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EDITORIAL

“The great aim of education is not knowledge but action”

Herbert Spencer

(19th century British Philosopher and Sociologist)

At St. Andrew's College we believe that learning is a life long process that empowers us to change and improve the world around us. Knowledge for the sake of knowledge, or mere memorization of facts is not the goal; instead we strive to teach our students 'how to learn', how to discern and how to make a positive difference.

Through the academic programmes, department activities, co-curricular programmes, value education, NSS, Social Outreach and project work, our students develop multiple skills, discover new talents, learn how to be team players, and become socially responsible. Our classrooms and campus are always abuzz with debates, social and 'green' campaigns, career talks, seminars and workshops. We engage prominent personalities to interact with us, we arrange field trips to broaden students' perspectives and encourage participation in research, sports, drama, dance and music. We believe that this will empower our students to positively impact their homes, neighbourhoods and workplaces, and enable them to become agents of change, enlightening the darkness wherever they go.

We look back upon this academic year with pride for all that we, the students, staff and management, have accomplished together. Three cheers for Team St. Andrew's – Hip Hip Hooray!

Janine Coelho.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

'Readiness is all'
Hamlet (V, ii)

This phrase by Hamlet to Horatio in Shakespeare's great tragedy is charged with so much meaning. It beautifully describes our position as we get ready to meet the National Accreditation and Assessment Council Peer Team to grade us once again. In the last evaluation we received an 'A' grade and this time around we hope to better our score. We have done well in academics, initiated new ways to improve the teaching-learning methods, boosted research among staff and students with new research journals for the junior and degree students – *Cognito* and *Lumière*. We continued to host national and international seminars, an inter-collegiate - science exhibition, cultural events and sports. We won many prizes and accolades at inter-collegiate events hosted by other colleges. Best of all we shot to achieve international recognition when we received the UNESCO Chair in collaboration with the Cardinal Paul Poupard Foundation for Inter-Religious and Inter-Cultural Dialogue. We have done our best and we pray and trust that God does the rest.

The English Department hosted its annual UGC-sponsored national conference, 'Routing the Rootless: Explorations into the Literatures of Indigenous Cultures' on 11 September 2015. The conference foregrounded the issues and challenges faced by indigenous people all over the world. The Keynote speaker was Ms. Jumiyr Basar who addressed the issue of 'Indigeneity and Indigenous Literature: Issues and Perspectives'. The Guest of Honour was Dr. Kanji Patel and through his paper clarified his stand that "Indigenous



Literature Offers Hope". Dr. Ganesh Devy, the renowned scholar, nativist and winner of several awards including the Sahitya Academy Award could not attend the conference. His paper 'Sita in the Kunkna Ramakatha' was read in absentia and provided a fresh insight into the life of Sita. The papers by other delegates examined literatures of indigenous peoples in Latin America, Australia and the Caribbean.

The Economics Department organized a UGC-sponsored national seminar entitled 'Displacement Issues' on 20 February 2016. The Keynote address, 'Environmental and Social Dilemmas of Conservation Displacement', was delivered by Dr Asmita Kabra from Ambedkar University, New Delhi. Sarmistha Pattanaik from IIT, Mumbai delivered a special lecture, 'Dispossessed by Development: Issues of Displacement, Marginalization, and Resistance to Land Acquisition in India, a Sociological Perspective'. This was followed by a documentary, 'A Narmada Diary' directed by Anand Patwardhan and Simanthini Dhuru Dilip D'Souza, who has authored a book "The Narmada Damned: An Enquiry into the Politics of

Development” was also present to provide insights into the subject. The discussion was moderated by Ernest Fernandes.

The Cardinal Paul Poupard Foundation for Inter-Religious and Inter-Cultural Activities organized an International Symposium on 27 January 2016. The theme chosen this year was “The Relevance of Religion Today”. The Keynote Speaker Dr. Fr. Francis Gonsalves admitted that ever since the Enlightenment and thereafter, religion has lost ground in the public sphere. He discussed the contours and colours of religion in India and the Four 'C's' common to all religions –Creed, Cult, Conduct and Community. The other speakers were from other faiths - Dhammachari Chandrabodhi gave us a Buddhist perspective, Dr. Kokila Shah provided a Jain viewpoint, Uzma Naheed proposed the Islam outlook, Brahma Kumari Vinita highlighted meditation which empowers us and helps us attain peace. Douglas Terkel presented his evaluation on ‘Religion in Denmark’ and wondered whether Christianity was losing its grasp.

Every department organized a host of activities, screened films, initiated discussions, invited guest lecturers and undertook field trips to places of interest. As you turn the pages of the magazine you will get a more detailed report of all that was done during this academic year.

The History Department conducted several Heritage walks this year, beginning in July with a walk through Chapel Road in Bandra. In September, students joined Architect Mr. David Cardoz on a Heritage visit to the Bandra Fort, Bandstand and Mount Mary's Hill. In February, the FYBA students took another heritage walk, this time from Churchgate station to the High Court, St. Thomas Cathedral, Asiatic Society, Kala Ghoda and finally the University of

Mumbai and the Oval Maidan. The FYBA students also visited the Bhaudaji Lad Museum, Byculla and were given a guided tour of the Heritage restoration work being carried out at Gloria Church, Byculla by Heritage Architect David Cardoz.

The Accounts Department organized a career awareness session by ICMAI in July. Representatives of this institute informed the students about the various stages in preparing for the Cost Accountancy course. Students were taken on a visit to SEBI in November and BSE in December. A workshop on Financial Fundamentals and Mock Stock Exchange Session was also held in December.

Our Second Year students touched the lives of the aged, special children and orphans through the Social Outreach Programme and our NSS students rendered help to ADAPT and Dilkush. The Value Education Programme had sessions on Emotional Intelligence and Medical Ethics for the First Year students and Personality and Career Choices and Workplace Relationships for the Third Year students

On 5 March we were saddened to hear that our former teacher of the junior college, Maewest Dias of the English Department had been called to her heavenly home. We never know when the call will come and we have to be in readiness to answer the call of our Divine Master.

We thank God for all the blessings we have received during this academic year. We acknowledge all that our Rector Fr. Aniceto Pereira has done to improve the institutional facilities and take care of the spiritual needs of our students. We wish our Rector all the very best in his new assignment.

Dr. Marie Fernandes

CONGRATULATIONS !!



Dr. Marie Fernandes being felicitated for completing 10 years as the Principal of the College



Dr. Sylvia Pinto (Jr. College) is felicitated for completing 25 years of dedicated service



Mr. Vijay Nivate (Sr. Library Assistant) felicitated for 25 years of service



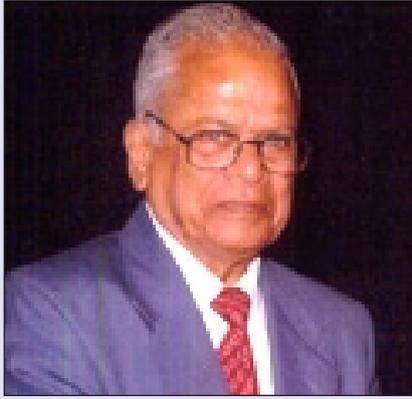
Mr. Sebastian Fernandes (Sr. Library Assistant) felicitated for 25 years of service

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Ms. Jenny Benoy has left for The Kemmy Business School at University of Limerick, Ireland, to pursue her Doctoral Studies in the area of Cross Cultural Management. The title of her study is 'The Evaluation Study of the Impact of Effectiveness of Cross Cultural Training on Adjustment & Performance among Indian Expatriates'.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Graciella Tavares on being recognized by the University of Mumbai as a Teacher Guide for the Ph. D. (Arts) degree in Economics.

A Legend Passes Away



Who has not heard of Johnnie Alves? I first encountered Mr. Alves in the pages of the Examiner and so must have thousands of readers. His name is almost synonymous with his wonderful sense of humour. He published two books, “My Wife and Other Problems: and the rejoinder, My Husband the Only Problem. These books contain delightful little stories guaranteed to make you laugh. Life is difficult, but good spirit and cheer are the building blocks for a happy life.

Mr. Alves was with us from 1983 as Administrator and later Trustee. He was always courteous and willing to help. With wonderful Public Relations skills he would constantly be winning friends and influencing people, and letting them

know that St. Andrew's College was among the ten best colleges in Mumbai. His tremendous optimism, zest for life and friendly approach made him popular with the staff and students. His energetic and positive spirit kept him looking young. As George Menezes wrote, “If Johnny is able to stay young and look as if he is fifty when his birth certificate shows that he is nearing hundred, is because of two reasons: One is because of his self-discipline and the second because he walks, and walks and walks.”

As he walks up the pearly gates to St. Peter I am sure he will say, “Surely you must let me in. It is my 95th birthday and my friends in there are waiting for the party to begin.” He will certainly be missed at St. Andrew's College.

Dr. Marie Fernandes
Principal

Returned to her Heavenly Abode

A Tribute

‘It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died.
Rather we should thank God that such men lived.’

George S Patton.

Prof. Maewest Dias was my English Professor at St. Andrew's Junior College. Frankly I cannot remember what she exactly taught me in English prose or the poetry she read out in class. I can remember very clearly though the way in which she did. She was an inspirational teacher, a wonderful motivator, a guide and friend. She made sure every student participated in classroom discussions and encouraged us to go beyond the text prescribed and learn to love and appreciate the Queen's language. Yes, we should not mourn the loss of such a wonderful teacher, but rather thank God for giving the students of St. Andrew's a professor in Maewest Dias.

‘A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.’ - Henry Brooks Adams

Prof. Tania Donald



Prof. Maewest Dias

Joined St Andrew's Junior College
(English Department) in July 1980
and retired after 28 years of active
service in April 2007
Returned to her heavenly abode on
7th March 2016.



Teaching Staff - Degree College



Teaching Staff - Self Finance Courses



Teaching Staff - Junior College



Administrative Staff



T. Y. B. A. English



T. Y. B. A. Economics



T. Y. B. A. Sociology



T. Y. B. Com. Div. - A



T. Y. B. A. History



T. Y. B. A. Psychology



T. Y. B. Sc. (Hospitality)



T. Y. B. Com. (A & F)



T. Y. B. Com. Div. - B



T. Y. B. Com. Div. - C



T. Y. B. Com. (B & I)



M. Com.



T. Y. B. M. S. Div. - A



T. Y. B. M. S. Div. B



T. Y. B. M. M.



T. Y. B. Sc. (I. T.)

**BISHOP LONGINUS PEREIRA FREESHIP
FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016**

Sr. No.	Name of the Students	Class
1	Salian Nitish Kumar Krishna	F.Y. B Com.
2	Rodrigues Selasti John	S.Y. BA
3	Tiwari Rohit	S.Y. BBI
4	Tiwari Savita	S.Y. JC Com.
5	Sutre Savita	T.Y. B. Com.
6	Waghela Hetal	S.Y. JC Com.
7	Waghela Rohan	F.Y. JC Com.
8	Manjrekar Kalpita	F.Y. B. Com.
9	Waghela Devika	F.Y. JC Arts
10	Dsilva Roshan	F.Y. BA
11	Tixeira Gillian Carmel	S.Y. B.Com.
12	Dias Lirina Raymond	T.Y. B.Com.
13	Lusco Jenal Jesten	T.Y. B.Com.
14	Gonsalves Nikita Nicholas	T.Y. B.Com.
15	Machado Elisia Richard	T.Y. B.Com.
16	Noronha Francis Martin	T.Y. B.Com.

**DR. IRENE IYER FREESHIP
FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016**

Sr. No.	Name of the Students	Class
1	Fernandes Andre	F.Y. B Sc HS
2	Lobo Jason John	F.Y. BAF
3	Rodrigues Reeshel Melvina	F.Y. BAF

4	Solanki Neha Kishor	F.Y. BAF
5	Soares Juana	F.Y. BAF
6	Yadav Kajal Heeralal	F.Y. BAF
7	Merin Joy	F.Y. B. Sc IT
8	Steffy Stanly	F.Y. B. Sc IT
9	Kika Bransina Maxi	F.Y. B. Sc IT
10	Nadar Jancy Ranyai	F.Y. B. Sc IT
11	Hendriques Raqueen Bernard	S.Y. B. Sc IT
12	Tiwari Anuj Kumar	S.Y. B. Sc IT
13	Rodrigues Cristal Mary	F.Y. BMM
14	Dias Dillon Michael	S.Y. BBI
15	Fernandes Clayton Robin	S.Y. BBI
16	Fernandes Sneha Francis	S.Y. BBI
17	Nadar Josephine Titas	S.Y. BBI
18	Quadros Veena Fredrick	S.Y. BBI
19	Kanu Mukesh	F.Y. B. Sc HS

**DR. MARIE B. FERNANDES FREESHIP
FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016**

Sr. No	Name of the Students	Class
1	Pinto Tiara Pascal	S.Y. BAF
2	Dsilva Jackson John	T.Y. BAF

When asked how much educated men were superior to those uneducated, Aristotle answered, 'As much as the living are to the dead.'

Diogenes Laetius

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LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE ANNUAL DAY 25 JANUARY 2016

Sr. No.	Name of the Recipient	Donor	Scholarship Awarded for
1.	ARTS : Fernand Jerremy Max SCI.: Punith Devappa AMIN COMM.: Williana Barros	Johnnie Alves Scholarship	A Class XII Student with consistent Academic and leadership qualities in Class XI & XII (each of the 3 course)
2	Jeslyn Cascar	The Gerry Saldanha Memorial Scholarship	For securing the highest marks at the H.S.C. Exam 2015 in the Arts stream and continuing in St.Andrew's college.
3	Cynthia Bernard D'Costa	The Anthony Marcelino Salgado D'Souza Memorial Scholarship	For securing the highest marks at the H.S.C. Exam 2015 in the Commerce stream
4	Brendon D'Mello	The Robert Mascarenhas Scholarship for securing the highest marks at the H.S.C. Exam 2015 in the Science stream.	
5		The Late Edwin D'Souza Scholarship	For obtaining the highest marks in Physics (89 marks) at the H.S.C. Exam 2015.
6		The Late Edwin D'Souza Scholarship	For obtaining the highest marks in Chemistry (89 marks) at the H.S.C. Exam 2015.
7		The Late Edwin D'Souza Scholarship	For obtaining the highest marks in Mathematics (93 marks) the H.S.C. Exam 2015.
7	Jessica A. D'Souza	The Late Edwin D'Souza Scholarship	For obtaining the highest marks in Mathematics (93 marks) the H.S.C. Exam 2015.
8	Fernandes Journ	The Late Mrs. Rita Vaz Scholarship	To the deserving Catholic student of F.Y.J.C. Arts, 2014-15
9	Dominic Sahaya Dasban Arul Das	The Late Mrs. Rita Vaz Scholarship	To the deserving Catholic student of F.Y.J.C. Science,2014-15
10	Brendon Pinto	The Late Mrs. Rita Vaz Scholarship	To the deserving Catholic student of F.Y.J.C. Commerce,2014-15
11	Monique Gandhi	The Principal A.D.Mascarenhas Award	For the excellence in Academics and Sports (combined) in F.Y.J.C. 2014-15.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Recipient	Donor	Scholarship Awarded for
12	Simi Susan Shibu	College Academic Award (Arts) marks at the F.Y.J.C. exam 2015 in Arts Stream.	For securing the highest aggregate 89.38 %
13		Best student of the Year 2014-15	Best Girl
14	Lobo Laster Fabian Vinay	College Academic Award (Science)	For securing the highest aggregate marks at the F.Y.J.C. exam 2015 in Science Stream. 89.54 %
15	Rodrigues Elrica Mystia	College Academic Award (Commerce)F	or securing the highest aggregate marks at the F.Y.J.C. exam 2015 in Commerce Stream 90.15 %
16	Edrion Ashirwadam	Best student of the Year 2014-15	Best Boy

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE
LIST OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015

Sr. No.	Donor	Scholarship awarded for	Name of the Recipient
1	Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee (1999) Scholarship	Value Education	1. ROCHELLE PEREIRA 2. MANALI NAIK
2	Nelson Mandela Scholarship	Best Value Education Co-ordinator	1. HANSELL D'SOUZA 2. ANTONETTE FERNANDES
3	Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues Scholarship	To deserving students of the social outreach Programme	1. FANZIE PEREIRA 2. YASH PALANDE 3. VERONICA FERNANDES 4. CHRISABELLE D'SOUZA 5. SHERISSA FERNANDES
4	Mrs. Marie Rodrigues Scholarship	A student of the social outreach Programme good in either Mathematics, Accounts of Science	FRANCESCA TOSCANO
5	Mr. Ivan Rodrigues Scholarship	A student of the social outreach Programme good in Hockey or any other sport	DONATA DREGO
6	Rev. Dr. Percival Fernandez Scholarship	FYBA Highest Aggregate marks	KELLY WALLER
7	Palmira & John Fernandes Scholarship	Highest marks in English Literature (FYBA)	KELLY WALLER

Sr. No.	Donor	Scholarship awarded for	Name of the Recipient
8	Late Sultan Nathani Scholarship	Highest marks in Psychology (FYBA)	POOJA CHINDANE
9	Rui Smith Scholarship	Highest marks in Hindi (FYBA)	DWAYNE FERNANDES
10	Edward Saldanha Scholarship	Deserving 1st Class student of FYBA	POOJA CHINDANE
11	Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	Highest marks in Economics (FYBA)	QISRA SHAIKH
12	Azim Tapia Scholarship	Highest marks in FYBCom	KARISHMABEN MACWAN
13	Germaine Remedios Scholarship	Highest marks in Mathematics & Statistics (FYBCom)	SHWETA DIAS
14	Roque Francis D Souza Scholarship	To deserving student of the F.Y.B.Com class	TRESA BENITA
15	Palmira and John Fernandes Scholarship	Highest marks in English Literature (SYBA)	DELYSHA DIAS
16	Mercy Raj Memorial Scholarship & Mikhail Gorbachev Scholarship	Highest marks in History (SYBA)	SHARLENE FERNANDES
17	Louis & Annie Gonsalves Scholarship	Most deserving Catholic student of SYBA	KRISANN FIGUEIREDO
18	Agnello Menezes Scholarship	Most deserving student of SYBA	DELYSHA DIAS
19	Sheila Chaves Scholarship	Most deserving student of SYBA	DIVYA SAGAR
20	The Late Res Pinto Scholarship	Highest Aggregate marks SYBCom	JINELLE MASCARENHAS
21	Louis & Annie Gonsalves Scholarship	Most deserving Catholic student of SYBCom	FRANCESCA TOSCANO
22	Kenneth Remedios Scholarship	Highest marks in Advertising (SYBCom)	JINELLE MASCARENHAS
23	Clifford Athaide Memorial Scholarship	TYBA Highest Aggregate marks at University Examination	HADLEY QUADROS
24	Bishnupriya Chakravarti Scholarship	For securing 1 st Class in Sociology Major (6 papers) at the TYBA Examination.	REBECCA KINNY
25	The Cardinal Simon Pimenta Scholarship	TYBA Highest Aggregate marks at University Examination	HADLEY QUADROS

Sr. No.	Donor	Scholarship awarded for	Name of the Recipient
26	Mabel Tavares Memorial Scholarship	Highest marks in Mathematics & Statistics with 1st Class at the T.Y.B.A.	NIL
27	Late Edwin D'Souza Scholarship & Mr. Willie & Ms. Mary D'Souza Scholarship	Highest marks in History (TYBA)	TRINA MASCARENHAS
28	Lawrence & Maria D'Abreo Scholarship	For a deserving Catholic student for consistent all round Academic excellence in FY, SY and TYBA	SUNNY RODRICKS
29	Palmira and John Fernandes Scholarship	Highest marks in English Literature (TYBA)	TANISHKA D'LIMA
30	Rabindranath & Aparna Sen Scholarship	Highest marks in English at the TYBA Examination.	TANISHKA D'LIMA
31	Prof. Prafulla Pereira Scholarship & Emilia Gomendes Memorial Scholarship	Highest marks in Psychology (TYBA)	PRIYANKA PAES
32	The Late Queenie Lobo Scholarship	Highest marks in Economics (TYBA)	BIMAL TIGGA
33	Rev. Dr. Percival Fernandez Scholarship TYBCom	Highest Aggregate marks at University Examination	JEWEL FERNANDES
34	Lawrence & Maria D'Abreo Scholarship	For a deserving Catholic student for consistent all round Academic excellence in FY, SY and TYBCom.	SAVINA FERNANDES
35	T.R. Arunachalam Scholarship & Ms. Veeda Menezes Scholarship	Highest marks in Financial Accounting & Auditing (TYBCom)	JEWEL FERNANDES
36	Clement Dos Remedios Scholarship	Highest marks in M.H.R.M. (TYBCom)	ANGELINA FERNANDES
37	The Late Savio Ignatius Pereira Scholarship	Deserving poor Catholic student, securing a minimum 70% marks in the BMS University Examination	LOVETTA D'SOUZA
38	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship F.Y.B.M.S. (Semester I & II)		1. RACHEL COELHO 2. GLEN FERNANDES
39	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	S.Y.B.M.S. (Semester III & IV)	CRYSTAL NORONHA

Sr. No.	Donor	Scholarship awarded for	Name of the Recipient
40	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	T.Y.B.M.S. (Semester V & VI)	LOVETTA D'SOUZA
41	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	F.Y.B.M.M. (Semester I & II)	SHIKHA ALAGH
42	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	S.Y.B.M.M. (Semester III & IV)	RENITA EUGENE SIQUEIRA
43	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	T.Y.B.M.M. (Semester V & VI)	SUMIT SHETTY
44	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	F.Y.B.Sc-IT. (Semester I & II)	ABDUL BAQUEI KHAN
45	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	S.Y.B.Sc-IT. (Semester III & IV)	BRENDON PATRICK D'SOUZA
46	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	T.Y.B.Sc-IT. (Semester V & VI)	CALVINA RUSSEL D'SOUZA
47	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	F.Y.B.Com.(A&F) (Semester I & II)	MELISSA FERNANDES
48	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	S.Y.B.Com.(A&F) (Semester III & IV)	SEPHRA FERNANDES
49	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	T.Y.B.Com.(A&F) (Semester V & VI)	ELVIS FERNANDES
50	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	F.Y.B.Sc-HSC	HRISELLE MARISSA LODRICK
51	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	S.Y.B.Sc-HSC	RYSTAL SALDANHA
52	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	T.Y.B.Sc-HS	SAYONIKA DAS
53	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	F.Y.B.Com.(B&I) (Semester I & II)	ROHIT TIWARI
54	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	S.Y.B.Com.(B&I) (Semester III & IV)	RHEA BENNY MACHADO
55	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	T.Y.B.Com.(B&I) (Semester V & VI)	VERONICA FERNANDES
56	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	M.Com. (Business Management)	PRANALI VIJAY PATIL
57	Late Vinod Mehra Scholarship	Outstanding performance in Inter-collegiate Dramatic Competition	CHANTELLE SALDANHA
58	Marie Correa Scholarship	All round performance (male)2014-15	NIL
59	Marie Correa Scholarship	All round performance (female) 2014-15	1. FRANCESCA TOSCANO 2. MARILYN D'CRUZ

Sr. No.	Donor	Scholarship awarded for	Name of the Recipient
60	St. Paul's Institute of Communication Education Scholarship	All round performance (male) BMM	OMKAR YEDRI
61	St. Paul's Institute of Communication Education Scholarship	All round performance (female) BMM	MARILYN D'CRUZ
62	Swavalamban Helfta Vikas Mandal Awards in memory of Mrs. Elfreda D'Almeida	Outstanding qualities in leadership and social awareness (NSS)	1. VALENCIA D'LIMA 2. PINKY PULIKKOTIL
63	Principal A.D. Mascarenhas Award	Excellence in Academic & Sports (combined) in First Year 2014-15	CAROL FERNANDES
64	Clifford Athaide Memorial Scholarship	Best Sportswoman of the Year 2014-15	AYESHA RAWAT
65	Clifford Athaide Memorial Scholarship	Best Sportsman of The Year 2014-15	DANIEL D'SOUZA
66	Olio Prize	Best Performer 2014-15	CHANTELLE SALDANHA
67	Library	Best User Award 2014-15	1. VALERIE REGO 2. MACZINA PEREIRA 3. JEYASEELI J. 4. ASIFALI SAYED 5. RACHEL MICHAEL PEREIRA
68	Music Award	Outstanding participation in Music Activities	JASON FERNANDES
69	Dance Award	Outstanding participation in Dance Activities	LAXMAN KAMI

STAFF NEWS

Department of English

Dr. (Ms.) Marie B. Fernandes.

- Attended the Asian University Leaders Programme (AULP) sponsored by the United Board for Christian Higher Education, hosted by AIACHE, New Delhi, 31 August 2015 - 3 September 2015.
- Attended a workshop on 'Accessible India Campaign' at the Yashwantrao Chavan Auditorium organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, 24 September 2015.
- Moderated a session at the National Eucharistic Congress held at St. Pius College, Goregaon, 13 November 2015.
- Attended a Principal's Conclave 2015: Excellence in Education at The St. Regis Inaugural, Address: Lord Meghnad Desai by Confederation of Indian Industry, 9 December 2015.
- Published "Examining Christian Themes in Drama and Film" in Ethics and Society: An International Journal Religion and Cultures for Peace and Harmony – Vol. 5, January 2016.
- Attended an International Interfaith Dialogue hosted by Departments of Philosophy and Sanskrit, University of Mumbai University Keynote Speaker – Maria Voce, President Focolare Movement, 5 February 2016.

● Ph. D. guidance

- a. Rupa Deshmuhya declared eligible for her Ph. D. degree. Her topic was "Resurgence of the Female Voice in Chinua Achebe's Novels" – University of Mumbai, 27 January 2016.
- b. Asma Lodha submitted her Ph.D. thesis "Pop Goes High Art: Indian Writers and Graphic Fiction", 3 February 2016.

Susan Lobo

- Attended the Cambridge English Annual Co-ordinator's workshop on 'Teaching Productive Skills' at Hotel Tunga, Vashi on 25 July, 2015.
- Delivered a guest lecture on 'Grammar and Art of Writing' for T.Y.B.A students of National College and Rizvi College at Rizvi College, Bandra, on 5 August 2015.
- Attended a workshop on 'The Sourcefully Intelligent Way of Storytelling' conducted by Wordfully Yours: World Storytelling Association, Vidyanagari Campus, University of Mumbai on 8 August 2015.
- Published a paper entitled 'Of Deceit, Lies and Such in Mahesh Dattani's On a Muggy Night in Mumbai', published in the Research Journal of English Language and Literature, Vol. 3. Issue 4, 2015 (Oct-Dec), a peer-reviewed, refereed, international journal.
- Attended a guest lecture on

'Children's Literature' by Dr. Mark McLeod at Vidyanagari Campus, University of Mumbai, on 14 December 2015.

- Won the third prize at the 'All-India Essay Writing Competition for Lecturers', 2015-16, organised by K.P.B.Hinduja College of Commerce. (the essay is published in the 'Voices in Prose' section of the magazine).
- Attended a workshop on 'Engaging Language Learners' at Vidyanagari Campus, University of Mumbai on 19 March 2016.

Dr. Preeti Oza

- Invited as a Resource Person in a 'National Conference on Receding Boundaries: Transnational Spaces, Nation and Representation in South Asian Diaspora' at Mar Ivnius College, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram- December 2015.
- Invited as a Key-Note Speaker in ISAC's 4th International Conference on Trans-disciplinary Research in Social Sciences and Humanities at Silvassa - April 2016
- '*Theorising Translation in cross-Cultural Literature studies*' in International Conference on 'Recent Tendencies in Commerce, economics, languages and Social sciences' Udaipur in May 2015.
- '*Use of English in Soft Skill Development: skill based education and employability*', ISSN 2319- 4766 in the 'International Scholarly research Journal for Interdisciplinary Studies'-impact factor- 4.889- February 2016.
- '*Ravindranath Tagore's Eternal v/s. W.B. Yeats's Ethereal*' in the 'RESEARCH HUB' -International Multi disciplinary Research Journal, ISSN: 2349-7637 (Online), , Volume-3, Issue-02, February 2016.
- '*Problematics of Dalit Representation and Sensitivity in Joseph Macwan's Step Child*' in the Research Chronicler- International Multi disciplinary research journal- volume III issue IX-December 2105.
- '*Various Phases of research in Social Sciences: From Deductive Reasoning to Trans Disciplinary*' in an International Conference on Trans-disciplinary research in Social sciences and Humanities' at ISAC's 4th International Conference at Silvassa - April 2016
- '*Theorizing Mythical Structure: A Case Study of Young Adult Literature*' in the Andean Research Journal', April 2016
- Presented '*Culture and identity Politics: Negotiations in the Transnational Spaces*' in a National Seminar at the University of Kerala - December 2015
- Presented '*Alternative textual Interpretations: Conflict and Struggle of Translation in Dalit Writings*' in an international conference on 'Theorising (a) translation : texts and

Contexts' at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University -February 2016

- Presented '*Problematics of Dalit Representation and Sensitivity in Joseph Macwan's Step Child*' in an international conference on Postmodern Trends in Language and Literature' at Mumbai University-December 2015
- Presented '*The Divine and the human: early Mystic Poets in India*' in an international conference at Jawaharlal Nehru university, New Delhi- September 2015
- Presented '*Empathy of Power and its Effect on Knowledge: Perspectives in Dalit Studies*' in a national Conference on 'Knowledge, Affect, Power: Feminism in Social Justice Discourse and Practice' at St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad-September 2015
- Presented '*Use of English in Soft Skill Development: skill based education and employability*' in an international conference on 'Higher Education-Bhavishya 2016; Udan Naye Bharat ki' at Thakur College of Commerce and Science- February 2016
- Presented '*Communication Challenges in Multicultural Institutions: A Case study of Mumbai Colleges*' in a college level seminar at St. Andrew's College- April 2016

Department of Economics

Dr. Amelia Correa

- Participated in a two- day national seminar on "Issues in Agriculture,

Food Security, and Poverty", organized by the Department of Economics, University of Mumbai on January 8-9, 2016.

Dr. G. Tavares

- Participated in an interdisciplinary international seminar on "150 years of DAS Kapital: Revisiting Karl Marx" at Wilson College on 13 August, 2015.
- Was Co- coordinator of HVDP Workshop at St. Andrew's College (along with AIACHE) on 22 August 2015.
- Attended a two -day national seminar on "Issues in Agriculture, Food Security and Poverty" at Dept. of Economics, University of Mumbai on 8 - 9 January 2016.
- Co-coordinator of National Interdisciplinary Seminar "Disequilibrium Issues" at St. Andrew's College on 20 February 2016.

Dr. Kashmira P. Mody

- Attended a lecture by Dr. Raghuram Rajan at the inauguration of the Meghnad Desai Aacademy of Economics, Mumbai, 29 July 2015.
- Attended a lecture by Prof. Indradeep Ghosh, Associate Professor at MDAE and Ph.D. from MIT, on "Why Does An Economy Fall To Pieces After A Financial Crisis," at the Mithibai College fest 'GNARITAS,' 3 September 2015.
- Published a paper, "Education in the 21st Century: Changing Roles and

Requirements” in the Conference Proceedings of a NAAC-sponsored one day national conference on “Emerging Trends in Quality Education - A Road Ahead,” at Pragati College, Mumbai, 2 September, 2016. Universal Publishing House, Page Nos. 126-130.

- Attended a lecture by Lord Mehnad Desai on “India in the Global Economy,” at the Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics, Mumbai 8 December, 2015.
- Published a paper, “The Challenge of Financial Inclusion and the Postal Solution” in the Conference Proceedings of a UGC-sponsored two day national conference on “Challenges Before Indian Economy in Global Era,” at Pragati College, Mumbai, 12-13 February, 2016. Universal Publishing House, Page Nos. 117-121.
- Published an article, “Financial Inclusion and Happiness” in “*Strategic Human Resource and Business Management: A New Approach*” Eds. Brar, P., Menon, S., and Pant, L.; Bharti Publications, New Delhi, 2016. Page Nos. 266-271.
- Published a paper, “India-The Challenge of Green Growth,” in the Conference Proceedings of a UGC-sponsored national seminar on “India – An Emerging Economy: Opportunities & Challenges,” at G. N. Khalsa College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Mumbai, 4-5 December, 2015. Page Nos. 9-14.
- Published a paper, “Environment and

Human Rights” in the Conference Proceedings of a UGC-sponsored national seminar on “Issues and Challenges in Human Rights in Contemporary India: A Multi-Dimensional Approach” at Lala Lajpatrai College, Mark Publishers, Mumbai, 23 January, 2016. Page Nos. 181-188

- Published a paper entitled “Culture: The Fourth Pillar of Sustainable Development” in *Epignosis - Journal of Multidisciplinary Research of Ratnam College*, Vol. 3 April 2016. Pages 15-21.

Department of Sociology

Dr. Shirly George

- Was invited as a resource person for a session on qualitative research for their Add-on course on Research Methodology at Sophia College WDC in August 2015.

Dr. Vatika Sibal

- Attended a one- day workshop on the FYBA Syllabus, Semester I and II organized by the Board of Studies, University of Mumbai and Dnyansadhana College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Thane on 26 June 2015.
- Was a panelist for the book launch of 'World of Garabage and Waste: Underpinnings of 'Swatchh Bharata' and 'Sabka Vikas' in India by Dr. P.S. Vivek on 24 July 2015.
- Was appointed External Examiner for

the TYBA paper on Urban Sociology at St. Xavier's College.

- Presented and published a paper 'Street Children at the Crossroads' at a two-day ICSSR-sponsored national multidisciplinary conference, at KET'S V.G. Vaze College, Mulund on 'Child Labour Issues and Concerns' on 27-28 August 2015. ISSN – 0976-8564.
- Was invited as a rapporteur for a two-day ICSSR-sponsored national multidisciplinary conference at KET'S V.G. Vaze College, Mulund on 'Child Labour Issues and Concerns' on 27-28 August 2015.
- Attended a workshop on 'Setting of Objective-type Questions in Open and Distance Learning' organized by Centre for Distance Education, SNDT University, Mumbai on 3 November 2015.
- Presented and published a paper 'Spirituality- An Elder's Way of Life' at a national seminar on 'Geriatric Concerns in India- Past, Present & Future' organized by Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College on 7-8 January 2016. ISBN - 13 No. 978-81-925489-2
- Attended a one-day workshop on 'Little Known Mumbai' organized by the Mumbai Research Centre, The Asiatic Society of Mumbai on 21 January 2016.
- Attended an international symposium on 'Relevance of Religion Today' organized by The Cardinal Paul

Poupard Chair of Inter-Religious and Inter-Cultural Dialogue at St. Andrew's College, Bandra, on 27 January 2016.

Department of History

Janine Coelho

- Presented a paper entitled 'The Myth of Queens' at a UGC state-level seminar on 'Mythology, Interpretations and Role in Politics and History' at Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College, 23-24 July 2015.
- Appointed External Examiner for T.Y.B.A. Paper on Museum Studies and Urban Heritage Management, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Mumbai.
- Attended a workshop on "Little Known Mumbai" at the Asiatic Society's Mumbai Research Centre on 21 January, 2016.

Department of Psychology

Shubda Malhotra

- Attended a presentation, on 'Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan' (RUSA) at Sydhnem College organised by JD, Higher Education, on 21 July 2015.
- Presented a paper on 'EQ and Cutting Edge Entrepreneur- A Vital Connect' at an international conference on multidisciplinary research titled "An Era of Digital Marketing in India" organized by Sasmira's Institute of Management Studies & Research on 16 & 17 October 2015.

Sharmila Dhote

- Attended the course work on Research Methodology of 60 hours duration at Yeshwant Mahavidyalaya, Wardha organised by Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University from 3 August to 10 August 2015.
- Attended the Annual National Conference conducted by the Bombay Psychological Association in collaboration with R.D. and S.H. National college and S.W.A. Science College, Mumbai on 'Psycho-social Impact of Social Media' on 7 January 2016.
- Published a paper titled 'Digitilization of Religion' in 'Ethics and Society: An International Journal of Religions and Cultures for Peace and Harmony' -Vol.5, ISSN No.2250-3331, 27 January 2016 .
- Presented a paper titled: 'Relationship between Spirituality, Religion and Spiritual Intelligence : Intelligence of the 21st century (A Conceptual Analysis) at the Annual Staff Seminar at St. Andrew's College on 28 April 2015.

Dr. Madhu Rai

- Presented a paper on “Portrayal of Mental Illness: Misrepresentations in Cinema” at the Annual Staff Seminar at St. Andrew's College on 28 April 2015.
- Presented a paper on “Understanding Relationship Between Self-Esteem and Use of Social Media among

Youth” at a seminar on ‘Psychosocial Impact of Social Media’ conducted by The Bombay Psychological Association at National College on 7 January 2016.

- Presented a paper on “Mood and Pro-social Behaviour” at a seminar on 'Survival of the Kindest: Pro-social Behaviour'-Trishool-2016 at P.N. Doshi Women's College on 8. January 2016.
- Attended a refresher course at the University of Mumbai from 28 September 2015 to 17 October 2015.

