरंत जाने के बाद वह दवा फेंक देती। खुदा का चमत्कार देखें कि आज माँ

और बच्चा दोनों जीवित है। अगर माँ ने दवा खा लिया होता तो आज वह अपना बच्चा खो देतीं। क्या आप जानते हैं कि यह कहानी किस की है? यह कहानी मेरी माँ की है और वह बच्ची मैं हूँ जो आज यह जीवन खुशी से जी रही हूँ। यह बात मुझे माँ ने गुस्से में बताया था।

माँ ने मेरे सुख और दुःख, दोनों में मेरा साथ दिया है। माँ को तो सब पता होता है जैसे आँख रोने से लाल हुई है यह सोने से वह सब जान जाती हैं। जो लोग बचपन में कहते थे मेरी माँ , मेरी माँ वही लोग बड़े होने के बाद कहते हैं तेरी माँ। अब तो बहुत आम हो गया है कि लोग पिता के मृत्यु के बाद माँ को ओल्ड एज होम छोड़ देते हैं। हम यह क्यों भूल जाते हैं कि माँ ने हमारे लिए क्या-क्या किया है। हम सब के पसंद और नापसंद का ख्याल रखतीं हैं, जब एक रोटी माँगो तो चार देती हैं। उन्हें खुश करने के लिए बड़े तौफों कि आवश्यकता नहीं है, वह हमारी जीत से ही खुश हो जाती हैं। भगवान ने माँ को बहुत दानवीर बनाया है जो ममता की मूर्त हैं। माँ शर्तहित प्रेम करतीं हैं। माँ को पहली शिक्षिका भी कहा गया है जो हमें चलना, बोलना, खाना आदि सिखातीं हैं।

न तो माँ की कोई जगह ले पाया है ना ही ले पायेगा। उन्हें खुश करना भी कितना आसान है जैसे वो कुछ भी दें तो शुक्रिया बोलो यह गलत काम करने पर शमा माँग लो। माँ बहुत प्यारी और अच्छी होती हैं। हमें अपनी माँ से बहुत प्रेम करना चाहिए।

बचपन में मन बड़ा चंचल होता है। पर जैसे-जैसे हम किशोरावस्था में आते हैं, जीवन के रंग एवं सपने आकार लेने लगते हैं। बचपन के अनगिनत अभिलाषाओं में से किसी एक अभिलाषा का किशोरावस्था में चयन करना बड़ा ही कठिन हो जाता है। परन्तु योग्य गुरु व पथप्रदर्शक के मार्गदर्शन में यह बहुत ही सरल हो जाता है।

राष्ट्रीय चेतना का अत्यन्त उदात्त स्वर माखनलाल चतुर्वेदी की कविता पुष्प की अभिलाषा को मैं जब भी पढ़ता हूँ, हर बार मेरी अभिलाषा राष्ट्रीय चेतना से सरावोर हो जाती है। जब एक पुष्प की अभिलाषा ईश्वर के चरणों के बजाय मातृभूमि की सेवा में शीघ्र चढ़ाने वाले वीर शहिदों के पग तले कुचल जाने को हो सकती है, तो हम क्यों नहीं?

राष्ट्रभक्ति से बढ़कर कोई धर्म नहीं, कोई कर्म नहीं। मेरी अभिलाषा भी उससे कम नहीं।

वाल्मीकि रामायण में भगवान श्रीराम ने भी कहा है कि “जननी जन्मभूमिश्च स्वर्गादपि गरीयसी” अर्थात् जननी और जन्मभूमि स्वर्ग से भी महान हैं। फिर भला मैं अपनी जननी और जन्मभूमि की सेवा के सुख से स्वयं को वंचित कैसे कर सकता हूँ।

जननी और जन्मभूमि की सेवा के कई रूप हैं। कोई सरहद की रखवाली करता है, कोई लोगों के स्वास्थ्य की रक्षा करता है। कोई धरती पर अन्न उगाता है, कोई वस्त्र बुनता है। जिसे भी जिस रूप में यह अवसर मिले, वह अपने सामर्थ्यानुसार जननी और जन्मभूमि की सेवा करता है। हमें भी जिस रूप में यह अवसर मिले, मैं उसके लिए सदा तत्पर रहूँगा। यही मेरी हादिक इच्छा है, मेरी अभिलाषा है।

एक सैनिक के रूप में देश की, सरहद की रखवाली करने की बात ही अलग है। एक सैनिक जब सीना तानकर सरहद पर खड़ा होता है, तो देश की आम जनता चैन की नींद सोती है। उसे भरोसा होता है कि, जब तक वीर सैनिक सरहद पर खड़ा है, कोई दुश्मन देश, हमारी ओर नजरें उठाकर देखने की जुरत नहीं करेगा। अगर कभी किसी ने कोशिश करने की हिम्मत भी की तो वह जीवित नहीं बचेगा। जब तक सांसे चलेगी, वीर जवान सरहद की रखवाली करेगा। चाहे धूप हो या कपकपाती बर्फबारी, बरसात हो या गर्मी से झुलसती रेत का रण हो। हर पल, हर जगह सीना ताने वीर जवान सरहद पर डटे रहते हैं।

महाविद्यालय का पहला दिन

महाविद्यालय का पहला दिन किसी भी छात्र के जीवन का एक अविस्मरणीय दिन होता है। मैट्रिक की परीक्षा देने से लेकर महाविद्यालय के प्रांगण में कदम रखने तक नित्य नये-नये अनगिनत सवाल समुद्र के लहरों की भांति मन में हिलोरें मारती रहती है। मन में रह-रहकर कड़कडाती बिजली की भांति रहस्य, रोमांच, उत्सुकता के भाव जागृत होती है और फिर विलुप्त हो जाती है। अनगिनत आशा-निराशा के मृगमारिचिका में भटकते मन को कहीं भी, कभी भी चैन की अनुभूति तक नहीं होती। मानसिक संवेदनाओं के मकड़जाल से निकलने का अंततः वह दिन भी आखिर में आ ही गया, जब सारे धूंध के बादल को छंट जाना था। किसी भी अन्य नए छात्र की तरह, मैं भी महाविद्यालय में अपने पहले दिन के बारे में बहुत उत्साहित था।

विल्सन कॉलेज, मुंबई भारत के सबसे पुराने कॉलेजों में से एक है। इसकी स्थापना सन् 1932 ई. में भारतीय मिशनरी रेव जॉन विल्सन ने की थी। मुंबई के गिरगांव चौपाटी के सामने स्थित, विल्सन कॉलेज की इस भव्य इमारत का निर्माण सन् 1889 ई. में किया गया। कॉलेज के बारे में बहुत सारी जानकारी हमें इंटरनेट के वजह से पहले ही मिल चुकी थी। परन्तु व्यक्तिगत अनुभव की बात ही अलग है। चर्नी रोड़ रेलवे स्टेशन पर उतरकर मैंने जैसे ही अपने महाविद्यालय की ओर कदम बढ़ाने

लगा, सामने से आती अरब सागर की विशाल लहरों से उठती ताजी हवा के झोंके, दिल और दिमाग को तरोताजा करने लगे।

कुछ ही मिनट पैदल चलकर जब हम आगे बढ़े ही थे कि, सामने ही जॉन एडम्स द्वारा घरेलू विक्टोरियन गोथिक शैली में डिजाइन किया गया विल्सन कॉलेज मुंबई का भव्य इमारत एवं विशाल प्रांगण नजर आया। पहली नजर में ऐसा लगा कि मानों, यह विल्सन कॉलेज हमारा ही इंतजार कर रहा है। महाविद्यालय के प्रांगण में कदम रखते ही न जाने क्यों हमें अपनापन सा महसूस हुआ। मानों शायद पिछले जन्म का कुछ संबंध रहा हो। महाविद्यालय के प्रवेश द्वार से लेकर कॉलेज हॉल तक, हर तरफ नये छात्रों का मार्गदर्शन करते वरिष्ठ छात्रगण तथा महाविद्यालय के प्राध्यापकगण, नये छात्रों के मन में उथल-पुथल करते प्रश्न व जिज्ञासाओं को शांत कर रहे थे।

आमतौर पर महाविद्यालय में नये छात्रों के साथ रैगिंग की घटनाओं का जिक्र होता है। परन्तु सरकार के नये नीति, कानून तथा महाविद्यालय के कुशल प्रबंधन से यह महाविद्यालय इस कुरीति से बाहर निकल चुका था। इस महाविद्यालय का रैगिंग जैसे कुरीति से बाहर निकला, हमारे लिए आश्चर्यजनक नहीं था। बल्कि आश्चर्यजनक था, वरिष्ठ छात्रों द्वारा नये छात्रों

को सहयोग देना। यह एक बहुत ही सुखद अनुभव था। जिस प्रकार से महाविद्यालय के पहले दिन वरिष्ठ छात्रों ने नये छात्रों को महाविद्यालय परिसर तथा कक्षाओं का परिभ्रमण तथा मार्गदर्शन किया वह बहुत ही यादगार पल था।

महाविद्यालय के प्रधानाचार्य, व्यवस्थापक एवं वरिष्ठ प्राध्यापकगण ने कॉलेज हॉल में जिस प्रकार से हमें हमारे भविष्य का मार्गदर्शन तथा पाठ्यक्रम को सरलता से पढ़ाने का

