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EDITORIAL

NEP has become the buzzword in higher education today. Its ambitious promise to revolutionise education in universities across the country has been enthusiastically embraced by some and just as staunchly resisted by others. Some remain perched on the fence, both sceptical and hopeful about its outcome.

While higher educational institutions in India grapple with the challenges of implementing the NEP, they must also contend with an even greater upheaval that has occurred in the guise of AI. God-like, omnipresent and omnipotent, AI has predictably sent the modern world into a tail-spin, making it especially difficult for educators to prepare today's youth for a highly uncertain future. Malcolm X said, "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today"; yet, the intrusion of AI into every sphere of human life has severely called into question the possibility of being prepared for a future in which humans must co-exist with machines.

The NEP, at least in spirit, hopes to equip the current generation with the knowledge and skills it needs to compete or work collaboratively with AI, as the case may be. While it remains to be seen whether the NEP is a harbinger of a truly modern and visionary education policy that can empower contemporary learners not only to survive but thrive in an AI-driven world, it might be wise to remember that the purpose of education is not always to provide answers. As James Thurber once said, "It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers." May we, as educators, know the right questions to ask and have the courage to ask them, and teach our students to do the same.

Dr. Susan Lobo

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

“Character is Destiny”

Heraclitus (cc. 500 BC)

This short epigram is profound. The early Greek philosophers understood the importance of character formation as an essential part of a good education. The Curriculum was designed to instil moral and ethical principles, especially in young children. Accordingly, texts were chosen that met with this requirement. The philosophers that followed were Plato and Aristotle and their famous debate about including Homer's epics as part of the curriculum is discussed even today.

Aesop, who lived about the same time between 620-564 BC, is well remembered as a fabulist and storyteller and his fables characterised by anthropomorphic animal characters have a moral ending. Closer home, the Jataka Tales, dated between 300 BC to 400 AD also contain moral lessons.

The moral or didactic element was almost a pre-requirement for any story that was written. Unfortunately, as civilization progressed, we have retreated from the Golden Age, the Silver Age, the Bronze Age, the Heroic Age, the Iron Age, the Plastic Age and now the Digital Age, where all moral and ethical values are almost non-existent.

Modern education today lays great stress on cultivating the intellect and often, other considerations are neglected. Moral values, beliefs and behaviours need to be taught at a very early age, both by parents and educators. Heraclitus states that the way we shape them, will lay the foundation for future circumstances they encounter. It therefore follows, that a person with a strong moral character who embodies honesty, integrity and discipline will act in accordance with these virtues. Over time, their character influences the decisions they make, the relationships they form, and the opportunities that come their way. ***Inevitably, people destiny will be woven with experiences that mirror their character, leading them down a path that corresponds to their moral compass.***

Contrastingly, those who possess a weak or flawed character, lacking in virtues such as honesty, integrity and discipline, may find themselves confronted with adversity and regrets. Their character attracts unfavourable circumstances and hinders their potential for growth. While external factors undoubtedly influence our lives, Heraclitus' quote reminds us that it is our character that shapes how we navigate the challenges and opportunities that come our way.

We are committed to provide a holistic education for our students by integrating the Intelligent Quotient with the Emotional and Spiritual Quotients. But values are caught and not taught and it is for us to set before our students, exemplary values we would like them to emulate, not because, in the Digital Age, 'Big Brother is Watching You', but because integrity of character is judged by 'Doing the right thing, even when No One is watching.' In this way we carve our destiny, and we can say, in the words of William Ernest Henley, “I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul”.

We pray that God may bless our Management, Staff and Students who work towards making this dream a reality.

Dr. Marie Fernandes





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SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES - DEGREE COLLEGE (2023-2024)

Sr. No	Name of the Scholarship	Scholarship awarded for	Names of Students
1	The Msgr Nereus Rodrigues Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee Scholarship (2023-24)	Best Value Education Coordinators from the Final Year Degree/Self Finance College	1. JAIN KRISHA (TYBBI) 2. BHOMIA VIVEK (TYBBI)
2	The Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues Scholarship (2022-23)	Outstanding All Round Female Student (Degree College) who has excelled in Academics and earned distinction in other fields.	D'SOUZA SHERIN (TYBA)
3	The Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues Scholarship (2022-23)	Outstanding All Round Male Student (Degree College) who has excelled in Academics and earned distinction in other fields.	DUBEY YOGENDRA (TYBCOM)
4	The Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues Scholarship (2022-23)	Outstanding All Round Female Student (Self Financing Courses) who has excelled in Academics & earned distinction in other fields.	PESHATTIWAR KHUSHI (TYBMS)
5	The Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues Scholarship (2022-23)	Outstanding All Round Male Student (Self Financing Courses) who has excelled in Academics and earned distinction in other fields.	FERNANDES DARREN (TYBMS)
6	The Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues Scholarship (2022-23)	Outstanding Student (Degree or Self Financing Courses) who has performed remarkably well in Research.	GADHIYA DHRUV (SYBA)
7	The Msgr Nereus Rodrigues Scholarship (2022-23)	Deserving Second Year Student of the Social Outreach Programme	CABRAL ELITA (SYBCOM)
	The Lawrence & Maria D'Abreo Scholarship (2022-23)	Deserving Catholic Student from Bandra-Commerce	
	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student scoring Highest aggregate marks -SYBCom	
8	The Msgr Nereus Rodrigues Scholarship (2022-23)	Deserving Second Year Student of the Social Outreach Programme	SHETTY KETURAH (SYBCOM)
9	The Mrs Marie Rodrigues Scholarship (2022-23)	A Second Year Student of the Social Outreach Programme good in Mathematics, Accounts or Science	PEREIRA JENNY (SYBCOM)