Department of Commerce

Dr. Harmeet Kaur Bhasin

- Attended a one-day social awareness workshop held at IESMCRC Mumbai (Bandra West) on 22 July 2015.
- Attended a two-day national workshop on “Delivering into the Depth of Research” organized by M.L. Dahanukar College of Commerce (11 and 12 Dec 2015)
- Participated in a UGC-sponsored short term course on ‘Role of the Teacher in Enhancing Students’ Potential’ at Kalina campus (conducted by UGC- 5 - 10 Oct 2015)
- Published and presented a paper titled “Omni-Channel Retailing- A New Strategy of Retail” at the 9th International Business Research Conference based on the theme- “Re-visioning the Scope of Businesses”

organized by Indian Education Society's Management College and Research Centre. (30 January, 2016), Published in (IOSR) Journal of Business and Management (IOSR-JBM) Volume 3 - e-ISSN: 2278-487 ; p-ISSN: 2319-7668

- Published and presented a paper titled 'Quality Management and Teaching –Is Six Sigma in Higher Education a Challenge?' at Bhavishya - Udaan Naye Bharat Ki- “Scaling New Heights and Horizons in Higher Education' organized by Thakur College of Science & Commerce in collaboration with University of Mumbai(18 Feb 2016). Published in Bhavisya -Scholarly Research Journal. ISSN: 2319-4766-Impact Factor 4.9
- Published and presented a paper titled 'Creative and Innovative Practices in Delivering a Great Customer Experience” at the 2nd multidisciplinary international conference on the theme 'Make in India – Strategies Challenges & Opportunities' (27 Feb, 2016). Published in the International Journal of Commerce, Economics and Management- ISSN-2394-4560- Vol 2

Fenil Dedhia

- Attended a one-day state-level workshop on 'How To Write A Research Paper/Proposal' at Lala Lajpatrai College of Commerce and Economics on 11 September 2015.
- Attended a one- day national conference on “Exploring Innovative Tools and Techniques For Quality

Enhancement In Higher Education: Learner Friendly Approach” at Lala Lajpatrai College of Commerce and Economics, organized by IQAC, on 12th September 2015.

- Published a paper on “The Good Life – Aristotle Way” in the International Journal of Research, Vol. 4 No. 2, ISSN 2231-6124 at Rizvi College of Arts, Science & Commerce.

Varsha Laxman Sonawane

- Attended a workshop on 'Research Methodology in Commerce & Management' at Vidyanagari, University of Mumbai on 7-13 August 2015.
- Participated in a national-level workshop “Delving into the Depth of Research” at M.L.Dahanukar College of Commerce on 11-12 December 2015.
- Attended a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) towards career building of teachers organised by BAST University of Mumbai on 4 February 2016.

Department of Mathematics

Prashant D. Tari

- Attended a one-day national conference on ‘Exploring Innovative Tools & Techniques for Quality Enhancement in Higher Education: Learner Friendly Approach’ organized by IQAC at Lala Lajpatrai College of Commerce and Economics on 12 September 2015.

- Participated in a UGC-sponsored two-day national conference on “Application of Statistics in Commerce, Economics & Social Sciences”, organized by Rizvi College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Bandra (West) on 8-9 January 2016.

Dr. Priya Shahi

- Presented a paper, ‘Common Fixed Point Theorems in Generalized Metric Spaces’ at a UGC-sponsored two- day national conference on “Application of Statistics in Commerce, Economics & Social Sciences”, organized by Rizvi College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Bandra (West) on 8-9 January 2016.
- Attended a one-day Faculty Development Programme on “Career Building of University and College Teachers” at University of Mumbai, Vidyanagari Campus on 4 February 2016.

Department of Accountancy

Kevin M. Miranda

- Attended a refresher course on 'Make in India Policy – Impact on Indian Business' organized by the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre at Narsee Monjee College of Commerce & Economics from 7 October, 2015 – 26 December, 2015.

Jyoti Bhatia

- Published a paper on 'Accounting for E-commerce Enterprises' in Research Horizons, Volume 5, ISSN 2229-385X.

- Presented and published a paper on ‘Provisions of Companies Act 2013 wrt Board diversity: A Step ahead for Feminism- Ladder or an Aid to Board for Compliance?’ at a national seminar on 'Women Empowerment' at K.P.B Hinduja College.

- Presented a paper on 'Corporate Governance -A Major Regulatory Framework Transforming Focus of Indian Companies Initiating Transparency' at an international conference at M.M.K College on 'Transforming through Innovation, Digitalisation & Startup India Challenge'.
- Attended a two- day workshop on 'Research Methodology' organised by D.G. Ruparel College.

Rachel George

- Attended a one-day Faculty Development Programme on 'Career Building of University and College Teachers' at University of Mumbai, Vidyanagari campus on 4 February, 2016.

B. B. I. Department

Shirley Pillai

- Participated in a Faculty Development Program on ‘Case Study Teaching Methods’ at Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies (JBIMS) on 19 March 2016.
- Was appointed as an External Examiner for the TYBBI university project VIVA voce at Mithibai College, Vile Parle (W), for semester V and VI on 28 March 2016.

- Was a co-ordinator of HVDP workshop at St. Andrew's College in collaboration with AIACHE on 22 August 2015.
- Was a co-ordinator for a carol singing event for AIACHE (All India Association of Christian Higher Education) to celebrate the Golden Jubilee on 15 December 2015.

Patricia Pereira

- Participated in a Faculty Development Program on 'Case Study Teaching Methods' at Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies (JBIMS) on 19 March 2016.

Was a co-ordinator for a Carol Singing event for AIACHE (All India Association of Christian Higher Education) to celebrate the Golden Jubilee on 15 December 2015.

B.M.S Department

Prof. Jenny Benoy

- Co-authored and presented a paper on 'HR Transformation for High-Performance: Exploring the Changed Role of HRM in an Indian Family-owned Business' at the 2nd Global Conference of International Human Resource Management organized by the Center for International Human Resource Studies (CIHRS), School of Labor and Employment Relations, The Pennsylvania State University, USA, 14 - 15 May 2015.
- Co-authored and published a paper on 'Strategic Talent Management: A Proposed Model for Building Talent

Pipeline of Project Managers' in International Journal of Management (IJM), Volume 6, Issue 7, pp. 69-85, ISSN 0976-6502 (PRINT), ISSN 0976-6510 (ONLINE), Journal Impact Factor (2015): 7.9270, July 2015.

- Co-authored and presented a paper on 'Inorganic Growth Management at Godrej Consumer Product Limited' organized by FLAME Centre for Case Development in the FLAME Case Conference held on 10 - 11 July 2015. Economic Times in ET Cases also published the case brief in the issue of 1st December 2015 on Career and You, pp.10.
- Worked as Research Associate and co-authored a case for IIMA Case Center in the area of Family-Managed Business in the Indian Chemical Industry from August 2014 - August 2015.

Melanie Andrade

- Attended a workshop on 'Revised Syllabus for S.Y.B.M.S.' at K.E.S. College on 9 June 2015.
- Attended a workshop on 'Train the Trainer' at I.B.S. Business School on 11 July 2015.

Savina Shenoy

- Participated in a one-day workshop on 'Train the Trainer' at IBS Institute on 11 July 2015.
- Participated in a one-day conference on "Confluence- Education Summit 2016" on 12 February, 2016 conducted by IMS.
- Conducted a one-day workshop on "Creating Lifelong Newspaper Readers"

for students of Polytechnic (DAS) in S.N.D.T College, Santacruz (W).

- Conducted a seven-day workshop on “Writing a Research Paper” for students of Polytechnic (DAS) in S.N.D.T College, Santacruz (W).
- Conducted external vivas for M.Com – I for the subject of International Marketing & Entrepreneurship Management at N.M.College and Mithibai College.
- Moderator for Strategic Management, Marketing Strategies & Plans, HRM & Entrepreneurship at M.Com (I & II).
- Was a resource person for IMTP (TYBMS) & HRM (TY BBI) at Patrik Gala College on 21 March 2016.

BAF Department

Abhishek Sood

- Was resource person for a seminar on 'Security Analysis and Portfolio Management for TYBBI Semester V organized by SIA College of Higher Education, BBI department on 12 September, 2015.
- Was resource person for a workshop on Financial Management Paper III for TYBAF Semester VI organized by St. Andrew's College Bandra in association with the Board of Studies B.Com (A &F) on 9 December, 2015.
- Was resource person at the Eureka intercollegiate festival workshop for Financial Management, Paper III for TYBAF semester VI, and Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management

for TYBMS Semester VI organized by Tolani College, Andheri East on 25 February, 2016.

- Was resource person at an intercollegiate seminar on Financial Management Paper III for TYBAF Semester VI held at Balbharti college Kandivali, attended by over 500 students from various college on 26 February, 2016.
- Was resource person for a seminar on 'Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management for TYBMS Semester VI, organized by SIA College of Higher Education, BMS Department on 30 March, 2016.
- Published a text-book “Financial Management” TYBAF Paper III for Semester VI, Sheth Publication ISBN – 978-93-5149-410-2.

B. Sc Hospitality Studies

Selvyn Rodrigues

- Attended a wine appreciation workshop at Sula wines organized by Tullecho Wine Academy on 15 November 2015.

Gaurav Ekal

- Attended a Chef-connect seminar ‘Blend the Rules’ at Holiday INN Hotel organized by Western India Culinary Association on 9 December 2015.

Sujata Rajpurkar (Librarian)

- Presented a paper on “Information Users: Expectations and Demands, with Special Reference to Academic Library.” at a three- day conference

organized by SNTD Women's University on "Libraries in the Changing Information Marketplace" from 24- 26 February 2016.

Melanie Mathias (College Counsellor)

- Conducted a one-day workshop on 'Vocation Counselling and Career Guidance' and 'Life Skills' for students at F.I.A.M.C. Bio-Medical Ethics Centre, St. Pius College, Mumbai on 22nd November, 2015.
- Conducted a one-day workshop on 'Stress Management', 'Obsessive Compulsive Disorder' and 'Understanding Counselling' for Medical Working Staff at F.I.A.M.C. Bio-Medical Ethics Centre, St. Pius College, Mumbai on 15th November, 2015
- Attended a one-day workshop on 'Moulding Today's Child for a Better Tomorrow' organized by Masina Hospital, Mumbai on 19 September, 2015.
- Attended a one-day workshop on 'Sex Education and World Suicide Prevention Day Seminar' organized by Medical Students Association of India

at Grant Medical College, Mumbai on 11 September, 2015.

- Attended a two-day workshop (24th – 25th March, 2015) on 'Transactional Analysis' organized by The Department of Education Management, Janki Devi Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai.
- Presented a paper on 'Job Satisfaction and Work Attitudes' at the student-led national conference, 10– 11 March, 2015.
- Attended a one-day workshop on 'Global Perspective on Higher Education' organized by the Department of Education Management - Janki Devi Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai on 1 March, 2015.
- Attended a one-day workshop on 'Stress Management' organized by the Department of Education Management, Janki Devi Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai on 12 February, 2015.

Two boys were arguing when the teacher entered the room.

The teacher says, "Why are you arguing?"

One boy answers, "We found a ten dollar bill and decided to give it to whoever tells the biggest lie."

"You should be ashamed of yourselves," said the teacher, "When I was your age I didn't even know what a lie was."

The boys gave the ten dollars to the teacher.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

The English Literary Association

Our activities for the year kick-started with a workshop on Flash Fiction conducted by Dr. Shefali Shah (Retd HOD, Dept. of English, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai) on 2nd July. The workshop, organised under the aegis of Literature Live, introduced students to the little-known genre of 'Flash Fiction' and helped them understand the importance of economy of expression and brevity as desirable traits in fiction. Later in the month, TYBA students attended a guest lecture at Rizvi College on 'American Formalism' conducted by Ms. Priya Joseph (Dept. of English, Mithibai College) on 27 July. On 9 August, our students attended a performance of 'Merchant of Venice' staged at St. Andrew's auditorium.

We were extremely fortunate to have Sampurna Chatterjee, poet and translator, read out her poems and share experiences related to those poems on 29 August. It's always a wonderful experience for students to get an opportunity to interact with a 'real', 'live' poet, and find out more about what it takes to be a professional, full-time poet in India. Another golden opportunity to meet an author came our way through Ms. Reena Agarwal of Literature Live, and on 8 September we were able to host debut novelist Nim Gholkar, author of 'The Diary of an Immigrant Bride'. Born in a Maharashtrian community in Mumbai and currently settled in Australia, Nim Gholkar shared her

struggle to manage three children, and a full-time job in the marketing department of a pharmaceutical company with the daunting task of writing a full-length novel. The vivacious author kept a room full of students engaged with her witty anecdotes about Australia, and a reading of excerpts from her novel, and even succeeded in selling a good number of copies of her novel, which she patiently signed while chatting with students who wanted to know more about her life and her book.

Our annual departmental conference, 'Routing the Rootless: Explorations into the Literatures of Indigenous Cultures' (11 September 2015) highlighted the trials and tribulations of indigenous people all over the world. Keynote speaker, Ms. Jumiyr Basar, problematised the very concept of indigenous people, and the manner in which they are constructed and represented in literature and society in her paper, 'Indigeneity and Indigenous Literature: Issues and Perspectives'. Although distinguished nativist and theoretician, Dr. Ganesh Devy, could not attend the conference, he kept his promise of sending us a paper we could read out in absentia. The paper, 'Sita in the Kunkna Ramakatha' enlightened us about a little-known account of Sita from an alternative perspective. Our other paper presenters, comprising faculty members from different colleges in the city, threw light on indigenous literature

from India, Australia and the Caribbean.

Our endeavour to widen the scope of learning beyond the confines of the classroom continued in the subsequent months. On 12 December, Sooraj Bishnoi, a postgraduate student, blessed with abundant talent in music and the art of storytelling, conducted an exciting, interactive workshop with student participants, making them construct a story by contributing bits and pieces related to pictures each of them had been given. He then read out the hilarious and whacky story in his inimitable style to a highly amused audience!

The annual film week, based on the theme of children's cinema in India was conducted in December and screened iconic films like 'Makdee' and 'I am Kalam'. Yet another annual event, our eagerly-awaited Literary Fest, was conducted in January. Thanks to a dedicated organising team, particularly to students like Shalini Mitra, Kelly Waller, Kristianne Mascarenhas and Manuella De Rosario, all our events saw enthusiastic participation in events like the Spell Bee (25 January), the Literature Quiz (29 January), Twisted Tales (28 January), and last but not the least, the Treasure Hunt (5 January).

Our students attended a number of workshops in the months of January and February. A workshop on 'News Media' at St. Paul's Institute of Media Studies, Bandra, and a workshop on 'Corporate Social Responsibility' was attended in January 2016. TYBA students also

attended a panel discussion on 'The Case for Reparations' by Tia Nehisi Coates at the US Consulate on 26 February 2016. The panel discussed racism in contemporary America, and drew parallels with the issue of reservation in India, in the light of which, the participants deliberated on the need for reparations with regard to these issues. Activities for the year concluded with a guest lecture (in association with K.C. College) by Dr. Shefali Shah, and a guest lecture (in association with Wilson College) by Dr. Sheerin Vakil on 'Film and Literature', for TYBA students in February 2016.

Profs-in-charge: Dr. M. Fernandes, Susan Lobo, Dr. P. Oza, Maria Syed and Soni Wadhwa.

The History Association

The History Department and Association conducted several Heritage Walks this year beginning in July with a walk through Chapel Road in Bandra. Local residents, Mr. and Mrs. Carvalho, were generous enough to invite the students into their traditional one-storied bungalow, where they proceeded to explain to the students the features of these traditional homes and the difficulties of maintaining them. In September, students joined Architect Mr. David Cardoz on a Heritage visit to the Bandra Fort, Bandstand and Mount Mary's Hill. In February, the FYBA students took another heritage walk, this time from Churchgate station to the High Court, St. Thomas Cathedral, Asiatic Society, Kala Ghoda and finally

the University of Mumbai and the Oval Maidan. FYBA students also visited the Bhaudaji Lad Museum, Byculla and were given a guided tour of the Heritage restoration work being carried out at Gloria Church, Byculla by Heritage Architect David Cardoz.

As part of our Career Talk series, ex-Andrean Mr. Bernard Thomas conducted a talk on 'Career Prospects as Airline Cabin Crew' and Mr. Amit Nambiar of Thomas Cook conducted a talk on 'Careers in Travel and Tourism' and the post graduate courses conducted by Thomas Cook. Along with the American Information Centre, a one-day workshop and exhibition was conducted on partnering with NGOs and further studies in the USA by Ms. Brittney Stewart, Asst. Cultural Affairs Officer.

The Department also screened various relevant films and documentaries including, 'Gandhi', 'The Legend of Bhagat Singh', 'Development Flows from the Barrel of the Gun', 'World War I- Life in the Trenches', 'Vijayanagara,' 'Napoleon', 'Delhi Imperial City', and 'In the name of God'. In September, TYBA students attended a book discussion on 'Nehru's India: Essays on the Maker of a Nation', conducted by the Nehru Centre, Worli. TYBA students also attended a national seminar on, 'Land Acquisition and Development', conducted by Economics Department of our college. TYBA students also visited the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vaastusangrhalaya and the Nehru Science Centre as a part of their course

work on Museum Studies. Ms. B. Kulkarni, Chief Education Officer of CSMVS spoke to the students about careers in museum studies and the museums outreach activities.

In September, the History Department organized the inter-departmental student seminar on 'Mumbai', and in February 2016, the Socio-History student seminar on 'Tribal Communities around Mumbai' was conducted by the two departments. Ms. Sharlene Fernandes, Mr. Deuben Alvares and Mr. Johann Joseph Pallikunnath presented their papers.

Prof-in-charge: Janine Coelho

The Economics Association

A UGC-sponsored national seminar entitled 'Displacement Issues' was held on February 20, 2016. Scholars and popular public figures associated with the subject motivated the audience consisting of teachers, and taught, along with some members of the local community, on the seriousness and the topicality of the subject.

The keynote address, 'The Environmental and Social Dilemmas of Conservation Displacement', was delivered by Dr Asmita Kabra from Ambedkar University, New Delhi. This was followed by a special lecture, 'Dispossessed by Development: Issues of Displacement, Marginalization, and Resistance to Land Acquisition in India, a Sociological Perspective' delivered by Sarmistha Pattanaik from IIT, Mumbai.

The students were spellbound by the

screening of a documentary, 'A Narmada Diary' (made in 1995), directed by Anand Patwardhan and Simanthini Dhuru. Both were present to initiate an animated discussion on the general implications of the controversial project that followed. Dilip D'Souza, who has authored a book 'The Narmada Damned: An Enquiry into the Politics of Development' was also present to provide his insights into the subject. The discussion was moderated by Ernest Fernandes, a member of the Local Managing Committee of the college.

On February 17, 2016, a talk on 'Behavioural Economics' was delivered by Lachlan McLachlan. Faculty of the newly-instituted Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics, led by Karan Shah (COO) and Indradeep Ghosh (Associate Professor) interacted with the students in December 2015 and January 2016 on the importance of a formal education in Economics.

Two ex-students, Derek Pereira in September 2015 and Oscar Gomes in January 2016, were invited to address students about pursuing a career in banking.

An exposure to the work of self-help groups at Mahalakshmi Saras, a fair to showcase state-level projects in the area, was an exercise in the synergies between theory and practice for students.

Students went on a heritage walk in September 2015 beginning with the fort at Land's End, Bandra, and ending at Mount Mary's Basilica.

The first year students could choose

from a variety of activities. They included quizzes on Dr. Mody's blog, two 7-question challenges in Semester I and one 21-question challenge in Semester II; two Eco-WordMash competitions in September; a crossword on the environment and climate in December following the climate conference in Paris; Eco-Crosswords in January and February, and an Eco-CrossWordMash in February 2016.

Profs-in-charge: Dr. Amelia Correa, Dr. G. Tavares and Dr. Kashmira Mody.

The Sociology Association

The department conducted various co-curricular activities to instil in our students a critical insight into contemporary social issues with specific reference to Indian society. Our focus this year was on gender-sensitivity, problems of transgenders, the social implication of cyber-crimes and gerontology. In accordance, a series of lectures were organised, and documentaries were screened. These sessions were followed by discussions and critical evaluations.

Prof. Omkar Bhatkar was invited to speak on the career options available in Sociology. A few of our ex-students also addressed the outgoing students and shared their experiences about pursuing higher studies in fields like research, hospitality, aviation and teaching.

The Sociology Week was held from 7 - 11 December 2015. The inaugural lecture on 'Gender and Art', delivered by Prof. Omkar Bhatkar from London School of Economics, demonstrated how a

woman's gaze of the world differs from that of a man, and how it influences how women view art. The talk also stressed how feminist art not only stands for women's art but also enables the transgressing of gender identities.

Cyber-crime investigator, Mr. Sachin Dedhia, addressed the students on the major problems related to media and cyber-crime. He enlightened them on dangers like cyber-bullying, facebook scams, mobile security and other related issues, and also explained how to file complaints in case of harassment.

Mr. Murugesan Sivasubramaniam, (Research Scholar at Tata Institute of Social Sciences) and Urmi, a transgender activist working with Hum Safar, provided a socio-legal insight into the life and plight of transgender individuals with the help of stories and narratives of experiential reality

“Arcadia---the Promised Land”, a theatrical presentation by Metamorphosis Theatre Inc, presented a collection of 15 organic poems associated with ageing, old age and death rituals. The poems highlighted the phases and the emotions involved in the aging process.

The Department also organised an educational trip for students to sensitise them to issues related to differently-abled children and elders. They visited Sneha Sadan, a home for differently-abled boys and men, and Assisi Bhavan, an old age home, and spent the day interacting with the inmates, thereby gaining a first- hand experience of the lives they lead.

The department conducted a seminar for students in conjunction with the Department of History on ‘Tribes in Maharashtra’. The presentations comprised an ethnographic study on Warli tribes, problems of displacement, and food crisis and malnourishment among tribals in Maharashtra, to name a few.

The main aim of the department is provide holistic learning to students by blending the curriculum with reality to make learning enriching and complete, an objective realised not just through the kinds of activities mentioned above but also through debates, content analysis and discussions in the classroom.

Profs-in- charge :Dr. Shirly George and Dr. Vatika Sibal

Department of Psychology – The Andean Psychology Team (APT)

The Andean Psychology Team has conducted various activities to promote learning and interest in the field of psychology. The activities of this academic year were inaugurated with an informative guest lecture on “Cyber Laws & Ethical Hacking” by experts in the field of ethical hacking, Ms. Jasmine & Mr. Chawda. This sensitized students to the needs and challenges faced by youth in the era of social networking. A street-play by CGNet Swara, an NGO supporting tribal issues, was organized to create awareness among students about problems faced by tribals in India.

SYBA and FYBA students participated

ST. ANDREW'S FEAST DAY



Welcome to all !



Bishop Percival Fernandez Celebrating Mass



The Principal and Prof. Bosco Fernandes with the choir



Cutting of the cake: Bishop Percival Fernandez, Msg. Nerius, Fr. Aniceto and Dr. Marie Fernandes



Hospitality students at service



Celebrating Mass

ANNUAL DAY



Lighting of the lamp



Dr. Marie Fernandes, Principal,
presenting the annual report



Rev. Fr. Aniceto Pereira,
the Rector



Mr. Joseph D'Souza,
Chief Guest



Dignitaries on stage



Dance performance



All round winner, Marilyn D' Cruz



All round winner, Francesca Toscano

CONVOCATION



Guest of honour
Mr. A Shelar



Master of Ceremonies
Dr. Kashmira Mody



CARDINAL PAUL POUPARD FOUNDATION CHAIR OF INTER-RELIGIOUS AND INTER- CULTURAL DIALOGUE



Orientation



Presentation Competition Winners



Colours of God Competition
Paint a Peace Fabric



Guest Lecture



Field Visit: Shaniwarwada



Cultural Contest



Sport for Peace: Rink Hockey



International Symposium: Relevance of Religion

OLIO



Proud Winners of various categories



Talented and hardworking OLIO Team



Esteemed Judges



Final Result declaration in presence of the OLIO judges



Intense action on stage



Participants in action

A.W.M.T.C.



1st prize winner instrumental
- Ashwin Bangera



The happy organising team



The winning band – Twisted Paradox



1st prizewinner solo – Tanya Shah



Duet Performance



Outstanding performer of the day – Riya Duggal



Ensemble Group



Our non-teaching staff, Mr. Raymond at his best

NATURE CLUB



Eco-tour to Powai Lake



Visit to Karnala Bird Sanctuary

NSS



Arpana Pandey receives the Best All Rounder Award from Yuvak Biradari for the Year 2015-16



Peace Rally at Azad Maidan



Bandra Fair



World Food Day



Blood Donation



Education Drive during camp

ANDREAN COUNSELLING UNIT



Guided project picked up by the Press (Hindustan Times)



YOUR VOICE - Staff Enrichment Initiative - 360 Degree Feedback



Students Feedback of Faculty (TAQ)

GENDER CELL



Poster competition on "Gender Equality"



Street Play participants

SOCIAL OUTREACH



Cleaning Mumbai



Doing the daily chores at Navjeet Society Center



Teaching at the Andrean Social Service Center



Time for some activities...

in various research activities. Two students participated in the Avishkar research contest conducted by the University of Mumbai, on “Locus of Control and its Impact on Academic Performance” and “Worrying Pattern among College Students”. Both students reached the final round of the competition. Two teams comprising three students each participated in the Annual Psychology Convention “Trishool” conducted by S.P.N.Doshi Women's College, Ghatkopar. Their topics of research were “Influence of Gender on Prosocial Behaviour” and “Mood and Prosocial Behaviour”. Three teams comprising four students each participated in a seminar conducted by M.D. Shah Mahila College on “The Reality of Virtual Relationships”. Their research topics were “On-line Dating” and “Causes and Consequences of Virtual Relationship: A Case Study”.

The association also screened educational films like 'Shutter Island', 'Beautiful Mind' and 'Outsourced’ which helped them develop insights into the causes and consequences of psychological disorders like schizophrenia. “Outsourced”, in particular, enlightened them the impact of cultural diversity. The Andean Psychology Team (APT) conducted a one-week program, The Psychology Week, for students from all fraternities. The participation of students from all streams made this event even more fun.

- **Colour Day** – Colours have their own potential benefits for diseases and disorders. They may also reflect

personality traits and have an impact on our moods. Through this exercise we encouraged the involvement of self-research about chromotherapy, and a deeper understanding of the unique attributes of each colour and its association.

- **Group discussion** – A GD on “Work Life Balance” brought to light various insights and perspectives on the subject.
- **Quiz Competition-** A quiz competition was organized by the association with questions related to psychology
- **Field Visits-** This year the educational visit was held at the Gateway School of Mumbai, and helped to sensitize students to the needs of special children. A trip to Pearl Academy was organized for TYBA students to enable them to explore various career options.
- **Guest lectures** - In order to enhance employability of students, a guest lecture was organized on “Career Options in Marketing and Finance”. An expert from Finplan Education, Mr. Kashish Khilani, addressed TYB.Com students on this topic. Caroline, an ex-student of the college, provided valuable insights into “The Procedure of Applying to Foreign Universities”. Jack Rivers from Cardiff Metropolitan University informed students about courses in Psychology offered by the University, on 10 February 2016.

- **Test Administration** – The wide variety of tests conducted on personality analysis, stress, anxiety, fear, depression, vocation and interpersonal relationships gave students an insight into their own behaviour on each of the parameters, and on how they could deal with issues effectively after achieving a better understanding of self.

Profs-in-charge: Shubda Malhotra, Sharmila Dhote and Dr. Madhu Rai

The Commerce Association

On 22nd July 2015, 85 students of T.Y.B.Com attended a seminar on 'Career Counseling and Social Awareness' at IES Management Institute, Bandra.

In August, the department conducted 'Comfest', a festival of commercial challenges. This week-long period of activities was an attempt to take the subject beyond the textbook, and present it to students in a dynamic format. The logo was designed by Mikael Dsouza (F.Y.B.Com B), and the brochures were designed by Christopher (S.Y.B.A).

A brief summary of the activities is as follows:

Debate - It began with an elimination round on 3 August where topics such as "LGBT Should Be Legalized in India" and "Women Make a Better Part in Politics", were given on the spot after which eight contestants were selected and put into two groups:

Group A - Laxmi, Merwyn, Myron and Yvonne

Group B - Aaron, Nevita, Elvira and Asma.

The final round of the competition was held on 6 August on the topic "Nestle Maggi Pull-Off from Indian Retail Shelves is Justified". It was an exciting debate, and Group B emerged as the winning team while Merwyn was the best speaker.

Essay Writing

On 4 August, we conducted an essay writing competition where the participants were given a choice between topics-"Entrepreneurship", "Sustainability of Business" and "Cloud Computing". The winners of this competition were Merwyn D'Souza , Eden Ammanna and Francesca Toscano.

Quiz – The elimination round was held on 5 August. Students participated in large numbers, and there was fierce competition to be in the Top 20! The Top 20 students selected had to face questions related to commercial challenges. It was a cut-throat competition since there was negative marking. The three winners were Michelle Dsouza (F.Y.B.Com A), Aaron Dsouza (S.Y.B.Com C) and Benita (S.Y.B.Com A).

Click-a-Pic – In the "Click-A-Pic" competition, students had to prepare a collage of the college which could be used as a promotional poster. The winners of this competition were Deomin Rodrigues and Blaise Pereira.

The organising committee consisted of

the following members: Jessica Dsouza (F.Y.B.Com B), Mikael Dsouza (F.Y.B.Com B), Ninette Fernandes (SY BCom A), Merwyn Dsouza (S.Y.B.Com A), Rochelle Dsouza (S.Y.B.Com B) and Tanu Shukla (T.Y.B.Com B).

Poster Making

On 6 August, we organised a poster-making competition to bring out a social message. The winners were as follows: in the 1st place we had Caruna Fenandes and Alisha Pereira, in the 2nd place we had Eden Ammanna (S.Y.B.Com) and in the 3rd place we had Tanu Shukla (T.Y.B.Com). The consolation prize was given to Joanan D'souza (F.Y.B.Com) and Prinyanka Ukidi (F.Y.B.Com)

Guest Lectures

On 7 August, we had a guest lecture by Mrs. Jasmine Pereira –Image Consultant (Image Empower), who is also an entrepreneur and an ex-Andrean. She gave an informative and educative talk on 'Entrepreneurship and How an Entrepreneur Works'. The same day, Mrs. Deborah Albuquerque (Citizen Co-operative Bank –Bank Manager) spoke about the banking sector in her talk "Functions of a Bank and Jobs in the Banking Sector".

On 8 August, Stock Broker and Stock Analyst, Anil Meghnani gave a lecture on 'The Stock Market'. He also spoke about investments and derivatives.

Shoot an Ad

On 8 August, we held the finale of the COMFEST competition, of the 'Shoot an Ad Competition'. The advertisement

'Selfie Stick' won the competition followed by 'Geetaben Glasses'.

Organising Committee:

Jessica Dsouza (F.Y.B.Com B), Mikael Dsouza (F.Y.B.Com B), Ninette Fernandes (SY BCom A), Merwyn Dsouza (S.Y.B.Com A), Rochelle Dsouza (S.Y.B.Com B) and Tanu Shukla (T.Y.B.Com B).

Industrial Visit

On 23 January 2016, the department organized an industrial visit to Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverage India Pvt. Ltd. at Wada Taluka, Post Kudus. The Wada plant has production of all Coca-Cola products ranging from Thums-Up, Sprite, Fanta, Limca, Maaza, Minute Maid and Kinley Water and Soda. The purpose of the visit was to acquaint students with the fully automated production system at this plant. Students learned about the production system right from bottle-making to bottle-labelling, ending with the storage of the finished goods, as part of the Batch and Continuous Production method. 150 students from B.Com. and B.A. were a part of in this industrial visit.

In the course of the year, students were also shown a number of documentaries and short videos on various topics, such as those listed below:

Short Videos:

- Steve Jobs' Amazing Marketing Strategy
- McDonald's Ads vs Real Thing
- Nike Marketing Strategy

- Steve Jobs' 2005 Stanford Commencement Address
- Retail Future
- Ads
- Services of Marketing Research Agencies
- Focused Group Interview
- Ad Animation Process

Documentaries:

- American Genius Steve Jobs v/s Bill Gates (2015)
- The Corporation
- Super Size Me

Profs – in – charge: Desiree Gonsalves, Dr. Harmeet Kaur, Fenil Dedhia and Varsha Sonavane

Accountancy Association

ICAI Foundation Day (July 1, 2015)- Accountancy Association students helped create awareness about the CA course by giving hand-outs and displaying charts.

Career Awareness Session ICMAI (July 28, 2015) - Representatives of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) conducted a Career-Awareness lecture on the Cost Accountancy course. CMA Akshay Shah, Director, Dios Marketing Pvt Ltd. and CMA Kailash Gandhi, Chairman, PD committee, WIRC guided students about the various stages and subjects covered by the course and answered all the queries raised by them. The topics covered included training required for the course, and the prospects of the course as practice and in employment. 65 students attended the session.

SEBI Visit - (November 27, 2015) - In

order to gain insight into the functioning and regulation of the various stock exchanges and capital markets in India, a visit to the Indian Market Regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Head Office in Bandra-Kurla Complex was organized for Bachelor of Commerce students. 72 B.Com students attended the visit. Mr.Srikant Mishra, Assistant General Manager, spoke about the inception of SEBI and its role as a market regulator. He also explained the principles of investing in various financial instruments such as shares, debentures, mutual funds, etc.

SEBI officers explained their Investor Education initiative titled 'Har Investor ki Taaqat'. Students learnt about a variety of useful security and safety measures that would enable them to protect their investments. They were also given the SEBI helpline number for resolution of grievances of investors.

BSE Visit (December 11, 2015)

A visit to the Bombay Stock Exchange was arranged for 42 B. Com students.

The BSE held an interactive session for students on the functioning of the stock exchange. Mr. Rakesh Nayar began with the history of BSE and its evolution from a small gathering of traders in pre-independent India to one of the biggest stock exchanges in the world. He explained how technology has replaced the old "outcry" system of brokers to accessible computer-based trading systems. Various concepts such as novation, types of brokers and investors, the sensx, large cap, midcap and small

cap stocks were explained.

Students got knowledge about computer systems that operated at fast speeds of 6 microseconds, and the mission critical operational efficiency of the BSE officials. Mr. Roy also gave a brief gist of the various certificate courses in financial management offered by the BSE. BSE officials also offered advice to students who planned to pursue a career in finance.

Seminar on Financial Planning by International College of Financial Planning (December 15, 2015)-

Mr. Chaitanya Shethe, Business Development Executive and Mr. Sachin Sutar Manager, International College of Financial Planning (c/o Kirandevi Saraf Institute of Complete Learning) conducted a seminar for TYB.Com students on financial planning. The topics included an overview of capital markets, the concept of financial planning, the scope of wealth management in India and the benefits of having a professional qualification on financial planning. 26 TYB.Com students attended the session.

Workshop on Financial Fundamentals and Mock Stock Exchange Session (December 16, 2015)-

100 B.Com students participated in an interactive session by Purv Shah, Stock Consultant and Trainer, BSE who explained various financial fundamentals. After a brief summary of the rules of the game by the speaker, participants were asked to trade in a mock stock- Outcry system with initial cash deposit of Rs. 1,00,000. Five volunteers acted as

brokers for 10 scrips. Continuous flash of market news to analyze its impact on stocks made the session more interesting and the markets more volatile. Students who earned the highest profit from trading in shares were rewarded with gifts. The session ended with a discussion of students' experiences on best buy, worst sell, and mistakes made during trading, all of which helped enhance their decisive capabilities while trading.

Guest Lecture on 'Future Prospects of MBA in Finance' - (January 7, 2016)

Dr. Nirmala Joshi, Ph.d in Finance & Accounting, Research Head, MET Institute conducted a session on 'Future Prospects of MBA in Finance'. She explained the prospects of MBA and ACCA courses and its job prospects in various countries. 88 students from various streams attended the session.

Find MVAT Rate Competition -

The 'Find MVAT Rate' competition was held on 13 February 2016 at L. S. Raheja College of Arts & Commerce, Santacruz. Four of our students took part. The chief guest for this event shared experiences of his college life and his career in sales tax (Indirect tax). He also interacted with the audience with questions and logical reasoning of the MVAT rate for each commodity and gave them case studies accordingly. Though our students did not win the competition, they found the whole process educative, informative and practical. Certificates were given to the participants of the competition.

Indirect Tax Workshop -

An Indirect Tax workshop was organized on 24 February, 2016 in college. 36 students

attended the workshop. The speaker was Prof. CA Sanjay Dagia, a very senior professor from MMK College, Bandra, and also a practicing Chartered Accountant

The workshop was informative and the notes given were lucid and comprehensible. It enabled the students get an idea of the question paper pattern, the type and manner of questions asked, the weightage given to each chapter, and the technique for preparing oneself for the university examination.

Session on Costing Aspects of Manufacturing Industries – February 4, 2016

A session was conducted to discuss the practicality of the costing industry. The coverage of industries included production of wafers, fresh juice, soaps and decorated candles. This session gave students an insight into the stages involved in the manufacture of these products, the raw materials introduced, costing practices followed, and the loss during the production process, byproducts and joint products. 50 TYBCom students attended the session conducted by Prof. Jyoti Bhatia.

In addition, the department also displayed Accountancy and Taxation articles on the Accountancy Notice Board along with the comments of the students through the year.

Profs-in-charge: Kevin Miranda, Jyoti Bhatia and Rachel George

BMM (Bachelor of Mass Media)

Department

The B.M.M department has always been active in both academics as well as co-curricular activities. This year was no different. Students of this batch have been absorbed by prestigious firms like Ogilvy & Mather Advertising, FCB Ulka and Direct Eye. Some are trying for admissions abroad, and to pursue an MBA while others have already started working as Assistant Directors for advertising film-makers.

This year the department conducted various activities for the students so that teaching was more than just book-learning. We began the year with an essay competition on the topics 'Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child' and 'Importance of Digital Media in Today's World' conducted in the month of July. The essays were an attempt to understand how youngsters perceived these subjects.