अश्वासन दिया, वह हमारे मन-मस्तिष्क से पढ़ाई का भय तथा भविष्य को लेकर उपजे व्यर्थ की आशंकाओं को समाप्त कर दिया। साथ ही उनके द्वारा अभिवावक की तरह दी गई नसीहत भी, युवा जोश को मचलने से, बहकने से, भटकने से रोकने में सहायक थी और रहेगी। अभिभावक जैसे प्रधानाचार्य व प्राध्यापकगण तथा मित्र-भाई जैसे वरिष्ठ सहपाठी पाकर भला किसका मन नहीं गर्व से गौरवांवित होगा। इस महाविद्यालय का पहला दिन हमें आजीवन स्मरणीय पल रहेगा।

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निराला जी के समान, या कहें राम के समान निराला जी आजीवन संघर्षों से लड़ते दिखाई देते हैं। अनुष्ठान की पूर्णता के नजदीक पहुँच कर देवी दुर्गा का अंतिम फूल उठाकर ले जाना ऐसे ही संघर्ष का परिचायक है। यह पूरी कविता “राम की शक्ति पूजा” प्रेरणा का काम करती है। इस कविता में बताया गया है कि किस प्रकार से व्यक्ति अगर ठान ले तो वह शक्ति के कठोर साधना से किसी भी स्थिति पर विजय पा सकता है। इस पूरी कविता और कविता के माध्यम से जो कहानी बताई गई है, इसमें जो हम सबके श्रीराम नजर आते हैं, वे हमारे और आपके जैसे आम हैं। वह मानवीय राम है, वो मानवीय असमर्थताओं और मानवीय कमजोरियों से घिरे हुए राम है, लेकिन उन कमजोरियों के प्रति उनका जो बर्ताव है, उनका जो आचरण है, वही उन्हें राम से भगवान राम बनाता है। प्रकाशन के बाद ही प्रचलित हुई इसके अंदर इस कविता की मौलिकता, चरित्र परिकल्पना दिखाई पड़ती है।

निराला जी जो महाप्राण निराला कहलाते हैं, उन्हें विद्रोही निराला और बहुत ही अनेक विशेषण से उन्हें संबोधित किया जाता है। इस लंबी कविता से निराला जी को विशेष पहचान भी मिली है। उनका जीवन अनेक आभावों और विरोधियों से जूझने वाला जीवन रहा है। निराला जी छायावादी कमियों में से अपनी विशेष अस्मिता के अधिकारी रहे हैं। इस आधार पर जयशंकर प्रसाद द्वारा कहा गया था कि निराला हिंदी साहित्य को ईश्वर की देन हैं।

महाकवि निराला जी ने एक बहुत ही अद्भुत कविताएं लिखी है जिसमें से एक रचना है, जिसका शीर्षक है “राम की शक्ति पूजा”। उस शक्ति पूजा में उस दिन का बहुत ही खूबसूरत वर्णन किया है भाषा भी अद्भुत है और कथा भी अद्भुत है। सारा सैन्यबल परास्त होकर लौटा है। वानर के मृत्यु के पश्चात केवल खूनखून ही खून बिखरा है। रावण लेकिन हर बात पर हस रहा है, कहा जाता है अहंकार सदा हस्ता है। जब भी अहंकार सत्य को चुनौती देता है, तब वह हँसता है तब जब

लौटी है राम की वानर सेना। राम बड़े ही चिंतित बैठे हैं, और सभा में सब लोग बैठे हैं उसमें से हनुमान पैरों में, लक्ष्मण बगल में बैठे हैं। सामने जामवंत बैठे हैं तभी जामवंत ने राम जी को उदास देख कर कहा कि, सेनापति आपके चेहरे पर उदासी अच्छी नहीं लगती है। इस बात से आपकी सेना दुखी हो सकती है। आप वही राम हैं, एक दिन की पराजय से क्या हो सकता है? आप आगे बढ़िए, लेकिन वह राम है उन्होंने कहा कि, इस कारण वश मैं चिंतित नहीं हूँ, कि आज रावण जीता है। बल्कि मैं इसलिए चिंतित हूँ, कि मैंने ध्यान से देखा ही नहीं कि रावण अकेला नहीं लड़ रहा था। उसे श्री दुर्गा जी लड़ा रही थी यानी उसे शक्ति लड़ा रहे थी। अब मैं स्वयं रावण से लड़ सकता हूँ। लेकिन मैं शक्ति से कैसे लड़ूँ? तब जामवंत ने कहा कि, इसका मतलब उसने शक्ति की आराधना की है। राम ने भी स्वीकृति देते हुए कहा कि हाँ! शायद रावण ने शक्ति की आराधना की है इसलिए वह जीत रहा है। तब जामवंत ने उत्तर स्वरूप कहा कि अगर रावण ने शक्ति की आराधना की है, हे राम, हे रघुपति अगर उसने शक्ति की आराधना की है। तब आप भी आराधना का आराधन से ही उत्तर दीजिए। आप भी आराधना करके ही उत्तर दो और आज सेनापति लक्ष्मण होंगे आप केवल अब ध्यान लगाइएगा और श्री शक्ति आपके समूह प्रकट हो कर आपको वरदान दें! ऐसा ध्यान लगाइएगा। राम ने कहा हनुमान से की जाओ देवी सरोहर से 108 नीलकमल ले आओ मैं आराधना या यज्ञ पर बैठता हूँ। राम आराधना पर बैठे 1 दिन बीता एक नवरात्र बीती, 2 दिन बीते दो नवरात्र, तीसरा दिन बीता तीसरी नवरात्र, ऐसा करते करते 9 दिन बीते यानी नौ रातों बीती 9 दिन बैठे बैठे राम का जो ध्यान है वह दहशत द्वारा पहुँच गया। जब आखिरी नीलकमल रह गया देवी के चरणों में चढ़ाने में तो शक्ति ने सोचा कि राम को अपने लक्ष्य के प्रति कितना ध्यान है इसकी परीक्षा ले लेती हूँ!

आप चाहे राम हो, चाहे बुद्ध हो आपको अपने युद्ध स्वयं लड़ने पड़ते हैं। और युद्ध के अंतिम चरण में अक्सर प्रकृति आपकी परीक्षा लेती है। जो उस परीक्षा के पल में टिक जाए परिकृष्ट रह जाए वह राम कहलाता है। वह बुद्ध कहलाता है। वह ईश्वर कहलाता है।

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उसका गुस्सा भी अब, न जाने क्यों शहद सा मीठा लगने लगा हैं।
रिश्ता चाहे नया हो पर प्यार तो गहरा सा लगने लगा हैं।

घर द्वार भी अलग सा लगता है

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जग रौशन सा यूँ लगता था !

जब देश मे थी वो खुशहाली ,
आज ये खुशियाँ क्यों छिन गई हैं ?
घर द्वार भी अलग सा लगता है।

क्यों ? ये सोने की चिड़िया भी
पत्थर सी अब लगती हैं,
क्यों ? गंगा अब निर्मल नहीं है,

लाशों सा पग लगता हैं |
क्यों ? ये सूरज अब नहीं चमकता
रातों सा दिन लगता है |
घर द्वार भी अलग सा लगता हैं |
कहाँ गये वो श्रवण से पुत्र ?
माँ - बाप क्यों दुश्मन लगते है,
कहाँ गये वो एकलव्य से शिष्य,
क्यों आश्रम सूना सा लगता है,
घर द्वार भी अलग सा लगता है।

यह नगमा मुझे मत सुनाओ

यशवीर सिंह
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यह नगमा मुझे मत सुनाओ,
जाओ कहीं दूर चली जाओ,
रोने को अब आँखों में पानी भी नहीं है |
सब कुछ तो छीन लिया तुमने,
अब हमारे बीच कोई कहानी भी नहीं है |

जब मोहब्बत थी मुझे तो कहने क्यों नहीं दिया,
अब कहती है कुछ बोलो ना...
पागल था ना मैं, तो पागल रहने क्यों नहीं दिया ?
और हां !
ये निशानी लेकर जाओ, मेरे पास रह गई थी |
ये अधूरी कहानी लेकर जाओ ,मेरे पास रह गई थी |

हम दीवानों का क्या !

यशवीर सिंह
FYJC विज्ञान

भूले- बिसरे, रूठे- रीझे जमानों का क्या?
हम तो बस यूँही, हम दिवानों का क्या ?

लाभ आपको मुबारक हो, धंधा आप करती है |
हम तो मोहब्बत परोसते हैं, हमारे दुकानो का क्या?

हमारे पाँव आपकी गली तक रोज पहुँचते है,
हम परिन्दे, हमारे ठिकानो का क्या?

जलेबी, मिठाईयाँ, केसर, जामून सब आपको भेंट चढे |
हम दुआएँ खाते हैं, हमारे पकवानों का क्या?

आप हाल पूछती हैं हमारा, ना पूछें
आप शमा, आपके आगे हम परवानों का क्या?

खैर ये सब अलग बात है, मसला जखम - ए. मोहब्बत है |
आप खुश रहें खुदा करे, हमारे चोट और निशानों का क्या?

बैठे जो कहीं तो वही शाम गुजर जाती है |
आपके होंगे महल, हमारे मकानों का क्या?

निकले है !

आज फिर और यहाँ चिराग लिए निकले है |
तुम सोचते रहो मुश्किल, हम मंजिल की चाह के लिए निकले हैं |
लोग कहते हैं प्रयास करके तो देखो,
और हम गिरकर फिर प्रयास करने निकले हैं |

गिरना सबके बस की बात नहीं,
और हम वह जज़्बात लिए निकले हैं |
सुना है आसान नहीं होता, सफ़र ऊंचाई का,
इसलिए हम पिता का आशीर्वाद और माँ की दुआएँ लिए निकले हैं |

हम अपने की खुशी के लिए,
ख़्वाबों की खुदखुशी करने निकले हैं |
बहुत देखे हैं, गम जिंदगी में ऐ दोस्त,
इस्लीए खुशी किसे कहते हैं, उसकी तलाश में निकले हैं |

सपनों को टूटते देखा है जीवन में,
फिर वो नन्हे से ख़्वाबों को लिए निकले हैं |
जिंदगी सीखा देती है तजुर्बा से,
और हम उनसे नया अंदाज़ लिए निकले हैं |

लोग कल की घबराहट में,
सुनहरा आज छोड़े निकले हैं |
और हम वही आज को जोड़े,
कल की शुरुआत के लिए निकले हैं |

सिर्फ कलम से कागज़ पर नहीं,
अपने अल्फ़ाजो को तकदीर में लिखने निकले हैं |
आज फिर अंधेरों में, चिराग लिए निकले हैं |
तुम सोचते रहो मुश्किल, हम मंजिल के लिए निकले हैं |

जिंदगी की अभिलाषा।

कैसी है जिंदगी की भाषा..?
कोई समझ पाया क्या इसकी परिभाषा..!?
अपनी जिंदगी से रखता है हर कोई आशा,
सूरज चांद सितारों की अभिलाषा।
क्या यही है जिंदगी की परिभाषा..!?

प्यार को पाना है,
जिम्मेदारी उठाना है।
फर्ज निभाना है
लक्ष्य भेद कर आना है ,
खुद को सर्वश्रेष्ठ बताना है।।

जिंदगी कैसे समझूँ मैं तेरी भाषा..?
तू ही बता क्या है तेरी परिभाषा..?
कैसे, पूरी करूँ मैं तेरी आशा..?
मुझसे क्या है तेरी अभिलाषा..?

जिंदगी की भूल भुलैया में,
जिम्मेदारी को ना बंद करो सुरैहिया में!!
ना खोना दिल राह में।
ना प्यार के मोह में,
ना लक्ष्य के लोभ में।।

जिंदगी को तय करने दो उसकी मंजिल।
ले पहुंचेगी तुम्हें वहां,
जहां पहुंच ना पाया तुम्हारा दिमाग और दिल।।
मुश्किलें झुकाएंगी अपना सिर,
जब जिंदगी पा लेगी अपनी मंजिल..।।।

ऐ जिंदगी, मुझे प्यार भी पाना है,
हर जिम्मेदारी भी निभाना है।

अपने प्यार को चुनूँ मैं..?
या उठाऊँ अपनी जिम्मेदारी..?
ऐ जिंदगी, क्या तुझे कुछ बताना है..?
क्या कोई रास्ता सुझाना है..?

प्यार का अनुभव बड़ा सुहाना है,
धरती पर जन्मत को पाना है।
जीवन का उद्देश्य बताना है,
तुझे तेरे लक्ष्य तक पहुंचाना है।।

प्यार और जिम्मेदारी का गठबंधन करवाना होगा।
इनके उलझे धागों को ,
निष्ठा और प्रेम से सुलझाना होगा।
जिम्मेदारी को प्यार बना कर ,
अपना जीवन सफल बनाना होगा।।

ऐ जिंदगी, क्या खूब सिखाई तूने तेरी भाषा..!
कभी ना भूल पाऊंगी तेरी परिभाषा!!!
तूने पूरी की मेरी हर अभिलाषा।
दिल को भा गया तेरा यह अप्रत्याशित तमाशा!!

काट रही थी मैं जो जिंदगी,
अब जीने लगी।
समझी थी एक कहानी जिंदगी को मैंने,
अब जैसे सब हकीकत लगने लगी।।

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बहुभाषिक व्हा

- सागर मोडकले
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बहुभाषिक म्हणजे दोन किंवा अधिक भाषा जाणणारी व्यक्ती. जगात बहुभाषिक लोकांची संख्या एकभाषिक लोकांपेक्षा खूप जास्त आहे. भारतातील बहुभाषिकतेची परिस्थिती नवी नाही. सांस्कृतिक, व्यावसायिक आणि सामाजिक कारणांमुळे भारतात बहुभाषिकता फार पूर्वी पासून अस्तित्वात आहे.

आपल्या देशाची भाषिक स्थिती इतकी समृद्ध आहे की “दर बारा कोसावर भाषा बदलते” असे म्हटले जाते. बहुभाषिक असल्याने आपण केवळ चारचौघांत उठून दिसतो, असे नाही तर, आपल्यासाठी करिअरच्या अनेक संधीही उपलब्ध होतात. आजच्या वाढत्या लोकसंख्येमुळे जगात स्पर्धा वाढली आहे आणि तिथे आपला छाप उमटवणे कठीण झाले आहे. परंतु जर आपण बहुभाषिक असू तर बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपन्यांना परदेशातील ग्राहक कंपन्यांशी किंवा आंतरराष्ट्रीय ग्राहकवर्गाशी व्यवहार करण्याकरता त्यांच्या भाषेत उत्तम संवाद साधू शकतील अशा बहुभाषिक कर्मचा-यांची आवश्यकता भासते.

आपण एखादी देशी किंवा परदेशी भाषा शिकल्याने आपल्या शैक्षणिक पात्रतेत भर पडते आणि त्याने आपल्या गुणवत्तेत, भाषा कौशल्यात भर पडते. आपल्या ज्ञानाच्या कक्षा वाढवायला नवीन भाषेची नक्कीच मदत होते. नवीन भाषा शिकल्यामुळे आपल्या शब्दसंग्रहात भर पडते, बहुभाषिक व्यक्तींची वाचन क्षमता आणि गणिती क्षमताही उत्तम असते, तसेच वक्तृत्व, लेखन आणि रचना विषयक कौशल्यही उत्तम असते, असे जाणकारांचे मत आहे. वेगळी भाषा शिकतेवेळी नवे शब्द, नवे नियम यांची ओळख होते आणि ते लक्षात ठेवावे लागतात, त्यामुळे आपली स्मरण शक्ती वाढायलाही मदत होते.

परदेशी भाषा शिकल्याने परदेशात नोकरीची संधीही मिळू शकते. त्या भाषेतील ऑनलाइन स्वरूपाची कामे मिळू शकतात.

ज्यात व्यावसायिक नेटवर्क तसेच सोशल मीडिया साइट्सचा समावेश असतो. परदेशी भाषेल पदवी प्राप्त केल्यानंतर शाळा, महाविद्यालयात ती भाषा शिकवण्याची संधी मिळू शकते. तसेच टूर गाइड, भाषांतरकार, दुभाषी म्हणूनसुद्धा काम करता येऊ शकते. हे गरजेचे नाही की आपण फक्त परदेशी भाषा शिकली पाहिजे; आपल्या देशातही विविध भाषा बोलणारे लोक राहतात. त्यातील एक भाषा किंवा दोन भाषा शिकल्या तर ते उत्तमच आहे. ‘सिनेमा’ हा शब्द आपल्याला माहीत आहे. जर आपण याकडे बारकाईने नजर टाकली तर आपल्याला कळेल की सिनेमे बनवण्याच्या प्रक्रियेत भाषेचा खूप मोलाचा वाटा आहे. कारण यामध्ये काम करणारे लोक व त्या पात्राची भाषा एकसारखी असेल असे नाही. प्रत्येक पात्राची भाषा त्याला दिलेल्या भूमिकेनुसार बदलते. मग ती गुजराती, बिहारी, इंग्रजी इत्यादी असू शकते व त्या त्या पात्राची भावना प्रेक्षकांपर्यंत पोहचवण्याचे काम ती भाषा करत असते. चित्रपट क्षेत्रात व गायन क्षेत्रातही बहुभाषिक असल्याचा नक्कीच उपयोग होऊ शकतो.

मित्रांनो, आपल्याला किमान दोन तरी भाषा बोलता येणे गरजेचे आहे; मग ती परदेशी असो किंवा देशी ! आपण कधी वेगळ्या जिल्ह्यात, राज्यात किंवा देशात पर्यटनासाठी गेलो आणि तेथील स्थानिक भाषा जर आपल्याला येत असेल तर आपली किती सोय होईल! शिवाय, स्थानिक लोकांनाही आपल्याबद्दल चटकन आपुलकी निर्माण होईल. कारण भाषा ही गोष्ट माणसांमध्ये आपोआपच एक जिव्हाळा निर्माण करत असते; ज्याची समाजाला आज खूप गरजही आहे. म्हणूनच म्हणतात, “बहुभाषिक व्हा!” किंबहुना, बहुभाषिक होणे ही काळाची गरज आहे.

“हजारोंच्या निबीड आत्मदैन्यास” कादंबरीची अर्पणपत्रिकाच आतल्या संदर्भाचे गांभीर्य लक्षात आणून देते. सुप्रसिद्ध साहित्यिक ह. मो. मराठे यांची ही कादंबरी मराठीतील एक महत्त्वाची कादंबरी म्हणून गणली जाते. राजकारणातील अपप्रवृत्तीचे समाजकारणावर होणारे दुष्परिणाम, त्यामुळे भरडली जाणारी सर्वसामान्य जनता, वाढती बेरोजगारी, रोजगाराच्या शोधार्थ नाईलाजाने परदेशी निघून जाणारी तरुणपिढी ही अवस्था त्या काळापासून आजपर्यंत बदललेली नाही. परंतु परदेशीही न जाऊ शकणारे हजारो भारतीय तरुण बेरोजगारीच्या जाळ्यात अडकले होते. हा कोंडलेपणा सहन करत आत्मदैन्यास बळी पडणा-या या तरुणांना “निष्पर्ण वृक्षावर भर दुपारी” ही कादंबरी मराठे अर्पण करतात.