Throughout the year numerous guest lectures were conducted to supplement course learning and to provide insights into the actual world of advertising and journalism. The second year students have a paper on 'Understanding Cinema'. The lectures by Mr. Joel Thottan, Digital Strategist at Foxymoron Entertainment on 'How to Script a Film' on (6 July); Mr. Rishabh, Script Writer at Weaver Films on 'Technical Aspects of Filming' (10 July); Screening and Discussion in collaboration with YES Ban, Mr. Cyrus Dastoor, Director, Shamiana- The Best of Short Films (28 July) all aimed at giving the students an insight into the making of films and what happened behind the scenes.

Ms.Dhruma Mehta, Director & Producer of the film 'Phor' held an interactive session with the students after the screening of the film. The session was well received as it took them through every step of making a film from conceptualization to marketing.

Towards the end of the year, we organised another interesting screening followed by a discussion with the international film-maker, Ms. Mary Dore (1 March, 2016). Her documentary, 'She's Beautiful when She's Angry' is based on the US Women's Liberation Movement over the years. It beautifully portrayed the harsh reality of life and the struggle for women's rights over the years. The Q&A with the director was insightful as students were able to grasp what it meant to do research for a film rooted in history and the importance of newspaper archives.

To supplement the paper on 'Creative Writing', the students attended a workshop with the writer Ms. Nim Gholkar. She introduced them to her novel 'Diary of an Immigrant Bride' and then took them through the steps of how one idea leads to another and culminates into a story. SY students also scripted, directed and acted in short one-act plays that they performed for their seniors and juniors (2-3 October). 'The Art of Theatre' by Ms. Smriti Gupta, Marketing Trainee, Thespo Theatre Group (27 July) was conducted to help students navigate through the financial aspects of theatre.

Journalism is an integral part of BMM. Very often it is assumed that BMM is only about advertising. To demystify

journalism numerous activities were conducted. These included attending COMMFEST 2015 at SPICE (12 September). At COMMFEST 2015, the students received an opportunity to hear, in person, renowned journalist Mr. Arnab Goswami. He spoke about the role of media in today's world and the struggle to bring to the people real news, not adulterated by political influence. Other sessions throughout the day had a number of speakers who brought to light various campaigns and films that made it and those that didn't. The workshop ended with an inter-college quiz where we ranked second. The Local Press Co. conducted a lecture by Mr. Sreenivasan on 'Citizen Journalism' to make the students more alert about their surroundings (14 August). They were also part of a seminar, 'Changing Trends in Journalism' at SPICE by Ms. Carol Andrade - Director SPICE (6 July). Students also participated in a workshop on 'Broadcast Journalism – Breaking News and Coverage', where they were given an opportunity to be part of the TV studio experience. They recorded themselves as Newscasters to understand voice modulation and coverage. This was conducted in the SPICE studios.

Afghani journalists, Ruchi Kumar and Hikmat Noori gave the inside story on the struggles of covering a story with heavy political under currents. They also voiced how the media has created a bias about Afghanistan without understanding ground realities. They spoke on the state of the Afghans and how the media only portrays Afghanistan at war but fails to

highlight that people are happy and share the same joys and sorrows.(9 February 2016) Vanita Dsouza (Business Journalist) gave a breakdown of the business world and what it takes to climb the ladder in a specific department. She narrated stories from her travels and what it was to cover state elections and their impact on the Indian economy. (15 February 2016).

The students also participated in NDTV- Dettol Banega Swacch India Campaign.

The Ambassador of the campaign, Amitabh Bacchan, opened the 12-hour cleanathon by explaining the objective of the cleanathon and what every activity within the campaign aims to achieve. He also explained what the campaign had accomplished so far. Students attended the conference on 'Relevance of Religion Today', conducted under the auspices of the Cardinal Paul Poupard Foundation Chair for Inter Religious and Inter Cultural dialogue.(27 January 2016). To understand marketing strategy and consumer behaviour, TYBMM students participated in the two-day Christmas Bazar- Winter wonderland. They also worked on social campaigns to make the world a better place. "Refuse The Abuse" is an initiative by concerned students of St. Andrew's College to create awareness amongst children and adults about the need to speak out to end the abuse. The campaign went viral on all social media sites.

The NGO, Lions Club of Bombay

Marol, approached us and gave us a platform to hold a seminar on child abuse for the students of Std. IV and V at Rajashthani Seva Sang School, JB Nagar, Andheri (East). Another group of students did a campaign on bullying, 'Buzz of Bully'. Under the guidance of the college counsellor, Ms. Melanie Mathias, they went to different schools in Mumbai to create awareness about bullying and steps that can be taken to prevent it.

Apart from these activities some of our students excelled in other spheres and they are worthy of mention:

On 27 October 2015, Shikha Alagh of SYBMM received a 'Special Jury Award' for creative and aesthetic excellence for '17 Minutes' at the Rising International Short Film Festival, held at the prestigious National Film Archives of India. It also won 'Best Actress' & 'Best Editor', along with being an official selection and nomination at four film festivals, including the Rising International Short Film Festival, Pune Short Film Festival, Frames International Short Film Festival and Cortokino International Film Festival.

Marilyn D'cruz was adjudged Best College All-Rounder and also won the 'SPICE award for Excellence in BMM' along with Omkar Yedri of TY BMM.

Chantelle Saldhana was adjudged Best All-Rounder by OLIO- the Drama Association.

Angela Mathew of TY BMM went through a month-long application process for the Teach for India Fellowship Program and got selected as a part of the 7.2%

applicants who will be a part of the cohort of the 2016-2018 batch.

Coordinator-Prof. Saudamini Bhagwat

B.M.S (Bachelor of Management Studies) Department

The academic year 2015-16 was super-intensifying for all the students of the B.M.S Department. Our activities went beyond the textbook through various interactive sessions, making it an excellent experience overall.

An orientation programme was conducted by the faculty members of the department for FY.B.M.S students. The various co-curricular and extra-curricular conducted during the academic year are as follows:

28th June: Students of SY.B.M.S and TY.B.M.S had a guest lecture by Prof. Sazael Shah on 'Resume Building and the Various Techniques for Facing an Interview' for a better understanding about the importance of the contents of the resume, and how they can prepare themselves for an interview. On 19 July, Ms. Jharana Shah conducted a session on 'Business Writing' since almost all business activities are envisioned, planned, implemented and analyzed in the written format.

Mr. Biju Dominic, CEO & Co-founder of FinalMile Consulting and a TED Talk Speaker had a guest lecture for T.Y.B.M.S. students on 31st July on understanding human behavior. On 10 August, T.Y.B.M.S. students visited the 'Bombay Stock Exchange' (B.S.E) for a workshop on 'Emerging Trends in Financial Markets' to

acquaint them with the changes in the markets. The First Year B.M.S. students were allowed to showcase their creativity and management skills by creating working models, and the models were displayed in 'Back in Time' on 15 September.

In December, the Christmas season saw a three-day long event, 'Winter Wonderland' conducted by the B.M.S department. On 17 December, there was a guest lecture on 'Media Industry from Zee Entertainment Pvt. Ltd', followed by a seminar on 'Marketing Essentials'. There was also a Christmas Fair held on 18 December which gave an opportunity to students of all streams to showcase their entrepreneurial skills. The Winter Wonderland' event came to an end on 19 December with a six-hour 'Graphology Workshop' by Mr. Devendra Jhaveria, a renowned expert in this field.

On 9 January 2016, a TED talk on 'Rural Markets' was held by Prof. Pradeep Kashyap CEO, MART for the second year marketing elective students. A documentary on Steve Jobs' message of striving on and facing challenges was shown to first year students. The second year students conducted a Mock Stock on 28 January to help students get an idea of the how the equity markets function. Prof. Simon Sweeney from York University, UK, delivered a guest lecture on 'The BRICs and the Global Economy in 2016: Multipolarity Requires Multilateral Consensus' on 4 February. On 6 February, experience-sharing by the alumni of the department was carried out through the 'Learners to

Leaders' programme for T.Y.B.M.S. students.

An industrial visit to Exide Batteries and Valvinoc Valves, Pune on 13 February gave students an understanding of how a manufacturing enterprise maintains quality standards.

Prof. Navin Punjabi, Assistant Professor from H.R. College, conducted a guest lecture for second year students on 'Choice of an Elective' to build an understanding about the electives offered by the University on 23 February. On the same day, around 60 third year students visited the Indian School of Design and Innovation (ISDI) for a seminar on 'Entrepreneurship and Finance Simulation Models'.

Through SMUN, our student Ms. Lakshmi Sreedhar was chosen (for the second time) to represent our college at the Indian Student Parliament in Pune (also called the Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad) from 26 – 30 January 2016.

Coordinator: Prof. Jenny Benoy

BAF (Bachelors of Commerce, Accounts & Finance) Department

The department was active throughout the year and conducted activities for the all-round development of the students.

Taking cognizance of the importance of job interviews, a guest lecture was delivered by the team of 'Endeavour' on 21st October 2015.

Preponderance of bookish knowledge is of no use, if one does not know how to put one's knowledge into praxis. In order to test their knowledge the students of the department participated in 'Mock Stock'

which was organized at St. Andrew's college on 28 January 2016 and conducted by Sir Purav Shah.

A seminar was conducted on the recently-introduced subject, Financial Management III on 9 December, 2015 at St Andrew's conference hall. The keynote address for the seminar was delivered by S.T Gadade, Board of Studies Member for Accounting and Finance. Dr. Jayant Apte and Dr. Minaxi Rachchh gave an overview of the subject followed by a detailed discussion on the subject by renowned author Prof. L.N Chopde and co-author Prof. Abhishek Sood.

The students of S.Y.BAF served different sections of the society through their respective social outreach assignments. The program started in the month of July and continued till 26 February. Ms Sherissa Fernandes, S.Y.BAF was awarded the best student for the Social Outreach Program. She shared her award with the class of S.Y.BAF. We can proudly say the students have learnt that the way to greatness is through service.

Coordinator : Prof. Abhishek Sood

B.B.I (Bachelor of Banking and Insurance) Department

On 4 July 2015, an orientation was conducted in the class with parents' feedback for F.Y.B.B.I, S.Y.B.B.I and T.Y.B.B.I. students. On 6 July 2016, Endeavour Group conducted a seminar on 'Resume Building and GDPI' for T.Y.B.B.I and S.Y.B.B.I students. On 22 August 2015, Mr. Chaitanya Kulkarni conducted a guest lecture on 'Marketing in Banking and Insurance Sector' for

T.Y.B.B.I students. On 28 August 2015, a guest lecture was conducted by Tanaya on 'Career Prospects in Banking and Insurance' for T.Y.B.B.I students. On 29 August 2015, Mr Chaitanya Kulkarni once again conducted a guest lecture on 'Credit Rating and Perceived View of Customer Relationship Management in the Banking Sector' for S.Y.B.B.I students. On 12 September 2015, T.Y.B.B.I students attended 'COMFEST 2015' at St Paul's Institute of Communication & Education. On 15 September 2015, Andrea (Marketing Manager of Citizen Credit Co-operative Bank) conducted a guest lecture on 'Importance of Saving and Encouraging It among Students'. A weekly display of charts and posters by F.Y.B.B.I students was conducted from 17 July -18 September 2015. On 29 September 2015, a seminar on 'Capital Market' was conducted by Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). On 14 November 2015, F.Y.B.B.I and S.Y.B.B.I students of attended a seminar on 'Derivatives' at the Insurance Institute of India, BKC, Bandra West. On 15 December 2015, B.B.I students organized a carol singing event for AIACHE (All India Association of Christian Higher Education) to celebrate the Golden Jubilee. On 20 February 2016, B.B.I students went on an industrial visit to Classic Marble Company (CMC) and Tribal Museum.

Coordinator: Prof. Shirley Pillai

B.Sc.-I.T. Department

A string of various activities were conducted by the department during this academic year.

Guest Lectures : This year we had a series of guest lectures that were conducted to help our T.Y.B.Sc.-I.T. students prepare for the industry. On 23 June, we held a guest lecture on 'Resume-Building and Personal Interview' by Mr. Shah from Endeavor for T.Y.B.Sc.I.T and S.Y.B.Sc.-I.T students . On 12 and 19 September, two lectures were conducted on 'Interview Etiquette' and 'The Correct Methods of Preparing a Resume' respectively, by Ms. Olivia D'silva, Hollywood Correspondent at Rajshri Entertainment. On 30 September, Mr. Shatrunjay Tripathi, MD, FutureTech (Partner / Techmotif) gave a lecture on 'Career Options on Non-Coding Domain'.

Quiz competition: S.Y.B.Sc.-I.T. students organized a quiz contest and a puzzle-based games programme for F.Y.B.Sc.-I.T. students on 27 August. The department coordinator Prof. A. N. S. Sarvani inaugurated the event and all the faculty members of the department participated in it. This event served not only as a rapport builder but also improved our students' organizing skills.

Workshops : T.Y.B.Sc.-I.T. students got an exceptional opportunity to attend a workshop to enhance their ASP.NET programming skills when Mr. Kevin Menezes (Senior S/W Engg, YP solutions U.S.A and Foudar, Sunobi Solutions, U.S.A) from U.S.A. conducted a workshop on 19 December.

A workshop on 'Soldering and Computer Assembling' was organized by the B.Sc-IT Department on 13 October 2015 in the Electronics and Telecommunication Laboratory. Mr. Tularam Bansod, who

has his own electronic equipment's manufacturing unit and expertise in the field of electronics for the last 20 years, was the resource person.

Industrial Visit : The department conducted a one-day industrial visit for S.Y.B.Sc.-I.T. and T.Y.B.Sc-I.T. classes on 9 December. They visited the car manufacturing plant of Mercedes Benz at Chakan, Pune. 48 students from both the classes, accompanied by the department coordinator Prof. A. N. S. Sarvani, Prof. Dr. Anubha Singh and Prof. Jenecia Menezes, participated in the visit.

The students were divided into two batches and visited the car plant. They were shown how different models/ parts of Benz cars are assembled and tested until the car is ready for the showroom. The students were given a detailed presentation on the history of Mercedes Benz company and their car plants.

The plant visit was a good learning experience for the students since they learnt about the real- time application of technology.

Electronics and Communication Technology Exhibition: The Annual Electronics and Communication Technology 'Infotronica' was held on 21 November 2015, in the Electronics and Telecommunication Laboratory and was open to all the students and staff of the college.

The event was inaugurated by Principal Prof. Dr. (Ms.) Marie Fernandes, in the presence of Vice-Principal of Self –Finance Courses Prof. Saudamani Bhagwat, B.Sc-I.T. Co-ordinator Prof.

A.N.S.Sarvani, Prof. Jenecia Menezes, Prof. Shirley Pillai, and Prof. Patricia Pereira. The event was judged by Prof. Neeraj Shukla , Prof. Dr. Anubha Singh and Prof. Deepak Deshmukh. In her inaugural address, the Principal highlighted the need for more innovations and sustainable development in the field of science and technology for mankind and nature. The Principal also thanked the participants for their hard work and creative skills.

16 groups from F.Y.B.Sc-IT and 12 groups from S.Y.B.Sc-IT participated in the event. The exhibits highlighted the various electronic gadgets and their applications in various industries and consumer fields. Various modern communication technologies and their applications were also highlighted. There were also exhibits showing the growth and dangers of social media. The need to digi-sensitize citizens was also emphasized. Finally, the exhibition showed how technology will impact the field of education. It also illustrated how e-commerce/m-commerce and e-governance/m-governance is the future of the world as its gets more and more digitized.

Winners (Working Category)

1st Place : Name of the Project: Water Tank Overflow Alarm:

Patrick D'souza - F.Y.B.Sc.-I.T.

William Renold Karkade - F.Y.B.Sc.-I.T.

Siddharth Singh - F.Y.B.Sc.-I.T.

2nd Place : Name of the Project: Weather Bot

Nathan Neal DMello - S.Y.B.Sc.-I.T.

Nathan Zion Dpenha - S.Y.B.Sc.-I.T.

Famous Mathematician Photo Frame

Exhibition : An exhibition 'Photo Gallery of Famous Mathematicians' was organized on 14 August 2015 in the ECT Laboratory. S.Y.B.Sc-IT students displayed the photo frames they had made of famous mathematicians. The exhibition highlighted the landmark achievements of the mathematicians. It also brought out the skill and creativity of the students. It was open to all the students and staff and was well appreciated by the Principal Prof. Dr. (Ms.) Marie Fernandes.

Farewell : S.Y.B.Sc.-I.T. students took the initiative to organize a farewell function for T.Y.B.Sc.-I.T. students. The well-organized function was held on the terrace of our Hospitality building on 29 February.

Coordinator : Prof. A.N.S. Sarvani

**B.Sc (H.S) Bachelor of Science
(Hospitality Studies)
Department**

The year saw the sixth batch of T.Y.B.Sc (Hospitality) graduate with flying colours. T.Y.B.Sc students organized food stalls for various functions held in the auditorium. This worked as an initial investment towards the theme dinner. The stalls were put up for various functions and offered a variety of foodstuffs from the kitchen and bakery. The theme this year was 'Define India- Global Tadka', and our students put up a variety of Indian and international fusion cuisine for the guests. It was a one-day function in January catering to almost 200 people. Cultural and traditional fusion dance

programs along with the talent and flair of the bartenders was the highlight of the evening, besides the scrumptious fare.

Our T.Y. students, Charlene Monteiro and Clinton Monteiro, won a prize at an inter-college competition 'Elements 2016' organized by I.T.M. College of Hospitality Studies, Oshiwara. Regan Gonsalves and Milton Mastan won a silver medal at the national level Great Indian Culinary Challenge 2016., organized by Indian Express and Western India Culinary Association at Bandra Kurla M.M.R.D.A. ground.

This year hotels like the Taj Mahal Palace & Resorts, Vivanta by Taj President Trident, Nariman Point, Taj Lands End, The Grand Hyatt Mumbai, ITC The Maratha, Trident Bandra Kurla Complex, Sofitel, The Club, J.W.Marriot, and Sky Gourmet visited us for campus placements.

The department organized different workshops and industrial visits for students as well as for faculty members to improve their knowledge. 'A Fruit and Vegetables Carving' workshop was organized in January. The students got an opportunity to develop their carving skills and also received certificates for participating in the workshop. MS Harinakshi Mistry, Founder of Floral Design Institution, showed different styles of flower arrangements to help students make a career in flower arrangements, and also help them in the Housekeeping department. We also conducted wine-tasting workshops for students to enhance knowledge of viticulture, vinification and vitis –

vinefera. The cocktail and mocktail workshop enlightened students on the different bar techniques and the latest trends followed in the bar industry. Hindustan Unilever organized a workshop on 'Tea Training' for T.Y. students to know the different blends of tea, in terms of tastes, colours, aromas and their nutritional value.

T.Y. students visited the Gowardhan cheese factory to enhance knowledge of kitchen operations, the making of cheese and other dairy products. Students also visited Sula Wines and Aksah Laundry to improve their knowledge of wines and housekeeping.

Every year when the college hosts different types of functions, our students get hands-on training by working, planning and organizing the functions with the help of the concerned faculty. The students learn different styles of service based on the different types of meals. Some of these events included the International Conference of the Cardinal Paul Poupard Foundation and the college feast day.

Coordinator: Prof. Gaurav Ekal

M.Com Department

The department organised a guest lecture on "Soft Skills & Confidence Building" for M.Com-I & M.com-II by Mr. Rohan Mehra on 3 September 2015. On 5 September 2015, a surprise activity was organised to celebrate 'Teachers Day', 'Find out the Hidden Talent' for M.Com students to create a unique identity for themselves and to encourage their potential to climb the success ladder.

Mr. Deepak Gupta (Visiting Faculty - NMIMS) conducted a guest lecture on 'Qualitative Research & Its Implementation' for M.Com-I & M.com-II on 5 October 2015.

On 26th February 2016, we invited Ms. Amisha Dawda to deliver a guest lecture on 'Research Methodology' for M.Com-I students.

Business Games on Entrepreneurship & Branding were conducted on 3 March 2016 for M.Com-I students.

The department was especially proud when our student Ms. Rohini Vij bagged the Bronze Medal in the International Kathak Dance Competition held in Bangkok.

Coordinator: Prof. Savina Shenoy

Library Report

After Librarian Ms. Ranjana Arora retired from service, the new librarian Mrs. Sujata Rajpurkar joined in October. The following activities were conducted by the librarians this year:

Library Orientation: Through our user-orientation program, students were given a library tour and oriented in small groups to the use of the library catalogue and the different sections in the library.

Library Automation: SLIM 21 library management software was purchased by the college with the additional module of the digital library. This new software enabled the following services:

- Acquisition of library materials
- Automated circulation and serial control.

- Bar coding of all the existing collection completed.
- Webopac (library Catalogue) with access to bibliographic details of the library collection by 24/7 through college website.
- Article Indexing
- Report Generation
- Digital library will be created of free e-books which are available on internet and which are copyright free.

Institutional Repository

In order to create an institutional repository, the Dspace institutional repository software was installed in the library. The repository consists of a collection of publications by faculty and students and other college publications. The repository is open for all the students and staff members of our college.

Other Activities

- This year, subscription of the N-list project of INFLIBNET was continued.
- A new card-reader device was introduced at the entrance of the library to mark students' check in and check out timings.
- The noteworthy endeavor of the college library this year was the setting up of the IT Zone, with 18 computers with internet facility.
- Membership of the BCL and the American library was renewed for this academic year for the staff and students.
- A theme-based Book Display was organized during the Sociology Week.

Library Collection: During the year, 584 titles were added to the library collection, taking the total collection of the library to 39, 577. Apart from this, the library subscribed to 13 journals and 31 magazines of different subject areas.

Book Bank Scheme: The library provided the Book Bank service to first, second and third year B.A. / B.com. students. Students can retain the books issued under the book bank scheme throughout the entire semester.

Librarians: Mrs. Sujata Rajpurkar, (Librarian) and Mrs. Shraddha Gawade, (Asst. Librarian)

SAD DEMISE

We regret to announce the sad demise
of our student,



Ms. Natasha Chandrakant Narkar

of Class FYBA /B/230

on

Tuesday, 29 march 2016.

May her soul rest in peace amen!

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A.W.M.T.C. (Annual Western Music Talent Contest)

“Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent”

- Victor Hugo

St. Andrew's college provides a platform to its students to express the unexpressed through one of the most awaited events of the year, The 'Annual Western Music Talent Contest' (A.W.M.T.C.). Come July 25, 2015 and St. Andrew's auditorium was houseful, only to find some pleasant surprises and loads and loads of spot prizes, including a lucky draw gift of a guitar sponsored by Furtados! There was something for everyone! The excitement and chaos around the college that day was hard to miss. Participants scouted the entire college looking for practice space for pre-show rehearsals; the organizing crew was up and about with energy that was hard to believe. The audience was all ready and lined up to enter the auditorium for a festival of music like no other.

With a packed audience the show began and the rest was history. Performance after performance, the crowd only grew more eager to hear more. The Judges were impressed and the guests well entertained. The show outdid the standard it had set in the previous years. The Original Composition Category was added to the existing set of categories that generally are open to participants every year. This initiative was taken so that students are encouraged to explore

their creative side and compose music and lyrics on their own. This category received a good amount of entries and the quality of music that came in was outstanding and very impressive. The solo, duet, ensemble, instrumental, band and original composition categories allowed for variation in talent and gave these budding musicians a platform to display their skills in all musical aspects.

The theme of the event was 'Sharing the joy of music'. Keeping this theme in mind, our students spent weeks with the children of Shehasadan, an N.G.O. for kids, training them in singing, interacting and building lasting bonds with them. The performance of these children was the star attraction of the event. We also had one of our non-teaching staff, Mr. Raymond play the harmonium for the event. The show also saw for the 1st time, the audience performing as a whole to karaoke tracks. To prepare our students for the contest, Ms. Deirdre Lobo, a concert artist, vocal coach and consultant from the U.S. was invited to conduct a vocal training workshop a week prior to the event.

It took months of hard work by the students to make this event a huge success, under the exceptional leadership of students in-charge, Alana D'Cruz, Ralph Pinto, Rashika Sharma and the heads of all the departments on board. Kudos to team A.W.M.T.C. 2015-16!!! A shout out to all our sponsors, who not only helped us financially but also provided us with prizes, snacks and

STUDENT COUNCIL



Students' Council Team



Teacher's Day celebration with Rector Fr. Aniceto Pereira, Principal Dr. Marie Fernandes & Vice-Principals



Poster making competition



Traditional Day



Crib making competition



Carol singing competition

ALUMNI MEET



Dr. Marie Fernandes addressing the Alumni



Alumni Committee

MIND MAZE



Winner - St. Andrew's College



Participants of Mind Maze 2015-16

INTER-COLLEGIATE ACTIVITIES



XoR Dance Group



Finalist for Bombay Times Fresh Face Tanisha Sharma and Sahil Kolambkar. And the runner up Swapnoneal Chatterjee.



Tanisha Sharma (TYBMS-B) winning the Bombay Finals as First Runner Up ,



Tanisha Sharma (TYBMS –B) winning the National Finals as the 2nd Runner up and the fresh face for the Clean and Clear Ads.

LAUDATO SI'



Organising team of Laudato Si' with the prize winning work of art



Gospel flashmob



Our melodious Andean Gospel Band



Prizewinner of 'Sola Scriptura', Bible quiz

FAITH ON CAMPUS (F.O.C.)



FOC team with international speaker Ms. Maria Sangeeta



Pilgrim to the Mount Mary shrine



Street play at tribal camp



With the Balwadi kids at the village

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



Keynote speaker, Jumiyr Basar



Release of 'Ruminations', the research journal of the Department of English



Department faculty with the paper-presenters



English Department faculty with the organizing committee

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT



Street play by CGNetSwara on problems faced by tribals of rural India



Participants of Trishool Psychology Convention



Faculty members with participants of Andean Psychology Quiz competition



Educational visit to Gateway School, Mumbai-School for children with special needs.

SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT



Arcadia – The Lost Land: Play Performance



Missionaries of Charity – Goregaon



Visit to Sneha Sadan, Borivali

HISTORY DEPARTMENT



David Cardoz, Conservation Architect with FYBA students, discussing the restoration of Gloria Church, Byculla



Socio-History Student Seminar



Heritage walk, Asiatic society

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT



Guest Lecture -
Mrs. Jasmine Pereira-Image Consultant



Industrial visit
to Wada Coco-Cola Plant



Winning Team of Debate competition



Winning Team of Shoot an Ad Competition

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT



ICAI Foundation Day



BSE Visit - Seminar on Financial Planning
by International College
of Financial Planning



Workshop on Financial Fundamentals and Mock
Stock Exchange Session by Mr. Purv Shah



Indirect Tax Workshop by CA Sanjay Dagia

ST. ANDREW'S MOCK U.N.



Felicitation of SMUN Members



SMUN Team



Sweden Quiz Competition Participants



Delegates at the Indian Student Parliament with Certificates

WINTER WONDERLAND



Inaugurating the event – Rector, Fr. Aniceto & Principal, Dr. Marie Fernandes



Santa Claus is in town!



Lighting of the lamp – Vice- Principal, Self - Finance Courses, Prof. S. Bhagwat



Nativity scene

INTER DEPARTMENT STUDENT SEMINAR



First Prize : Louchelle Menezes



Paper presenters with
Judge: Jennifer Rodrigues

AVISHKAR- INTER-COLLEGIATE RESEARCH COMPETITION



Orientation session by Dr. Pradeep Kamtekar



Students presenting research papers
at the district level



Prerena Tiwari with her project display



Gunjita Bhandari with her project

discounted prices for various outlets.

A bigger thanks to our very own Principal Dr. Marie Fernandes and Fr. Aniceto Pereira for their undying support. We cannot forget to thank God for always

standing by this team and guiding every step we have taken right from the very inception of the core team and the festival this year.

Given below is the list of prize winners:

Category	Prize	Name	Class
Solo	1st	Riya Duggal	SYBMM
	1st	Tanya Shah	FYBMM
	2nd	Simran Duggal	SYJC
	3rd	Denver Fernandes	TYBA
Duet	1st	Riya Duggal & Simran Duggal	SYBMM SYJC
	2nd	Faye Dcruz & Marilyn Dcruz	TYBMM
	3rd	Mizael De Rosario & Denver Fernandes	FYBMM TYBA
Original Composition	1st	Riya Duggal	SYBMM
	2nd	Mizael De Rosario	FYBMM
Classical Instrumental	1st	Ashwin Bangera	SYBMS
	2nd	Jonathan Mario Sequeira	FYBCOM
Non Classical Instrumental	1st	Viraj Waghmare	TYBMS
	2nd	David Dsouza	TYBMM
	3rd	Albert Dsouza	TYBA
Band	1st	Name- Twisted Paradox	TYBMM TYBMM SYBMM SYJC TYBA
		Yohanana Dsouza	
		David Dsouza	
		Riya Duggal	
		Simran Duggal	
Ralph Godinho			
Ensemble	1st	Name- Minute Maid	SYJC SYJC SYJC SYJC SYJC SYJC
		Cinderella Nayak	
		Gavin Mendonca	
		Adrian Ferreira	
		Asted Dsilva	
		Lizveena Dsouza	
Best Performer of the day		Riya Duggal	SYBMM
<p>Congratulations to all the prize winners!</p> <p>Marilyn D'cruz (H.O.D., Public Relations) Profs-in-charge: Melanie Andrade, Jenecia Menezes and Patricia Pereira</p>			

Jhankaar 2015

Jhankaar 2015, the Intercollegiate Dance Competition was held on 7 September, 2015 at St. Andrew's Auditorium. Around 25 colleges across Mumbai registered for the elimination round out of which 10 colleges were selected for the final competition. The dance categories for this year's competition were:

- 1) Indian Folk
- 2) International Folk
- 3) Bollywood
- 4) Street Dance

The winner in all the categories this year was St. Andrew's College. The Best Dancer Trophy was shared by Rishikesh Nalawade from SYJC Commerce and Laxman Kami from TYB.Com

No runner up college / any other college mentioned.

The judges for the finale were:

- 1) Alisha Shah from Split Sole Dance Academy
- 2) Andrene Rodrigues from Dance Vance Academy
- 3) Sushant Digvikar of the Big Boss fame.

Prof-in-charge: Anju Verma

OLIO

OLIO-2015, our intercollegiate English Drama Festival, was organized on 21 August 2015. The theme for this year was "Unraveling Mysteries". Nineteen colleges from Mumbai region participated and four finalist colleges performed in the Finale event. The guests and judges were: VJ Gaelyn

Mendonca, Masood Akhtar (well known theatre artist), Ambika Ranjankar (a popular Television artist), Tiku D'costa (a theater personality) and RJ Siddharth from Reliance Big FM.

From this year Raell Padamsee's ACE Productions has joined hands with OLIO and were co-sponsors for the event, sponsoring the cash prizes and the 'Pearl Padamsee Rotating Trophy' for the Best Drama.

The winners for various categories were as follows:

- Best actor-Raphael Pereira- Pravin Gandhi College of Law
- Best actress-Chantelle Saldanha-St. Andrew's College
- Best director-Raphael Pereira - Pravin Gandhi College of Law
- Best Script-Raphael Pereira - Pravin Gandhi College of Law
- Best play-Pravin Gandhi College Of Law

Prof-in-charge: Dr. Preeti Oza

Theology for Students

In our pursuit to deepen our Catholic students' faith and help them learn more about their religion, our college conducted Theology sessions for students across all the streams. These sessions included the critical study of concepts of God and of the nature of religious ideas. Students had an opportunity to interact with the priests and clear their doubts. The resource persons employed various techniques including power point presentations, short videos and group discussions for better understanding of various topics.

Sessions were held on the following topics:	
Resource Person	Topic
Fr. Keith D'Souza	1) Critical Thinking and its Applications in Social Life 2) Ethical Decision Making
Fr. Benhur Rodrigues	Friends
Fr. Joe Gonsalves	Social Thinking of the Church
Fr. Stephan Fernandes	Questions on the Bible and Challenging Life Issues

Prof-in-charge: Patricia Pereira

Faith On Campus (F.O.C.)

“Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God-what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect.” (Romans 12:2)

The experiences of students of F.O.C. this year testify to the above. The Faith on Campus group, in its third year, saw a variety of programmes aimed at increasing faith in God, building character and thus leaving life-long positive effects on the students' personalities.

F.O.C. conducts meetings every Friday from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the college chapel or in the A.V. Room.

The Holy Mass is celebrated on the first Friday of every month and there is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the last Friday of every month. The students also conduct praise and worship sessions once a month.

This year F.O.C. movie time showcased movies of St. Maria Goretti and St. Patrick of Ireland. Many students also participated in a pilgrim walk to the Basilica of Mount Mary during the month of September 2015.

Priests were available for the sacrament of Reconciliation in the college chapel, to prepare for Christmas and also on Ash Wednesday. The number of students for confession on Ash Wednesday were so many that Fr. Warner had to sit for 7 hours non-stop and we had to call for more priests to hear confessions because of the long waiting lines.

Throughout the year there were series of inspiring talks on various topics such as:

- 'Being Christian, Being Cool' by Deacon Ivan
- 'Existence of God' and 'Soul and Spirit' by Mr. Merwyn Luise
- 'Merciful Love' by Prof. Melanie Andrade
- Loving yourself, titled 'Love Your Selfie' by Mr. Victor Pereira

- Talk on 'Life Choices' by Ms. Maria Sangeeta

Around 15 students were selected to go for an overnight rural camp visit from 13 to 14 November 2015. Keeping with the Pope's instruction to safeguard the environment, the students staged street plays in 13 rural villages to address the various environmental issues there. The students got to experience the hard hitting realities of life as they interacted with the children and youth of these villages.

In keeping with the year of mercy, a group of students prayerfully visited the mercy door at the Basilica of Mount Mary and as an act of mercy also visited the Umerkhadi remand home and the Juvenile home at Matunga to celebrate Christmas and Easter, visits they will never forget!

F.O.C. also organized a gospel fest named '**Laudato Si**' on 30 November 2015 to mark the college feast day. In preparation for this event, the students spent a night in prayer in college and also participated in a solemn procession, carrying the cross from St. Andrew's church to the college. The gospel fest saw a talk on 'love and mercy' by Mrs. Hazel D'Souza, an international youth preacher and also praise and worship by our very own gospel band of students, a gospel flashmob, testimony sharing, short skits and Eucharistic adoration. This event was staged in St. Andrew's auditorium that was houseful on the day. There were many pre-events in the week

prior to the fest. These included the Bible quiz, online gospel singing competition, biblical treasure hunt, a charity event and an art competition. On 9 April 2016, F.O.C. students visited the Archdiocese Heritage Museum at Goregaon.

Many students who joined F.O.C. have changed their way of life by renewing their minds. Many have left vices like drinking, smoking, stealing, watching pornography and taking drugs, many found meaning in life, especially those with suicidal thoughts, some gave up on their wrong relationships, many saw an increase of self- confidence and deliverance from depression, sadness and various fears. There were also physical healings recorded like healing of lump in the head, knee pain, skin ailments, stammering, constant headaches, breathing problems, etc. F.O.C. also helped in the conversion of a few atheists and taught all the importance of prayer and faith in God. Because of a complete personality change many students who earlier could not concentrate on studies now can focus better. One student had some phobia for 16 years and was healed. No one who comes for F.O.C. goes back empty handed. If nothing else, they would take lots of love and joy along!

We are grateful to God for using F.O.C. as His instrument for changing hearts, changing minds and changing the lives of the youth of our college!

Profs-in-charge: Melanie Andrade and Jenecia Menezes

The Cardinal Paul Poupard Foundation Chair For Inter-Religious And Inter-Cultural Dialogue

The activities initiated for the year 2015-2016 commenced with the Iftaari celebrations on 9 July 2015 – the breaking of the fast at dusk along with our Islamic brethren during the holy month of 'Ramzan', followed by an Orientation session on 10 July with a warm welcome and a brief introduction to familiarize the first year students with the various activities of the chair and the methods of contributing towards it.

The competitions rolled out with the Essay writing, the topic being 'Conversion – A Religion Supremacy' that had many participants. Kelly Waller (S.Y.B.A.), Benita D'souza (S.Y.B.Com.) and Rochelle D'Souza (S.Y.B.Com.) were declared the winners. The Quiz competition was held on 19 August wherein a multiple-choice questionnaire based on religion was framed. Since the response of participants and the results were overwhelming, a final round was conducted in September and the winners were Abigail D'Mello along with Aaron D'Souza (1st Prize); Angel Christopher (2nd Prize) & Priyanka Okidi and Aaron Fernandes (3rd Prize).

We were honored by the presence of Mr. Alberto Quattrucci, Secretary General of the Sant Egidio Community, Italy, who conducted many enlightening sessions on 'Peace' for students from several departments from 28 July to 1 August. To spread the message of peace and harmony for Raksha Bandhan, the

students of the association tied 'Strings of Peace' to each and every individual whom they met on 29 August 2015.

The Presentation Competition held on 10 September, the topic being 'Rituals – A boon or a curse?' had Ms. Rochelle D'souza (S.Y.B.Com.), Ms. Sharlene Fernandes (T.Y.B.A.) and Mr. Siddhant Sinha (S.Y.B.Com.) as the champions. On the occasion of the feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary in September, students of all faiths visited the Mount Mary Basilica to honour the Mother of God in Prayer and thereafter, with great excitement, proceeded to the Fair. To keep company with the old, sick and ailing our students visited St. Anthony's home for the aged, Bandra (W) on 19 September.

On 23 November 2015, the Colours of God competition was organized. The theme this year was 'Paint a Peace Fabric' showcasing the concept of peace from each artist's perspective on the fabric provided to them. Prof. Eleatha Pinto was the judge and declared Ms. Sakshi Bangera (F.Y.J.C.), Ms. Sheetal Kotian (T.Y.B.Com.) and Ms. Rochelle D'Souza (S.Y.B.Com.) as victorious. On 26 November, Ms. Elizabeth Mills, from Australia, spoke on a case study using the work of psychiatrist, Dr. Russell on 'Strategies for Wellbeing and its positive impact on students' and the measures that the Australian schools undertake for the same.