प्रास्ताविकात नमूद केल्याप्रमाणे ही कादंबरी इ.स.१९६९च्या एप्रिलमधल्या उन्हाळ्यात लिहिली गेली. रखरखीत कोरडे पडलेले आयुष्य व इच्छा नसतानाही पार पाडावी लागणारी कर्म असा काहीसा अर्थ या शीर्षकातून व्यक्त होतो. कादंबरीचा नायक बेरोजगार असताना झालेली त्याची श्रद्धाहीन, कोंडलेली, हाताश मनोवस्था कादंबरीच्या प्रत्येक पानातून दिसते. डॉ. य. दि. फडके यांच्या शब्दांत सांगायचे तर, ‘स्वतःवर, आपल्याला प्रिय वाटणाऱ्या व्यक्तीवर, अवतीभोवतीच्या जगावर आणि परमेश्वरावर चिडलेल्या नायकाच्या मनाची स्पंदने...’ या कादंबरीत प्रत्ययास येतात. ‘निष्पर्ण वृक्ष’ हे नायकाच्या बेरोजगारीचे प्रतीक, तर ‘भर दुपार’ हे प्रतिकूल परिस्थितीचे प्रतीक म्हणून आले आहे.

या नायकाचे आयुष्य सुरळीत होत आहे, असे वाटत असतानाच ते अधिक खोल गर्तेत रुतत जाते. हा उच्चशिक्षित नायक तात्पुरत्या शासकीय नोकरीच्या भरवशावर प्रेम करून संसार थाटतो. पहाटेच्या साखर झोपेत पडलेल्या सुंदर स्वप्नात अचानक मिठाचा खडा पडतो आणि एक एक सुख त्याच्यापासून दुरावत जाते. नोकरी अचानक सुटते. सुखद आयुष्याचे सगळे काल्पनिक मनोरे धडाधड कोसळायला सुरुवात होते. त्यातच त्याची लाडकी बायको गर्भार असल्याचे त्याला कळते. एकापाठोपाठ एक आलेल्या समस्यांनी खचत चाललेला तो आपल्या बायकोलाही वैरीण मानू लागतो. एकेकाळी अत्यंत स्वाभिमानी, बंडखोर असणारा असा तो नोकरीसाठी अतिशय लाचार झालेला दिसतो. बायकोला न सांगता तिच्यासाठी रोजगार शोधू लागतो. बी. ए. ऑनर्स बायको फक्त गर्भार असल्याने बिनकामाची ठरते.

काही काळासाठी तरी आपल्या बायकोला- वसूला नोकरी मिळावी म्हणून धडपड करत असताना भेटणारी गोडसे काकू,

मिसेस देसाई बाई या पात्रांच्या माध्यमातून श्रीमंतीचा माज व शिक्षणक्षेत्राचीही होणारी वाताहत या गोष्टी ठळकपणे मांडल्या आहेत.

याच दरम्यान नायकाला त्याचा ढोणकर नावाचा मित्रही भेटतो; जो फारसा शिकलेला नसूनही आज ऐषोआरामाचे जीवन जगत असतो. आपली बायको गर्भार असताना स्वतःच्या शारीरिक गरजेसाठी त्याचे तिचा कसा गर्भपात केला हे ढोणकर सहज सांगून जातो. सद्यस्थितीत ही कल्पना नायकालाही उपयुक्त वाटते आणि तीन महिन्यांची पोटुशी असलेल्या आपल्या बायकोला तो पपया खायला घालून स्वतःच्याच अर्भकाचा बळी घेतो. शेवटच्या भागात घडणारी ही विदारक घटना वाचकाच्या डोक्याला झिनझिण्या आणते. गर्भार पत्नीला नोकरी मिळत नाही म्हणून गर्भपात करवून पुन्हा तिच्यासाठी तो नोकरी मागायला जातो. तेव्हा ती जागा आधीच भरलेली असते. या साऱ्या प्रकाराने अखेर त्याला वेड लागल्यासारखी परिस्थिती निर्माण होते.

हा आशय मांडत असताना कल्पना व वास्तव यांची सरमिसळ, प्रतीकांचा वापर, चित्रदर्शी व प्रगल्भ शैली यामुळे कादंबरीची अभिव्यक्ती प्रभावी बनली आहे. देवाची लीला व आपल्या वाईट नशिबाचं वर्णन (पान क्र.२७), ब्रह्मांडनायकाला राजकारणातल्या उमेदवारीत उभे करून कशी त्याची कत्तल होते, याचे वर्णन चपखल मांडले आहे. या कादंबरीत मराठेनी टायपोग्राफी वापरून लेखनात नवीन प्रयोग केला आहे. (पान क्र.३६) यासंदर्भातील उदाहरणाचा उल्लेख प्रास्ताविकात आहे.

हा प्रखर आशय मांडतानाची शैलीही तितकीच प्रखर व आक्रमक नसती तरच नवल! शिवराळ, असभ्य वाटणारी भाषा, प्रसंगी बीभत्स, अश्लील वाटणारी वर्णने हे अभिव्यक्तीची अपरिहार्य गरज म्हणून आले आहे. या सर्व गोष्टींमुळेच प्रस्तुत कादंबरीवर कडवी टीकाही झाली; परंतु कालांतराने या लेखनाचे मूल्य वाचक-समीक्षकांना कळून चुकले आहे. हे लेखन आजही अचंबित करणारे आहे, हे नक्की.

या छोटेखानी कादंबरीवर समीक्षा ग्रंथसुद्धा प्रसिद्ध झाला आहे. या संहितेचे काही प्रयोगदेखील झाले आहेत. अशी ‘निष्पर्ण वृक्षावर भर दुपारी’ ही कादंबरी वाचनीय तर आहेच; परंतु विचार करायला लावणारीसुद्धा आहे. तसंही भूल पाडणा-या लिखाणापेक्षा विचार करायला भाग पाडणारे लिखाण नक्कीच उपकारक ठरते !

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मी आज ६:०० वाजता उठलो. पहाटेचे की संध्याकाळचे हे माझे मलाच माहित नाही. मी उठता क्षणी राकसाने मला पुन्हा पकडले आणि त्याने माझ्याकडून माझी सर्वात अमूल्य गोष्ट हिरावून घेतली. वेळ. त्यानंतर त्याने मला सोडून दिले; एका तुटक्या चपलेसारखे. माझ्या मनात प्रश्नांचे मोहळ उठले होते. त्याने मला कसे पकडले? मी त्याला प्रतिकार का नाही केला ? मला त्याच्या कैदेत असणं आवडतं का? आता मी खरोखरच मुक्त झालोय की हाही त्याच्या मोहिनीचाच एक प्रकार आहे ? मला काय करावे काहीच समजत नव्हते....

थोड्या वेळानंतर मी माझ्या आईशी फोनवर बोललो. तिच्याशी बोलणं मला फार कठीण जातं. त्यांनी कष्टाने कमावलेला पैसा मी काही न करून वाया घालवतोय हे मला सतत टोचत राहतं. मी ठरवलं होतं की मी काहीतरी वेगळं करेन, असं जे करण्याचा कुणी विचारदेखील केला नसेल. पण असं काहीच माझ्या हातून घडलं नाही तर ? माझं आयुष्यपण बाकीच्या सर्वसाधारणपणांप्रमाणे संपून गेलं तर ? या गोष्टीचीच मला सर्वात जास्त भीती वाटते.

कदाचित याच भीतीमुळे तो राकस मला पुन्हा पुन्हा पकडतो. भीती. राकसाला भीती आवडते. तो भीतीसकट माझ्या सर्व भावना पिऊन टाकतो. त्यामुळे मला तळ्यातल्या पाण्यासारखे स्तब्ध वाटते. काही वेळा मला त्यामुळे बरेसुद्धा वाटते.

पण हल्ली त्याच्या मोहिनीचा प्रभावदेखील कमी होत चालला आहे. कधी कधी मला हेच कळत नाही की माझ्यासोबत जे घडतंय ते खरं आहे की हाही राकसाच्या अनेक खेळांपैकी एक खेळ आहे. सर्व काही अंधुक दिसू लागते. मला माझ्या हाताची बोटेदेखील साफपणे दिसत नाहीत आणि याचाच मला सर्वात जास्त त्रास होतो. सर्व काही पुढ्यात असूनदेखील काहीच समजत नाही.

पण मला वाटतं की राकस आता म्हातारा होतोय आणि म्हणूनच त्याची मोहिनी काम करत नाही. आता तो मरणार आहे का ? तो मेला तर माझं काय होईल ? आता अशा दिवसात तोच एकटा माझ्या सोबत आहे. बाकी सर्व जण माझ्यापासून खूप दूर आहेत. खूप दूर. त्याचा थंड स्पर्श मला माझ्या वेदनांपासून आराम द्यायचा. पण लवकरच तो स्पर्शदेखील नाहीसा होईल. त्यानंतर काहीच नसेल. फक्त माझे दोन डोळे जे मला कधीच मिटता येणार नाहीत आणि लख्ख दाहक प्रकाश जो कधीच संपणार नाही...

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माणूस पृथ्वीतलावरील सर्वात हुशार प्राणी म्हणून ओळखला जातो. जन्मापासून ते मृत्यूपर्यंत ज्याचे आयुष्य अनेक उत्तमोत्तम गोष्टींनी सालंकृत झालेले असते, तर कधी कुकर्मांनी मलीनदेखील झालेले असते. अशा त्याच्या आयुष्याची विविध रंगी रूपे उलगडण्याचा प्रयत्न फारच गमतीदार व बरेच काही शिकवणारादेखील असतो. परंतु ही रूपे उलगडण्यासाठी त्या मानवाच्या प्रत्येक पैलूचे, सवयीचे व हालचालीचे सखोल निरीक्षण करावे लागते. आपण त्याच्या दैनंदिन जीवनातील प्रत्येक घडामोडीचा विचार केल्यास आपणास त्या व्यक्तीचे अनेक पैलू समजू शकतात; पण माणूस हा जरी समूहात राहणे पसंत करत असला, तरी तो आपले खरे स्वरूप व आपल्या जीवनाचे अनेक घटक अदृश्य वस्त्रांनी झाकून ठेवत असतो. समाजात वावरण्यास जो पूरक ठरेल असा एक खोटा मुखवटा घालून तो सामाजिक जीवन जगत असतो. याचा प्रत्यय आपणास अनेक सार्वजनिक ठिकाणी येत असतो. उदाहरणार्थ, कामाची जागा, महाविद्यालये, शासकीय कार्यालये अशा अनेक ठिकाणी फसवी, मुखवटे घातलेली माणसे मोठ्या प्रमाणात दिसतात व ती आयुष्यभर या फसव्या मुखवट्यांनाच आपला खरा

चेहरा समजून वावरत असतात. पण या खोट्या मुखवट्यांच्या निर्माणाचे कारण काय असू शकते?

मूलतः माणूस हा जन्मापासूनच काही मुखवटा परिधान करून येत नसतो; तर त्याच्या वाढीबरोबरच त्याच्यावर परिणाम करणारे अनेक घटक असतात. त्यात सामाजिक, कौटुंबिक, शारीरिक, मानसिक, आर्थिक अशा अनेक घटकांचा प्रभाव पडत असतो. परिणामी, मानव आपले खरे रूप विसरून जाण्याची शक्यतादेखील दाट असते. तो आपली सर्वांना आवडेल, सर्वांना रुचेल अशी एक प्रतिमा तयार करतो.

परंतु या प्रतिमेलादेखील अनेक घटकांमुळे क्षणोक्षणी तडे जात राहतात. त्यातील एक घटक म्हणजे एकांत. एकांत हा माणसाच्या जीवनात आरश्याचे काम करत असतो. काही क्षणांकरिता का होईना, आपले खरे स्वरूप दाखण्याचे प्रयत्न करतो. जर प्रवासादरम्यान एखाद्याने आपल्या आजूबाजूला निरखून पाहिले, तर अशा आरश्यांमध्ये तासून तासून स्वतःलाच पाहत असणाऱ्या अनेक डोळ्यांचे दर्शन आपल्यासा होऊ शकते.

एकांत हा माणसाला त्याच्या आयुष्यातील विविध घटकांवर विचार करण्यास भाग पाडत असतो. त्यामुळे माणूस सहसा एकांत टाकत असतो; परंतु जेव्हा एखाद्यावर दुःखाचा डोंगर कोसळतो, तेव्हा त्याला हाच प्रकांत प्रिय वाटू लागतो. तो आपले सारे मुखवटे बाजूला सारून स्वतःच्याच खऱ्या रूपाकडे तटस्थ नजरने पाहू लागतो. प्रसंगी स्वतःच्या जगण्यावरच शंका घेऊ लागतो.

कोणताही प्रवास माणसाला फार काही शिकवत असतो. आपल्या जीवनाच्या या प्रवासात आपल्याला अनेक सहप्रवाशांची साथ मिळते. जर आपण जर प्रेक्षक म्हणून या जीवनाच्या प्रवासाकडे पाहिले तर या प्रवासातील प्रवाशांच्या अनेक गोष्टींचे ज्ञान आपल्याला सहजरित्या होऊ शकते. हे ज्ञान कोणत्याही शाळेतील ज्ञानापेक्षा श्रेष्ठ असते. कारण हे ज्ञान जगणे शिकवत असते.

असे म्हणतात की माणूस हा आपल्या डोळ्यांमधून सर्वांत जास्त व्यक्त होत असतो. जेव्हा आई आपल्या मुलाला जेवण भरवत असते, तेव्हा तिच्या डोळ्यांतील प्रसन्नतेतून ती आपला आनंद व्यक्त करत असते. पेपर लिहून पूर्ण झाल्यावर विद्यार्थ्यांच्या डोळ्यांत आपल्या कामगिरीबद्दल समाधान किंवा प्रश्नांची उत्तरे अपूर्ण राहिल्याचे दुःख स्पष्टपणे दिसते. वास्तविक, त्याच क्षणी त्या पेपरचा निकाल लागलेला असतो. शेतकरी जेव्हा आपल्या वाऱ्याबरोबर हलत असलेल्या पिकांकडे पाहतो, तेव्हा त्याच्या डोळ्यांतून समृद्धता ओसंडून वाहत असते. अशाप्रकारे एखाद्याच्या डोळ्यांवरून त्याच्या मनातील भावना आपल्यापर्यंत पोहचतात.

त्याचप्रमाणे एखाद्या व्यक्तीचे हातदेखील आपल्याला त्या व्यक्तीबद्दल बरेच काही सांगून जातात. एखाद्या गृहिणीच्या हातावरील चटक्यांच्या डागांमुळे आपल्याला तिच्या जीवनातील जेवण बनवतानाचा निष्काळजीपणा लक्षात येऊ शकतो किंवा तिच्या वैवाहिक जीवनात कोलाहल माजला आहे, असे दुहेरी अर्थ निघू शकतो. तसेच एखाद्या व्यक्तीच्या हातांवरून त्या व्यक्तीच्या व्यवसायाबद्दलही माहिती मिळू शकते. साधारणतः ज्या माणसांचे हात थरथरत असतात, त्यांचा आत्मविश्वास

कमी असतो हे आपणाला कळते. किंवा ती व्यक्ती मद्यप्राशन करते, याचे सूचनही मिळते. अशाप्रकारे आपले अवयव आपल्या व्यक्तिमत्त्वाबद्दल माहिती देत असतात.

माणसाला अनेक छंद असतात. एखाद्याला क्रिकेटसारख्या खेळाचा छंद असतो. एखाद्याला पुस्तके वाचण्याचा छंद असतो; पण कुणाला माणसे वाचण्याचा छंद आहे असा शब्दप्रयोग फारसा ऐकित नाही. पण माणसे वाचण्याची प्रक्रिया ही त्याच्या नकळत घडत असते. कारण एका व्यक्तीला दुसऱ्या व्यक्तीच्या आयुष्याबद्दल कुतूहल हे असतेच. आपल्या भारतीय समाजव्यवस्थेत बहुतांश लोकांची वृत्ती ही दुसऱ्यांच्या आयुष्यात अनावश्यक ढवळाढवळ करण्याची असते व हे आपल्याकडच्या लोकांचे मनोरंजनाचे व चर्चेचे एक प्रमुख साधन बनते. या प्रकारांमुळे अनेक व्यक्तींच्या व्यक्तिमत्त्वाच्या चिंध्याही केल्या जातात. असे प्रकार भारतीय समाजव्यवस्थेत सर्रास घडत असतात. एखाद्याला जाणून घेण्यापेक्षा त्याची प्रतिमा मलीन करण्याचा हेतूच अग्रस्थानी असतो.

मानवी जीवनाच्या प्रवासात अनेक थांबे येतात. या थांब्यांवर काहींचे जीवन थांबते व त्यांच्या आठवणी मागे राहतात. या आठवणींबरोबरच उरलेले लोक आपल्या जीवनाचा प्रवास सुरू ठेवतात. जर आपल्याला सोडून गेलेल्यांच्या जीवनाचे खरे पैलू आपल्याला माहित नसतील तर आपण त्या व्यक्तीला पूर्णपणे कधी समजून घेतले नाही, हे दुःख आपणास सतत सलत राहते व ते मृत्यूपर्यंत आपल्याला सोबत करते. त्यामुळे माणसे वाचण्याचा प्रयत्न हा प्रत्येकाने केलाच पाहिजे. जेणेकरून आपल्या सहवासातील व्यक्तींच्या भावना, त्यांनी व्यक्त न करतादेखील आपणाला समजतील. या सऱ्याचे सार मी या ओळींमधून व्यक्त करतो -

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धर्म आणि विज्ञान या दोन्ही गोष्टी माणसाचे सुख व जीवनाचे अंतिम सत्य शोधण्याच्या प्रयत्नात गेली अनेक वर्षे एकमेकांना समांतर तर काही वेळा एकमेकांना छेद देत परस्परविरोधी दावे-प्रतिदावे करत असतात. एकीकडे स्व-स्वार्थ साधण्यासाठी अनेक धर्ममार्तंडांनी व बुवाबाजी करणाऱ्यांनी समाजात हैदोस घातला आहे. तर दुसरीकडे विज्ञानाच्या क्षेत्रातही स्वार्थी, आपमतलबी माणसांनी विज्ञानाला हाताशी धरून मानवी जीवन अधिक सुकर करण्याऐवजी अधिकाधिक गुंतागुंतीचे आणि दुष्कर करण्याचा घाट घातलेला दिसतो. एकूण काय, धर्म व विज्ञान यांचे मूळ हेतूच संकटात आलेले दिसतात.

मात्र धर्म व विज्ञानामध्ये असा एक प्रदेश आढळतो, ज्यात काही बाबतीत माणसाच्या सुखाच्या, मनःशांतीच्या खुणा दिसून येतात. शरीर व मन शांत ठेवण्याच्या ज्या काही पद्धती आजवर सापडल्या आहेत, जसे प्राणायाम, ध्यानधारणा, योगासने इ. काही पद्धतील उपयुक्तता वैज्ञानिक संशोधनाद्वारे आपल्यासमोर मांडली जात आहे.