To crown the conclusion of the year 2015, on 21 December, Christmas celebrations were held with decoration of the Christmas tree and preparation of the crib, filling the air with fun and frolic.

The New Year 2016 commenced with a guest lecture delivered by an ex-Andrean, Mr. Rajesh Ramaswamy on 'Japanese Culture' on 16 January. This was followed by a field trip - a day out to experience, feel and view the rich culture of Maharashtra at Shaniwar Wada – the Peshwa Palace, and the Raja Kelkar Museum at Pune on 18 January 2016.

A comparative analysis on the movies PK and Oh My God was presented on 19 January, 2016, by the second year students, Ms. Shalini Mitra, Mr. Siddhant Sinha and Ms. Rochelle D'Souza. They questioned the different facades of the movies and their relationship with God and religion. Thereafter, a Cultural contest on 20 January 2016, featured students highlighting several aspects of different states across India in the form of dance, song and presentation.

The apex of this academic year was the International Symposium held on 27 January 2016 on 'Relevance of Religion'. Fr. Francis Gonsalves S.J, Professor of Systematic theology and scripture from Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeet, Pune was the keynote speaker. He presented his views on the 'Importance of Inter-faith dialogue'. The other dignitaries included Ven. Dhammachari Chandrabodhi (Theravada Buddhist); Dr. Kokila Shah (Professor of K.J.Somaiya Centre for studies in Jainism), Ms. Uzma Naheed, the executive director of Iqra Education foundation, Brahmakumari Vinita and Terkel Douglas, Bachelor of Political Science from the University of Copenhagen - who presented their papers with their perspectives and

interpretations on the topic.

The activities concluded with the annual Inter- collegiate Sports for Peace Tournament - 'Rink Hockey' on 29 - 30 January. Rizvi College were declared the champions and also the runners up among the boys category and in the girls category MMK College were the winners while St. Andrew's College won the second place.

DIPLOMA COURSE

A diploma course on Religion, Society, Peace and Dialogue was initiated in 2014. This course has enabled students to gain insights into the pluralism of India's religious diversity along with the teachings, customs, ethnicities, rituals, feasts and recent developments across several religions around the globe. It inculcates different values in students, the means to tolerate other religions, update their knowledge by working towards nation building and playing a transformational role to be ambassadors of peace in the national integration of the country. Dr. Vatika Sibal was appointed as Prof.-in-charge of this Diploma Course.

It comprises two core papers and one elective paper namely

1. CORE PAPERS

- ⇒ Religion and Society: Study of Indian Religions – Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism and Sikhism

Taught by – Prof. (Fr.) Scaria Pannakal, Gyan Ashram, Andheri (E) / Prof. Harsha Bhadakar, Wilson College (Philosophy Department)

→ Religion and Society: Study of Indian Religions – Islam, Judaism, Zoroastrianism and Christianity

Taught by Prof. Janine Coelho, St. Andrew's College, Bandra (W) (History Department)

2. ELECTIVES

→ The 'Golden Rule' as basis for Inter-religious and Inter-cultural dialogue

Taught by Prof. Omkar Bhatkar, London School of Economics, Juhu (Humanities Dept.)

Profs-in-charge: Sharmila Dhote and Saudamini Bhagwat

Student-in-charge: Francesca Toscano (T.Y.B.Com. 'A')

Value Education Programme

(First Year Students)

In our pursuit to increase the EQ (Emotional Quotient) levels of our students as they enter degree college,

our college conducts value education programmes for first year students of all streams once a month.

As our teenagers are faced with the many challenges of their teenage lives, we provide them with a platform to clarify their doubts and to get the right knowledge from experts, which will help them make the right choices in life.

Experts from various fields are invited and students are provided with a platform to clarify their doubts and get the best advice. This year we had gynecologists and psychiatrists as our resource people. Apart from lecture method the resource people use power point presentation, short videos, and group discussions for better understanding of various topics.

Profs-in-charge: Dr. Vatika Sibal and Patricia Pereira

Sessions were held on the following topics:	
Resource Person	Topic
Dr. Rohini D'Souza	Emotional Intelligence
Gynecologists from Holy Family Hospital	Sex Education
Dr. Wilona Annunciation (Psychiatrist)	Relationships
Mr. Ivan Fernandes	Making Choices in Life

Social Outreach Programme (Degree College)

The Social Outreach Programme for the students of the second year entered its 10th year in 2015-16. The Social

Outreach Programme was started with the objective to enlighten students according to what Scripture tells us, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, you do it unto me" (Mathew 25:40). The Social Outreach Programme

reminds students to have concern for the poor and marginalized people of society. It encourages students to respect what they have and share their surplus resources with the poor and thus empathize with the sufferings of the poor, marginalized and underprivileged sections of the society.

The Orientation Programme for students was conducted in the month of July in the Conference Room. Students were asked to choose various centres from where they would complete their Outreach Programme. These centres were provided by Institute for Community Organization Research (ICOR) with help of Fr. Allwyn D'Silva and Deepika Singh who co-ordinated with the various centres. Prof. Kevin Miranda and Prof. Janine Coelho co-ordinated with the students and ICOR for allocating centres to the students.

Some of the centres where the students did their outreach programme were Shelter Don Bosco, Auxilium Convent, Karuna Hospital, Cheshire Home, Paryavaran Saurakshan Kendra, House of Charity, ICOR, UMED, Asha Kiran Community Centre, Navejeet Community Centre. The students were asked do at least 20 hours of service.

The students have expressed their gratitude to the College for having conducted such a programme for them. The awareness and realization of the students from the outreach programme is evident from their report in which some of them said:

- “I realized that happiness is the only thing that multiplies when you

share it”

- “I learnt to respect people no matter who they are”
- “I understood the value of education”
- “I learnt values such as patience, kindness and generosity”
- “I learnt to be happy with what I have”
- “I learnt not to take things for granted”

Truly the teachings of the scriptures have come alive in the students through the outreach programme.

Profs-in-charge: Kevin M. Miranda and Janine Coelho

Social Outreach Programme (Self Finance)

We have a social responsibility, a constitutional opportunity and a moral obligation to help others” - Janie Lewis

We at St. Andrew's believe in becoming the change we want to see in the world. One step to achieving this is the Social Outreach programme introduced in the College. It is a compulsory programme for all students studying in the Second Year Degree section. The students are placed at different NGOs across the city where they offer their services for a period of 20 hours. This little effort by the college helps the students become aware of their responsibility towards the betterment of the Society, thus making them more responsible citizens of the country.

This year too our students offered their time and effort at different NGOs like:

- Andrean Social Service Center
- ADAPT
- Navjeet Society
- Snehsadan Home, Andheri
- St. Catherine's Home
- Holy Family Hospital
- World Vision Foundation
- Snehalaya Special School, Miraroad
- Holy Family Hospital
- Cardinal Gracias Hospital, Vasai
- Sneha Sadan, Jogeshwari

The services they rendered mostly included teaching young children. Students at Special schools were trained in handling differently-abled children and conducted some activities with them. One student was also selected to teach singing to young girls at an NGO. Students helped in the daily chores of laundry and cleaning at hospitals, some students even volunteered for blood donation camps.

All students submitted reports of their social outreach experience and they clearly indicate how this programme has brought in a sense of responsibility in them. There have been students who have given more than the required number of hours and some who still continue to work voluntarily.

We are glad we could give our students this kind of an experience here in college. We are sure it will help them be more sensitive towards others, the society and the environment in every walk of their lives.

Profs-in-charge : Melanie Andrade and Jenecia Menezes

Value Education for the Third Year Degree Students

The focus this year was on Career Planning.

The interactive sessions included a Skills Lab on Communication, Biodata Preparation, Facing an Interview, Workplace Relationship Building and Attitudes for a healthy worklife.

There was an opportunity to interact via e-mail with career counselors.

The year was brought to a close with a reflection on spirituality and religion, exploring various facets of the young adult's relationship with God, (conducted by our Rector and Trustee, Fr. Aniceto Pereira). The programme was entirely coordinated by Mr. Adrian Rosario, with the assistance of Dr. Graciella Tavares and Prof. Shirley Pillai

Profs-in-charge: Dr. G. Tavares and Shirley Pillai

Inter-Departmental Student Seminar

The Inter-Departmental Student Seminar was held on 19 September 2015. The seminar saw nine papers researched and presented by the students on the topic 'Mumbai'. The students' research included an interesting array of topics and Dr. Jennifer Rodrigues, Head of Department of History of R.D.National College graciously judged the paper presentations. The 1st prize for her paper on the Mumbai Trains was won

by Louchelle Menezes of the TYBCom Accounts and Finance and the 2nd prize was awarded to Keisha Charania of the TYBA English-Psychology for her paper entitled 'Ravan and Eddie' on Kiran Agarkar's book by the same name.

Student presenters included,

1. Aishwarya Devkar: Stress in Mumbai
2. Lima James (ex-St. Andrew's college) and Sharlene Fernandes: Dhobi Ghat of Mumbai
3. Ridge Miranda and Diksha Agrawal (ex-St. Andrew's College): The Opium Trade of Mumbai
4. Keisha Charania: Ravan and Eddie
5. Megha Shelar: Mumbai's Coastal Road, Do we really need it?
6. Louchelle Menezes: A Survey on Mumbai Suburban Local Train Travellers
7. Amulya Singh: Mumbai and its Migrants
8. Mervyn D'Souza: Mumbai Behind the Scenes: Fishermen

The seminar was accompanied by a poster competition won by Kelly Waller for her poster on Poets in Mumbai. Other participants were Prerna Tiwari, Renita Sequeira, Shaad Akhtar and Virat Joshi.

Cherylyne Rodrigues, Nora Rodricks and Shalini Mitra assisted in the organization of the seminar.

Prof-in charge: Janine Coelho

Andrean Nature Club

The formation of this club indicates our college's commitment and efforts to become a stepping stone towards environment protection and conservation. The broad objective of the Club is to take initiatives and conduct various activities related to environment awareness among student for environment protection and conservation.

In the beginning of July an orientation session was conducted for F.Y.B.Com. students to make them aware of the Club and its activities. On 10 July 2015, the Club organized a guest lecture by Elsie Gabriel from Young Environmentalists Programme Trust on 'Climate Change'. On 6 August 2015, the documentary 'Black Rain' was screened to make students aware about the aftermath of the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

On 13 August 2015, an Eco-tour was held at Powai Lake. The visit made students aware of the different eco systems in and around Powai Lake and the importance of preserving them. Students also visited the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Garden adjoining Powai Lake, where they observed different types of plant, trees and flower closely. On 31 August 2015, an Orientation lecture on 'Free the Tree in Mumbai' was conducted by Green Lead NGO.

This winter, on 12 December 2015, a visit to Tansa Dam was organized. Tansa Dam is located in the Thane District and serves as an earth fill and gravity dam on Tansa River. Water supply and drinking water are the two primary reasons behind construction of the dam. It is among the three major drinking water reservoirs out

of the total six lakes in the city.

On 19 February 2016, a visit to Karnala Bird Sactuary was organized. The bird sanctuary is a popular destination for bird-watchers and hikers in the Mumbai area. The sanctuary is home to over 150 species of resident and 37 species of migratory birds, which visit the sanctuary during winter. In the words of a student, “it was breath of fresh air”.

The Andrean Nature Club is also continuing the programme of Zero

Waste Campus. In consultation with Ms. Rashmi Joshi of Stree Mukti Sanghatna, the college has a compost pit to take care of wet waste from the canteen and the Hospitality unit of our college. A Green Audit is also in progress in association with Ms. Deepika Singh from the Institute of Community Organization and Research (ICOR).

Profs-in-charge: Ayesha Imran Gundagi and Fenil Dedhia

INTER-COLLIGATE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Inter-collegiate competitions provide an opportunity to our students to showcase their talents and put their skills to test. This year students have participated in several events and brought laurels to our college by winning various events.

Our students have done fabulously well and they participated in more than 35 inter-college events. The list of winners is as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of the College	Name of the Festival / Event	Name of the winners	Place secured
1.	N. M. College.	UMANG (Western Band)	Sanford Pereira, Pranav Dhawale Dwayne Mccaron, Rohan Kishore Kenza Gonzalves, Prithvik Shivaas	First
2.	Mithibai College.	Kshitij (Rink Football)	Neville D'Cunha, Kirk Menezes Scott Moraes, Reeve Pinto Keegan Dias, Somesh Masurkar	First
3.	S.K. Somaiya College	Uttkarsh (Rink Football)	Neville D'Cunha, Kirk Menezes Scott Moraes, Reeve Pinto Keegan Dias	First
4.	S.K. Somaiya College	Uttkarsh (Debate)	Merwyn Dsouza	Second
5	S.K. Somaiya College	Uttkarsh (Born to Wander)	Deonnie Rodrigues, Abhishek Ajit, Dylan D'Souza, Gwen Dsouza	Second
6	S.K. Somaiya College	Uttkarsh (Street Dance)	Raj Nallarasan, Satish Kumar, Stallon D'Costa, Sairaj, Rekha Thapa	First

7	NMIS	Yaayu (Western Band)	Sanford Pereira, Klein Perira, Dwayne Mccaron, Rohsn Kishore, Kenza Gonsalves Prithvik Shivadas	Second
8	NMIMS	Vaayu (Super Hero Showdown)	Blaise Pereira Dylan D'souza	Second
9	NMIMS	Vaayu (Instrumental Solo)	Ingrid Menezes	Second
10	NMIMS	Vaayu (Conspiracy Theory)	Merwyn Dsouza	Second
11	Valia College	Jalosh (Jalosh Maze)	Dylan D'Souza , Abhishek Ajit	Third

The highlight this year was the XoR Dance crew and Tanisha Sharma. The XoR Dance Crew won the first place at 10 intercollegiate festivals.

College/Festival	Crew
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kwaish-powai College ● Tooniesta-Thakur College ● Ray-Bhavans College ● Oasis-GuruNarayana College ● Bruhaha-Sydnem College ● Tarangan-Thakur College ● JhunJhun wala College ● Rudra –Bagarka College ● Spandom – Xavier’s Engineering College 	<p>Raphael Dsouza (T.Y.B.Com)</p> <p>Denzil Denis (T.Y.B.Com)</p> <p>Percy Rozario (S.Y.J.C-Arts)</p> <p>Kinjal Gomes (S.Y.B.A)</p> <p>Shashi Shah (T.Y.B.Com)</p> <p>Priyanka Narverkar (T.Y.B.Com)</p> <p>Liladhar Thakur (S.Y.J.C-Arts)</p>
<p>Finalist of Mood Indigo (State Level Event)</p> <p>IIT Powai</p>	

Fresh Face

Like every year, this year also the Degree Inter-Collegiate Cultural Committee conducted Bombay Times Fresh Face 2015-16. More than 250 students registered themselves for the same event. Students exhibited various talents like solo dance, solo singing, beat boxing, B-boying, etc. Ms Sonam Mohapatra a versatile singer was the Judge at the event.

Finalist for Bombay Times Fresh Face were Tanisha Sharma and Sahil Kolambkar. And the runner up was Swapnoneal Chatterjee.

It is our pride that Tanisha Sharma (TYBMS-B) made it to the Bombay Finals as first runner up, the National Finals as the 2nd Runner up and also become the fresh face for the Clean and Clear Ads.

Prof-in-charge: Dr. Harmeet Kaur Bhasin
Students-in-charge: Shirley Corera (SYBA), Ninette Fernandes (SY B. Com) and Estello Dsouza (TY B. Com)

Mind Maze Quiz Competition

Mind Maze Intercollegiate Quiz competition was held on 25.7.2015. Twenty eight teams from sixteen colleges participated in the event. St.Andrew's College students were the winners. S.I.E.S. (Sion) and R.D. National College came second and third, respectively.

Before the Intercollegiate competition, an intra-collegiate elimination round was conducted on 20 July, 2015 in which 219 students participated from various streams. 10 students qualified for the 2nd elimination round which was held on the 22 July, 2015. 2 teams were selected to represent St. Andrew's College.

Profs-in charge: Dr. Madhu Rai and Jyoti Bhatia

Gender Cell

The Gender Cell began the year with a student discussion on police brutality on women and sexual harassment of women at the workplace on 9 July, 2015. A discussion on Human Rights Violations of Women in general, based on various latest news articles in various News papers, was also conducted. On 15 July a short version of the documentary "India's Daughters" was screened in the class, followed by a discussion.

On 19 August, a video screening on sexual harassment of women and their rights was held and on 13 August, a Poster competition on "Gender Equality" was conducted, with 22 participating students.

On August 20, the students performed skits on topics like domestic violence, discrimination against the girl child, attitudes towards women and girl children etc.

Profs -in-charge: Dr. Madhu Rai and Patricia Pereira

Staff Advancement Report

On 16 July, 2015 Prof. Santosh Hulagabali, an Assistant Professor and Librarian of Nagindas Khandwala College conducted a guest lecture on 'Use of Online Resources for Research'

On 24 and 25 February, 2016, a two day workshop for staff members on "NLP and Beyond: How Can I Apply It In My Life?" was held by Dr. Tessie George of BARC (Scientific Officer)

The Annual Staff Seminar was also held on 29 April, 2016.

Profs- in-charge: Dr. Madhu Rai and Jenny Benoy

Student Council Report

The Student council was formulated on the basis of University of Mumbai norms. The Council kicked off the year with a Student Welfare activity of a Free Dental checkup for both Degree & Junior college students; approximately 200 students availed of the benefit.

This was followed by Independence Day celebrations, a poster competition was organized on “68 years of India's independence”. Teachers are the backbone of any educational institution, to express their gratitude to teachers, a program comprising of games & breakfast was organized on Teacher's Day, 5 September.

The Student Council organized a series of celebrations during Christmas time. Celebrations started with a Crib making competition with “Events from the Bible” as its theme. This was followed by a Poster making competition and finally the Carol singing competition was held. Students from all streams; arts, commerce & self-financing courses participated in it. However, the most popular event was Traditional Day, which saw a record number of participants. Students thronged the college premises dressed in vibrant colors representing various states of India. To encourage students a Best Dressed Male & Best Dressed Female contest was part of the celebrations.

The Student Council also assisted in few other college programs like the College Feast day & Third Year Farewell celebrations. Council members were also encouraged to write articles for the college journal, ‘Lumiere’.

Over and above all these activities the Council members along with the Prof.-in-charge held regular meetings with the Principal to air their grievances and

contribute in the general upkeep of the college. As part of these periodic meetings, many grievances of student community were successfully dealt with and a Cleanliness drive was also organized.

Prof-in-charge: Shubda Malhotra

General Secretary: Delysha Dias (TYBA)

Sweden-India Nobel Memorial Quiz 2015: Mumbai Round

The Embassy of Sweden organizes one of India's most prestigious quiz contests annually–The Sweden-India Nobel Memorial Quiz. The quiz series is part of the Sweden India Nobel Memorial Week – now in its ninth year.

On behalf of the Embassy of Sweden, Xpress Minds Edutainment conducted this year's Nobel Memorial Quiz 2015! The quiz was conducted across 10 cities in India. The broad theme of the quiz was Alfred Nobel, the Nobel Prize, Nobel Laureates, innovations and inventions of Swedish people and Sweden in general.

The quiz was open to all Indian students currently enrolled at a college/university in India. Students are required to form teams of 3 members each in order to participate.

The Mumbai round of the quiz was held on 16 August 2015 at the Principal L.N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development & Research, Matunga. Ten teams in all, each comprising of 3 members from various self-finance courses BMS, BMM, B.Sc-IT, and BAF attended the quiz competition. The quiz was hosted by architect and quiz master Kunal Savarkar. Students were happy with the enriching experience they had at the competition. They learnt a lot about Sweden and enjoyed participating in the event, for which they received participation certificates.

Our Principal, Dr. (Ms.) Marie Fernandes appreciated the effort put in by the students and thanked them for representing the College at the event. The process of enrolling and coordinating with the organizers for St. Andrew's College was done by Prof. Frederick Arland.

Prof-in-charge: Frederick Arland

Andrean Counselling Unit

The Counseling Unit began the academic year 2015 - 16, with a regular orientation session that helped students in 'Understanding What is Counseling' and the various ways that the St Andrew's Counseling Unit could help them. Each floor had a poster to spread awareness about the existence of a Counselling Unit and the various issues that the Unit addresses.

The college counsellor was available for all six days of the week from Monday to Saturday, from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

Counseling Unit Services Offered	
Service	Figure
Individuals (students and adults) availed of Counseling services	302+
Individuals availed of testing services	253
Follow-up sessions taken	300+

This unit has offered its services to about 302 individuals (students and adults) who have availed of counseling services and with more than 300+ follow-up session collectively. There has been a significant growth in the number of counselling services rendered in the last 3 years; from 37 individuals (2013-14) to 112 individuals (2014-15) to 302+ individuals (2015-16).

The various issues experienced by students and adolescents included – low self-esteem and confidence, academic issues, self-pity, behavioural issues, body image, domestic violence, bullying, discord in interpersonal relationship, incompetence, self destruction, depression, fear, inability to manage time, career confusion, negative thoughts, relationship issues, aggression and impulsive behaviour, inability to handle difficult emotions and substance abuse.

To address these, counseling techniques like anger management, reality therapy, test administration, cognitive behaviour therapy, client-centered therapy, Gestalt's empty chair technique, challenging thoughts, assertiveness training, organizational skills, time management, positive thinking, solution focused brief therapy, relaxation techniques and, in group conflict situations, group counseling.

St Andrew's College Counseling Unit has been reaching out to students in need of any help, be it academics, developmental or social; which means, providing assistance in areas of need by “enriching life and making a difference” and in order to assist them to achieve personal and social growth and development.

The College Counsellor has been guiding students from various streams in projects related to the field of psychology. Some of the project topics directed under the guidance of the College Counsellor are – anger, bullying, relationships, stress, etc. The focus of the guidance has always been to offer a bridge to independent learning for students.

By encouraging students to take their project to the next level, thus developing their skills in critical thinking and enabling them to express their own ideas. Students are then encouraged to

B. Sc. (HOSPITALITY)



Guest lecture – Cleanliness & Cleaning services



Cocktail Mocktail - Demonstration Session



Students with Ms. H. Mistry and their flower arrangements

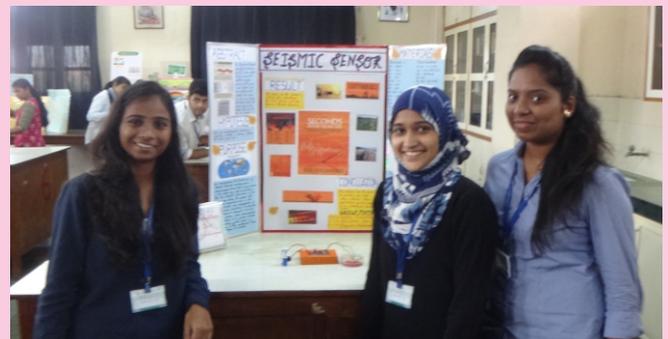


The winners, Regan Gonsalves and Milton Mastan with Chef Gaurav & Chef Vidyadhar

B. Sc. (IT)



ASP Workshop



ECT Exhibition - Students with their Project



ECT Exhibition - Students with their Project



Famous Mathematicians – Photo Exhibition

ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT



Economic – History Depts. - Bandra Heritage Walk



Guest Lecture – Mr. Karan Gupta, Meghnad Desai Academy. Future Prospects of studying Economics

U.G.C. Sponsored National Seminar on 'Displacement'



Keynote Speaker – Dr. Asmita Kabra, Associate Professor, Dr. Ambedkar University, Delhi



Guest Speaker – Dr. Sarmishta Patnaik, IIT, Mumbai



Panel discussion:
Mr. Ernest Fernandes - Moderator,
Writer – D. D'souza,
Film Makers - S. Dhuru & A. Patwardhan.

CIVIL SERVICES



Session On Kalaam Ko Salaam

Session On
'Dare to Think
Beyond Those
Beaten Paths'
by
Amita Almeida



Session on
'Opportunities
in Government
Services
for B Com
Students by
Prakash Almeida

BMM DEPARTMENT



Journalists Ruchi Sharma & Hikmat Noori –
Ground Reality in Afghanistan



Shamiana Workshop with Mr. Cyrus Dastoor



Social Awareness Campaign – Buzz of Bully



Participation in Swachh Bharat Campaign- A
P&G initiative.

BMS DEPARTMENT



Graphology workshop by Mr. Davendra Jhaveria



BMS Faculty with students on teachers day



Entrepreneurship workshop



Back in Time- Management projects

OUR TOPPERS



Kinny Rebecca
T.Y.B.A.



Lovetta D'Souza
T.Y.B.M.S



Savina Fernandes
T.Y.B.Com.



Binala Picardo
T.Y.B.Com.



Sumit Shetty
T.Y.B.M.M.



Calvina D'Souza
T.Y.B.Sc.-I.T.



Elvis Fernandes
T.Y.B.Com(A & F)



Sayonika Das
T.Y.B.Sc.- H.S.



Veronica Fernandes
T.Y.B.Com(B & I)



Pranali Patil
T.Y.M.Com

shape these ideas into reality by transforming the project into something that is more society oriented.

One BMM group of students who covered the topic of bullying, got media coverage by Hindustan Times, 2nd March 2016 (HT Education Section).

YOUR VOICE – Staff Enrichment Initiative (360 Degree Feedback)

The initiative 'YOUR VOICE' was assigned to the Counselling Unit and was successfully handled by the College Counsellor. This new initiative as part of the Staff Performance Assessment began by introducing the 360 DEGREE FEEDBACK system. This system included the process of staff members receiving confidential, anonymous feedback from the people who work around them. This typically includes the staff member's heads of departments, peers, and students. An online portal was devised exclusively for this initiative that looked at the following aspects:

Students Feedback of Faculty (TAQ)

Students from each of the sections were brought to the computer lab where they answered questions regarding each of their professors in a 'yes' or 'no' format and filled in suggestions for each of their professors. The results of each of the staff members were then shared by the Principal in a confidential environment, together where certain goals were defined in order to cultivate the practice of progress in the next assessment, conducted in the following year.

Employee Job Satisfaction Survey

It is very important to understand the satisfaction levels of the staff working at St Andrew's in order to influence positive work attitudes and develop a positive

work environment. Staff members were invited to fill an online assessment form about various aspects of the college which were then collected, compiled and reviewed:

- a) Personal Views
- b) Pay Received
- c) Staff Advancement
- d) Co-Workers and Team Building
- e) HOD / Co-ordinator / Superintendent
- f) Principal
- g) College
- h) Feedback Involving Students
- i) Overall Feedback

Peer Evaluation

The Peer Evaluation was conducted on staff members who gave an evaluation about each of their colleagues in terms of their 'STRENGTHS' and 'WEAKNESS'. The Principal then discussed each of their compiled responses report respectively, in a confidential environment and helped the staff to use their strengths to overcome their weakness.

Prof-in-charge: Shubda Malhotra

Counsellor: Melanie Mathais

AVISHKAR

This year was our second year of participation in “Avishkar” an Inter-collegiate State level Research Convention initiated by the Governor of Maharashtra and the Chancellor of the Universities in the State of Maharashtra. This year the "Avishkar" research competition was open to students of undergraduate and post graduate level. It is an excellent platform where students can showcase their creative research talents. To help students sail smoothly through the process we organized an orientation

session for our students by Dr. Pradeep Kamtekar .

Students from our college chose from the categories mentioned below and selected their topics accordingly. Regular guidance were given to

students by Dr. Harmeet Kaur Bhasin , Dr. Madhu Rai and Prof Shirley Pillai. The categories selected by our students were:

- 1) Humanities, Language and Fine Arts.
- 2) Commerce, Management and Law

Avishkar Research Papers were presented by 10 students at the district level

Name	Class	Topic of study
Prerna Tiwari	S.Y.B.A.	Worry Pattern among college students
Megha Shelar and Qisar Tanveer Shaikh	S.Y.B.A.	An In-depth Study on the Coastal road
Gunjita Bhandari	F.Y.B.A.	Locus of Control
Louchelle Meneses	B.M.S.	A Survey of Mumbai Suburban Local Train Travellers
Rhea Dsouza	F.Y.B.COM.	A Study on the transition of Passenger commutation in Mumbai
Melani D'mello	B.B.I.	Merchant banking in Punjab National Bank
Mikael Dsouza	F.Y.B.COM.	A Case study of a Mill that turned into a Mall
Akash Gaikwad and Rahim Manjiyani	S.Y.B.A.	Myth and Science
<p>We are proud of Mikael D'souza, Prerena Tiwari and Gunjita Bhandari who qualified at the district level and were selected to represent Mumbai University at the University level.</p> <p>Profs-in-charge : Dr. Harmeet Kaur Bhasin, Dr. Madhu Rai and Shirley Pillai</p>		

NSS (National Service Scheme)

MOTTO: 'NOT ME BUT YOU'

2015-16 was yet another fulfilling year for the NSS Unit of St. Andrew's College. Like every year we began with an orientation programme for first year students where the professors -in-charge briefed the students about the NSS, its activities and its criteria to complete 120 hours per year.

University Level Activities

On 5 June 2015, 5 volunteers from our NSS Unit participated in the 'Tree Plantation Drive' held at Kalina University for the celebration of World Environment Day. Our college unit planted and watered around 6 saplings and took an oath to make our city pollution free.

On 29 June 2015, the volunteers attended an orientation on

'Responsibility of youth towards water conservation' by Mr. Rajendra Singh who is a Raman Magsaysay Awardee, organized by the N. S. S unit of R. D. & S. H. National College and S. W. A Science College, Bandra. He is also known as the Waterman of India. He spoke about the NGO that he founded known as Tarun Bharat Sangh (TBS) and all the work that the NGO has done for the villages of our country which faced major water crisis. He spoke on how starting from a single village in 1985, over the years his NGO has helped in building over 8,600 johads and other water conservation structures to collect rainwater for the dry seasons, has also brought water back to over 1,000 villages and revived five rivers in Rajasthan, viz. Arvari, Ruparel, Sarsa, Bhagani and Jahajwali.

On 1 August 2015, the volunteers of our college attended a seminar on 'Role of Ham Radio in Disaster', presented by the Disaster Amateur Radio Emerging Services held at Mumbai University. We were informed that a Ham Radio is used as a means of communication and is very useful as a disaster management tool.

On 6 August 2015, a Peace Rally was held and many students attended the rally from our college wearing white coloured clothes as white colour symbolizes peace. This rally was conducted in remembrance of the tragic episode of Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. We went to Flora Fountain where we took the pledge of following the policy of "Non-Violence" in our lives.

On 9 August 2015, the volunteers attended a rally organised by Yuvak Biradri in remembrance of the martyrs who sacrificed their life for our country. We were taken to Gandhi museum, where we could learn more about Gandhiji and different events which took place in his life.

On 15 August 2015, the NSS volunteers of St. Andrew's College decided to clean the Bandra railway station. We cleaned the railway tracks, the railway sidewalks, the foot over bridges, etc. on Independence Day to increase the awareness of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

On 29 August 2015, the students of the NSS had a session on "First Aid" which was held in the college by Dr. Anapurna, a doctor who practices CPR, home nursing and first aid. She told us about how first aid is administered to people who get fits, heart attack, snake and dog bites, asthma, people who are drowning, etc. She also taught us about the recovery position and gave a demonstration of it. She also gave us information on what are the perfect timings to study and how to maintain a nutrition-filled diet.

On 9 September 2015, a seminar for the NSS volunteers was conducted by Mr. Lokande on 'Disaster Management'. He gave them information about the emergency helpline numbers. He spoke on all natural as well as man-made disasters such as floods, earthquakes, cyclone, bomb blast, etc. He also gave necessary tips, knowledge and a demonstration as to how one can be saved at the time of disaster, how to tackle it efficiently and with minimum risks.

On 5 September 2015, World Peace Day is observed. The NSS volunteers celebrated by making posters, which included various quotes by revolutionaries such as Gandhiji who followed the path of non-violence, to spread awareness to maintain peace. The posters were exhibited all over our college campus and received positive feedback.

On 31 October 2015, we had a Run for Unity which was inaugurated by our

Chief Minister Mr. Devendra Fadnis. The NSS volunteers of our college were present there amidst volunteers of several other colleges. Our Chief Minister flagged off the run. We ran from Trident, Marine Lines to Parsi Gymkhana. We also took an oath to maintain cleanliness in our surrounding and our country. From there we marched to Mumbai University convocation hall for a talk.

The much awaited NSS rural residential camp was held at Gondav Greens, Gondav Village, Khopoli from 14 December, 2015 to 20 December, 2015. 37 students participated in the camp, assisted by three professors. The students provided community service in the nearby villages. The students taught them the use of solar cooker, how to prepare and use a compost pit to generate natural manure from wet waste. Two hundred trees were either planted by our volunteers or donated to the villagers. Tree plantation was carried out in & around the village school premises getting the school children involved in the process. Our students made the villagers adopt a tree & plant it around their respective houses. Students organised an education drive for the school children & conducted sports day. The students also performed street plays for the residents of the nearby villages on social issues such as dowry, education, addiction, etc. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was carried out in the village & students made the villagers aware about the importance of cleanliness.

On 6 January 2016, a cultural event was organised at Marathi Bhavan, Mumbai University, Kalina Campus, on India and Palestine unity. Actors from Palestine who have their own theatre i.e. 'The Freedom Theatre' in Palestine had come to present their act in India. An amazing

performance was first presented by the Indian actors. The next act was presented jointly by the Indian and Palestine actors, an Indo-Palestine act.

From 15 - 22 January 2016, the students took up the task of preparing notebooks for the needy. Volunteers were asked to collect and bring unused rough pages so as to prepare books for the needy. 70 such books were made and distributed.

On 17 January 2016, in collaboration with the BMC, the NSS volunteers of St. Andrew's College conducted a Polio Drive at Santacruz Railway Station. The volunteers created awareness about polio immunization to the commuters. They urged the public to give polio drops to their children below 5 years of age, and gave polio drops to the children coming to the booth. The BMC officials as well as the citizens appreciated and thanked the volunteers for helping them out in their drive.

On 29 January 2016, the volunteers of our college attended a convention called Yuvak-Yuvati mela which pertained to gender equality, women respect and addressing violence as an issue at PTVA's Sathaye College, Vile Parle. This convention was organised to sensitize youth towards these themes. There were also many games organised based on gender sensitization and gender equality.

The following Community Level Activities were carried by our NSS Volunteers:

ADAPT Spastic Society: Our first area based activity was at Adapt. Volunteers were divided into groups and were introduced to the Principal of the school and a brief orientation about the history and origin of the foundation were given. They were given certain instructions

about the physical and mental capabilities and constraints of the students and how to go about helping them during the course of the term. Role of conduct and modes of behaviour were clearly stated. They were also briefed about the medical history of students, their time table, and also the duties they had to carry out with respect to them. During the course of their service at Adapt they did different things like helping the teachers in preparing teaching aids, taking classes, art and craft making (paintings, wall hangings, paper-bags, joker caps, bead necklaces, anklets, collages, cards, etc.), celebrating festivals (Dahi Handi, Raksha Bandhan, Diwali, etc.). There was an art and craft exhibition wherein the arts and crafts that were prepared were put up for sale. The term also included a small outing to the Bandra fair. They took the students to the fair, some were taken on wheel-chairs along with their teachers. Each volunteer had to sit on the rides with the student allotted to them as they were responsible for taking care of them throughout. All in all the whole experience at Adapt was a learning one. It gave our volunteers an exposure to the changing educational system in India and the whole concept of inclusive education for all despite their physical and mental constraints.

Dilkhush: Dilkhush was started in 1971 by the sisters of Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus as part of their work in the field of formal and non-formal education and other developmental work being carried out in 24 countries around the world. Dilkhush has grown dramatically since. It has a wealth of experience in working with individuals with different abilities and from diverse backgrounds to continuously explore their capabilities: be it as teachers, students, volunteers or employees. Our volunteers first day

began with introduction with the principal and the teaching and non-teaching staff of the institution. They guided them through the history and origins of the institution. Then the teaching staff took them to each class, and explained the children's physical and mental abilities and the problems they face. They guided and showed them how each staff works with the children, and explained how to help children with their activities. Our students helped in preparing teaching aids, taking class, craft and art making, Independence Day celebrations and conducting singing and dance practices, in making flags and posters.

Laadli: Laadli Change Makers Club was launched on 27 September 2011, at Patkar Hall, SNDDT. It signalled a change in strategy with the NSS and WDC departments to organize gender sensitization programs in colleges with the support of Population First. The aim was to initiate a dialogue between college students on gender issues and allow them to take further initiatives on the cause. The volunteers of the NSS Unit of St. Andrew's College for the 1st time collaborated with the NGO, to spread awareness about Gender sensitization and respecting womanhood. Ten of our volunteers were a part of this initiative. During the year they participated in debates on the Status of Women in society, Poster-making on Save Girl Child, Discussions and Workshops and screening of various documentaries. This initiative helped our volunteers to create awareness towards the empowerment of the Female gender.

Energy Conservation Awareness: The second area based project initiated by the University of Mumbai was the Energy Conservation project. The idea of this project was to sensitize the public about the need to conserve energy. The NSS

volunteers carried out a survey of families in the locality and checked the amount of electricity consumption and provided tips to conserve energy. A follow up list was provided to the students in order to note the information. The students then surveyed 7 families for 7 months from June to December and monitored their bill time to time and gave them advice to conserve electricity by minimizing the use of electric appliances that conserve more watts and use of CFL bulbs instead of tube lights.

Bandra Fair Security: From 13 - 20 September 2015, the NSS unit of St. Andrew's College assisted the police in providing security at Mount Mary Church for the fair. The volunteers were divided into two batches; morning batches mainly composed of girls and the evening batch consisted mainly of boys. who volunteered from 5 pm onwards. On Sunday, our NSS students volunteered for the whole day from morning to night. They helped the police in crowd management and arranging the crowd in queues to avoid any stampedes. They helped senior citizens in attending mass at Mount Mary. They provided snacks and water for senior citizens, pregnant ladies and small children. They gave First-Aid to the people in need. Our volunteers frisked and checked people's bag to make sure no mishaps occur during the fair. Our volunteers repeatedly kept on making announcements to maintain silence while entering the church and to take care of their belongings and children in the crowd. Thus our volunteers left no stone unturned in providing a safe and secure atmosphere for the devotees visiting the basilica. The police officers and the officials of the Bandra Fair Committee appreciated our volunteers' hard work, dedication and commitment.

College Level Activities

Posters for Promotion (29 June 2015):

Existing volunteers enthusiastically made posters for the promotions to make the newly joined students aware of the kind of work our college unit does and the achievements our college has received, so that the students get inspired and encouraged to be a part of the NSS Unit and work for the betterment of our society.

Posters on Drug Eradication (24 June 2015):

As our college was celebrating 'Drug Eradication Week', the NSS Unit contributed for this programme by making posters and creating awareness about the evil effects of the use of drugs.

Street Play (4 July 2015):

As a part of social awareness week in our college, the NSS Unit decided to present a street play on drug eradication from our society. Our very own talented volunteers scripted and directed the street play and enacted it on the college ground during the college break time where we showed the college students the harmful effects of drugs and how can we free ourselves from it.

Orientation for Students (17 July 2015):

An Orientation was held by the NSS unit for the students interested in social work. The orientation was a brief introduction to what NSS is all about. A presentation was shown by the previous NSS leader and the Principal too gave a talk on how important NSS can be in a student's life. The NSS programme officer Prof. Maria Syed spoke about the various College and University based activities for the academic year and also encouraged students from special categories to join NSS. 66 students were present for the orientation.

Personality Development (14 August 2015): A personality development session was held in our college on 14 August 2015. The session was conducted by Mr. Sunil Kadam who works with Manav Abhyas Sangha. He emphasized the importance of having clarity while setting goals about the obstacles that one might have to face while achieving those goals.

Independence Day (15 August 2015): St. Andrew's College celebrated Independence Day in a very patriotic manner. The Principal, the teachers, the non-teaching staff, college students and NSS volunteers started the day with the holy Eucharist (Mass). Later, everyone went to the ground for the flag hoisting. Our principal, Dr. Marie Fernandes hoisted the national flag. Then everyone assembled in the hall for a small get together. First year students sang a patriotic song followed by another patriotic song by our NSS volunteers. The Principal spoke about how important it is to remember how many great sacrifices were made because of which we get to live in a free country. Thus, we celebrated our freedom day in a true patriotic sense.

Bandra Fair Meeting (4 September 2015): The NSS volunteers of our college attended a meeting for Bandra Fair, which was conducted by Ms. Suzie who works with the Bandra police.

Teachers Day (5 September 2015): On the occasion of Teachers day, the NSS volunteers helped in preparing handmade cards for our teachers. We conducted a small programme for the teachers which included students performing various dances, singing songs and felicitating the teachers for their hard work and dedication towards us. We also conducted few games for the teachers and gave them gifts. The

programme ended with vote of thanks and distribution of refreshments.

NSS Day Celebration (24 September 2015): The NSS unit of our college celebrated NSS Day on 24 September with great enthusiasm. The volunteers participated in a cleanliness drive which took place in our college premises.

World Food Day (16 October 2015): Our NSS team decided to observe World Food Day by feeding the hungry in slum areas near our college, at Bandra Reclamation Road. Volunteers brought bags full of non-perishable food items, e.g. biscuit packets and home cooked delicious dishes which were distributed among the needy.

Cleanliness Drive (19 October 2015): Our NSS volunteers decided to clean the Bandra railway station once again. We cleaned the whole railway station and separated the dry and wet waste.

Diya Painting (4 November 2015): As the festival of lights Diwali was approaching, our NSS team met in the college with earthen diyas, paints and decorative materials to give the diyas a new look. These were distributed to the poor at Bandra Reclamation Road.

Children's Day (14 November 2015): NSS volunteers celebrated this day by providing stationery items to poor children living in the slums at Bandra Reclamation. Many different items such as books, pencils, compass boxes, etc. were distributed.

Paper bag-making (21 November 2015): There was a paper bag making activity organized by our college NSS unit on 21 November and 21 volunteers participated in it. Scissors, glue and newspapers were brought to make the bags. All the volunteers helped each other and made many bags.

Session on AIDS (23 November 2015):

A one hour long session on AIDS awareness was conducted by NSS unit in the college, the speaker for this session was Dr. Girish Trivedi from AIDS Combat International (ACI). He spoke on the different ways the HIV virus spreads and how to take preventive measures against it. He also gave various examples about different personalities getting affected by the virus and how they spoke out about it. He informed us about the various help lines and specialist doctors to go to or to recommend if we come across this virus anytime in the future. We took home with us a lot of helpful information.

World Disability Day (3 December 2015):

To highlight the importance of this day a documentary named 'We Can Fly-Persons with Disabilities' was organized by NSS unit in our college. This documentary informed us what the people with different type of disabilities go through in their daily lives and how they are treated by people around them. It also enlightened us on the help provided by the Government. After the documentary ended, a discussion was held among the volunteers about what they learnt from the video and how the government can make more provisions for them.

Blood Donation (7 December 2015):

The NSS unit of St Andrew's College organized a blood donation drive. Mahatma Gandhi and Holy Family hospitals were called for collecting blood samples. Thalassaemia test also was conducted. From teachers to students to office staff, all came whole heartedly to donate blood. The tireless work of the NSS volunteers and mainly the support of the students helped the NSS unit to collect 149 units of blood.

College Annual Day (25 January 2016):

St Andrew's College celebrated its

Annual Day on 25 January 2016 at St Andrew's Auditorium. All the NSS volunteers were assigned the work of security for the event both inside and outside the auditorium. The Principal made it a point of thanking all the NSS volunteers for their dedication and help in making the event a successful one.

Our students displayed great enthusiasm and a sense of involvement to extend their services for the community development. They worked hard and actively participated in each and every activity and fulfilled the NSS motto "NOT ME, BUT YOU".

Profs-in-charge: Maria Syed, Neeraj Shukla, Rachel George and Dr. Priya Shahi.

Winter Wonderland

Snow Much Fun!

Christmas, undisputedly is the best time of the year. The BMS Dept. organised a



three day affair, 'Winter Wonderland-Snow Much Fun', to bring together the entire St Andrew's College Family.

Winter Wonderland commenced on the 17 December with the cutting of the ribbon and lighting of the Inauguration lamp by the Principal Dr. (Ms.) Marie Fernandes, Rector Fr. Aniceto Pereira, and Vice Principal Ms. Saudamini Bhagwat. Fr. Aniceto Pereira made an opening speech highlighting the impact mass media holds over society and how it can be used to evolve the current

attitudes. Soon thereafter, Ms. Piyush Kaushal from Zee Entertainment delivered her talk entitled, 'The Journey through the Media Industry'. She spoke effectively on the impact of mass media on shaping society, current avenues available in the stream and conducted a question and answer session with the students to clarify doubts personally.

Mr. Vikram Saptarash spoke on 'The Marketing Essentials in the Paint Industry'. As a representative of Jotun Paints he spoke about how Jotun as a company has been able to retain its client base without mass marketing tactics and in spite of the competition from upcoming competitors. This was only possible by continuous R&D, product development and making the process of palette selections more extensive by having lucid apps that assist clients.

Winter Wonderland would not have been Wonderland without the Christmas Fair held on the 18 December. The terrace of the BMS & Hospitality building was transformed into a Wonderland. Students put up their own stalls, while others patronized their friends' stalls. Every stall was unique and displayed an array of things to choose from; there were bags, mugs, badges, cookies, brownies, caramel custard, jewellery, Christmas ornaments, pizzas, chaat, nachos, chocolates, sketches, stationery, kurtis, patialas, and even a PS4 stall! The terrace saw bursts of music, dance and entertainment which were provided by our oh-so-talented students. While the terrace was lively and cheerful, the A.V room was tense and nerve-grIPPING as there was a battle for the business quiz, 'Don Your Thinking Hats'. At 9:00 am. students gathered for a five hour intensive workshop on "Graphology" delivered by Mr. Devendra Jhaveria, a renowned

Graphologist. Mr. Jhaveria shared his thoughts on the different variants in handwriting and its inter-relation with a person's personality and behaviour patterns. He went on to analyse on a one-on-one basis each student's writing, picking on their virtues and identifying areas they needed to work on to better themselves; all of this by simply glancing at their handwriting ! And guess what, even our Principal, Dr. (Ms.) Marie Fernandes had her handwriting analysed!

'Winter Wonderland' will not be easily forgotten for quite a few Christmases to follow. The tireless work put in by the Organising Team, Creative and logistics teams are commendable.

Prof-in-charge: Savina Shenoy

SMUN (St. Andrew's Model United Nations)

St. Andrew's Model United Nations entered its second year under the active and dynamic leadership and guidance of our College Principal, Dr. (Ms.) Marie Fernandes. This year SMUN expanded its scope and sphere conducting activities ranging from anti-narcotics, anti-smoking to self defence and evacuation drill in case of earthquake. It nominated five delegates from SMUN to attend the Indian Student Parliament, a conclave of 10,000 plus student delegates from all across India, where one of our delegates had the honour of being selected in the finals, as one of the best speakers.

1) SMUN Conferences

In the Academic Year 2015-16, three conferences were held with 30 delegates represented by students of Junior College, Degree College and Self-Financed Courses.

Each Conference started with a

small prayer and the inaugural lamp being lit by the Principal, followed by inaugural address by the Principal. The Conferences were chaired by the President of SMUN, Principal Dr. (Ms.) Marie Fernandes and conducted by the Secretary General, Prof. Neeraj Shukla. SMUN Chairperson Prof. Frederick Arland and SMUN member Prof. Fenil Dedia were also present. Along with them there were 7 Office bearers from S.Y.B.Sc-IT who provided logistical support and helped in the organization of the conferences.

- a) **Conference 1:** (4 September 2015) dealt with the topic “Child Labour and Child Exploitation” The second session dealt with the topic “Farmers Suicides in India”. The delegates represented various states of India and spoke on the issues, problems and measures taken by respective States to tackle the problems related to Child Labour and Farmers suicide.
- b) **Conference 2:** (19 November 2015) The topic for the Conference was “Refugee Crisis”. The delegates deliberated, discussed and debated on refugee crisis, highlighting the plight of the refugees, the causes, effects and long term implications world wide.
- c) **Conference 3:** (14 December 2015) The topic for discussion was “Reservation in Indian Education system”, the delegates deliberated and debated on the various pros and cons of the reservation system and its implications on Indian society, particularly the youth. After the session , there was a concluding

speech by the Principal Dr. (Ms.) Marie Fernandes, thanking the members of SMUN for the various activities organized by them and for having a very healthy, democratic, positive and fruitful discussion on various important issues concerning India and the globe. The Principal said that youth are agents of positive change. She emphasized that the power and energy of youth need to be channelized and guided so that they can become responsible citizens of our country and the world. Some members shared their experience of being part of SMUN. The session was followed by felicitation of all members of SMUN by presenting medals, trophies and certificates of participation

2) Activities Under taken under SMUN Banner:

a) **Anti-narcotics session:**

The Anti –Narcotics Seminar was held on 26 June 2015. It was inaugurated by the Principal, Dr. (Ms.) Marie Fernandes. The resource persons for the seminar were: DCP Chavan and Inspector Rao Rane. It also called for active participation of youth in the various anti-narcotics programmes launched by Mumbai Police.

b) **Earth Quake Evacuation Drill:**

With the aim to equip and prepare our students to face natural calamities like earthquakes, fire and floods, SMUN had mock drills to prepare students to face such natural calamities with no, or minimal, casualties. A mock Earthquake Evaluation drill was

organized. The various entry points and exit points were brought to the notice of the students. At the assembly point the Principal Dr. (Ms.) Marie Fernandes addressed the students about the significance of the drill.

For the Junior College the drill was organized on 16 September 2015 and for the Degree and Self-Financed courses it was organized on 19 September 2015.

c) Self-Defence Session:

In order to build self-confidence especially among women, a training programme was organized by SMUN: for Staff members (Junior, Degree and Self -Financed Courses), on 23 September 2015 and for Students on 18 December 2015.

The Self-Defence training was imparted by Mr. Krishna B. Chityal and his team. Mr. Krishna B. Chityal is an International 7th Degree Black Belt Holder and was awarded the "Karate Acharya" by the Sports Authority of India and is a Member of Black Belts Foundation. Mr. Krishna simulated various situations that can occur in day to day life how to effectively deal with those situations and minimize the risk to one's life and neutralize the attacker.

d) Indian Student Parliament:

Five students from SMUN (Degree and Self-Finance) were nominated & sponsored by the Principal Dr. (Ms.) Marie Fernandes. Zenobia Coutinho (T.Y.B.A.), Allwin D'Souza (S.Y.B.M.M.), Alston Nadar (S.Y.B.Sc-IT.), Onkar Naik (S.Y.B.Sc-IT.) and Lakshmi Sreedhar (S.Y.B.M.S.) to represent St. Andrew's College at the Sixth Annual National Conclave (non-political), with participation of over 10,000 student leaders from all

states of India. The event was for 4 days dated 27 to 30 January, 2016 at Pune, MAEER's MIT Campus. There were 30 to 40 speakers on myriad subjects including Strong States for Stronger India, National Integration through Culture and Constitution, Politics of Political, Electoral and Judicial Reforms, Will Income & Crop Security Seal the Fate of Farmers? etc. Chief guests for the event were Hon'ble CM Devendra Fadnavis and Dr Raghunath Mashelkar. The prominent speakers included Kumar Vishwas (AAP), Kanwarpal Singh (Speaker, Haryana Legislative Assembly), Tushar Gandhi and Michael Lobo (MLA), Dr Kalpana Parulkar and Mt. Everest climber Mrs Arunima Sinha, etc. One of our nominated delegates Lakshmi Sreedhar from S.Y.B.M.S was selected as one of the best five speakers at the Conclave of more than 10,000 students.

The main objective of SMUN is to provide a platform to individuals from junior to degree college, to express their views, opinions and ideas on various national and international issues affecting the life of millions across the globe. The aim is to strengthen the democratic values and build world class leaders of tomorrow.

Next year it is proposed to make SMUN inter-Collegiate.

Prof-in-charge: Frederick Arland

UGC-Sponsored National Seminar on 'Displacement Issues'

Every year, the Department of Economics and the Department of Business Economics of St. Andrew's College organizes a symposium to

educate and make students aware of the salient social issues facing the poorest of the poor in our country. This effort, to make young people socially conscious, has proved to be beneficial in the lives of many of the students in their professional life. This year, the Department of Economics hosted the annual UGC-sponsored national seminar on 'Displacement Issues' with a special focus on development-induced displacement, on January 20, 2016. The theme was inter-disciplinary and it was encouraging that students from surrounding colleges participated. The Rector, Rev. Fr. Aniceto Pereira and the Principal, Dr. Marie Fernandes extended their support towards the seminar by gracing the occasion with their presence.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Asmita Kabra is Associate Professor in the School of Human Ecology, Ambedkar University, Delhi. She has been working on the subject for the past twenty years. Her lecture titled 'The environmental and social dilemmas of conservation displacement' focused on the displacement of natural habitats and wildlife ecosystems. She explained the displacement of not only human beings but also wildlife and natural ecosystems like animals and rare species of flora and fauna, giving data on the increasing volume of displacement in the animal kingdom. She went on to underscore the importance of land as an important economic resource by offering the key proposition that 'there is no unused land'. Her research revealed that development usually involved transition from existing land use to its new use. The dilemma, however, was that of the displacement of one by the other. Dr. Kabra claimed that the population is in the phase of the sixth mass extinction in history. Global warming is on the rise and the earth's natural resources are depleting rapidly. Statistics show that in the year 1961, the

world's bio-capacity was 74%, in 1985 it rose to 114% and in 2012 it shot up to a staggering 156%. A stark picture with evocative expressions like "Earth ka kuch karo, warna unEarth ho jayega!" summed up Dr. Kabra powerful address.

The need of the hour is sustainable development on a finite planet. Keeping abreast of ground reality, Dr. Kabra continued her presentation with video stills by Conservation International depicting the issue of global warming as voices of Hollywood personalities challenged the actions of man. A video titled 'Nature is Speaking' had Julia Roberts' voice taking the role of Mother Nature. Nature needs to survive because our survival depends on it. As she urged youngsters to take a stand for the Earth and the ecosystem, Dr. Kabra traced the origins of the idea of protection and conservation of the earth. She gave key insights into the Rio conference on Sustainable Development and highlighted the fact that 19% of land was to be protected by 2020. She suggested that a closed and undisturbed ecosystem should be created to avoid resource extraction.

Lastly, Dr. Kabra's presentation discussed the three focal points that make up the environmentalism of the poor, the omnivore, the ecosystem people, and the ecological refugees. Her inputs were thought-provoking and displayed her erudition in a subject the audience was unaware of.

The next panel discussant, Dr. Sarmistha Pattnaik introduced a sociological perspective on the issue of displacement. Dr. Pattnaik is a Professor in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Mumbai. Prior to her joining the institute, Dr. Pattnaik had six to seven years of first-hand experience in areas surrounding displacement issues. Her presentation

titled 'Understanding the Nexus between Eminent Domain and Land Acquisition: Odisha gave a clear picture of the issue of displacement in rural Orissa. She emphasized the point that land acquisition or 'land grab' is a socio-economic phenomenon and is seen not only in the rural parts of India but also in other lesser developing regions in Asia, Latin America, and China where both land and labor are cheap. Thermal power plants, Special Economic Zones (SEZs), coal mines and infrastructure businesses are some of the industries responsible for the growing displacement of rural settlements for which urban development is wanting. She expanded on the nature of globalization through the Marxian category of primitive accumulation as the primary trigger for displacement. She provided examples of displacement as the inevitable fallout of development. For instance, she cited cases like the relocation of slums during the 2010 Commonwealth Games, the POSCO project, and the TATA Singur plant project. Moreover, she enumerated problems with policies since the Land Acquisition Act of 1984. As a result, the number of people displaced from 1947 – 2000 amounts to 60 million people, 21.3 million people alone due to development projects.

Halfway along the presentation, Dr. Pattnaik reflected on the state of affairs in the country brought by displacement. She was unequivocal that development projects that force people to re-locate broadens the gap between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat. This class conflict was clearly displayed during the Narmada Bachao Andolan where thousands of families became homeless overnight and many of them found their homes submerged under water. Furthermore, displacement did not affect the people alone, but also their

livelihoods and the surrounding natural habitat. Displacement has negative impacts on marine and wildlife, creates and increases pollution levels and was the cause for land degradation and the violation of Coastal Regulation Zones (CRZs).

The take home was the importance of civil society in tackling the issue of displacement. Dr Pattnaik offered illustrations of the critical role played by civil society as part of resistance movements against development projects. The contributions of people's support groups, civil society, NGOs and environmentalists have strengthened social movements to combat the issues of displacement especially in marginalized regions. Dr. Pattnaik proposed alternatives to development, pointing out the advent of sustainable development and the importance of sustainable development practices to meet the needs of the current generation without compromising the needs of the future.

The last session featured Mr. Anand Patwardhan, an Indian filmmaker best known for his socio-political and Human Rights-based documentaries. Adding theatre and cinema to the forum, Mr. Patwardhan focussed on the Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) by activist Medha Patkar. The film titled 'A Narmada Diary' (1995) contains visuals and short clippings of the struggle taken up by activist Ms Patkar against the Sardar Sarovar Dam project. The film was co-directed by Ms. Simantini Dhuru who was also present. Mr. Patwardhan explained the power of moving images during an epoch of development. The documentary contained resonant references to the Indian freedom struggle. After the documentary, a ten-minute panel discussion took place with the students. Ernest Fernandes was the

moderator. Along with Mr. Patwardhan, Ms. Dhuru was accompanied by eminent writer and journalist Mr. Dilip D'Souza. The students had a fruitful dialogue with the panelists which helped them to think critically on the socio-economic dynamics of displacement.

Thanks go out to the Rector, the Principal, the staff and the Professors of

the Department of Economics for hosting a fruitful and informative seminar on a topical subject.

**Profs-in-charge: Dr. Amelia Correa
Dr. G. Tavares**

**Student-in-charge: Vivek Dsouza
(T.Y.B.A. Economics)**

Civil Service Cell Report

Date	Sessions organized	Speaker Profile	Students attended
15.7.15	Introductory session on Civil Services	Mr. Prakash Almeida, MA (English, Linguistics, Ecology & Environmental Philosophy, Religion, Sociology, International Relations, Economics, Defence Studies, Knowledge Management) UGC NET (Defence Studies & Linguistics) Certified Trainer from British Council	132
7.8.15	'Dare to think beyond those beaten paths', session covering prospects in Civil Services	Mr. Prakash Almeida, Mrs. Amita Almeida, MA (English, Linguistics, Childcare & Education Psychology), CIG, PGDDE, PGDID, CELTA, BLib	34
29.8.15	Symposium on Kalamko Salaam- A humble tribute to Dr Abdul Kalam	a. Joseph Tuscano, Senior Scientist, Educator & Science Writer, Consultant and NABL Assessor b. Ronnie D'Costa, Management Trainer & Research Scholar, Founder & Director IBLOSSOM c. Mr. Prakash Almeida	96
10.9.15	Constitution of India	Mr. Prakash Almeida,	10

14.10.15	Career Development	Mr. Prakash Almeida,	11
15.10.15	Personality Development	Mrs. Amita Almeida	11
16.10.15	Indian Economy	Mr. Prakash Almeida	11
17.10.15	Group Discussion & Mock Test	Mr. Prakash Almeida	25
19.1.16	Opportunities in Government Services for BCom students	Mr. Prakash Almeida	80
20.1.16	Opportunities in Government Services for BA students	Mr. Prakash Almeida	60
21.1.16	Opportunities in Government Services for BBI students	Mr. Prakash Almeida	30
22.3.16	Group Discussion	Mr. Prakash Almeida	25
23.3.16	Personal interview	Mr. Prakash Almeida	25

Profs-in-charge: Dr. Amelia Correa and Jyoti Bhatia

Alumni Meet Report

“When Alumni come together, they can do so much”. After much planning, St. Andrew's College Alumni (SACA) MC Members, professors in charge, Prof. Kevin Miranda and Prof. Savina Bhat, and Principal Dr. Marie Fernandes, decided to have an ALUMNI MEET over High Tea, on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, Republic Day. Alumni from far and near marked their presence in large numbers with a warm smile on their faces.

We began the Alumni Meet with the hoisting of the national flag by Principal, Dr. Marie Fernandes and singing of the national anthem. SACA MC Member, Mr. Bento Lobo, our emcee was the official host for this grand meet. The programme began with a Kathak Dance by Rohini Wij,

followed by a speech by Dr. Marie Fernandes, who invited all the SACA MC Members on stage and introduced them. This was followed by a PowerPoint Presentation on the growth, development and progress of the college, during which tea and snacks were served. This was followed by a dance performance by Tanisha Sharma, a current Andrean and 1st runner-up for Bombay Times Fresh Face and the national 2nd Runner Up. Mr. Bento Lobo also gave away spot prizes quizzing the audience on St. Andrew's College, from the time of its foundation to what it is today. SACA MC Members Coretta D'Souza and Reshma D'Souza, both did the honor of giving away the prizes to the winners. This was followed by alumni Suresh and Elaine, Jasmine and Russel, Derrick, Pio and Judith

sharing old memories. A Lavni dance performance by Divya and another dance performance by alumni Russel Baptista from Dance Vance Academy ended the programme. But soon, the alumni gathered took to the dance floor thanks to SACA MC Member, Mr. Brian Menezes providing great music. All thanks goes out to Mr. Bento Lobo who personally sent out e-mails, SMSs to as many ex-Andreans he could reach inviting them for this ALUMNI MEET. The decoration and snack boxes were arranged by our SACA President, Mr. Parvez Aga and Mr. Deepak D'Souza. The gifts for the spot prizes were arranged by Coretta and Reshma. Three BMS students, Andrea Mendes, Osvita Soares and Feanna Fernandes gave us their full support in meticulously managing the Registration Desk at the entrance of the college. Many thanks also to the Security Staff who did a fabulous job in seeing that all goes well right through the event. On behalf of the SACA MC Members, I extend a deep sense of gratitude to Principal, Dr. Marie Fernandes and Rector, Fr. Aniceto Pereira for supporting us wholeheartedly in making this ALUMNI Meet a grand success.

Football Tournament:

St. Andrew's College Team v/s
St. Andrew's College Alumni

A football match between the Current College team and the Ex-students of the College was organized by coach Sydney on Thursday, 24 September 2015 at 01.30 pm on the school ground.

College students came to watch the game and we soon had a big crowd of onlookers who stopped by to watch the game. Both teams sweated it out from one end of the ground to the other in the heat of the sun to score a goal. It was not long before when the college team scored a goal. At half time the SACA MC members, headed by our President, Mr. Parvez Aga, were introduced to both the teams and shook hands with every player.

In the second half of the match, the ex-students team tried hard to score a goal but luck that afternoon was on the side of the college team. The football team of St. Andrew's College won the game 1-0. It was truly a game played in the right spirit - a spirit of friendship and a feeling of oneness! After all, the bottom line is; we belong to one family, the 'Andrean' family.

At this junction, the SACA MC members would like to wholeheartedly thank the Principal, Dr. Marie Fernandes, for her tremendous support and trust in us. Our thanks also goes out to the Rector, Fr. Aniceto Pereira who made his presence felt and came in to watch the game with us. Last, but not the least, our sincere thanks to Coach Sydney for making this Football match happen.

Our 'Hearty Congratulations' to the Football Team of St. Andrew's College. Well played guys! You deserve a big round of applause!

**Prof-in-charge: Kevin Miranda
Coretta D'Souza (1989-90 Batch)**

Secretary, SACA

It is in fact a part of the function of education to help us escape, not from our own time -- for we are bound by that -- but from the intellectual and emotional limitations of our time.

T.S. Eliot

JHANKAAR



Sufi Dance



Prof Anju Verma with the Jhankaar organising Team



Indian Folk



International Folk

TECHNO-SCIENCE GALAXY 2015



Principal with the Chief Guests



Judging the working models on display



Principal with the participants



Techno-Science Galaxy in progress

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES



Department of Sociology-Role play



Department of Physics



Department of English- Seminar on Doorstep Schooling

CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Annual quiz Competition
Winners with Profs Swati Sawant, Revathi Vijayan
and Deepaxi Patankar.



'Your Word's Worth It.'
Winners with the Judges: Mrs. Lilly D'souza,
Mrs. Maria D'souza
And Prof. Suzie Mascarenhas.

ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL



Honouring late APJ Kalam
on Independence Day



PPT on Mumbai

PPT on Mumbai



Student Council Members

FIELD TRIPS – HISTORY DEPARTMENT



Visit to Monetary museum



Visit to Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj
Vastu Sangralaya

INTER- COLLEGIATE COMPETITIONS



Andrean Team Wins-Best College Trophy



Best College Trophy-Emorzeal



Winners of the Inter collegiate competition with Principal, Vice Principal and Ms. Kajali Raina

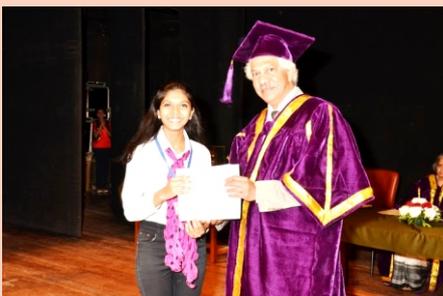
JUNIOR COLLEGE RESULTS TOPPERS AT H.S.C. BOARD EXAMINATIONS 2014-2015



Science - Brendon D'Mello- 83.85%



Commerce - Cynthia Bernard D'Costa – 89.38%



Best Girl Student - Simi Susan Shibu



Best Boy Student- Edrion Ashirwadam

INTER-COLLEGIATE SCIENCE COMPETITIONS



Andreans – Winners at the Techno-Science galaxy 2015.



Winners at - “Science Rendezvous”- Organized by D.G.Ruparel College.



Winning Team at H –Ward Science Exhibition organized by Education Department



Winning Team at H –Ward Science Exhibition organized by Education Department



Winners at Science Exhibition PHYZEX-2015 organized by Jai Hind College



Winners at the KJ Somaiya Group



Adieu Prof G. S. Raju

This academic year St. Andrew's College bade farewell to Prof G.S. Raju. Prof Raju from the Commerce Department retired from active service on December 2015.

We wish him a very happy retired life.



Commerce Dept. Field Trip to Coca Cola Factory, Wada



**Socio History Student Seminar 2015-16:
Tribes of Maharashtra**

JUNIOR COLLEGE

STAFF NEWS

Department of Physics

Prof. Frederick Arland

- Completed 24 years Selection Grade Training conducted by Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education at Bhavan's College, Andheri, in the first week of June 2015.

Prof. Harshad Patel

- Completed 24 years Selection Grade Training conducted by Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education at Bhavan's College, Andheri, in the first week of June 2015.

Department of Commerce

Prof. Sunny Fernandes

- Attended a seven day workshop on 'Analytical Techniques in Research' as part of the course work for the Ph.D. program, in K.P.B. Hinduja College of Commerce, Mumbai from May 16 to May 22, 2015.
- Attended a one day national seminar on 'Women Empowerment: A Feminist Discourse' in K.P.Hinduja College of Commerce, Mumbai on October 17, 2015 organised by K.P.B. Hinduja College of Commerce and Indian Council of Social Science Research and, also presented and published a research paper titled 'Women Entrepreneurship in India' at the International Journal of

Commerce, Economics and Management Vol. 2 : No 1 : October 2015 : Special Issue Part 2 ISSN : 2394-4560

- Participated in a two day national workshop 'Delving into the Depth of Research' organized by M.L. Dahanukar College of Commerce, Vile Parle on 11 and 12 December 2015.
- Attended a national conference on 'Recent Trends in Research Methodology in Commerce, Management and Social Sciences' at Sant Gadge Maharaj College of Commerce and Economics, Charni Road, Mumbai on 18 and 19 December 2015 and presented and published a research paper titled "Applications of Computers in Research" in Multidisciplinary National Research Journal, Vol. VI ; ISSUE II, December 2015, ISSN 0976-8564.
- Published a research paper titled 'Review of Housing Finance Companies in India' at the 2nd International Education and Leadership Summit(IELS) jointly organized by Indo Global Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (IGCCIA) and Confederation of Indian Universities (CIU) at Hotel Aurora Towers, Camp, Pune on 24 February 2016 in an International Journal of Business Management and Social

Sciences, Vol. 5 Issue 5(2) , February 2016, ISSN 2249-7463.

- Attended the 2nd Multi-disciplinary International Conference on Commerce, Management, Information Technology and Social Sciences at MVM's Degree college of commerce and Science, Andheri Mumbai on 27 February 2016 and presented and published a research paper titled "Corporate Social Responsibility in India" in an International Journal of Commerce , Economics and Management, Vol. 2 :No. 1 Special Issue :Part 5, February 2016

Department of Sociology

Prof. Tania Donald

- Was appointed by the ISC Board as a visiting examiner in the subject of Sociology to conduct vivas for the students of Grade 12, of St. Gregorios High School, Chembur and Lilavatibai Podar Senior Secondary School. ISC, Santacruz (West). The ISC examinations are conducted by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE), regulated by the University of Cambridge.

Department of Chemistry

Prof. Dipaksing G. Deshmukh

- Attended a workshop on 'Real-world Curriculum for Green Chemistry' on 6 December 2015 organized by R.D. National College, Bandra (West) Mumbai-50, in association with Green Chemistry Foundation.

Department of English

Prof Kajali Raina

- Attended a seminar on "Everyday Heroism Stories of Leadership in Action" on 15 March 2016 at Gallops, Mahalaxmi Racecourse. The speakers were Dr. Kiran Bedi, Major General G. D. Bakshi - National Security Expert, Anna Hazare - India Anti corruption Movement, and G. R. Khairnar a BMC Collector known as the Demolition Man.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Department of English

The English Department organised various activities during the academic year 2015-16. The aim was to encourage students to discover their hidden skills and talents.

The activities conducted for the SYJC and FYJC students included Enactment, Extempore, Pearls of Wisdom and a PPT on Mumbai. Apart from these activities, posters, poems and articles on various themes related to the subject were displayed on the department notice board, 'The Writer's Den'.

A number of activities were conducted in class, and the winners were awarded certificates of merit and the participants received certificates of participation as a token of encouragement.

Profs-in-charge: Ruby James Moses Jecord, Sweetie Fernande, Kajali Raina, Elaine Almeida, Salome Devkule and Alifeya Gomes

Seminar on 'Doorstep Schooling':

A seminar on 'Doorstep Schooling of Street Children' was organised on 16 February 2016 in the Conference Room. The Chief Guest was Prof. Sumita Ghosh (Retired Head of the Department of English, Sumaya College) and the guest speaker was Mr. Sunny Pawar, actively associated with an NGO educating street children. FYJC Science students; Prerna, Aaron, Alistair and Mubarak put up a Presentation - 'Schooling on the Streets of Vadodara - PATHSHALA'.

Prof-in-charge: Kajali Raina

Department of Hindi

The following activities were conducted by the Hindi Department during the academic year 2015-2016:

'Kabir Jayanti' was celebrated. Students made a power point presentation highlighting the work and life of Sant Kabir, and also recited some of the famous Kabir "dohas".

A short documentary film was shown to students on the topics like 'The Plight of Widows Worldwide', 'Stree Brun Hatya', 'Dahej Pratha- A Curse'.

On Hindi Diwas, we conducted the following activities: "Good thoughts writing", poetry recitation, story- telling, and speeches on "The Importance of the Hindi Language".

Audhyogic Kranti Diwas was also celebrated by FYJC students.

Profs-in-charge: Swati Sawant, Elcy Pinto and Manish Patil

Department of French

In order to make French easy to grasp and understand, worksheets were prepared to help in understanding the rules of grammar. Students played French Games and were taught to sing songs in French.

Prof-in-charge: Danielle Lobo

Department of History

The History department conducted a number of activities to make the study of history interesting and meaningful. A class quiz on current affairs was conducted for a week before Independence Day in order to increase patriotism in the students. They were also asked to find out facts about India and share it with the class.

Students were shown a PPT on the various monuments in India, and shared their experiences about a historical place which they had visited. A PPT on 'Mumbai 'was also presented to the class.

An excursion to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Vastu Sangrahalaya made students aware of our rich culture and history. The visit to the Reserve Bank of India's monetary museum enabled the students to learn about the history of coinage and currency notes in India. A large variety of ancient and medieval coins in the museum helped our students learn about the various periods in Indian history.

Prof - in-charge: Eleatha Pinto

Department of Psychology

A talk on 'Sexual Abuse in Children' was delivered to the SYJC Arts classes. "Care to Share" is a therapeutic session which is devoted once every month for students who feel the cathartic need to share any personal experiences with the rest of the class. A talk on Alzheimer's disease was given in the SYJC Arts classes to educate them on this condition. A workshop on Relaxation Techniques was conducted in the SYJC Arts classes. Also, a power point presentation was made on the topic of Phobia, and a discussion was held on Psychological Defence Mechanisms used by people.

Prof- in-charge: Sharmilla Menon

Department of Sociology.

Power Point Presentations on topics like dowry and bride burning, the role of social reformers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Swami Dayanand Saraswati and Dr Ambedkar, social research Methods, tribal communities and several others were made in class.

Students were also shown documentaries and videos from Satyameva Jayate (Dowry, India Untouched), National Geographic Channel (Multiple Husbands, Child Marriage), Online Classroom Teaching (Social Research Methodology, Primary and Secondary Data), Domestic Violence, Bell Bajao Campaign and It's a Girl!

Prof Ivan John (Member of Board of Studies, Moderator and Paper Setter) from Sophia College conducted a lecture for the SYJC students on 'How to Study, Prepare and Appear for the HSC Board Exams in the subject of Sociology'.

Prof- in- charge: Tania Donald.

Department of Economics

The Economics department conducted PPTs on Child Labour, the Evolution of Money and Banking. The department also organized a picture quiz on economic concepts to generate interest and enhance learning among the students.

To know more about the India's demographic features of India, newspaper presentations and discussions were held on topics like population and poverty.

The department organized a field trip to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Vastu Sangrahalaya and RBI Monetary Museum to know more about the concept of Money and Central Banking related to their syllabus. A documentary on Mumbai highlighted how Mumbai became a financial capital. The students found the documentary very informative and interesting.

Profs-in-charge: Dr. Sylvia Pinto and Revathi Vijayan

Department of Commerce

Commerce Wallpaper (Information on various business and commerce topics) was displayed throughout the year by our students.

An inter-division Commerce Quiz was conducted, in which the students participated with great enthusiasm.

A visit to the Reserve Bank of India Monetary Museum enabled the students to learn about the history of coinage and currency notes in India. A large variety of ancient and medieval coins were seen at

the museum, and helped our students learn about the various periods in Indian history. They also visited the Chhatrapati Shivaji Vastu Sangrahalaya.

A guidance lecture for students of Std. XII in Book-keeping & Accountancy by Dr. Satish Naringrekar (Member of the Board of Studies) was organized wherein important inputs on how to prepare and answer the Book-keeping & Accountancy paper were given. The students benefited a lot from this guidance lecture.

Profs-in-charge: Sunny Fernandes, Anju Verma and Bosco Fernandes

Department of Mathematics

Guest lectures on “Career Opportunities” for SYJC (Commerce) were conducted by the self-finance faculties of our college in June, 2015. SYJC (Commerce) students attended these lectures and appreciated the knowledge they derived from the session.