अस्वस्थता, चिंता, दुःख, ताणतणाव यांचे शरीरावर व मनावर होणारे परिणाम नीट अभ्यासल्यावर त्यांपासून माणसाची सुटका करण्यासाठीचे शास्त्रोक्त प्रयत्न सुरू झाले. काही माणसे भजन-पूजन, कर्मकांड करून आपले दुःख, चिंता, अस्वस्थता तात्पुरती

शांत करतात. परंतु ध्यानधारणा, योग, स्वयंसूचना यातील वैज्ञानिक भाग समजून घेऊन त्याचा स्वीकार करणे आणि बाकीचा चोथा फेकून देणे, योग्य ठरेल.

शवासन

के. ई. एम. हॉस्पिटलमध्ये १९६० साली सुप्रसिद्ध हृदयरोगतज्ज्ञ डॉ. के.के. दाते यांनी केलेल्या संशोधनाने शवासन या सोप्या आसनाचे महत्त्वाचे उपयोग प्रकाशात आणले. डोकेदुखी, मनाची अस्वस्थता, उदासी, चीडचीड हे त्रास होत असलेल्या उच्च रक्तदाब असलेल्यांनी हे आसन केल्याने त्यांचा सरासरी रक्तदाब जवळजवळ २७ मि.मि.ने खाली आणता आला. त्यांच्या हृदयाच्या ठोक्यांची गती आणि श्वासोच्छ्वासाची गती सुधारली. शवासन हे सोपे, आनंददायी व शिथिलीकरणासाठी उपयुक्त असे आसन आहे. इतर विचार मनात येण्याचे कमी करता येते. श्वासोच्छ्वास करताना हवा आत घेणे, बाहेर सोडणे यावर लक्ष केंद्रित करित राहिल्याने थोड्या सरावानंतर शांत, धीमी लय पकडता येते. आपले हातपाय हळूहळू जड होत आहेत, हातपाय थोडे गरम (कोमट) होत आहेत अशी कल्पना करावी. दिवसातून किमान दोनदा दरवेळी वीस मिनिटे शवासन करावे. शवासन सरावाने तीन ते चार आठवड्यात जमते.

झेन

झेन- हा जपानी शब्द-चिनी शब्द चान (Chan)वरून आला. तर तो चिनी शब्द आपल्या 'ध्यान' या शब्दावरून आला. झेन म्हणजे शरीर व मनाची प्रशांत स्थिती; जी बाह्यजगापासून वेगळी, तटस्थ अशी अवस्था असते. 'झेन' दृष्टिकोन अंती मनात एक निरंतर स्वस्थता आणतो. झेनमधली ही शिथिलीकरणाची पद्धत व जीवनाकडे पाहण्याचा दृष्टिकोन याला लोक साटोरी 'Satori' म्हणतात. 'साटोरी' म्हणजे मनाकडे जाण्याचे खुले प्रवेशद्वार. साटोरी हा जगाकडे मुक्त अंतर्मनाने पाहण्याचा एक दृष्टिकोन. त्यात दैवी वा अतिमानुष सामर्थ्याचा दावा नाही. झेन गुरुच्या हाताखाली शिकून जीवनाबद्दलचा वेगळा दृष्टिकोन प्राप्त करणे खूप दीर्घ पल्ल्याचे काम आहे. बाह्य संवेदनांपासून मुक्तता मिळवित आतले मन जागे करणे हा झेनचा हेतू असतो. ही जागृत अवस्था आलेल्या माणसाला मग बाह्य संवेदना व बाह्य जगाच्या हालचाली अस्वस्थ करू शकत नाहीत, असे म्हणतात. स्थितप्रज्ञ पण अपूर्व आनंदाने जगण्याची ती जीवनपद्धती समजली जाते. 'झेन' जगणारा माणूस तर्कवितर्क सोडून आंतरिक जाणिवेने जगाकडे पाहू लागतो. झेन बुद्धिझममध्ये नायकोन (Naikon) ही स्वपरीक्षाची एक पद्धत जपानमध्ये १९४०च्या आसपास वापरात येऊ लागली. कुठल्याही नातेसंबंधांमध्ये चांगली सत्ये, वाईट सत्ये व कुरूप सत्ये नोंदवली जाणे व त्यावर लक्ष केंद्रित करणे हितावह असते. तुमची भूमिका, तुमचे वर्तन, तुमच्या निवडी व तुमच्या माणसाकडून तुम्हाला काय मिळते आहे हे नीट लक्षात घ्यावे. तुम्ही स्वतः किती त्रास तुमच्या माणसाला व एकंदर आसपासच्या जगाला देऊ शकता, देत आहात ते लक्षात घ्यावे. हळूहळू आपल्या नकारार्थी भावनांना वेळीच ओळखून, इतरांविषयीच्या तक्रारी बाजूस ठेवता येऊ

लागतात, त्यांनी आपल्यासाठी केलेल्या चांगल्या कृतींबद्दल मनात कृतज्ञता जागी होते व त्यामुळे एकमेकांमधले संबंध सुधारू शकतात. खरे तर विवाहितांनी, प्रेमी जीवांनी व एकंदरच नात्यांविषयी सखोल विचार करणे आवश्यक वाटणाऱ्या सर्वांनी दिवसातून अर्धा तास एकांतात 'नाइकोन' वापरून आपले नाते अधिक ओळखावे, चांगल्या भावना-वर्तन-विचारांनी ते समृद्ध करावे. आपल्या माणसाकडून आपण काय घेतले, आपण त्या माणसाला आजवर काय दिले, त्यात आपण आपल्या माणसाला किती त्रास दिला याचा प्रामाणिक शोध शांतपणे घ्यावा, असे ही पद्धत सुचविते.

पतंजली योगसूत्र

पतंजली योगसूत्रात कुंडलिनी नावाची शक्ती जागृत करून तिचा मूलाधार चक्र ते ब्रह्मरंध्र प्रवास हा समाधी योगाच्या प्राप्तीसाठी आवश्यक असल्याचे सांगितले आहे. ही समाधी साधण्यासाठी नाडीशुद्धी व शरीरशुद्धी करावी लागते व त्यासाठी प्राणायाम व आसने यांचा उपयोग त्यात वर्णिला आहे. याला हठयोग म्हणतात. विज्ञानाला कुंडलिनी शक्तीच्या अस्तित्वाचे कुठलेही पुरावे न सापडल्यामुळे

अशी शक्ती अस्तित्वात असल्याचे मान्य नाही. नाडीशुद्धी, समाधी, आत्मा, कुंडलिनी या कल्पना अशास्त्रीय आहेत असे अधुनिक विज्ञानाचे मत असल्यामुळे योगाचे आत्मा, साक्षात्कार, परमात्माविषयक वर्णन काल्पनिक व अतिरंजित मानले जाते. त्यामुळे योगाभ्यासाने सिद्धी प्राप्त होतात, असे विधानही अशास्त्रीय ठरते. अशा सिद्धी प्राप्त झाल्याचे वस्तुनिष्ठ पुरावे कुठेही आढळलेले नाहीत, असे वैज्ञानिकांचे म्हणणे. सहाजिकच, सिद्धिविषयक व चमत्कारविषयक दावे करणे ही शुद्ध फसवणूक असून त्यावर भोळेपणाने विश्वास ठेवू नये. पूर्वजन्माचे ज्ञान, दुसऱ्याच्या मनातले विचार ओळखणे, भूत-भविष्य जाणणे, परकाया प्रवेश, आकाशात उडता येणे, केवळ मनःसामर्थ्याने वस्तू उचलणे वा हलविणे, वशीकरण इ. दावे करणाऱ्यांपासून सावध असावे, योग्य.

योगाभ्यासाचा व्यायाम म्हणून शरीराला मिळणारा फायदा मात्र सर्वमान्य आहे.

हृदयाची कार्यशक्ती वाढविण्यासाठी लागणारे, एरोबिक व्यायाम प्रकार उदा. सायकलिंग, चालणे, धावणे इ., स्नायूंना ताण देणारे, जोर-बैठकांसारखे, वजन उचलण्यासारखे व्यायामप्रकार व लवचिकता वाढविणारे व्यायामप्रकार, योगासने या तिन्हींचा व्यायामात समावेश असायला हवा असे म्हटले जाते. केवळ योगासनांमुळे हृदयरोग्यांना फायदा होतो, मात्र त्या रुग्णांनी योग्य आहार घेतला, योग्य औषधोपचार केला तरच हा फायदा होतो, असे संशोधनातून दिसून आले आहे.

एकूण काय, तर कोणतीही गोष्ट आचरणात आणताना माणसाने आपली सदसद्विवेकबुद्धी वापरणे, सर्व गोष्टींचा तारतम्याने विचार करणे गरजेचे आहे. तरच खऱ्या अर्थाने आपण बुद्धिमान ठरू !

आयुष्य हवे वाकलेल्या कण्यासारखे
आयुष्य हवे झाकलेल्या मण्यासारखे
आयुष्य हवे भीकेच्या नाण्यासारखे
आयुष्य हवे नासलेल्या खाण्यासारखे
आयुष्य हवे अमावस्येच्या चंद्रासारखे
आयुष्य हवे चौदा नाहीतर पंधरासारखे
आयुष्य हवे कुंभकर्णाच्या निद्रेसारखे
आयुष्य हवे मेलेल्याच्या मुद्रेसारखे

आयुष्य हवे धार नसलेल्या फाळासारखे
आयुष्य हवे विसरलेल्या काळासारखे
आयुष्य हवे गटारातल्या गाळासारखे
आयुष्य हवे पाळीतल्या मळासारखे

पण का हवे आयुष्य ?
कोणीतरी प्रश्न केला
उत्तर शोधता शोधता
आयुष्य विरून गेले वाफेसारखे....

आणि ऋतु बरवा शारदु । शारदीं पुढती चांदु ।
चंद्रीं जैसा संबंधु । पूर्णि मेचा ॥
कां वसंती बरवा आरामु । आरामींही प्रियसंगमु ।
संगमीं आगमु । उपचारांचा ॥
नाना कमळीं पाडवा । वि कासु जैसा बरवा ।
वि कासींही यावा । परागाचा ॥
वाचे बरवें कवि त्व । कवि त्वीं बरवें रसि कत्व ।
रसि कर्त्वीं परतत्त्व । स्पर्शु जाणे ॥

तेणें कारणें मी बोलैन ।
बोली अरूपाचे रूप दावीन ।
अतींद्रिय परी भोगवीन ।
इंद्रियांकरवी ॥

- ज्ञानेश्वरी, अध्याय ६

- ज्ञानेश्वरी, अध्याय १८

कोलंबसाचे गर्वगीत

चला उभारा शुभ्र शिडे ती गर्वाने वरती
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SCHOLARSHIPS/ AWARDS/ PRIZES- Academic Year 2022 - 23

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Name of the Scholarship	Criteria	Name of the student
William Graham Prize	highest marks in XII Arts	Agrawal Prisha Manoj
Annapoornabai Joshi Prize		
Jini K. Jagose Scholarship		
Prof. Robert Miller Prize	highest marks in English at XII Arts	
Prof Hate Prize	highest marks in Biology at XII Sci.	Gupta Aanchal Baijnath
Sardar Atursingh G. Ochani Scholarship	highest marks in Chemistry at XII Sci.	Bhave Shardul Prashant
Prof. V. D. Dabholkar Award	highest marks in XII Sci	
The Sardar Saheb Hirasingh Ochani Scholarship		
Prof. V. D. Dabholkar Award	highest marks in Physics at XII	
The Renwick Memorable Prize		
The V N Cirvante Prize		
M. Momi A. Ochani Scholarship	highest marks in XI Sci	Aquina Lobo
D. K. Kateli Scholarship	highest marks in Maths at XI	
Haresh Gohil Memorial Prize	highest marks in Economics at SYJC	Chaudhari Jahnvi Girish
		Bhavikaa Sagar
Prof. M. D. Altekar Prize	highest marks in Marathi at SYJC	Smruti Pawar
Rao Bahadur Kaudinya Memorial Prize		
D. B. Naik Memorial Prize	highest marks in Maths at XII Sci.	Siddhesh Kamendra Singh
		Shezan Adil Ghamat
Prof. V. D. Dabholkar Award,	highest marks in Physics at XII	Disha Santosh Devanpelli
The Renwick Memorable Prize		
The V N Cirvante Prize		
Mrs. Kishni H. Ochani Scholarship	highest marks in Chemistry at XI Sci.	Raut Chaitanya Manish

General Non-Academic Awards

Name of Scholarship	Awarded for	Awarded to
The Mary Murthy Prize	Best Female Student with good academic record and outstanding social work	Ansa Antony
The Rama Murthy Prize	Best Male Student with good academic record and outstanding social work	Davis Devaraj Pushparaj
The Anandibai Achyuttrao Kamat Prize	Best Female Student	Yamunadevi Jayprakash Gupta
		Khushi Mahesh Vaishya
The late Raosaheb Achyuttrao Kamat	Best Male Student	Nash Melvin Rebello
Romario Rozar Trophy	Best Student	Ansa Antony
Best Male Cultural Volunteer	Best Male Volunteer	Brij Rajpopat
Best Female Cultural Volunteer	Best Female Volunteer	Heenakshi
Best NSS Volunteer	Best NSS Volunteer	Alex Selvin Anthony Nadar
Best Student Council Member	Best Student Council Member	Anvitaa Jagtap
		Brij Rajpopat
		Palak Surti
Outstanding Contribution in Student Council Activities	Outstanding Contribution in Student Council Activities	Huda Bankotkar
The Sathia Daniel Scholarship	Visually challenged student with good academic record (Degree)	Pawar Shravani
	Visually challenged student with good academic record (Junior)	Satyanand Sharma
	Children of Non-teaching Staff with highest marks at SSC Exam	Annie Jane Philip Samuel
Wilsonian Prize	Best Article in Hindi	Ruchi Jayprakash Neelam Tiwari
	Best Article in Marathi	Dange Gauri Sandip Sangita
Nehru Prize	Best Essay in Hindi	Akanksha Devendra Singh
Mrs. Padma Solomonraj Scholarship	Deserving Girl Students	Mehta Vrushti Jitesh
	Deserving Girl Students	Shristi Chatterjee
Wilsonian Prize	Best Article in English	Anaya Karnik
Nehru Prize	Best Essay in English	Aishwarya Iyer

Degree College Academic Awards

Name of the Scholarship	Criteria	Name of the student
Bai Sonabai Narayan Kanade Prize	Student with highest marks at T.Y.B.A.	Vidhi Sharma Santosh
R. S. Nawalkar Prize		
Md. Ibrahim Bhaimiya Memorial Prize		
Vitthal Narayan Pathak Prize		
Hemkant Mishra Prize	Student with highest marks at T.Y.B.A. in History	Divya Joshi (2020-21)
Hemkant Mishra Prize	Student with highest marks at T.Y.B.A. in History	Kajal Vijay Gautam
The John Mckenzie Prize &		
The Smt. Rani Malhotra Memorial Scholarship		
Rev. John Langdon Prize	Best Student of Political Science	Sanjeevan Anil Dabre
Dr M. M. Altekar Prize	for securing Third position in Debate Competition in Marathi	
Prof. Aloo Dalal Scholarship	Student with highest marks in Political Science at T.Y.B.A.	Shubham Sonar
Dr. M. M. Altekar Prize	for securing Second position in Debate Competition in Marathi	
Topper in T.Y.B.A. Sociology	Student with highest marks in Sociology at T.Y.B.A.	Merlin Sam
Topper in T.Y.B.A. Psychology	Student with highest marks in Psychology at T.Y.B.A.	Smriti Sawant
Mrs Padma Solomonraj Scholarship	Deserving Girl Students	
Dr B. P. Hiwale Prize	Student with highest marks in Philosophy at T.Y.B.A.	Nahid Sayed
Late Mrs Suniti Patki Scholarship		
Dr (Mrs) Borde Memorial Prize		
Late Mrs Suniti Patki Scholarship	Student with second highest marks in Philosophy at T.Y.B.A.	Krutika Prakash
Ajit Datar Prize	Student with highest marks in Economics at T.Y.B.A.	Atharva Amul Kanthi
Hareesh Gohil Memorial Prize		
Principal Borde Memorial Prize		
Prof. Robert Miller Prize	Student with highest marks in English at T.Y.B.A.	Rai Monica Peter
Smt. Leela Damodar Patil		

Smt. Vimla Joshi	Deserving student studying in English at T.Y.B.A.	Gohil Dhvani Dharmendra Jayshree
Most proactive female students of TY Eng Literature	Most proactive female students of TY English Literature	Fiona M. Francis
Most proactive female students of TY eng Literature	Most proactive female students of TY English Literature	Kaveri Devkate
Most proactive male students of TY eng Literature	Most proactive male students of TY English Literature	Aashray Rao
Most proactive male students of TY eng Literature	Most proactive male students of TY English Literature	Keith Correa
Prof. V. D. Dabholkar Award	Student with highest marks in T.Y.B.Sc.	D'Costa Michelle Maxim Marina
Topper in Botany	highest marks in Botany at T.Y.B.Sc.	Sushanti Santosh Mohite
Dr. Normand Commemoration Prize	highest marks in Chemistry at T.Y.B.Sc.	Stephy Susan Sabu
Dr Fraser Commemoration Prize		
Prof. P. M. Barve Commemoration Prize		
Prof. Hira Chimulkar Prize		
Vishnu Sadashiv Sohoni Prize		
Prof. Sakina Zoher Bootwala Award		
Vikrant Khanvilkar Award	highest marks in Microbiology at T.Y.B.Sc.	Moti Nachiket Maneesh Suvarna
The Prof H. R. Hamley Prize	highest marks in Maths at T.Y.B.Sc.	Ballav Nikita Samarjit Sinthiya
The Ms Chitralekha Kalwar Prize		
Mrs V. R. Jamalabad Prize		
The Rev. Mackichan Prize	highest marks in Physics at T.Y.B.Sc.	Nishant
Vishnu Sadashiv Sohoni Prize &		
PROF. V. D. Dabholkar Award		
Vishnu Sadashiv Sohoni Prize	highest marks in Zoology at T.Y.B.Sc.	Aishwarya Rajeev Menon
IT - TOPPER	highest marks in Information Technology at T.Y.B.Sc.	Stany Anthony Melath
BMS - TOPPER	Highest marks at T.Y.B.M.S.	Marketing - Sienna Hyacintha Borges
		Finance - Hasnain Rampurawala
B.A.M.M.C. - TOPPER	Highest marks In Advertising at T.Y.B.A.M.M.C.	Shreyash Raghunath Dhmal
B.A.M.M.C. - TOPPER	Highest marks In Journalism at T.Y.B.A.M.M.C.	Sheldon Peter Fernandes