A Maths Quiz was conducted by SYJC (Commerce) students for FYJC (Commerce) students in September, 2015. Students participated with full enthusiasm. A video on “Donald Duck in Mathmagic Land” was shown to SYJC (Science) and SYJC (Commerce) students in July, 2015.

A Power Point Presentation on “Application of Trigonometric Functions” was shown to FYJC (Science) students in July, 2015. Projects on “Importance of Math's In Different Field” were done by the students of FYJC (Commerce) in

September, 2015. “Su-Do-Ku” was conducted for SYJC (Science) students in July, 2015.

Profs-in-charge: Payal L Meghani, Yasmin Khann and Ratika D'cunha

The Department of Biology

A quiz was held on 'Photosynthesis' for SYJC students. A Photography Exhibition was organized in November 2015 for F.Y.J.C students on the theme 'Nature'. Projects on various topics such as Genetic Engineering, Genomics, Chromosomal Disorders in Human Beings, Biotechnology process & Application, DNA finger printing, Microbes in Human welfare, and Biological interaction between Plants & Animals were conducted in August 2015 for the students of SYJC Science.

Profs-in-charge: Kalpana Jaiswal, Manisha Chabukswar and Deepaxi Patankar

Department of Physics

Power Point Presentations were made and presented by SYJC science students on various topics related with the field of Physics on 4 August 2015. There were three teams from SYJC A Science and three from SYJC B Science.

Principal Dr. (Ms.) Marie Fernandes was present at the event and appreciated the efforts made by the students. She provided valuable information and perspective on some of the topics presented. The participants learnt a lot through interactions with various groups and the audience. The event was judged by Prof. Manisha Chabuksawar

of the Biology Department, Prof. Joanna Leons of the Chemistry Department and Prof. Payal Meghani of the Mathematics Department.

The first prize was won by Firoz Maniar, Shaun Manikal and Ambrose Vaz from SYJC B Science for their presentation on the topic “Big Bang Theory”. The second prize was won by Darren Fonseca, Mala Narran, Elizabeth Muttathettu and Risha D'souza from SYJC A Science for their presentation on the topic “Anti-Matter and Dark Matter”. The third prize was won by Marc Thomas, Dominic Dasban and Kevin Fernandes from SYJC B Science for their presentation on the topic “Nano Technology”.

Profs-in-charge: Frederick Arland, Harshad Patel and Archana Patil

Department of Chemistry

A power point presentation on solids states, polymers and biomolecules was prepared by SYJC students in August and September. Project related work on various topics were given to SYJC and FYJC students. An inter-class quiz competition was conducted for FYJC in the month of November.

Profs-in-charge: Joanna Leons, Dipaksing Deshmukh, Rajni Patil and Preethi Sequeira.

Department of Computer Science & Information Technology

An Ms-Power Point presentation on topics such as “IPR”, “Cyber security”, “Ecommerce” was shown to the SYJC IT students on August 18, 2015. An inter-

class quiz competition was conducted for FYJC IT students on the topic “Latest software's” and “Company Logos” on November, 17 2015.

A Sudoku competition for the FYJC Computer Science students was held on August 3, 2015

Profs-in-charge: Samir Ankalikar, Rosel Rodrigues and Joan D'Mello

Value Education Programme

The aim of the Value Education Programme is to create self-awareness and develop the personality of every student. Keeping this objective in mind, the topics chosen by the resource persons were Peer pressure, Communication, Career options, Conflict Resolution and Personality Development. During these sessions, the students were made aware about their careers, the qualifications required and the institutions holding various courses.

The programme began in the month of July for SYJC students and in August for the FYJC students. The resource persons were-Mr. Aubrey Menezes and the Snehalaya team for FYJC and Mr. Adrian Rosario and Mrs. Alison Rosario for SYJC.

Profs-in-charge: Bosco Fernandes, Elcy Pinto and Eleatha Pinto

Coordinator: Fr. Aniceto Pereira

There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them.

Joseph Brodsky

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Inter-Class Elocution Competition

The English Elocution competition was held in August 2015. 28 students participated. The topics were 'The Happiest Day in My Life', 'Manners Makes a Man', 'A Man is Known by the Company He Keeps' and 'The Invention You Consider the Most Useful'.

Miss Cliona Dsouza of the FYJC Arts won the competition.

Profs-in-charge: Eleatha Pinto and Rathika D'Cunha

'Your Word's Worth It' 2015 Inter-Collegiate Elocution Competition

'Your Word's Worth It' – The Annual Inter-Collegiate English Elocution Competition was held on 15th Sept 2015. 22 colleges participated. The topics were:

- 1) Service to God Service to Mankind
- 2) The Right Use of Time
- 3) My Idea of a Hero

The judges were:

- 1) Mrs. Lilly D'souza
- 2) Mrs. Maria D'souza
- 3) Prof. Suzie Mascarenhas.

The first prize was awarded to Miss Kaajal Ahuja from Jai Hind College.

Profs-in-charge: Eleatha Pinto and Rathika D'Cunha

Annual General Quiz Competition

The Annual General Quiz Competition was held in September 2015. An elimination round was held to decide teams for the finals. Three teams consisting three members each of Arts, Commerce and Science streams were formed on the basis of the elimination round.

There were many rounds namely Audio-Visual round, Transfer round, Buzzer round and Rapid Fire round.

The winners were from the Arts Stream comprising Sherwin D'Cunha, Manisha Ufera and Fareen Khan.

Profs-in-charge: Swati Sawant, Deepaxi Patankar and Revathi Vijayan

Intra-Collegiate Science Exhibition and Poster Competition

The Intra-College Science Exhibition & Poster making Competition was held on 27 November 2015. The theme was 'Techno Science Galaxy 2015'. The sub-theme for the science exhibition was "Science & Technology for Sustainable Development." The event was inaugurated by our Rector Rev. Fr. Aniceto Pereira, Principal Dr. Marie Fernandes, and Vice Principal Prof. Kalpana Jaiswal, the judges, staff members and students.

The exhibition had three categories i.e. Working models, Non Working models

and Poster making. There were 27 working models, 13 non-working models and 7 posters. The judges for the event were; Prof. Joanna Leons (Chemistry Dept.), Prof Dipaksingh Deshmukh (Chemistry Dept.), and Vice Principal Prof. Kalpana Jaiswal (Biology Dept.).

Inter- Collegiate Science Exhibition & Poster Competition

It was held on 8 December 2015. The theme was 'Techno Science Galaxy 2015'. The sub-theme for the science exhibition was "Science & Technology for Sustainable Development." The event was inaugurated by our Rector Rev. Fr. Aniceto Pereira, Principal Dr. Marie Fernandes, and Vice Principal Prof. Kalpana Jaiswal, the judges, staff members and students.

It was a great honour for St. Andrew's College to receive an overwhelming response from 40 colleges participating with 190 students for the exhibition. This year we had the esteemed colleges from the western side participating in the exhibition like, KC College, Wilson College, Ruia

College, Ruparel College, National College etc and from Central side participating in the exhibition were S.K. Somaiya College, JhunJhunwala College, C.H.M. College etc. It was an enlightening experience to witness the budding scientists display their innovative ideas. We had 27 Working models, 26 Non working models and 24 Poster exhibits.

The judges for the event were:

1. Dr. Ajit Kulkarni (Institute Chair Professor, Department of Metallurgical Engineering and Material Science - IIT Mumbai.)
2. Dr. R.R. Deshmukh (Associate Professor of Physics at University Department of Chemical Technology- University of Mumbai.)
3. Dr. Ruendra Jadhav (Assistant Professor in Microbiology, Institute of Science, Mumbai.)
4. Prof. Ajay Choudhari-(Department of Physics, Institute of Science, Mumbai.)

The winners of the Inter Collegiate Science Exhibition were: -

Position	Group	Name of Exhibit	Name of college
First prize	Working model	Aeroponics	T.V.M.Hs. & J.College. Kandivli west.
First prize	Non-working model	A journey with water fuel	St.Andrew's College, Bandra west.
First Prize	PosterMobile	Radiations	Thakur Vidyamandir, Kandivli

Prof-in-charge: Archana Patil

Annual Essay Writing Competition

The Annual Essay Writing Competition was held on 10 September 2015. The following students were the winners:

English

First Prize -	Simi Susan Shibu (SYJC A Arts)
Second Prize -	Warren Romer (FYJC B Arts)
Third Prize –	Soujanya Rangawar (SYJC A Arts)

Hindi

First Prize –	Kushbu Chauhan (SYJC B Science)
Second Prize –	KushbooYadav (SYJC A Science)
Third Prize –	Sara Shaikh (FYJC A Science)

Marathi

First Prize –	Priya Marchande (FYJC A Commerce)
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Profs- in-charge: Elcy Pinto and Sweetie Fernandes.

The Annual Debate Competition

The Inter-faculty Annual Debate Elimination Round was held on 24 September 2015. The motion for the debate was “Colleges Should Do Away with the Attendance System”. Two teams were selected for the finals. The Inter-faculty Annual Debate Competition was held on 30 September 2015 in the college conference hall. The motion for the debate was ‘Do You Think Indian Students Should Encourage Brain

Drain’. The topic was well debated by the two teams comprising students from FYJC and SYJC. It was very interesting to listen to the viewpoints put forth by both the teams.

The opposition team won the debate. Simi Susan Shibu (SYJC A Arts) was declared the best speaker.

Following were the participants:

Team A (Proposition)

Selista Mallikal
Bernice Rodricks
Sharlize D'souza
Shivani Dubey

Team B (Opposition)

Perna Kasare
Malaika Dhamdgere
Bosco Macwan
Simi Susan Shibu.

The judges were Dr. Sylvia Pinto and Prof. Kajali Raina.

Profs-in-charge: Ruby James, Joan D'mello and Yasmin Shaikh

Inter-Collegiate Activities

Our college participated in and won prizes at the following inter-collegiate competitions:

NMIMS - Umang

Street Dance - 1st Prize
Tolani College - Talenzia

Bosco Macwan won the first prize at Extempore, Stress Management and JAM.

Pranav Dubey and Bosco Macwan won the first prize at the debate contest.

Sophia College - Kaleidoscope

Students participated in Dub Charades, Shoot to Thrill, Instrumental & Band

National College

Students participated in the elocution competition.

Shroff College

Naba Usmani won the third prize for Movie Mania, Web Designing

Edrion Ashirvadam won the first prize for Movie Mania

St. Ann College

Students participated in Nail Art, Solo Singing & On the spot painting competitions.

Vivek Vidyalaya

Warren Romer won the first prize for elocution

Simi Shibu won the consolation prize.

Vidya Vikas Universal College

Warren Romer won the third prize for elocution.

Apostolic Carmel

Simi Shibu won the third prize for elocution.

Thakur College

Pallavi & Prem Kumar won the second prize in the quiz competition.

NAEMS – St Andrew's won the COLLEGE TROPHY.

St. Andrew's Team won Dance- 1st Prize
Fashion Show – 2nd Prize

MMK College

St. Andrew's College won the second prize in the Dance and Fashion Show.

S.M. Shetty College, Emorzeal

St. Andrew's College won the BEST COLLEGE TROPHY

Fabian Rocha was crowned Mr. Emorzeal 2016.

SIES - Visions

Students participated Solo Singing, Dance, Counter Strike and Football competitions.

NMIMS - Vaayu

Ingrid Menezes won the third prize for Instrumental Solo.

Somaya College - Utkarsh

Students participated in Street Dance, Skit & Football competitions.

K.G Mittal College

Warren Romer won the second prize in the Elocution competition.

Competition	Participants	Position
Debate	Warren Romer and Pranav Dubey Simi Shibu and Bosco Macwan	1st Prize 2nd Prize
Being The CEO	Bosco Macwan Warren Romer	1st Prize 1st Prize
JAM	Simi Shibu Bosco Macwan	2nd Prize 3rd Prize
Cut Crop Paste	Manisha Ugreja	1st Prize
Rap Battle	Raksha Salian	3rd Prize

Amlani College - Elysium

Manisha Ugreja won the first prize for Glass Painting and Poster Making.

Pravin Gandhi Law College

Neola D'souza won Ms Vividh 2016.

Mithibai College

Reev Fernandez and Shubham Patil won the runner-up trophy at Vividh 2016

Duet Dance Performance

Liane Paul won Ms Hashtag 2016.

Sathaye College

Students participated in various competitions such as Dance, Painting & Fashion Show.

Prof- in-charge: Kajali Raina

Student- in-charge: Pranav Dubey

Inter-Collegiate Science Activities

This year there was a tremendous participation from Junior College students, especially from the Science stream in various inter-collegiate academic activities organized by various colleges across Mumbai. The students of our college brought laurels to the college by winning trophies at various competitions. The list of inter-collegiate events are as follows

1. **“Knowledge U.S. A Quiz”** organized by United States Consulate General, Mumbai. (7 August 2015)

Cheryl D'Silva, Alisha Fernandes, Pranav Dube ,Sheldon Monterio, Kevin George and Kenith D'Silva from SYJC participated in the event.

2. **Avishkar Quiz Competition** organized by C.H.M. College, Ulhasnagar held at Nehru Science Center Mumbai. (8th August 2015)

Team 1- Joshua Miranda and Glenn Rodrigues from FYJC (Science) won the First Prize and Trophy.

Team 2 - Firoz Maniyar and Shawn Maikal from SYJC (Science) got Participation Certificates.

3. **Health-Fair-Food-Fest 2015**, organized by K.J.Somaiya College of Science, VidyaVihar, Mumbai. (8th August 2015)

- a. Naba Usmani and Rommela Pereira won the First Prize and the Gold Medal in the Poster Competition.

- b. Edrion Ashirvadam and Punith Amin won the Second Prize in the Health Court.

- c. Jennifer Sebastian and Edrion Ashirvadam won the Third Prize in the Health Drink. Preparation.

- d. Edrion Ashirvadam and Punith Amin won the Third Prize in the Add Mad Show.

- e. Rachit Kotian and Shruti Sen won the the Third Prize in Bio Rangoli.

- f. Jennifer Sebastian and Edrion Ashirvadam won the Third Prize in Bio Pictionary.

4. **State Level Metals and Myerial Quiz 2015** organized by Indian Institute of Metals conducted by IIT Bombay, Powai. (on 29th August 2015).

Punith Amin and Mayura Rajadhyakash from SYJC (Science) participated in the event.

- 5. Vigyasa Science Quiz Competition** organized by T.P.Bhatia College Kandivali, Mumbai. (30th September 2015).

Edrion Ashirvadam and Punith Amin from SYJC (Science) participated in the event.

- 6. Science Buzz** organized by Vidya Vikas Junior College of Science, Malad (West), Mumbai-64. (30th September 2015).

Two Teams comprising Team1- Zaccaria Quadros, Sheldon Remedios, Sheetal Devdiga, Alistair D'Souza, Shoumik Pinto and Bianca Pereira from F.Y.J.C (Science) and (Team 2) Punith Amin, Edrion Ashirvadam, Melroy Lobo, Chris D'Mello, Meemansa Digarse and Elisabeth Muttathettu S.Y.J.C (Science) participated in the event.

- 7. H-Ward Science Exhibition** organized by the Education Department on 2, 3 and 4 December 2015 at St. Mary's School, Kalina, and Santacruz East), Mumbai-29. Reeve Fernandes and Shubham Shinde from F.Y.J.C (Science) won the second prize along with the trophy.

- 8. "Techno-Science-Galaxy 2015"** (Science and Technology for Sustainable Development), organized by St. Andrew's College, Bandra (West), Mumbai-50 on 8 December 2015

a. Zaccaria Quadros and Alistair D'Souza FYJC (Science) won the First Prize and the Trophy in the Non-Working Model.

b. Sheldon Remedios and Keane Dias FYJC (Science) won the Second Prize in the Working Model category.

c. Jessica D'Costa and Kinjal Beda FYJC (Science) won the Third Prize in the Poster Competition.

- 9. Science Exhibition PHYZEX-2015** organized by Jai Hind College, Mumbai. (11 and 12 December 2015)

Team 1- Zaccaria Quadros, Sheldon Remedios, Sheetal Devdiga from FYJC (Science), and Team 2- Alistair D'Souza, Keane Dias, and Bianca Pereira. From FYJC (Science) won the First Prize and the Trophy.

Team 3- Levinson D'Souza, Akshay Savai, Akhil Chandrashekhar, and Johnson Oliveira from FYJC (Science) got Participation Certificates.

- 10. Science Rendezvous 2016** organized by D.G.Ruparel College, Mumbai on 5 and 6 January 2016.

Jessica D'Costa, Kinjal Beda and Muskan from FYJC (Science) participated in and won the First Prize in the Scientific Rangoli Competition and Poster Competition on Mental Illness.

- 11. Florence 2016 "Elements Essence of Life"** organized by R. D. National College, Mumbai on 11 January 2016

Jessica D'Costa, Kinjal Beda and Muskan from FYJC (Science) the First Prize in the Scientific Rangoli Competition and Poster Making Competition.

- 12. Science Exhibition - Utsav Tech-Fest 2016** organized by Shree L.R.Tiwari College of Engineering. (15 and 16 February 2016).

Zaccaria Quadros, Sheldon Remedios, Sheetal Devdiga, Alistair D'Souza, Keane Dias, Bianca Pereira, Jessica D'Costa, Kinjal Beda from FYJC (Science) participated in and won the First Prize and the Trophy.

- 13. APPYFIZZICS-2016 in Newton's Yard, Quizics and JUNKCRAFT** organized by R.D.National College, Mumbai. (on 20 February 2016).

Zaccaria Quadros, Sheldon Remedios, Sheetal Devdiga, Alistair D'Souza, Bianca Pereira, Jessica D'Costa, Kinjal Beda, Shaun Misquitta, Mubarak Khalife, Elizabeth Vaz, Benecio Colaco, Mushir Katote, Shoumik Pinto from FYJC (Science) participated in the event.

- 14. Science Quiz Competition:** Prerana Kasare, Kaainaz Zarolla, Desirae Dias and Glenz Mendonza from FYJC Science received participation certificates in the competition. Shaun Misquitta and Mubarak Khalife from FYJC Science participated in 'Catch'em Young' in Inter-collegeate Vigyaan Yatra on 23 and 24 April, 2016. They won the

second prize at the 'Innovative Round in Science on WOW! Electricity contest at R. D. National College at Bandra (West).

Prof-in-charge: Dipaksing Deshmukh

The Students' Council

The Students' Council members comprise 28 student representatives from each of the 14 divisions of the Arts, Science and Commerce streams. The Student Council conducted two meetings with the Principal this year on 26 July, 2015 and on 12 December, 2015. The meetings were held to discuss the various educational, infrastructural and other students' related issues. Students gave constructive suggestions to solve the problems that affect their academic and co-curricular.

The following are some of the various activities conducted by the Students' Council during the academic year:

Independence Day

This year too, Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour, and a large number of students attended the 69th Independence Day Celebration on 15 August, 2015. The presence of the teaching and non-teaching staff made the programme successful. Principal Dr. Marie Fernandes hoisted the flag and addressed the audience. The formal function was followed by various cultural events which were performed by students. On this occasion, we also remembered former Indian president APJ Abdul Kalam, the father of the country's military missile program, who passed away on July 27, 2015.

Teacher's Day

In an academic institution, it is the teacher who is responsible not only for imparting knowledge but also for moulding the character of young students. A teacher today must be mentor philosopher and guide. To commemorate the birth anniversary of one of the finest teacher Dr Sarvapelli Radhakrishnan, the first Vice President and Second President of India, 5 September is celebrated as Teacher's Day. This year too, the students' council organised Teacher's Day to appreciate the contribution of teachers in their lives. The head of the Students Council, Simi Shibu, was the host, and spoke about the importance of teachers in the lives of young students. Students used handmade greeting cards for their teachers keeping in mind the principles of 'Best out of Waste', and also arranged lunch for the teachers.

PPT on 'Mumbai'

St. Andrew's College celebrated 'Mumbai' in 2015-16. On 23 September 2015 Students' Council members took initiative to arrange the screening of PPTs for all the streams. The topics were Bombay and Chemical Industry,

Mumbai's Dhabhawalas, Tourist Places, Technology, Street Food, Transport, Festivals, Bollywood, Crime, Economy of Mumbai, Mumbai's Diversity and many more.

During the academic year, the Student Council was also engaged in various other activities like coordinating Yoga Day (26 June, 2015), Anti-drug sessions (26 June, 2015), Annual Day (25Jan, 2016) and the inter-collegiate dance competition 'Jhankaar'.

Prof-in-charge: Elcy Pinto

Student Research Journal - 'Cognitio'

A student research journal 'Cognitio' was launched for the first time for the students of the junior college. This journal is named "Cognitio" because it refers to the act of knowing or knowledge. The journal enables students to go beyond the teaching-learning experience and venture into research, to not only acquire knowledge but also share it. The topic for the academic year 2014-2015 was "World War I" and the topic chosen for the academic year 2015-2016 was 'Mumbai'.

Prof-in-charge: Tania Donald

A family of mice were surprised by a big cat. Father Mouse jumped and said, "Bow-wow!" The cat ran away. "What was that, Father?" asked Baby Mouse. "Well, son, that's why it's important to learn a second language."

VOICES IN PROSE

The Phoenix

The legendary Phoenix is a large, grand mythical bird, much like an eagle or peacock. Its eyes are blue and sapphire like. It is known by many names - the Greeks named it the Phoenix, for the Egyptians it was Bennu, the native Americans call it the Thunderbird, the Russians call it the Firebird, and the Jewish legends call it 'The Milchan'. Its name 'Phoenix' is the Greek word for red.

The Phoenix symbolizes renewal, resurrection and represents themes such as the sun, time, the empire, consecration, life in heavenly paradise, Christ, Mary, virginity, the exceptional man and much more. The Greeks believed that the Phoenix lived in Arabia in a cool well. At dawn, each morning, it sang a beautiful song, so beautiful that the Sun God would stop his chariot to listen. In ancient Greece it was said the bird did not eat fruit, but frankincense and aromatic gums.

Tina Garnet writes that when the Phoenix feels its end is approaching, it builds a nest with the finest aromatic woods, cinnamon and myrrh, sets it on fire, and is consumed by flames. It embalms the ashes of its predecessors in an egg of myrrh and flies with it to the city of the Sun Heliopolis, where it deposits the egg on the altar of the Sun God. According to some, the Phoenix could live for over 1,400 years before rebirth. The Phoenix is sometimes pictured in ancient and medieval art as endowed with nimbus, which

emphasizes the bird's connection with the sun. The oldest images of the Phoenix are with seven rays, like Helios (the personified sun God of Greek myth).

In literature, the image of the Phoenix is found in the works of William Shakespeare who frequently mentions it in his plays. He also wrote the poem 'The Phoenix and the Turtle'. D.H. Lawrence used the Phoenix as a symbol of rebirth in his works. Sylvia Plath alludes to the Phoenix at the end of her famous poem 'Lady Lazarus' where readers can notice the image of the Phoenix that dies and with its birth gains more strength. Critics have said that Sylvia Plath is the Phoenix in the poem in just the same way as her attempts to suicide prompted her to fight back with a stronger voice.

I conclude with the following lines from a poem by a Roman poet, Claudian (translated by Henry Vaughan) that tell the story of the Phoenix:

“He knows his time is out!
And doth provide
New principles of life;
herbs he brings dried
From the hot hills,
and with rich spices frames
A Pile shall burn,
and Hatch him with his flames.
On this the weakling sits;
salutes the sun”.

Rachel Pereira (TYBA English)

The Journey of Cinema

When I think of my first interaction with films, I think of little-me dancing away to

Bollywood tunes in Dubai, or perhaps the times when I held plays with my cousins for the family in the living room. Either ways, the relationship has been quite long.

Moving to India brought me closer to my passion for the fine arts; be it as an actor or director for theatre in Delhi or a filmmaker in Mumbai. Let me tell you how it all began.

It was the end of my High School diploma and I had absolutely no idea of what I was going to do with my life next. Little did I know that behind all that anxiety, my aspirations were knocking on my door. Merely 18 years old, I had decided to pack my bags and move to the city of my dreams, Mumbai. Amidst struggling to settle into the new city and dealing with the sudden independency, I landed onto the large-scale sets of Balaji Telefilms' TV Series.

Being an assistant director gave me a lot of scope to learn the nuances of film/television making. It all began with exciting, face-to-face interactions with actual directors, cameramen, editors and of course, the faces I had seen on TV. But within a week, reality hit me. This was not going to be easy.

The next eight months that I served as an assistant for a daily soap, and then an advertising film production house, were filled with a lot of hard work and endless hours, but more so, a lot of judgments, rejections and self-doubt. Being the youngest and the only female crew member on the sets most of the time raised a lot of eyebrows, making things even more difficult when I had to return

to an empty home. However, this is an experience that I cherish, as it has made me stronger both on the professional and personal front. It was then that I decided to make my own films.

In February 2014, I shot my first experimental short film, 'Mirrors Never Lie... But What if They Did?' Fairly low on budget, the film was shot in just eight hours, in a single room set and with a solo actor. Not only was the film my first step into the world of independent filmmaking, but also a means of showcasing my real talent which was getting lost in the monotony of the 12-hour shift.

The film received its first film-festival nomination in October that year at the International Women's Short Film Festival of India, Chennai and blessed me with the heart-warming joy of seeing my work on the 70mm theatre screen for the first time ever! Much beyond my expectations, the film was soon screening at cities all over the country at over 14 film festivals including Woodpecker International Film Festival Delhi, International Short Film Festival Pune, International Short Film Festival Goa, Dada Saheb International Film Festival and others.

Motivated by such a response I regained confidence and worked towards attaining professional memberships of the Film Writer's Association (FWA), Indian Film and Television Director's Association (IFTDA) and Western India Film Producer's Association (WIFPA), and thus was born SJA Productions.

The establishment of my independent

DEGREE COLLEGE SPORTS STARS

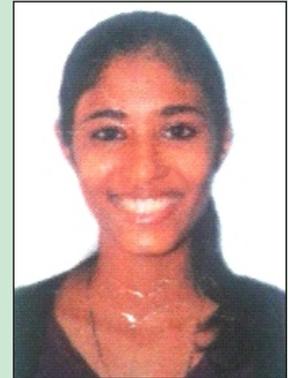
The Following Girls were selected to be in the Mumbai University Women's Football Team for West Zone Inter-University Football Tournament 2015 - 16 held at Gandhinagar (Gujarat). They won the second place at the West Zone Level and are qualified for All India Inter-University Football Tournament to be held at Chennai (Madras)



Khushboo Nutani
T.Y.B.SC.IT



Priti Janardhan
F.Y.B. COM.



Kimberly D'souza
F.Y.B.A



Ayesha Rawat
T.Y.B.A.F



Rebecca Rodrigues
T.Y.B.M.S



Prajakta Tambadkar
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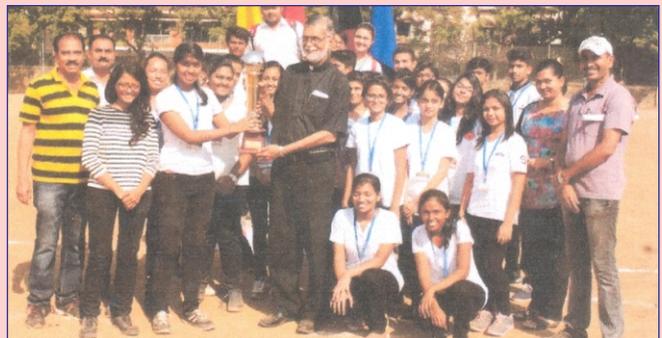
SPORTS DAY



Principal Dr. Marie Fernandes with Vice Principals and Sports Heads



Slow and steady wins the race.
(Slow Cycle Race)



Rector Fr. Aniceto Pereira with the winners of the March Past Squad



Staff ready to pull

TEAM PRIZES



CHAMPIONS OF MUMBAI SUB-URBAN DISTRICT

Football

The Girls U/19 Football Team were declared **Champions of Mumbai Sub-urban District** and represented Mumbai Sub-urban District at U-19 Girls Divisional Football Tournament 2015-16 held at Vashi, where they secured Bronze Medal.

U-17 Boys Subroto Mukherjee Football Team were declared **RUNNERS-UP** of MUMBAI SUBURBAN DISTRICT and at U-17 Boys Subroto Mukherjee football Cup Tournament 2015-16 with Captian – Marc D'souza, XII Com.



CHAMPIONS OF MUMBAI SUBURBAN DISTRICT

HOCKEY

Boys: - U-17- Boys Nehru Hockey Team were declared **Champions of Mumbai Suburban District** and represented at U-17 Boys Nehru Hockey Divisional Tournament 2015-16 with Captian – Clatus D'souza, XII SCI



SPORTS STARS



ATHLETICS

Merven Fonseca, XI C Com
Represented BCDAAA Mumbai
at State Athletic Meet 2015-16
held at Pune



FOOTBALL:- GIRLS:-

Aditi Shetty, XI Com
Selected and played for Maharashtra
at Junior Women National Football
Championship 2015-16 held at Goa.



HOCKEY: GIRLS:

Megha Karnik, XII Com
represented Mumbai at 5th Women
Junior National Hockey
Championship 2015 held at
Rajnandgaon, Chhatisgarh.



Chryshelle Fernandes, XI Com
selected to represent Mumbai at
6th Sub Junior National Hockey Championship
2015-16 held at Nagaon Assam.



Jonathan D'souza, XI Com
represented Maharashtra at 5th Sub Junior National
Hockey Tournament 2015-16 held at Jammu. He also
played for Mumbai at All India Football Federation
I-League Football Tournament 2015-16 held at Pune.

The following Boys were selected to play for Mumbai at All India Football Federation I-League Football
Tournament 2015-16 held at Pune. They are:-



Marc D'souza, XII Com



Brendon D'souza, XI Sc.



Raymond K.P.G. -
T.Y.B.Com won **Gold Medal** in University of Mumbai Men Inter-collegiate Weightlifting Competition 2015 -16.



Daniel D'souza - S.Y. BCom
Most outstanding sportsman of the year.

He was selected to be in the Mumbai University Men's Hockey Team for West Zone Inter-University Hockey Tournament 2015-16 held at Jalandhar (Punjab).



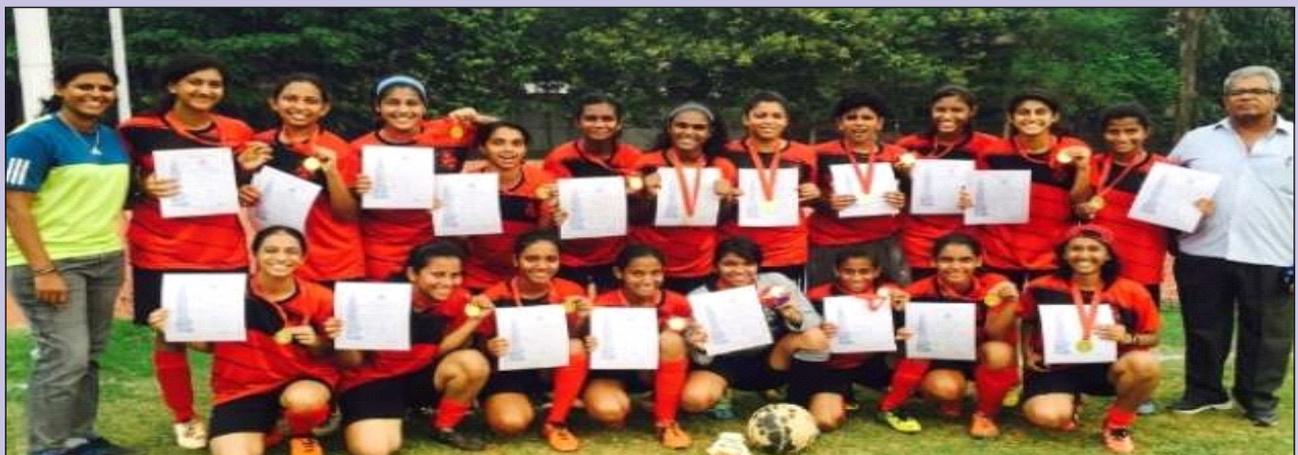
Carol Fernandes
S.Y.B.Sc. I.T.
Principal
A.D.Mascarenhas awards for excellence in Academic and Sports (combined) in first year.



Esther Paramashivam T.Y. B.B.I.
Represented Mumbai at 29th Cadet and Senior Maharashtra State Kickboxing Championship 2015-16 at Pune where she won 1 Gold Medal and 1 Silver Medal. She also represented Maharashtra at Senior National Kickboxing Championship 2015-16 held at Kolkatta where she won 1 Gold and 1 Silver Medal.



Rhys Albuquerque - SY B. Com.
Won bronze medal at Inter-collegiate Table Tennis Tournament 2015-16. Also represented Mumbai University for All India Inter University Table Tennis Tournament held at Bhopal and secured 4th Place.



The Girls Football Team were declared the Champions at the University of Mumbai Women Inter – Collegiate Football Tournament - 5th consecutive year with Captain – Ayesha Rawat T.Y. B.A.F. & Coach Sir Sydney Alexander



KARATE

Harshad Mohan, XII Com.
Represented Mumbai at 19th
State Level Karate
Championship 2015-16. Held at
Mumbai where he secured
a Gold medal.

Monique Gandhi, XII Arts selected and represented St. Andrew's College, Mumbai, Maharashtra State and INDIA. She won 24 Medals in various competitions in this academic year 2015-16.

- AASF Asian Age Group Championship 2015 held at Pune where she won 3- Gold, 3- Silver and 2 Bronze Medals.
- She presented Indian Team at U/18 World School Game 2015 held at Poznm, Poland her world rank was 8th in World.
- She represented India at World Junior Swimming Championship 2015 held at Singapor her world rank was 30 out of 70 Countries.
- She represented India at U/18 Asian Age Group Championship 2015 held at Bangkok, Thailand where her over all World ranking was 5th in Asia
- At National Games 2015 held at Trivandrum ,Kerla. She won 3- Gold , 3- Silver and 2- Bronze Medals and Scholarship of 5 lakhs for Gold Medals , 3- lakhs for Silver Medals and 1.5 lakhs for Bronz Medals. This academic year she received a cash prize of Rs- 2801100 (Twenty Eight Lakhs Eleven thousand) from Government of Maharashtra and Government of India.
- She also selected for SAF Games 2015-2016 which are going to be held at Guhatti, Assaam from 4th February to 16th February 2016.



Special Prizes



➤ Most outstanding sportsmen of the year award goes to **Marc D'souza, XII Com**



➤ Most outstanding sportswomen of the year award goes to **Monique Gandhi, XII Arts**
➤ Principal Prof. A. D. Mascarenhas Award for excellence in academics and sports (combine) goes to **Monique Gandhi, XII Arts**

production house widened the horizon to a lot of offers for freelance work and aspirants willing to be part of my projects. It would be right to say that films became the pivot of my life ever since.

In February 2015 I made my second commercial short film, '17 Minutes'. The film was on a much larger-scale in terms of production; multiple locations, outdoor shoots, multiple actors and a larger crew, much of which I look at as a learning process. After several rounds of selections and nominations for my previous film, it was a humbling achievement to receive my first award!

On 27 October 2015, I received a 'Special Jury Award' for creative and aesthetic excellence for '17 Minutes' at the Rising International Short Film Festival, held at the prestigious National Film Achieve of India. This award was a motivation not just for myself but also the large team of young enthusiasts that had been working with me on my films for the past two years. I was the youngest recipient of an award there, and it felt amazing to represent the creative abilities of the youth of this country in front of veteran filmmakers from all over the world! Today, '17 Minutes' stands as a winner of four awards, including 'Best Film', 'Special Jury', 'Best Actress' & 'Best Editor', along with being an official selection and nomination at four film festivals, including the Rising International Short Film Festival, Pune Short Film Festival, Frames International Short Film Festival and whereas Cortokino International Film Festival, whereas

SJA Productions stands as the producer of three commercial short films.

That being said, I should let all you aspiring filmmakers come to terms with one part of my journey – the slow pace of monetary returns. Independent filmmaking is a great avenue to showcase your talent, build your connections, learn the ropes of the industry and build a strong profile, but it might not immediately fulfill your monetary needs and aspirations. That's where my degree and my part-time job came in. The pace and reality of this industry is much like they show in the movies- slow and testing. The quality of your films might demand a lot more in terms of finances than what they give back in return, especially in the case of short films. Only the persistent ones are most likely to succeed in the long run.

I don't know whether this approach is right or wrong; all I do know is that I make my films primarily for learning and for a creative satisfaction, and only then for a monetary benefit. I guess that's why they call us 'independent filmmakers'. My films are not just a means of earning money, but also a means of establishing a foothold and looking back at the years I've spent in Mumbai, the city of cinema, and saying "Yes, I have made something good out of my time, efforts and investments." My films are my identity, and I hope to grow into making feature films soon.

Shikha Janet Alagh (SYBMM)

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar

Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar (14 April 1891 – 6 December 1956), popularly known as Babasaheb, was an Indian jurist, economist, politician and social reformer who inspired modern Buddhist movement and campaigned against social discrimination against untouchables (Dalits), while also supporting the rights of women and labour. He was independent India's first law minister and the principal architect of the Constitution of India. Ambedkar was a prolific student, earning a law degree and various doctorates from Columbia University and the London School of Economics, and gained a reputation as a scholar for his research in law, economics and political science. In his early career he was an economist, professor, and lawyer. His later life was marked by his political activities; he became involved in campaigning and negotiations for India's independence, publishing journals advocating political rights and social freedom for Dalits, and contributing significantly to the establishment of the state of India. In 1956 he converted to Buddhism, initiating mass conversions of Dalits. In 1990, the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, was posthumously conferred upon him for his involvement in:

1. Drafting India's Constitution

On 15 August 1947, the new Congress-led government invited Ambedkar to serve as the nation's first Law Minister, which he accepted. On 29 August, he was appointed Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee, and commissioned by the Assembly to write India's new constitution.

2. Reserve Bank of India-

Ambedkar was trained as an economist, and was a professional economist until 1921, when he became a political leader. He wrote three scholarly books on economics:

1. Administration and Finance of the East India Company
2. The Evolution of Provincial Finance in British India
3. The Problem of the Rupee: Its Origin and Its Solution

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), was based on the ideas that Ambedkar presented to the Hilton Young Commission.

3. Economic planning-

Ambedkar was the first Indian to pursue a doctorate in economics abroad. He argued that industrialization and agricultural growth could enhance the Indian economy. He stressed investment in agriculture as the primary industry of India. According to Sharad Pawar, Ambedkar's vision helped the government to achieve its food security goal.

Ambedkar advocated national economic and social development, stressing education, public hygiene, community health, residential facilities as basic amenities.

He believed that the strategy for India's Economic development should be based on eradication of poverty, elimination of inequities and ending exploitation of masses. He emphasized that exploitation has many dimensions. In fact, in India,

social or religious exploitation is no less oppressive than economic exploitation and it should be eliminated.

His vision can be seen in:

a. His D.Sc thesis "The problems of Rupee, its Origin and Solution (1923)" which examines the causes for the rupee's fall in value. He proved the importance of price stability over exchange stability. He analyzed the silver and gold exchange rates and their effect on the economy, and found the reasons for the failure of British India's public treasury. He calculated the loss of development caused by British rule. This book eventually led to the establishment of the Reserve Bank of India. He also suggested that more attention should be given to price stability rather than exchange rate stability.

b. In 1951, Ambedkar established the Finance Commission of India. He opposed income tax for low-income groups. He opined in favour of excise duty policies to stabilize the economy. He played an important role in land reforms and state economic development. Dr. Ambedkar expressed his views on taxation in the manifesto of 'Swatantra Majdur Party' in 1936. He opposed land revenue and its system and its taxes as the burden of these taxes are significant on the poor sections of the society. He suggested some taxes as follows:

- Tax should be imposed on payers' capacity and not on income.
- Tax should be less on the poor and more on the rich.
- Tax exemption should be given up

to a certain limit.

- There should be equality between different sections in tax imposition.
- Tax should not lead to lowering the standard of life of the people.
- Land Revenue tax should be more flexible and should not be levied on agricultural land.
- He suggested that the Indian tax system at that time was based on discrimination and inequality.

c. According to him, the caste system divided labourers and impeded economic progress. He emphasized a free economy with a stable rupee which India has adopted recently.

d. He advocated birth control to develop the Indian economy, and this has been adopted by the Indian government as a national policy for family planning.

e. He emphasized equal rights for women for economic development. Dr. Ambedkar's contribution to economic development and progress of women is significant. According to him, participation of women in economic development is impossible without developing their social status and equality. But due to bad economic conditions of women in India, India's economic progress is hampered. So, it is important to improve the economic condition of women and give them equal rights and freedom of occupation.

f. He laid the foundation of industrial relations after independence. Dr. Ambedkar thought that a fast pace development for India is impossible without industrialization.

According to him, creating large-scale employment produces essential goods for mass consumption. It utilizes raw materials, reduces foreign dependence and increases security for labour, and ultimately leads to the overall economic development of the country. The private sector industries cannot invest in huge industries for want of large-scale investments. So, the government should come forward to start large scale industries. The smaller industries should be kept in the private sector. The insurance and transport companies should be nationalized. Right to strike should be given to labourers. After independence, the industrial policy of the Indian government is in keeping with Dr. Ambedkar's expectations.

g. According to Dr. Ambedkar, productivity of agriculture is related not only to the size of holdings of land but also to other factors such as capital, labour and other inputs. Dr. Ambedkar had made an in-depth study of Indian agriculture and wrote research articles, organized seminars and conferences in order to solve the problems of agriculture and farmers, that led to the farmer's movement. His thoughts on agriculture are found in his article "Small Holdings in India and their Remedies"(1917) and also in "Status and Minorities"(1947). He mentioned that small holdings of land by people is an acute problem of Indian agriculture which has various disadvantages like difficulties in cultivation and utilization of

resources, increasing costs, low productivity, inadequate income and low standard of living. If capital or labour are not available in adequate quantity and quality, then even a large size of land can become unproductive. On the other hand, small-size land can become productive if these resources are available in plenty. With this thought the 'Land Ceiling Act' was passed after independence.

His other suggestions for solving the problems related to agriculture were the introduction of collective farming, economic holding of land or equal distribution of land, large scale industrialization (to provide forward markets), provision of money, water, seeds and fertilizers by the government, cultivation of waste land by allotting waste land to landless labourers, minimum wages to labourers, and control and regulation of private lenders who provide loans to farmers.

h. Dr. Ambedkar argued that the concept of human capital in India is useless if the poor and downtrodden untouchable Dalits were not recognized by other classes as human beings with equal social prestige. It is therefore impossible to use this human capital in the economic development of India.

i. Dr. Ambedkar presented a Democratic State Socialism to the Constitution Committee. The main points were:

- All basic industries should be owned and run by the state.

- Insurance and agriculture should be nationalized and managed by the state.
- Maintenance of productive resources by the state.
- Just distribution of common produce.
- Provision for compensation of land or industry acquisition in the form of bonds.
- The distribution of village land among the families in a village for collective farming
- No discrimination between landlord, tenants and agriculture labourers.
- All agriculture input like capital, seeds, fertilizers etc provided to collective farms by the government.
- Distribution of agriculture income only after payment of land revenue tax.

Dr. Ambedkar wanted this state socialism to be included in the constitution so that no legislature could change or reject it. But it could not come into existence as the Constitution Committee rejected it. Perhaps the conditions of labour, farmers and poor people would have been different had the committee accepted Ambedkar's proposal

- j. Surprisingly, Dr. Ambedkar had already suggested free economy, globalization, liberalization and privatization as early as 1923. The Indian government has lately adopted this policy. In this respect, Dr. Ambedkar was a century ahead. He had stressed that the value (price) of a rupee must be kept stable if the policy of free economy is to be successful.

- k. Dr. Ambedkar denounced the Indian economy as caste-dominated economy. He came out with a hard-hitting critique that showed logical flaws in it. The caste system is not merely the division of labour but also a division of labourers. It is not based on natural aptitudes or skills. It is a major obstacle to economic development. It reduces mobility leading to inefficient production. Untouchability is worse than slavery. It is a system of exploitation.

Hence, it is evident that Dr. Ambedkar's concepts of family planning, upliftment of women and human capital and many others are important contributions to the development of the Indian economy. As the existing laws and reforms like the Land Ceiling Act, Minimum Wages Act, Distribution of Surplus Land etc. are not effective, it is essential to reconsider them in the context of Dr. Ambedkar's perspective. Also, considering that the current scenario of the Indian economy, inflation, farmers' conditions, India's large young labour force is not being fully utilized for economic development, we need to reconsider the thoughts of Dr. Ambedkar, and reframe our economic policies towards a better economic growth for India.

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The WTO Illusion

Recently, the WTO rained on the India parade of solar power pride. India had been basking in the glory of its rapid solar power development until the WTO decided that India had adopted unfair policies. In the 2015 Paris Conference on climate change, the developed world had aggressively villainized the developing world, especially India, over their stance on climate agreements. After extensive renegotiations, the whole world settled on a common ground. However, the US put the onus on India and China to bring climate change under control, but surprisingly, it did not take back its complaint against the indigenous solar power development program India lodged in the WTO. We need to take a closer look at the WTO.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) is an intergovernmental organization that has been constituted to govern international trade. It provides a policy framework for negotiating trade agreements between its member countries. It also has a dispute resolution process aimed at enforcing the adherence of participants to WTO trade agreements that have been signed by representatives of member countries. Ideally, the WTO has been created to achieve the dream of unrestricted multilateral trade. However, the vast inequalities in the world economy provide it with various challenges. Thus, its aim to provide a policy framework that is in favour of all the member countries and that does not disadvantage any one in particular is not without its constraints. The

organization is dominated by the developed world with its unwillingness to let go of its privileges while asking the rest of the world to sacrifice theirs. The rest of the world already suffers an unfair disadvantage due to their economic status. They are further disadvantaged by the attitudes in the developed world that are resistant to free and fair competition.

WTO Ministerial Conferences are usually held every two years. They bring together all the member countries and customs unions and decisions can be taken on all matters under any of the multilateral trade agreements. In its first ministerial conference held at Singapore, significant differences between the developed nations, led by the United States and the European Union, and the developing nations emerged. These issues were referred to as the Singapore issues for the future. Later ministerial conferences ended without much progress in talks.

Doha Development Round

In 2001, the WTO launched a round of negotiations known as the Doha Development round. This was to be an ambitious effort to make globalization more inclusive and help the world's poor, particularly by slashing barriers and subsidies in farming. The initial agenda comprised both further trade liberalization and new rule making, underpinned by commitments to strengthen substantial assistance to developing countries. Subsequent ministerial conferences concentrated on negotiating the agreements of the Doha Development round. In July 2008, negotiations broke down in Geneva over

the refusal to compromise on the 'Special Safeguard Mechanism'. It is a method to protect developing economies from aggressive foreign competition. In WTO, a member may take a safeguard action, such as restricting imports of a product, temporarily, to protect a domestic industry from an increase in imports that may threaten domestic production. The United States and European Union faced off against the developing world in their demand for compromise in the 'Special Safeguard mechanism'.

Developed World: Bully?

The external reference price to calculate food subsidies was set in 1986-88 and has remained unchanged since then, even though food prices have gone up by almost 500% since. The implication is simple. The subsidy calculations for India and other developing countries get hugely inflated because the base year is so low, even though in reality they are much smaller.

If the same calculation was used to estimate US subsidies for maize farmers for 2014, the \$6 billion subsidy will show up as \$32 billion. As it happens, the US and the EU, like many other developed countries, are exempt from having to make these calculations and much of their subsidies get protected under the Green Box. This is unlike the subsidies of most of the developing countries who were not notified when the Agreement on Agriculture was negotiated in 1995. A simple updating of the external reference price from 1986-88 to current prices, as demanded by developing countries led by India, has been blocked in Geneva for the last two years.

The proposals for giving developing countries the same benefits of raising tariffs to protect domestic producers, which all developed countries enjoy under the Special Safeguard Mechanism, has met with a similar intransigence on the part of the developed countries.

This is just one example of the unfair advantages the developed countries enjoy and prevent developing countries from receiving. This was further proven when, just before the Nairobi Ministerial Conference in 2015, the US Trade Representative, Michael Froman said, "Time to be honest, we are at the end of the line on Doha". He argued that "... Doha was designed in a different era, for a different era, and much has changed since", and explained how the Doha Negotiations, "remain deadlocked. After fourteen years, including the past two years of intensified engagement, there is no light at the end of the tunnel".

What Froman conveniently omitted was that the United State and the European Union have been the principal reasons behind the deadlock for fourteen years. They have not conceded to a wide range of proposals put forth by developing countries. On the contrary, the US has aggressively blocked various proposals, even in the last two years of intensified engagement, when it gave short shrift to the proposal of the developing world on the public stockholding issue or on the 'Special Safeguard Mechanisms'. Chakravarthi Raghavan, a renowned journalist covering trade negotiations since 1949, made an interesting comment, that the US/EU arguments to

abandon Doha because of the deadlock reminded him of the story of a son convicted for murdering his parents to get at their property and who asks the court for leniency on the grounds that he was an orphan!

The hypocrisy of the developed world has continued into the current scenario of the WTO dispute resolution on India's National Solar Mission. It is widely agreed, including by countries filing anti-climate cases in the WTO, that a domestic clean energy industry would find it difficult to stay afloat unless policy and economic incentives are provided. The core logic is to make clean energy affordable through domestic manufacturing, especially since the recent Paris Agreement on global climate change action did nothing to expedite transfer of clean technology from developed to developing countries. The Paris Agreement also failed to address, strongly, the alignment of counter-productive international trade agreements with climate imperatives.

"We can't have other countries engaged in practices that disadvantage American workers and American businesses. One of the things I am very proud of is that we have ramped up enforcement of our trade laws to protect American workers and American businesses like never before," Obama said on the ruling. This is ironic since twenty three states within the US use "buy-local" incentives to facilitate their transition to a clean energy economy. Moreover, President Obama himself had expressed his support of India's low-cost, high-quality manufacturing program under NSM.

The US itself is also under breach of WTO rules for its cotton subsidy under Farm Bill 2014, suppressing international prices affecting African and Indian cotton producers to the tune of US\$80 million and US\$800 million per year, respectively.

The way forward?

Thus, the onus is on India and the developing world as a whole to not let the developed world get away with theatrics and to expose their hypocrisy on these issues. However, even though the developing world far outnumbers the developed world, the former has been surprisingly mute on these transgressions by the latter. India, who is attempting to gain greater influence in world politics, must now take a leading role in giving the developed world a taste of its own medicine or let its economy suffer as the developed world rolls over it time and again.

Amulya Singh (TYBA Economics)

The Railway Budget 2016-17

The railway minister, Suresh Prabhu, presented his second budget for Indian Railways in the Lok Sabha on Thursday, February 25, 2016. He said that the expenditure-revenue calculations were in the interest of the nation as a whole and that it would could cater to the needs of all sections of society. He added that a lot of effort had gone into the making of the budget and ground realities were taken into consideration before finalizing it. He chose not to raise the fares and freight rates and vowed to continue with his big investment-push to turn Indian railways around as a major engine for

India's economic growth.

The minister announced several initiatives to expand the railways' reach and efficiency. These included the creation of dedicated rail corridors, improving railway infrastructure and refurbishing the suburban railways system with many new partnership projects planned and a whopping investment of Rs 1.21 lakh crores for FY17. Mr Prabhu's budget comes at a time when the railways is floundering in a financial crisis with passenger and freight revenue falling. The big question is, then, without hiking fares, can he address the constrained balance sheet of the railways? The massive spending burden on account of the 7th Pay Commission implementation, the cost over-runs of delayed projects and other expenses would only add to the fiscal burden.

The Railways minister expects Rs 1.5 lakh crores help from LIC over the next five years and selling rupee bonds overseas to raise funds. Efforts are on to generate revenue for railways through non-tariff sources like advertising and commercialization of surplus land. A separate directorate is being planned for this purpose. Gross budgetary support expected is around Rs 40,000 crores and a gross traffic earnings target of Rs 1.85 lakh crores has been set.

The real concern remains on the implementation front owing to the massive cost overruns in various railway projects experienced lately. The Modi government does not want to privatize the railways and Suresh Prabhu has supported the proposition that railways

need private money but not privatization. Thereby, the pressure on the government to raise funds to cater to the development goals of the railways increases. There are plans to monetize the assets owned by the railways to raise rail revenue from non-freight sources and to create an independent railways regulator to decide tariffs and investment proposals to win the confidence of private investors.

Suresh Prabhu's 2016-17 Railway Budget, on the whole, is a please-all budget that promises Indians a number of improvements they can expect to find in the railways over the coming year. It is a positive exercise. However, the trick is to implement the initiatives in a time-bound manner. History has shown that most government programmes fail miserably due to inherent inefficiencies in the system.

Divya Sagar (T.Y.B.A. Economics)

Oh ...The Golden Years in College.

I fell in love with St. Andrew's College at first sight. The cleanliness, ambience, decorum, the library, the Girls Common Room, the Gymkhana, the conference room, the open air canteen, the basketball court and the auditorium, everything, just everything about the college was beautiful. It was providence that I could graduate from St. Andrew's College considering that when I came here for admission, I was informed that no more forms were being issued. I was about to return home, extremely disappointed, when a member of the office staff told me that a new set of admission forms were being brought in. I

filled and submitted this form on the spot, and I have never looked back since.

Five years have passed, and now my beloved college will soon be my Alma Mater.

When I joined I was a timid, wide-eyed teenager. Thanks to the numerous activities offered by the college. I feel more confident, surer of myself and definitely more knowledgeable as I come to the end of my final year, The various associations, guest lectures, a wide range of competitions, field trips, inter-religious activities, musicals, plays, dances, sports...the list is endless. Music was my forte, and I thank God and the college for giving me the opportunity to play for mass.

The professors did their duty beautifully.. They taught the subject, guided us, cleared our doubts, and were instrumental in grooming our personalities, which is why I never felt the need to attend any coaching classes. Whenever I approached my teachers, in spite of their other commitments, they were there for me, and this is what helped me secure an 'O' grade and bag awards for academic and co-curricular activities too.

But let's not forget the moments of glee. I still remember how a classmate with an artistic bent of mind would sketch our professors while we chuckled silently lest we be asked to leave the class! To add to our distractions, there were pigeons and crows fighting on the window-sill. It was a daily marathon trying to be on time for the 7.30a.m lecture to avoid losing our attendance and face the

disappointment of seeing a closed classroom door. And I could write reams on the creative excuses we came up with when we were late for class or submitted our assignments much after the stipulated deadline. Sometimes our teachers would ignore our excuses; but when we could not fool all of them, we had to bear the consequences of our actions.

Ah! How could I forget the canteen? All the romances, heartbreaks and lovelorn looks. The boys dipped into their pockets trying to jingle their last coin to woo the loved one. You had to have the skill and the art to dodge the proposals diplomatically, or else be floored by their charm. Some of the delights served in the canteen had us smacking our lips. No wonder that the college canteen has been featured many times in various newspapers such as 'Bombay Times', so much so that students from other colleges sometimes came to check for themselves.

The co-curricular activities like Olio, AWMTC, Jhankar, St. Andrew's Feast, Nativity of our Lady, XYZ, carol singing, musicals etc kept us busy throughout the year. They broadened our horizons and widened our perspectives, and helped us grow in mind and spirit.

The college also imparted an education in values through the 'Value Education' sessions which helped us emotionally and spiritually. The 'Social Outreach' Programme where we had to compulsorily put in 20 hours to reach out to our less fortunate and marginalised brethren taught us to give back to society generously.

As I come to the end of my term I thank everyone who has made the institution a temple of knowledge and freedom to be cherished. God bless them all.

I AM BLESSED TO BE AN ANDREAN.
LONG LIVE ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE.

Francesca Toscano (T.Y.B.Com)

Why The World Needs Disabilities . . .

"The world's a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind it, it doesn't matter."

Do you know the average life of a human? You're born, you talk, you walk, you go to school, maybe you learn a little something, you graduate, get a job, get married, get kids and then you die. But not before teaching your kids the exact same socially-accepted pattern. And forgive me if I'm wrong, but living like that seems to be mind numbingly boring!

What we need to understand is that people with disabilities are just that. People. They may be different, but since when does different equal worse? Say you're going to be a parent to a child with Down Syndrome. You don't only have to think of raising the child, you also have to be financially capable of paying hospital bills, therapists, tutors, etc. It may seem like a lot, like life is going to be terrible. It's not. It'll just . . . change. The kid would need a lot of emotional support, but then, what is family? Being there when things are perfect? Anyone can do that. It's the hardest moments that define a family.

A disabled kid may not be a typical or 'normal' kid, but is there really such a thing? Sure, disabilities may make

parents wish they never had a child. Or they may make children wish they were never born.

But, hey, it's all in how you look at it, right?

Rebecca Miranda

What's in a Cult?

Cult fiction can be difficult to expound, but almost everyone has come across a cult book once in their literary lifetime.

Cult Fiction in the simplest of terms can be defined as literature that amasses a significant fan base or fan following; these books tend to attract a devoted audience. They evoke an array of feelings within people, feelings that are shared with others and passed down over the years. As time elapses, the affection for a particular book grows which leads to an increase in the number of admirers, thus leading to the formation of a cult.

The word 'cult' is a derivation of the Latin word *cultus* meaning 'adoration' or 'care' and was usually associated with matters related to religion and theology. However, according to Merije Takens, "it appears that at a certain moment in history the term cult also came to be used in a more secular way rather than only in the sense of 'religious practice'. In certain cases the explicitly religious context went, but what remained was its essence of 'worship' and 'devotion', transferred onto other, more 'worldly' topics."

Though it can be difficult to pinpoint the exact moment in time when cult fiction came to be recognized, to many literature enthusiasts cult fiction seems to have

existed since the conception of the novel itself. Reed Whissen, author of 'Classic Cult Fiction', was, in fact, of the opinion that 'The Sorrows of Young Werther' by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was the first cult novel, dating back to the 18th century. Whissen's work has helped us to understand cult fiction in an academically enhancing way. The Rough Guide to Cult Fiction by Paul Simpson, Michaela Bushell and Helen Roddis is another source of understanding of the genre, and pays significant attention to the authors of cult books.

Cult classics, cult fiction's consociate, are movies or films that also gather a cult. These movies are either based on popular books such as *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman or are independent films like John Hughes', forever popular, *'The Breakfast Club'*.

Usually, popularity and a passionate fan base are considered to be the defining factors that distinguish between a cult book and a run-of-the-mill book. Nevertheless, to many genre nuts, 'popular' is considered to be quite an ambiguous term to differentiate between the types of books. There exists a certain dissimilarity between mainstream media and cult fiction. Books like *'The Fault in Our Stars'* by John Green, the Harry Potter series by J.K Rowling or *'The Lord of the Rings'* trilogy by J.R.R Tolkien would not be considered cult fiction because they have been publicized and promoted through movie premiers and merchandise, though they may also have a very strong fan base. For example Harry Potter enthusiasts call themselves 'Potterheads', but because of the

extensive publicity they gain, it makes it very easy to find these books anywhere as they are high in demand, and this is not a cult fiction make.

Many people are under the impression that books are the source of all adaptations but such is not the case for one book in particular, a book that happens to fall under the genre of cult fiction. Douglas Adams *'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy'* was originally broadcast on the radio as a comedy series before its adaptation into a series of novels, comic books and a TV show under the same name. The popularity garnered, later, led to the translation of the books into thirty languages.

Cult books can attract such an assemblage, that more often than not people read certain books just because they are considered cult fiction. Even though people follow the crowd when it comes to choosing their next read, this herd mentality does have a silver lining for the authors concerned. For every copy of their book that sells, the authors receive certain royalties or a percentage of the revenue, and this also applies to the deceased. *'The Great Gatsby'* has remained relevant in the 21st century and is still elevating its writer, F. Scott Fitzgerald's name and royalties. The same can be said about *'The Bell Jar'* by Sylvia Plath.

When discussing cult fiction, one cannot fail to mention the writings of Harper Lee who authored one of the most sought after novels of all time, *'To Kill a Mockingbird.'* The book was an immediate success and catapulted Lee to fame, which is why her second novel *'Go*

Set a Watchman' was so highly anticipated.

Other cult books include 'The Perks of Being a Wallflower' by Stephen Chbosky, 'The Catcher in the Rye' by J.D Salinger, 'Catch 22' by Joseph Heller, 'Naked Lunch' by William S. Burroughs, 'Siddhartha' by Hermann Hesse and 'Lolita' by Vladimir Nabokov.

In the end, cult books are like any other bestselling novel; they both possess the ability to etch in the memory of their readers a labyrinth of words that can captivate and transport them to another realm.

Anushka Garia (FYBA)

Women's Issues In India

Every woman is contributing to society in some or the other way. Yet, there is a lot of discrimination. It starts even before the child is born. Many people go in for an abortion if they find out that the baby is a 'girl'. Girls are always treated as subordinates and given inferior treatment. A girl will not get the best education, nutritious diet or proper medical treatment. As she grows into a woman she faces many more problems. Eve teasing, rape, domestic violence, and dowry are some of the issues. Women are paid less even though they work for as many hours as their male counterparts.

A woman should feel secure, anywhere and everywhere. Everyone needs to treat women as humans and not slaves. A housewife is never given any respect even after selflessly doing everything for her family. Most women are not given the respect that they actually deserve; they

are always taken for granted. They are always restricted from doing certain things, be it their dress or taking up some 'manly' job. Even when they are sick, they work at home and also in their office, where as men do not have to work at home. A house will never be able to function without a woman. Even then we do not think about her. She takes care of us, pampers us and loves us, all she wants is to be loved back, at least a little. The society can be developed only if we treat women as equals. We all should work towards giving women their much deserved status.

Anjana Oza - SYJC A Arts

My Incorrect Assumption

This summer I paid a shallow visit to my own beloved native village which I had forsaken for nearly seven years. I relied upon my merriment of the beautiful nature that had captivated me but not for long.

The motive for going to the place after such a gap was my half-uncle's marriage. The first day, my papa asked me and my sister to go along with him to meet his young village mates, and we enthusiastically agreed. We stopped when we met a middle-aged man known to my papa. He introduced us, and the person glancing at both of us asked papa unexpectedly "Don't you have a boy?"

It was similar to a cold day in hell when he enquired. My papa didn't rebuke him neither did he look at him coldly. He smiled and answered "The era of sons has come to an end, it's dawn for

the daughters”.

In our village, regrettably, all the girls attend government, Kannada medium school whereas their brothers attend the private English medium schools. I asked every girl (whether a relative or unknown) about their opinion, and each one replied that they didn't find anything detrimental in it.

I was taken aback by their reply, and though I elaborated on the injustice done to them, some just kept nodding, having accepted that a girl is subservient to the boy.

The other thing that appalled me was that my half uncle had asked for five lakhs cash plus furniture as dowry. I thought this must be the end. The bride had completed her bachelor's degree and was working in a bank, which she was compelled to give up, in order to look after her in-laws. The marriage seemed more like an economic transaction than a sacrament.

I had assumed that the conditions of rural women must have altered for the better, but, my assumptions proved completely wrong.

Soujanya Rangawar - SYJC A Arts

Girl Rising- An Initiative to Revolutionise Girls.

The premiere of 'Girl Rising' which was held in St. Andrews College Auditorium on 26th August, 2015, was indeed an inspiring one. The students of SYJC had the opportunity to be a part of the audience and got a sneak preview of this premiere.

'Girl Rising' is a global campaign for girls' education, which uses the power of real encounters to share the fact that educating girls can reform societies. The mission of this program is to change the outlook of the world towards girls. This is a movement for the betterment of girls, by educating and encouraging them to pursue their dreams and inculcating the ambition in them to fly high.

The premiere started with an introduction of the dignitaries present, by Nidhi Dubey (India Country Director, Girl Rising ENGAGE) and Samantha Wright (Girl Rising Vice President of Global Programs). It was also pointed out that educating a girl is equivalent to educating a whole community.

Followed by this, the Ambassador Alfonso E. Lenhardt (Acting USAID Administrator), shared the heart-rending fact that 62 million girls around the globe are uneducated; neither do they get the chance to pursue their dreams as a result of financial burden on families, early marriages as well as severe gender discrimination. He even quoted that, “Education presents pathway out of poverty.”

Debjani Ghosh (VP of Sales & Marketing Group and Managing Director for South Asia Intel) gave a statistical estimate of how shortage of skilled labor, especially in a country like India, can be overcome by imparting education to girls and motivating them to step into the work force.

The Indian version of the documentary, Girl Rising, “Woh Padhegi. Woh Udegi.”, features many renowned stars from the

Bollywood industry including, Amitabh Bachchan, Madhuri Dixit, Priyanka Chopra, Freida Pinto, Alia Bhatt, Kareena Kapoor, Farhan Akhtar, Nandita Das, Sushmita Sen, and Parineeti Chopra. The premiere was supported by Alia Bhatt and Sangram Singh who were present for the ceremony as well as Priyanka Chopra, who made up for her absence by a motivational message via video.

The audience also got the chance to meet Suma and Rukhsana, two of the brave hearts who had the determination to fight for their rights.

Hence, this initiative, apart from the global perspective, has created a perfect threshold for girls to dream...learn and live!

Simi Susan Shibu. - SYJC A Arts

Presence of Mind

It was morning. Karan was walking briskly towards Nehru Park to meet his badminton coach Mr. Desai since he was participating in the Junior Inter-School Badminton Competition, and the next day was his final match.

As Karan was passing by the vegetable market, he remembered that his mother had asked him to buy some vegetables. After bargaining with a few vegetable vendors, he bought the vegetables. Then he set off towards the park. Karan was walking by the roadside when suddenly a car stopped by his side, a man got down and pulled him inside the car. A masked man showed him a knife and threatened him, "Sit quietly or else you will be

killed." Karan didn't utter a word and tried to see where the car was heading. The car soon raced out of the city and stopped outside a bungalow that had been locked for many years. The masked man ordered the driver "Hide the car in the bushes, while I take the boy to the dungeons." The man took Karan to a door marked '03' and then crossing the gallery, they reached a room. There was a mattress that concealed a trap door. Then he pressed a button; immediately the door slid open to reveal a staircase leading down to the dungeons.

Karan fell down as the masked man pushed him. His racket and all the vegetables he was carrying scattered on the floor. The masked man picked up a pen and paper from the cupboard and gave it to Karan saying, "Write a letter to your father, and tell him to bring 1 lakh rupees to the old bridge at 10 o'clock tomorrow night. He should not inform the police or the result will be very bad." After the masked man went away, Karan tried to open the door but it was locked. Suddenly his eyes fell on some vegetables, and he got an idea. He picked up the pen and paper and started writing quickly. After some time, the masked man came and took the letter and said to his companion, "Take this letter and drop it inside Karan's house. Make sure that no one sees you."

Meanwhile when Karan didn't reach home, his mother started to panic. She quickly phoned her husband Dr. Sharma and narrated the whole incident. He left his clinic immediately

and drove towards his house. He stopped the car in front of the gate where he found a white envelope. He took out the letter from the envelope and realized that it was written by his son Karan. Just then Karan's mother came out. The letter read, "My life is in danger. Some hoodlums have kidnapped me and, are demanding a ransom of rupees 1 lakh. Bring the money at the old bridge tomorrow night at 10 pm. don't inform the police or they will kill me. My new pen isn't working properly and is leaking".

Karan's mother started sobbing, "What will happen now? Do something, sell my ornaments and just bring my son back home safely." "Keep quiet for a moment. Why has Karan written that his pen is leaking even though I purchased a pen for him yesterday. Is he trying to give us some clue?" said Dr. Sharma. He read the letter and found that the pen had leaked at the fourth place. He matched the places where the pen had leaked, on joining it read, "Read near the fire" He quickly took the letter near the fire. As soon as he did so, some letters appeared on the back of the letter. The secret message read, "They have kept me in a bungalow which was locked for many years which is outside the city. I am in a dungeon below a room no.03. Please reach the place with the police. I am absolutely fine."

Karan's parents went directly to the police station and showed the inspector the letter. The inspector understood that it was the work of the same gang that had been terrorizing people for

past few months. The inspector took a police contingent and immediately rode off toward the bungalow. On reaching the spot, the kidnappers were nabbed very easily. Soon they found the dungeon and rescued Karan. The inspector said, "Karan, we will recommend you for a reward from the government. But how did you write the secret message?" "Uncle, all this is the miracle of lemon juice. When you write something with lemon juice it is not visible but when you take it near a fire it becomes visible" Karan turned to his mother and said, " "Sorry , I have wasted a lemon" " But you saved 1 lakh rupees," said Dr. Sharma.

Karan and his parents came home with their son and were happy that he was safe.

Samantha P Cardozo
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Lessons Little Daily Things Taught Me

We encounter some things every day. Everything has something to say to us.

Clock: Keep going, in times of happiness or sadness. Don't stop.

Toothbrush: Clear out all those unhealthy thoughts before you start and end the day.

Water: Clean yourself to make a brand new being.

Clothes: Wear an attitude of positivity, honesty and humility wherever you go.

Perfume: Spread the fragrance of goodness everywhere.

Handbag: Carry along only the thoughts you need, unburden the extras, make your life lighter.

Shoes: Walk ahead stamping on thoughts that corrupt you or hurt you.

Sun: Shine so brightly that others can see the good because of you.

Pen: Keep going and when you think it's the end, refill yourself.

Book: You may be blank sometimes, but that's exactly when someone in need will use you.

Star: Even in the darkest moments of your life, shine: your little light matters a lot.

Prof. Jenecia Menezes



Ms. Rohini Vij with Principal and

Rohini Vij is a student of M. Com. Part I. She has learnt Kathak for many years now.

She recently won a bronze medal in Bangkok, Thailand for Kathak organised by Akhil Bhartiya Sangstrutik Sangh for Global Harmony of Performing Arts. She also came second in Kathak in National Performing Arts for Dance Drama and Music Fest organised by the same organisation held at Pune. She has performed for various shows for Doordarshan and also performed for ABP Mazaa for the programme Sheti Sanman. She has also performed for Reserve Bank of India for their Hindi Day celebrations.

Currently she performed for the annual day celebrations & alumini meet and for the international symposium of our college.

VOICES IN FRENCH

La Culture de Mumbai

Marcus Garvey a dit que les gens sans la connaissance de leur histoire, l'origine et la culture sont comme un arbre sans racines.

Chaque pays a une culture, dont il est bien heureux. Dans notre mère patrie, nous trouve une abondance de la culture. Chaque ville a une identité unique. On appelle la ville de Mumbai par 'le cours du pays'. C'est peut-être à cause de l'emplacement géographique ou le fait qu'elle englobe la culture du pays entière.

C'est dit que la ville a formé à partir de sept îles de l'océan Arabe. Historiquement, Mumbai, ou anciennement Bombay, était la plaque tournante. C'est pourquoi nous voyons les gens de tous les pays viennent à Mumbai pour chercher l'emploi ou l'éducation. Mumbai était une hôtesse et mère à tous.

À Mumbai nous avons les gens qui sont originalement de chaque région et ville de l'Inde. Avec eux, ils apprennent leurs identité et culture. Ils pratiquent leurs traditions, et c'est comment ils ajoutent la couleur à la ville. Voilà pourquoi on appelle Mumbai une ville cosmopolite.

Plus de onze million indiens habitent à Mumbai. Chaque'un ajoute un saveur unique à la ville. Marathi est la langue officielle, mais il y a beaucoup d'autre langues et dialectes qui on parle ici.

Les citoyens de Mumbai célèbrent beaucoup de fêtes indiennes et internationales. Les festivals comme Diwali, Holi, Noël, Pâques, Eid,

Moharram sont observé. Ganesh Chaturti est un grand festival. C'était introduit M. Lokmanya Tilak pour unifier les masses. C'est principalement une fête maharashtrien mais tous Mumbai l'observent. Les autres fêtes comme le carnaval, l'Halloween, etc ont trouvé une place à Mumbai.

L'architecture de Mumbai doit être noter comme un exemplaire de splendeur. Pendant l'ère britannique, le style Indo-Sarascenic était l'architecture indo-gothique comme 'Chharapati Shuvaji Terminus', le bâtiments BMC et 'Gateway of India'. Également, l'architecture moderne développe à Mumbai.

À Mumbai, on peut trouver une grande variété de la nourriture. La cuisine traditionnelle de Maharashtra est très populaire. Il y a beaucoup d'autre influences dans la cuisine qu'on voit sur la rue. Nous avons 'vada pav', 'dhabeli', 'pani-puri' et beaucoup d'autre cuisine avec l'influence de la Chine et le sud d'Inde. Les restaurants offrent la cuisine mondiale. Du thé est la boisson la plus populaire et nous voyons les décrochage partout dans la ville. Les vendeurs aussi vendent du café et l'eau de coco et jus des fruits.

Les chansons des kolis était la musique originale de la ville. Bollywood est très influent. La musique internationale est aussi populaire à Mumbai.

En conclusion on peut dire que l'essence de la culture de Mumbai est sa diversité. Ça forme le tissu qui drapé chaque Mumbaikar avec fierté et joie.

Rhea Ann Gomes (FYBA)

La langue française et son voyage à Mumbai

Le Français est l'une des langues principales de l'Europe et le monde entier! C'est la langue officielle d'un grand nombre d'organisations dans le monde telles que les Nations Unies, l'OTAN, l'UNESCO, l'Association internationale de la Croix-Rouge et de nombreux autres comités et organisations internationales. Après l'Anglais, le français est la deuxième langue la plus apprise en Europe et dans le monde entier!

Selon l'Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) 274 millions de francophones existent dans le monde. Le français est la cinquième langue la plus parlée dans le monde. L'OIF soutient que le nombre de francophones a augmenté de 7% depuis 2010. Il a également été une augmentation de 6% chez les personnes qui étudient le français comme langue seconde.

Le français en Inde

'Français indien' est un dialecte du français parlé par les indiens dans les anciennes colonies de Pondichéry et Chandernagor.

Dans ce dialecte, il y a une influence considérable de langues dravidiennes comme Tamil, Telugu et Malayalam.

Donc, il existe plusieurs variétés de français indienne, correspondant aux anciennes colonies françaises.

Le français à Mumbai

L'université de Mumbai

Puis que le français est l'une des

premières langues étrangères à être enseigné en Inde.

Créé en 1964, le département de français à l'université de Mumbai est l'un des rares départements du pays à se spécialiser en français ainsi que la littérature francophone.

En 2005, l'Université a lancé son premier programme sous Diplômé en études françaises.

Ce cours est spécialement conçu pour répondre aux étudiants qui sont intéressés à se spécialiser dans la langue française, la littérature et la culture. Ils peuvent choisir parmi une grande variété de sujets; art, histoire, tourisme, commerce française, la littérature, de la traduction et de la société française contemporaine. En outre, le cours prévoit également que les élèves prennent une langue étrangère supplémentaire comme l'italien, l'espagnol, l'allemand ou l'arabe.

L'Alliance Française de Bombay
L'Alliance Française de Bombay est une organisation éducative avec un but culturel et non lucratif. Depuis 1833, le réseau mondial a exposé plusieurs milliers d'étudiants de différentes origines de la civilisation.