BAF – TOPPER	Highest marks in TYBAF	Syed Sayada Tooba
Prof. Hira Chimulkar Prize	Highest marks in Chemistry at M.Sc.	Ranbir Kumar
Prof. Sakina Zoher Bootwala Award		
Microbiology Topper	highest marks in Microbiology at M.Sc.	Maurya Priya Ravishankar
Zoology Topper	highest marks in Zoology at M.Sc.	Khan Anas Aftab Nishat
IT Topper	highest marks in Information Technology at M.Sc.	Mihir Chopdekar
Vikrant Khanvilkar Award	highest marks in Statistics at F.Y.B.Sc.	Vaidehi Shinde
	highest marks in Chemistry at F.Y.B.Sc.	Shreya Rakesh Kumar Maurya
	highest marks in Zoology at F.Y.B.Sc.	Krishna Ramdhiraj Kanojia
	highest marks in Botany at F.Y.B.Sc.	
	highest marks in Chemistry at S.Y.B.Sc.	Sanika Ganesh Bile
	highest marks in Zoology at S.Y.B.Sc.	Siddhi Anil Sawant
	highest marks in Botany at S.Y.B.Sc.	Bankotkar Huda Arif
	highest marks in IT at F.Y.B.Sc.	Akash S Yadav
	highest marks in IT at S.Y.B.Sc.	Hrishikesh Darwin
	highest marks in Microbiology at F.Y.B.Sc.	Nidhi Nilesh Shah
	highest marks in Microbiology at S.Y.B.Sc.	Ananya
Prema Arya Scholarship	Needy and Deserving student T.Y.B.Sc. Microbiology	Apurva Shigam
	Needy and Deserving student S.Y.B.Sc. Microbiology	Fiza Khan
Mrs V. R. Jamalabad Prize	highest marks in Maths at S.Y.B.Sc.	Aaron Prieston Baretto
Vikrant Khanvilkar Award		
Prof. V. D. Dabholkar Award		
Vikrant Khanvilkar Award	highest marks in Physics at S.Y.B.Sc.	
Vikrant Khanvilkar Award	highest marks in Maths at F.Y.B.Sc.	Pandey Suraj Santosh Kumar
Prof. V. D. Dabholkar Award	highest marks in Physics at F.Y.B.Sc.	Kannojiya Anjali Vakil
Vikrant Khanvilkar Award		
Mrs Padma Solomonraj Scholarship	highest marks at F.Y.B.A.M.M.C.	Grace Prima Philip Dsilva
	highest marks at S.Y.B.A.M.M.C.	Rhea Elza Varughese

Subject Topper	highest marks at F.Y.B.M.S	Radhika Menon
	highest marks at S.Y.B.M.S.	Andrea Paul Uruvath
Prof. Robert Miller Prize	highest marks in English at F.Y.B.A.	Galvin George
Prof. Robert Miller Prize	highest marks in English at S.Y.B.A.	Janmejy Tewari
Subject Topper	highest marks in Psychology at S.Y.B.A.	
Topper in Hindi	highest marks in Hindi Ancillary at F.Y.B.A.	Hindi Ancillary- Rathore Kavita Harisingh
	highest marks in Hindi at S.Y.B.A.	Kaifiya Khan Sameer Tarannum
Dr. G. B. Gramopadhye Prize	Student of the year in Marathi in Sr. College	Eashan Shringarpure
Rao Bahadur Kaudinya Memorial Prize	Highest marks in Marathi at F.Y.B.A.	
Prof. M. D. Altekar Prize		
Prof. Sadhana Upadhye Prize	For Best creative writing in Marathi	Sairaj Sawant
Dr. M. M. Altekar Prize	for securing first position in Debate Competition &	
	for securing First position in Essay Competition	
Prof. Sadhana Upadhye Special Prize	For Best student in Marathi for the year	Hejal Anil Nyaynit
Dr. M. M. Altekar Prize	for securing Third position in Debate Competition	Asit Borgaonkar
	for securing Second position in Essay Competition	Aastha Pallavi Arun Ingale
Dr. M. M. Altekar Prize	for securing third position in Essay Competition	Sagar Modkale
Nehru Prize	Best Essay in Marathi	
Topper in Hindi	highest marks in Hindi Compulsory at F.Y.B.A.	Neeti Kapoor
Dr. (Mrs.) Borde Memorial Prize	highest marks in Philosophy at F.Y.B.A.	
Dr. (Mrs.) Borde Memorial Prize	highest marks in Philosophy at S.Y.B.A.	Isika Jerome Pinto
Subject Topper	Highest marks in Sociology at S.Y.B.A.	
Subject Topper	Highest marks in Political Science at F.Y.B.A.	Soumyadeep Biswas
Subject Topper	Highest marks in Political Science at S.Y.B.A.	Memon Atiya Zuber Firdaus

Principal Borde Memorial Prize	Highest Marks in Economics at F.Y.B.A.	Hritika Lokhande
Haresh Gohil Memorial Prize		
Principal Borde Memorial Prize	Highest Marks in Economics at S.Y.B.A.	Aditi Rajkumar Kosey
Haresh Gohil Memorial Prize	Student with highest marks in Economics at S.Y.B.A.	
Principal Borde Memorial Prize	Highest Marks in Economics at S.Y.B.A.	Christina Sarah Kumbukattu
Haresh Gohil Memorial Prize		
Strachen Memorial Prize	Highest Marks in History at S.Y.B.A.	Nishchay Jagdish Surve
The Smt. Rani Malhotra Memorial Scholarship		
The Smt. Rani Malhotra Memorial Scholarship	highest marks in History at F.Y.B.A.	Rathod Pallavi Shankar
		Tanishka Urade
The Cherian Memorial Scholarship	Academically good and deserving Student	Samant Chaitanya Nitin Alka
The Cherian Memorial Scholarship	Academically good and deserving Student	Shaikh Shiaz Istika Tabassum
Subject Topper	Highest marks in Psychology at F.Y.B.A.	Liya Mary Jacob
Subject Topper	Highest marks in Anthropology at F.Y.B.A.	Aarya Ambhore
Subject Topper	Highest marks in Sociology at F.Y.B.A.	Lutfia Khan
Subject Topper	Highest marks at FYBAF	Abhishek Shukla
Subject Topper	Highest marks at SYBAF	Prasad Narayan Solunke
Subject Topper	Highest marks at F.Y.B.Com.	Ansari Qurratulain Mohd Shamim
Subject Topper	Highest marks at F.Y.B.Com.	Dixitha Harish Salian

तुम्हें कोई पढ़ा नहीं सकता,
कोई आध्यात्मिक नहीं बना सकता।
तुमको सब कुछ खुद अंदर से सीखना है।
आत्मा से अच्छा कोई शिक्षक नहीं है।

- स्वामी विवेकानंद

Result Analysis 2021 - 2022

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Class	Students appeared	Pass	Failed	Passing
XI Arts	228	226	2	99%
XI Com	122	120	2	99%
XI Science	492	491	1	100%
XII Arts	237	230	7	97%
XII Com	137	130	7	95%
XII Science	503	482	21	96%

Degree College: Arts (Semester 5)				
	Students appeared	Pass	Failed	Passing %
Economics	61	61	nil	100%
English	55	54	1	98.18%
History	59	49	10	83.05%
Philosophy	10	9	1	90%
Political Sci-ence	33	29	4	87.88%
Psychology	48	48	nil	100%
Sociology	53	49	4	92.45%

Degree College: Arts (Semester 6)				
	Students appeared	Pass	Failed	Passing %
Economics	61	59	2	96.72%
English	55	52	3	94.55%
History	59	52	7	88.14%
Philosophy	10	9	1	90%
Political Sc	31	31	nil	100%
Psychology	48	48	nil	100%
Sociology	54	51	3	94.44%

Degree College: Science (Semester 5)				
	Students appeared	Pass	Failed	Passing %
Botany	15	12	3	80%
Chemistry	60	57	3	95%
Mathematics	33	32	1	96.97%
Microbiology	55	50	5	90.91%
Physics	16	14	2	87.50%
Zoology	32	31	1	96.88%

Degree College: Science (Semester 6)				
	Students appeared	Pass	Failed	Passing %
Botany	16	13	3	81%
Chemistry	60	59	1	98%
Mathematics	33	31	2	94%
Microbiology	55	54	1	98.18%
Physics	17	14	3	82.35%
Zoology	32	30	2	93.75%

M.Sc (Semester 1)				
Chemistry	27	26	1	96.29%
Microbiology	5	3	2	60%
Zoology	8	8	nil	100%
M.Sc IT	17	17	nil	100%

M.Sc (Semester 3)				
Chemistry	27	27	nil	100%
Microbiology	5	5	nil	100%
Zoology	8	8	nil	100%
M.Sc IT	13	13	nil	100%

Degree College: Management and Commerce (Semester 2)				
	Students appeared	Pass	Failed	Passing %
B.Com	115	115	nil	100.00%

M.Com (Semester 1)				
	Students appeared	Pass	Failed	Passing %
M.Com	23	23	0	100%

M.Com (Semester 3)				
	Students appeared	Pass	Failed	Passing %
M.Com	18	18	1	100%

Degree College: Management and Commerce (Semester 5)				
	Students appeared	Pass	Failed	Passing %
BMS	207	205	2	99.03%
BAMMC	142	141	1	98.60%
BAF	65	61	4	93.85%
B.Sc IT	74	72	2	97.29%

Degree College: Management and Commerce (Semester 6)				
	Students appeared	Pass	Failed	Passing %
BMS	205	204	1	99.51%
BAMMC	142	142	nil	99.28%
BAF	65	65	nil	100%
B.Sc IT	74	72	2	97.29%

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

-Franklin D. Roosevelt



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**Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling
gloom, Lead thou me on.**

**Newman, St John Henry. "Lead Kindly Light."
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