En Inde, il y a 15 Alliances Françaises dans toutes les villes importantes sous la Délégation Générale de l'Alliance Française de Paris en Inde.

Puis que la connaissance de la langue joue un rôle dans la compréhension de la culture française est d'enseigner le français. Mais même si elle est une école

pour apprendre le français, il fonctionne également comme un centre culturel et forum social.

Le ministre français des Affaires étrangères est l'instrument par lequel les meilleurs artistes et interprètes dans le monde de la musique, la danse, le théâtre, la littérature, etc sont en mesure de visiter les différentes Alliances Françaises.

Ces événements relatifs aux français ou francophones - des expositions d'art, conférences, films et festivals de théâtre sont ouverts à tout le monde et servent donc comme un véhicule pour le dialogue des cultures.

Selon Madame Ankita Gujar, qui est un jeune professeur chez Alliance Française de Bombay à Santacruz, "Je pense, apprendre le français, c'est très important, avec une autre langue étrangère, peut être espagnol aussi parce que, le monde qui a été influencé par ces pays comme la France et l'Espagne, est maintenant un énorme marché de l'emploi. Il est utile de connaître une langue qui vous permet de travailler dans les industries et les entreprises et elle permet également d'adapter à culture beaucoup plus facilement si l'on connaît bien la langue »

Elle aussi dit que la partie qu'elle aime plus est la littérature, les idées, la poésie et la philosophie et de voir comment jouer avec la langue est peut être très amusant si vous êtes prêt à faire un fou de vous-même!

Mon interprétation personnelle
Je l'ai étudié le français depuis les cinq

dernières années et je suis très heureuse qu'une langue que j'aime beaucoup est parlé par beaucoup de personnes de nationalités différents autour de monde. Plus encore, je suis très content de savoir que beaucoup de jeunes prennent le temps d'apprendre cette langue. C'est une langue très intéressant et très facile et amusant d'apprendre.

L'apprentissage de française m'a non seulement donné l'occasion de découvrir la culture française, mais il m'a aussi permis de rencontrer des gens extraordinaires et faire de nouveaux amis le long du chemin. Vous ne savez jamais où la connaissance d'une nouvelle langue pourrait vous prendre, mais une chose que vous savez est qu'il va certainement vous emmener très loin et vous allez adorer le voyage!

Megan Rodrigues (F.Y.B.A)

Mon expérience à St Andrew's College

Mes idôles étaient mes professeurs au collège. C'étais un grand plaisir d'assister à leur lecteurs et de les voir nous enseigner avec beaucoup d'intérêt et de grâce. Ils étaient dédiés et étaient très passionnés par leur profession et les sujets qu'ils nous avaient enseigné. C'est grâce à eux que j'ai décidé devenir professeur.

Après avoir fini mon master, j'ai été embauché par St Andrew's college. Immédiatement je me suis sentie à l'aise, et me suis sentie chez moi. Les autres professeurs étaient accueillantes, gentilles et chaleureuses. C'étais évidemment que tout le monde était très

uni. J'ai su immédiatement que c'était un privilège de faire partie de cette merveille famille.

Le collège est fameux non seulement pour les études universitaire mais aussi pour les activités extra scolaires, en tant que tel, les étudiants profitent d'une education holistique.

Chaque année, le collège organize une fête où tous les étudiants peuvent participer aux activités variées et peuvent rivaliser avec d'autres étudiants de tous les collèges à Mumbai. Cette une occasion de découvrir leurs talents cachés

Ma experience à St Andrews était fabuleuse. C'étais plus que ce à quoi je m'attendais. Je me suis fait des amis que je n'oublierai jamais et que je garderai pour toujours.

Merci beaucoup St Andrews pour avoir enseigné non seulement les étudiants mais aussi des professeurs de ne jamais baisser les bras et de donner le meilleur de soi même.

J'ai beaucoup appris et je suis sûre que je suis une meilleure professeur grâce à mon expérience à St Andrews college.s

Prof. Danielle Lobo

The Farmer and the Donkey

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway-it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all of his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off, and take a step up.

VOICES IN VERSE

A HUG

People can be stupid
People can be heartless
So blind to pain
So blind to the love-craving cries.
They are breaking
Looking for compassion
Will they ever find it?
Will people ever understand them?
Not a single word
Not a hug
Just a bottle of pills
To calm them down
When they are sad
When they need love
Just a bottle of pills
To calm them down
They don't understand
The heart is different
Not like the brain
It doesn't need pills
Doesn't need bottles
It just needs a little warmth
But they turn to pills
To calm them down
They don't realize
A hug can solve it all
They call for help

They don't realize
Their hands can heal it all
They can help them
They can heal them
With a simple thing
Called a hug.

Schnelle Mathias FYJC Arts

Fleeting Passage

Door knobs sealed,
but the door is wide open,
Across the dull room,
I see a pallid clock
Click, cluck; it resonates,
my breath accompanies,
A crow bellows but I hear nothing.
The traffic has jammed, honks blaring
People cursing, a boy whining
Traffic police whistling -
but I hear nothing.
Teens babbling about unfair life,
Volunteers wheedling
people to join clubs,
Nerves within me convulse,
hampering my trod
Chatter surrounds me -
but I hear nothing.
Pigeons combating outside my balcony

Fan whirring, mother beating
 jowar rotis
 Summoning me to eat,
 Strange sounds emerging from my belly –
 but I hear nothing.
 Time has turned so rash,
 neglecting my poor hearing
 Flashbacks are irksome,
 the present has outgrown them
 Ahead I see but nothing that
 I can hear.

Soujanya Rangawar
SYJC A Arts

Bloodied love.

I lay battered, on the floor. By your
 words, and your deeds.
 First the Scotch, and then a flurry of
 your feet.
 I remember your yells, and my
 screams, before you went to sleep.
 Sobs wracked through me, ripping my
 insides,
 The bruises painted my skin and the
 cuts lined my thighs.

 I moaned to the heavens, for some
 repose:
 "Take me away from this house."
 The next day came, and it was the
 same,
 I tried to squawk, I tried to flail, but my
 lips were stapled by my own disgrace.
 My blood again splattered on the floor.

 On the 31st 'o the month, at night.
 You came at me armed with a knife.

Your eyes blurry, your veins bulging.
 Teeth gnashing against each other,
 until the blade lay
 Deep inside your chest, leaving me in a
 daze.

I dropped the knife, fingers trembling.
 Was this my chance of finally escaping?
 Red stained the floor, my head began to
 spin.
 I ran and ran and ran as far as I could.
 You were gone, at last. Finally, for
 good.

Samantha Miller
FYJC A Arts

"LITTLE LESS LOVE"

Watching the person
 You love the most
 Slowly lose interest in you
 It starts slow
 You can't point it out
 Things are different
 Everything feels slightly off
 You can hear it
 You can even see it
 You think it's you...
 You start going over
 Every single thing
 Big or little
 Wondering what you did
 Where it went wrong
 And whether you can fix it

 It starts with the little things
 And then it tears you apart

You feel you're not good enough
And that breaks you up
You know what's coming
And you know you can't do a thing
The aching doesn't stop
It only gets worse
Until you're left with nothing
But emptiness from within.

Schnell Mathias
FYJC A Arts

Asphyxiation

I woke up with a jolt:
The psychopathic father, vile;
My estranged mother, tranquil.
What had he in mind?
Darkness encircled me.
Twice as many times, he lashed at her
Saturnine clouds floated upon us.
Audacity never overcame her
She pleaded, pusillanimous;
Raucously he smacked, she crouched.
"Oh! Shiny beamers and wind,

I pray you to minimize her troubles
If not mine." I called out.
I longed to escape to the mountains.
Cursing the fountain of hatred
And the society that established her,
From cradle to grave was her life
Pinned to chains, groveling in dust.
Death is eternal and serene
Will serve her better, me thought
Close to midnight he smothered her
As I did witness through the cracked
door
Hysterical tears turned me blind
On that lifeless day.
Life jolted and sprang upon me
whispered non-stop –
Conveniently clicked its tongue.
Psychopath undone, a dowry death!
Shouldered myself to forego it
How could I? A prey.

Soujanya Rangawar
SYJC A Arts

*Education is simply the soul of a
society as it passes from one
generation to another.*

G. K. Chesterton

*A family of mice were surprised by a
big cat. Father Mouse jumped and
said, "Bow-wow!" The cat ran away.
"What was that, Father?" asked Baby
Mouse. "Well, son, that's why it's
important to learn a second language."*

मैंने जीवन में अब तक क्या सिखा

जीवन एक झरना है। सभी लोगो का जीवन कई कठिनाइयों से भरा होता है। किसी को भी हमेशा दुख या सुख ही नहीं मिलता। प्रत्येक मनुष्य के जीवन में दोनो पहलू होते है। जैसे एक सिक्के के होते है। हम जीवन से बहुत कुछ सिखते है। जीवन के बारे में हमने दसवी कक्षा में भी पढा है।

जीवन एक झरना है।

वह निर्झर झरता रहता है।

जीवन एक झरने की तरह होता है। और मैंने भी अपने जीवन में अब तक बहुत उतार चढाव है। और आगे आते ही रहेंगे। मेरे जीवन में, मैंने यह सीखा की अपना काम खुद करना चाहिए। हमारे माता-पिता तो हमारे साथ है, लेकिन हमें भी अपनी जिम्मेदारियाँ समझनी चाहिए। मेरी माँ ने मुझे बचपन से सिखाया कि बडो का आदर करना चाहिए। और ऐसी बहुत सी बातें है जो मेरे माताजी ने सिखाई थी। मेरी माँ का देहान्त हो गया है। जब वह थी, तब पुरा परिवार हसी-खुशी से खिलता था। अब पहले जैसा आनंद घर में नहीं मालूम होता। माँ हमें, हमारे घर के काम बिलकुल करने नहीं देती थी। और न ही हमें आदत थी। माँ के काम पर जाने पर भी वह हमें हमेशा पढाई करो खाओ, पिओ, आराम करनो कहती थी। पर हम माँ का हाथ बटाते थे। हमें क्या मालूम था कि जिंदगी, यह मुकाम लेगी। माँ की ममता तो अब हमें नसीब नहीं।

मैंने अपनी माँ के चले जाने के बाद यही सिखा कि, अपने जीवन में जितने भी दुख आए, तब भी हमें, उसका डटकर सामना करना चाहिए। उनके जाने के बाद सारी जिम्मेदारियाँ मेरे पिताजी पर आ गई। और सारे घर का काम मेरी बडी बहन और मुझपर। घर के सारे काम काज, कॉलेज, छोटे भाई की पढाई, खाना पकाना इत्यादी जिम्मेदारी आ गई। उनके मौत के बाद हमें एहसास हुआ कि, इस दुनिया में कोई किसीका नहीं होता, और ऐसी स्थिती में कोई किसीका नहीं होता, और ऐसी स्थिती में कोई कभी हमें साथ नहीं देता। परंतु मेरी माँ के घरवालो ने हमें बहुत सँभाला और सवारा। आज

हम, अपने काम खुद करते है। भाई का और पिताजी का भी ध्यान रखते है। पहले हमें भी यह सब कठिन प्रतीत हो रहा था, परंतु वक्त बितने के बाद सब सवर गए। और वही पुरानी बातें याद करके, कुछ उपयोग नहीं। आँसू तो बहुत बहाएँ माँ की याद में लेकिन अगर रोकर हम उसे पा सकते थे, और उने गले लगा सकते थे, तो वह भी करते, पर असंभव था।

इसलिए, यह एक कहावत है, स्वामी तिनही जगोका पर माँ बिना भिकारी।

जीवन में, अगर मैं कितनी भी संपत्ती हासिल कर लू, परंतु मुझे माँ की ममता हासिल करना नसीब नहीं होगा। मैं उस संपत्ती से बहुत सी जरूरते, चीजें खरीद सकुंगी परंतु माँ का प्यार नहीं। उनके साथ बिताए हुए अच्छे पलो, यादों के साथ हम जीते है। उनकी सिखाई हुई अच्छी आदतो को दोहराते है। उन्होंने हमें बहुत कुछ सिखायाँ इसलिए आज उनके न हो पर भी, हम घर का ध्यान रख रहे है। इसमे उनकी याद तो आती है पर कुछ कर नहीं सकते।

हमारी माँ ने कहा था जीवन एक झरने की तरह होता है। वह झरना विशाल होता है। वह पथरों से, टकराता, अपनी बाद बनाते, “चरैवेति-चरैवेति” यानी चलते रहो-चलते रहो कहता रहता है। वह चट्टानो से टकराता अपने रोडे बनाता चलता है। वह सभी लोगों के लिए एक सही उदाहरण है। और मैंने अपनी माँ के इसी बात को याद रखकर अपने जीवन में यश पाना चाहा है। और उनकी बातो पर अमल करूंगी यही चाहा है।

इसप्रकार मैंने जीवन से यह सीखा कि अपना काम खुद करना चाहिए, दुसरो पर निर्भर नहीं रहना चाहिए, दुसरो के सामने अपने हाथ नहीं पसारने चाहिए, खुद को इतना काबिल बनाना चाहिए, कि दुसरो से कुछ माँगने की या हाथ पसारने की जरूरत न पडे।

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जीवनदर्शक माँ

माँ यह शब्द सुनते ही दिल की एक सुकून सा मिलता है। माँ इस शब्द का दुसरा अर्थ है जननी है। जो अपने द्वारा एक नए जीव को जन्म देती है। इसलिए माँ को भगवान का दर्जा दिया जाता है। माँ जब एक बच्चे को जन्म देती है तो उसके जन्म से लेकर उसके जीवन प्रवास में सबसे पहले माँ उसका बहुत ख्याल रखती है। बच्चों को थोड़ी सी भी चोट लग जाए तो सबसे पहले उसे दर्द देता है। सबसे पहले उसकी आँखों में आँसू आता है। अपने बच्चे को कुछ हो ना जाए इसलिए उसके सुरक्षा हेतु सुरक्षाकवच बनकर हमेशा संघर्ष करने के लिए तत्पर रहती है। जब बच्चा छोटा रहता है तभी से उसे अच्छे संस्कार सिखाती है ताकि वह अपने जीवन में आगे चलकर एक सक्षम व्यक्ति बनें।

“माँ बिना प्यार नहीं,
गुरु बिना ज्ञान नहीं।”

जिस प्रकार किसी विद्यार्थी के जीवन में गुरु का स्थान होता है उसी तरह उसी बच्चे के जीवन में माँ का स्थान होता है। अगर गुरु नहीं है तो विद्यार्थी शिक्षा बिना अधूरा जीवन है उसी तरह माँ के प्यार बिना बच्चे का जीवन अधूरा है।

गुरु बच्चों को पढ़ाकर इस तरह आत्मनिर्भर बनाते हैं ताकि वह आगे चलकर भविष्य में अपना और देश का विकास कर सकें। इस प्रकार उन्हें इतना शिक्षित किया जाता है ताकि वह आगे डॉक्टर, इंजीनियर, शिक्षक, वकील बन कर आगे आने वाले पीढ़ी को प्रोत्साहित कर सकें।

माँ अपने बच्चों को हर तरह की अच्छी बातों से उनका बोध करती है परंतु बच्चा कुसंगति में पड़कर अच्छी आदतों के साथ - साथ बुरी आदतों का भी पालन करने लगता है। कोई भी माँ यह नहीं चाहती कि उनका बच्चा अनुचित मार्ग पर अग्रसर हो। परंतु कुछ बच्चे अनुचित मार्ग पर अग्रसर हो जाते जिसके कारण उनके माँ-बाप का समाज

में रहना मुश्किल हो जाता है जब तक वह जीवित रहते हैं तब तक आते-जाते हर व्यक्ति की शर्मिंदाजनक बातों का सामना करना पड़ता है। और वही कोई बच्चा सही मार्ग पर अग्रसर हो तो उनके माता-पिता जब तक जीवित रहते हैं तब तक सर उठा के गर्व से जीते हैं।

माँ अपने बच्चों के लिए जीवन दर्शक है।

जीवन के कोई रिश्ते ना जानु,
सिर्फ जानु रिश्ता माँ के संग,
जो जुड़ा है मेरी जिंदगी से,
जो जुड़ा रहेगा दिल के संग।

माँ इस शब्द में बहुत कुछ समाया है। जितने भी शब्द कही जाए वह कम ही है। जीवन में हर चीज की तुलना कि जा सकती है परंतु “माँ”, इसकी तुलना किसी से भी नहीं कि जा सकती। जीवन में कोई समस्या आए तो सबसे माँ ही एक मित्र बनकर साथ देती है। चाहे कितनी बड़ी भी समस्या क्यों ना हो वह उसे सुलझाने में पूरी जान लगा देती है। उसे चाहे कितने भी दुख हो पर वह बच्चों को खुश रखने में कोई कसर नहीं छोड़ती। वह अपने बच्चों एक सत्य और उचित मार्ग पर अग्रसर करने के लिए तत्पर रहती है ताकि बच्चा अपने जीवन में सक्षम और संयम व्यक्ति बन सके। सच माँ आखिर माँ है। इसलिए माँ की एक “जीवनदर्शक माँ” कहते हैं।

ये दुनिया है तेज धूप,
पर वो तो बस छाँव होती है।
स्नेह से सजी, ममता से भरी,
माँ तो बस माँ होती है।

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हिंदी भाषा की विशेषताएँ

हम सभी जानते हैं कि प्रत्येक वर्ष १४ सितंबर को “हिंदी दिवस” के रूप में मनाया जाता है, परंतु किसी कारणवश हम मना नहीं पाए थे। उसी के उपलक्ष्य आज २४ सितंबर को हम सभी हिंदी दिवस मना रहे हैं।

आज तक मैंने य सुना है कि हिंदी कोई भाषा नहीं है, परंतु हिंदी दिवस मनाया जाता है। हमारे देश में मराठी दिवस, बंगाली दिवस, मैथिली दिवस इत्यादी दिवस के रूप में भी हम सभी इन भाषाओं को समझ सकते हैं। आज हिंदी भाषा का विशेष महत्व है। क्योंकि चाहे हिंदी माध्यम, अंग्रेजी माध्यम या फिर अन्य कोई माध्यम से ज्ञान प्राप्त किये हुए विद्यार्थी हिंदी भाषा बोलते देखा जाता है। लेकिन मैंने यह भी देखा है कि कोई अंग्रेजी माध्यम का विद्यार्थी हिंदी अर्थात् मातृभाषा बोलना नहीं चाहता ऐसे ही कुछ अपने कक्षा में भी हैं।

हिंदी भाषा का निर्माण तब हुआ जब एक राज्य के लोगों को दूसरे राज्य के लोगों को एक - दूसरे की भाषा समझ में नहीं आती थी। “एक समय ऐसा था जब दो भिन्न राज्यों के लोग आपस में वार्तालाप कर रहे थे परंतु उन्हें समझ में नहीं आ रही थी, तभी एक तरफ से तीसरा व्यक्ति ने उस समस्या का समाधान किया।” तब जो भाषा बोली गई तो उसी भाषा को मातृभाषा अर्थात् हिंदी नाम पड गया।

हिंदी एक ऐसी भाषा है जिसमें छोटे, बड़े और बुढ़ों का भी सम्मान आदरता पूर्वक होता है किन्तु यह कोई भाषा नहीं है, क्योंकि यह बनाई गई भाषा है। अंग्रेजी भाषा में किसी - का भी सम्मान नहीं होता है, क्योंकि सभी को कह कर बुलाया जाता है। इसलिए हिंदी यह मातृभाषा है।

प्राचीन काल में अगर भाषाओं को देखे तो संस्कृत भाषा सबसे महत्वपूर्ण भाषा मानी जाती है, परंतु आज इस भाषा का सिर्फ नाम वह भी किताबों में रह गया है, क्योंकि आज अर्थात् वर्तमान समय में ये भाषा कोई बोलना नहीं जानता, बोलना तो दूर अधिकतर को पढ़ने भी नहीं आता है क्योंकि आज सभी भाषाओं का रूप हिंदी ने ले लिया है। वर्तमान समय में बहुत कम स्थानों (राज्यों) में संस्कृत भाषा

का ज्ञान दिया जाता है। परंतु भारत का एक ऐसा राज्य जहाँ पर तिसरी कक्षा से ही संस्कृत का अध्ययन कराया जाता है, लेकिन आज वो भी कम हो रहा है और अन्य राज्यों में ५ वी या फिर ८ वी कक्षा से संस्कृत भाषा पढाया जाता है। संस्कृत भाषा का महत्व बहुत विशाल है। परंतु कोई जानना ही नहीं चाहता है।

मैंने यह भी सुना है कि एक ऐसी भाषा जो सात भाषाओं से मिलकर बनी हुई है, उसे मैथिली भाषा कहते हैं। यह भाषा सिर्फ बिहार राज्य में ही बोली जाती है, लेकिन यहाँ पर भी धीरे धीरे हिंदी अपना रूप ले रहा है, किन्तु मैथिली भाषा बिहार राज्य में कभी - भी समाप्त नहीं होने वाला है। आज के समय में हिंदी भाषा का विशेष महत्व है, लेकिन मैं जो हिंदी बोल रहा हूँ, वह शुद्ध हिंदी भाषा नहीं और आप में से भी कोई शुद्ध हिंदी बोलना नहीं जानते हैं। यह भाषा बनाई गई भाषा है, अन्य भाषाओं की तरह हिंदी भाषा प्रकृति की देन नहीं है।

मैं आपको एक बात बता दूँ कि मैं जब अपने बिहार राज्य से यहाँ पर आया था तो मुझे हिंदी बोलना नहीं आता था और ना ही अच्छे से लोगों को मेरी भाषा समझ आती थी क्योंकि मैं सदैव लोगों से मैथिली में ही बात करता था। परंतु मैं जब इनके संपर्क में रहने लगा तो धीरे - धीरे सीख गया और समझने भी लगा। मैं यह भी बोल रहा हूँ कि “मैं एक हिंदी माध्यम” का विद्यार्थी हूँ। जिससे मैं ना ही अंग्रेजी भाषा बोल सकता हूँ और ना ही अच्छे से समझ सकता हूँ। अतः आप सभी से निवेदन करता हूँ कि मुझे अंग्रेजी भाषा को जानने और समझने में मदद करें क्योंकि अगर मैं आगे चलकर किसी उच्चतम पद पर गया तो आज वर्तमान की अंग्रेजी भाषा ही उपयोग में आएगी। इसीलिए मुझे आप सभी की मदद की जरूरत है और मेरी मदद करें।

“हिंदी भाषा हमारी मातृभाषा है।”

मैं कुछ शब्द और कहना चाहता हूँ पर वो हिंदी से संबंधित नहीं है लेकिन हिंदी में ही है।

“हम आपकी याद में उदास है
बस आपसे मिलने की आस है
चाहे दोस्त कितने भी क्यों ना हो?
मेरे लिए आप ही सबसे खास हो।”

एक और सुनो.....

“छोटी सी बात पर
नाराज मत होना

भूल हो जाये तो
माफ कर देना।
नाराज तब होना
जब हम रिश्ता तोड देंगे
जब हम दुनिया छोड देंगे।”

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सच हम नहीं; सच तुम नहीं

सच हम नहीं; सच तुम नहीं।
सच है सतत संघर्ष ही।

संघर्ष से हटकर जिए तो क्या जिए हम या कि तुम
जो नत हुआ वह मृत हुआ, ज्यो वृंत से झरकर कुसुम।

जो पंथ भूल रूका नहीं
जो हार देख झुका नहीं,
जिसने मरण को भी लिया बो जीत, है जीवन वही।
सच हम नहीं सच तुम नहीं।

ऐसा करो जिसमे न प्राणों मे कही जडता रहे।
जो है जहाँ चुपचाप अपने आप से लडता रहे।
जो भी परिस्थितियाँ मिले,
काँटे चुभे, कलियाँ खिले,
टूटे नहीं इन्सान, बस संदेश जीवन का यही।
सच हम नहीं सच तुम नहीं।

हमने रचा आओ हमीं, अब तोड दें इस प्यास को।
यह क्या मिलन, मिलना वही जो मोड दे मँझदार को।
जो साथ कूलो के चले,
जो ढाल पाते ही ढले,

यह जिंदगी क्या जिंदगी जो सिर्फ पानी-सी वही।
सच हम नहीं; सच तुम नहीं।

अपने हृदय का सत्य अपने आप हमको खोजना।
अपने नयन का नीर अपने आप हमको पोंछना
आकाश सुख देगा नहीं,
धरती पसीजी है कही।
हर एक राही को भटक कर ही दिशा मिलती रही
सच हम नहीं; सच तुम नहीं।

बेकार है मुस्कार से ढकना हृदय की खिन्नता
आदर्श हो सकती नहीं तन और मन की भिन्नता
जब तक बँधी है चेतना
जब तक न प्रणय दुख से घना,
तब तक न मानूँगी कभी इस राह को ही में सही।
सच हम नहीं; सच तुम नहीं।
सच हम नहीं; सच तुम नहीं।

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गंगा के तट पर एक संत अपने, शिष्यों को शिक्षा दे रहे थे, तभी एक शिष्य ने पुछा, “गुरु जी, यदि हम कुछ नया... कुछ अच्छा करना चाहते है पर समाज उसका विरोध करता है तो हमें क्या करना चाहिए?”

गुरु जी ने कुछ सोचा और बोले, “इस प्रश्न का उत्तर में कल दूँगा।”

अगले दिन जब सभी शिष्य नदी के तट पर एकत्रित हुए तो गुरु जी बोले “आज हम एक प्रयोग करेंगे.... इन तीन मछली पकडने गली डंडियों को देखो, ये एक ही लकडी से बनी है और बिलकुल एक समान है।”

उसके बाद गुरु जी ने उस शिष्य को आगे बुलाया जिसने कल प्रश्न किया था।

“पुत्र ये लो इस डंडी से मछली पकडो.” गुरु जी ने निर्देश दिया शिष्य ने डंडी से बंधे काटे में आटा लगाया और पानी में डाल दिया। फौरन ही एक बड़ी मछली कांटे में आ फंसी... जल्दी... पूरी ताकत से बाहर की ओर खींचो, गुरु जी बोले।

शिष्य ने ऐसा ही किया, उदार मछली ने भी पूरी ताकत से भागने की कोशिश की... फलत : डंडी टूट गयी।

“कोई बात नहीं, ये दुसरी डंडी लो और पुनः प्रयास करो....” गुरु जी बोले।

शिष्य ने फिर से मछली पकडने के लिए काँटा पानी में डाला।

इस बार जैसे ही मछली फंसी, गुरु जी बोले, “आरामसे... एकदम हल्के हाथ से डंडी को खींचो।”

शिष्य ने ऐसा ही किया पर मछली ने इतनी जोर से झटका दिया कि डंडी हाथ से छूट गयी।

गुरु जी ने कहा “ओहहो, लगता है मछली बन निकली, चलो इस आखिरी डंडी से एक बार फिर से प्रयत्न करो.”

शिष्य ने फिर वही किया

पर इस बार जैसे ही मछली फंसी गुरु जी बोले “सावधान, इस बार न अधिक जोर लगाओ न कम बस जितनी शक्ति से मछली खूद को अंदर की ओर खींचे उतनी ही शक्ति से तूम डंडी को बाहर की ओर खींचो... कुछ ही देर में मछली थक जायेगी और तब तुम आसानी से उसे बाहर निकाल सकते हो,”

शिष्य ने ऐसा ही किया और इस बार मछली पकड में आ गयी।

“क्या समे आप लोग?” गुरु जी ने बोलना शुरू किया..... ये मछलियाँ उस समाज के समान है जो आपके कुछ करने पर आपका विरोध करता है। यदि आप इनके खिलाफ अधिक शक्ति का प्रयोग करेंगे तो आप टूट जायेंगे यदि आप कम शक्ति का प्रयोग करेंगे तो भी वे आपको या आपकी योजनाओं को नष्ट कर देंगे.... लेकिन यदि आप उतने ही बल का प्रयोग करेंगे जितने बल से वे आपका विरोध करते हैं ते धीरे - धीरे वे थक जाएँगे। हार मान लेंगे... और तब आप जीत जायेंगे.... इसलिए कुछ उचित करने में जब ये समाज आपका विरोध करे तो समान बल प्रयोग का सिद्धांत अपनाइये और अपने लक्ष्य को प्राप्त कीजिये।

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हिंदी मेरी आवाज है

मैं आज के हिंद की सुवती हूँ,
मुझे आज के हिंद पर नाज है,
हिंदी है मेरे हिंद की धडकन,
सुनो हिंदी मेरी आवाज है।

संकीर्णताएँ समाज की टूट रही हैं,
अब हिंदी से परहेज किसे है,
कहने को अपनी बात, सशक्त शब्दों में,
भाषा मेरी अब अंग्रेजों की मोहताज नहीं है।

चाहे गीत लिखूँ या कहूँ कोई कविता,
मेरे भाव, मेरी कल्पनाओं की परवाज है,
हिंदी है मेरे हिंद की धडकन,
सुनो, हिंदी मेरी आवाज है।

संस्कृत की गंगोत्री से निकलकर,
हमजुबा। उर्दू से मिलकर,
ब्रजभाषा, मैथिली, मारवाडी कही
तो कही अवधी, भोजपुरी से ढलकर
सिंधी, पंजाबी, हरियाणवी, गुजराती
बंगला और तमाम द्रविड भाषाओं से जुड़कर
समस्त राष्ट्र को एक सूत्र में बाँध रही है
हिंदी आज,
सरल है, समृद्ध है, संपूर्ण है मेरी हिंदी आज,

अंतरजाल पर जब से आई, छा गई है विश्वपटल पर
गर्व से कहता हूँ, मेरी हिंदी भाषाओं में सरताज है
हिंदी है मेरे हिंद की धडकन,
सुनो, हिंदी मेरी आवाज है।

माझी आई - माझा गुरू

माणसाच्या आयुष्यातील पहिला गुरू म्हणजे, त्यानंतर माणूस जे काही शिकतो ते निसर्गाकडून व शिक्षकांकडून. आई एक नाव असते, घरातल्या घरात गजबजलेले एक गाव असते. बाळ जेव्हा आईच्या पोटातून जन्म घेतो, तेव्हा सगळ्यात आधि त्याला आपल्या आई जी जन्म देते तिच्याकडे दिले जाते.

आई, प्रत्येक मनुष्याच्या जीवनातील पहिली गुरू असते. ती तिच्या बाळाजवळ जी भाषा बोलते, तीच भाषा ते बाळ बोलायला शिकतो, व तीच भाषा त्याची मातृभाषा मानली जाते. आई ही घरात आपल्या मुला-बाळांचा संभाल करते. तिला तिचे मुल खुपच प्रिय असते. दुसऱ्याचे मुल जरीही छान व गोडंस असले तरी तिला तिचेच बाळ, मुल आवडते. आईला आपले मुल वाईट, कुरूप असले तरी तिला ते हवे असते. असे म्हटले जाते बाळ जेव्हा जन्म घेते तेव्हा, तो आई कडे असते व नंतर जसे मोठे होते तेव्हा, ते आई कडे असते व नंतर जसे मोठे होते, तसे ते बाळ बोलायला बघते व त्याच्या तोंडातून जो शब्द निघतो, तो आई, माँ असतो।

माझी आई घरातली सगळी काम करायची व ती सगळी कामे उरकून ती ऑफिसला जायची. पण आता हे सगळे होत नाही कारण माझ्या आईचा दोन वर्षापूर्वी मृत्यु झाला. माझा जेव्हा आई होती तेव्हा ती घरातल्या सगळ्यांचे खान-पान कपडे धुने, आमच्या साठी डबा तयार करणे, आमच्या शाळेची, कॉलेजची तयारी हे सगळे ती एकटी करत असे सगळी काम झाल्यावर ती स्वतःची कामे उरकून ऑफिसला निघून जात त्यानंतर घरी आल्यावर आमचा अभ्यास व जेवण हे सगळं ती एकटी करत.

माझ्या आईकडून मी खुप काही शिकले. ती आम्हाला नेहमी शिकवत असायची की कधीही कोणाला विणाकारण त्रास देऊ नये. अशा अनेक गोष्टी आहेत ती आम्हाला जेवण बनवायला शिकवत असत. ती जेव्हा

स्वयंपाक करायची तेव्हा आम्ही देखील स्वयंपाक घरात जायचो व आई कसे जेवण बनवते ते पहायचो. मी आणि माझी दोन वर्षांनी मोठी असलेली बहिण, कधी आई घरी नसली की जेवण बनवत असत. शेवटी आईने जे आम्हाला शिकवले ते आमच्या उपयोगी पडले. आईच्या मृत्यु नंतर सगळ्या जबाबदाऱ्या आमच्यावर पडल्या तिने आम्हाला घरातली सगळी कामे शिकवली होती, पण आम्हाला कधीही कोणतेही घरातले काम करून दिले नाही. तिला नेहमी वाटायचे माझी मुले चांगली शिकावी, चांगल्या नंबरात यावी, चांगल्या मार्स्केने पास व्हावीत. ती तिचा सगळा वेळ घरच्या व ऑफिसच्या कामात घालवायची. ती जरी आता आमच्या जवळ आमच्यातच कुठेतरी आहे.

माझ्या आईने मला शिकवले की नेहमी लहान भावडांची काळजी घेतली पाहिजे. वेळेस त्यांना ओरडले देखील पाहिजेत. नेहमी त्यांना हसत-खेळत ठेवली पाहिजे. माझा एक लहान भाऊ आहे आणि असे म्हटले जाते मुलं आईचे खुप प्रिय असतात व मुलीला आपले वडील प्रिय असतात. परंतु मला दोघेही तेवढेच प्रिय आहेत. माझा भाऊ लहान असल्यामुळे त्याला आईची साथ आठवत असे. त्याला आम्ही कोणत्या न कोणत्या गोष्टीत गुंतवून ठेवण्याचा प्रयत्न करतो. त्याला माझे वडील सगळे काही लागेल ते आणून देतात. परंतु आम्हाला आईचे प्रेम मिळणे शक्य नाही.

काही मुले अशी असतात की, ते आपल्या आई-वडिलांचा राग, तिरस्कार करतात. जेव्हा आपले आई-वडील आपल्याला कोणत्याही कामात थांबवतात तेव्हा मुलांना वाटते की ते वाईट, आम्हाला मजा नाही करून देत. पण आई-वडिलांचा हा एकेच उद्देश असतो की आपले मुल वाईट प्रसंगात किंवा वाईट संगतीत राहू नये. काही मुले अशा आपल्या आई वडिलांच्या वागणुक मुले घर सोडून जातात. परंतु पैशांची कमतरता भासली की पुन्हा घरीच येतात.

जेव्हा माणूस ह्या जगात असते, तेव्हा त्या माणसाची बोलावे व त्याच्याशी चांगल्यापणाने वागावे. कारण आजच्या काळात कधी कोणाला काय होईल हे कोणालाही ठाऊक नाही. हे माझ्या आईने मला शिकवले आहे. जेव्हा आई असते तेव्हा जगात तिची किंमत नसते, व जेव्हा ती नसते तेव्हा जगात कशाची किंमत वाटत नसते. आपल्याला सर्व जग एक कोरड वाटते. जे मलाही वाटते. भरपुर महाकवींनी आईबद्दल संभाषणे, कविता लिहिल्या आहेत. आपल्या जीवनात आईची जागा कुणीच घेऊ शकत नाही. तिचे प्रेम,

कोणीच देऊ शकत नाही. आपण आपल्या जीवनात कितीही श्रीमंत, धनवान झालो, तरी आईचे प्रेम आपण मिळवू शकत नाही. कारण आईच्या प्रेमाला मौल्य नसते. तिचे प्रेम आगाद आहे.

म्हणून एका महाकवीने म्हटले आहे स्वामी तिन्ही जगाचा पण आई विणा भिकारी.

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कुठही, कुठलही आणि कोणत्याही स्वरूपाच, काम करताना जस विश्वासचं अधिष्ठान असेल तर जी बहार येते. त्याला तोड नाही. विश्वास, परस्पर दृढ आणि गाढा विश्वास ही कार्यसंस्कृती मधली एक अतिव सुंदर गोष्ट आहे.

विश्वास एक ताकद तर आहेच, पण ह्याचबरोबर उत्तम दागिना आहे, अलंकार आहे कार्य संस्कृतिचा. विश्वास असेल, एकमेकांविषयी खात्री असेल, एकमेकांचा अंदाज असेल तर काम करताना सदैव आनंद मिळत राहिल. मात्र हा विश्वास आपोआप कधीच मिळत नाही. विश्वास संपादन करण म्हणजे लॉटरी नव्हे. काढल तिकीट अन लावली विश्वासची लॉटरी.

विश्वास निर्माण होण, तो जोपासणं आणि तो वाढवत नेण ही एक नाजूक, कष्टाची आणि लांब पल्याची गोष्ट आहे. एक प्रक्रिया आहे. मात्र विलक्षण फलदायी आहे. आपण काम करतो त्या ठिकाणी एक - दोघांशी जरी आपण घनदाट विश्वासाचं नातं निर्माण करू शकलो, तर

त्यातून मिळणार आनंद फार मोठा आहे.

“कार्य ‘अ’ संस्कृती”

संस्कृती मूल्यांमध्ये असते. संस्कृती ही वागण्यातून दिसते, व्यक्त होते. कार्यसंस्कृती देखील वागण्यातून समजते, जाणवते. आपल्या कामाची, आपल्या संस्थेची ओळख, तिच्या मूल्यांची जाण, अशीच आपल्या वागण्याबोलण्यातून व्यक्त होत राहते, प्रतीत होते.

सर्वाच तसचं आहे. दुसऱ्याचा विचार न करणारी एक प्रकारची बेदरकार प्रवृत्ती त्या सर्वांच्या नसानसात भिनलेली असते.

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We thank Denis for his beautiful cover page for this magazine.

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