10	The Mr Ivan Rodrigues Scholarship (2022-23)	A Second Year Student of the Social Outreach Programme good in Hockey or any other sport	CABRAL GILCHRIST NELSON (SYBCOM)
11	The Late Johnnie Alves Scholarship (2022-23)	Deserving student with good grades	FERNANDES CLIANTHA (FYBA)
	The RA Smith Scholarship (2022-23)	Catholic Student who secures highest marks in Hindi - FYBA	
12	The Late Johnnie Alves Scholarship (2022-23)	Deserving Deserving Student with good grades	SILVEIRA ALIZA (FYBCOM)
13	The Lawrence & Maria D'Abreo Scholarship (2022-23)	Deserving Catholic Student from Bandra-Arts	PEREIRA FRADYN (TYBA)
14	The Rev Dr Percival Fernandez Scholarship (2022-23)	Student scoring the Highest Aggregate marks at the TYBA Examination	TRIBHUVAN SARAH (2022-23)
	The Clifford Athaide Memorial Scholarship	Student scoring Highest marks at University Examination -TYBA	
	The Cardinal Simon Pimenta Scholarship (2022-23)	Catholic Student who secures highest marks at the University Exams - TYBA	
	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest aggregate marks - TYBA	
	The Late Edwin D'Souza, Prof Prafula Pereira & Emilia Gomendes Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest marks in Psychology - TYBA	
15	The Palmira & John Fernandes Scholarship (2022-23)	Student scoring Highest marks in English Literature at the FYBA level	FERNANDES JOANNA
	The Late Sultan Nathani Scholarship (2022-23)	Student scoring Highest marks in Psychology - FYBA	
	The Edward Saldanha Scholarship (2022-23)	Deserving Ist Class Student - FYBA	
	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student scoring Highest marks -FYBA	

16	The Roque Francis Dsouza Scholarship (2022-23)	Deserving Student - FYBCom	SHETTY ANSHIKA
17	The Palmira & John Fernandes Scholarship (2022-23)	Student scoring Highest marks in English Literature - SYBA	SAYED REEBA
18	The Louis & Annie Gonsalves Scholarship (2022-23)	Most Deserving Catholic Student -SYBA	CHAUDHARI MITALI
	The Sheila Chaves & Agnello Menezes Scholarship (2022-23)	Most Deserving Catholic Student -SYBA	
19	The Louis & Annie Gonsalves Scholarship (2022-23)	Most Deserving Catholic Student -SYBCom	D'ALMEIDA GWYNETH ABIGAIL
20	The Late Queenie Lobo Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest marks in Economics -TYBA	GUPTA VIJAYLAXMI
21	The Late Edwin D'Souza & Willie & Mary D'Souza Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest marks in History TYBA	GUPTA SAMANVAY
22	The Palmira & John Fernandes Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest marks in English Literature - TYBA	VANDRINE KIMBERLY
	The Rabindranath & Aparna Sen Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest marks in English (Major) - TYBA	
23	The Late Edwin D'Souza, Prof Prafula Pereira & Emilia Gomendes Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest marks in Psychology - TYBA	MANSURI SAHAB
24	The Mercy Raj Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Most deserving Catholic Student with History as a double major in the VI Semester	FERNANDES SEANN
25	The Mercy Raj Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Most promising Student all-rounder with History as a double major in the V Semester	1. ASAI RIDDI 2. PANCHAL JAEE
26	The Clifford Athaide Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest marks at University Examination – TYBCom	D'CUNHA REGAN

	The Rev Dr Percival Fernandez Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks -TYBCom	D'CUNHA REGAN
	The Azim Tapia & Germaine, Kenneth & Clement Remedios Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest marks - TYBCom	
	The T.R.Arunachalam Scholarship & Veda Menezes Scholarship (2022-23)	Highest marks at University SY Examination -TYBCom	
	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest aggregate marks -TYBCom	
27	The Late Savio Ignatius Pereira Scholarship (2022-23)	Deserving Catholic Student securing a minimum 70% marks at the University Examination - BMS	SUTARI FLORA FELIX
28	Late Vinod Mehra Scholarship (2023-24)	Outstanding Performance in Inter-collegiate Dramatic Competition (awarded to the Andrean Student who receives best performer at the inter-college drama competition hosted by the college) NA	NA
29	Grenville & Vinita Solomon Scholarship (2023-24) and The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Outstanding Student studying Commerce/ Mgmt. in St. Andrew's Degree College Outstanding HSC Academic performance, co-curricular participation, future aspirations pursuing B.Com, B.Com Accounts and Finance, BCom Banking and Insurance at St. Andrew's Degree college	PINTO MICHELLE CIONA (TYBCOM A&F 2023-24 and SYBCom A&F (2022-23)
		Student securing Highest Aggregate marks S.Y.B.Com. (A&F) (Semester III & VI)	SYBCom A&F 2022-23)

30	Prof Maewest Dias Endowment Scholarship (2023-24)	Outstanding Andean of the Jr. College Pursuing Degree in St. Andrew's College	1.FERNANDES CLIANTHA (SYBA) 2.NORONHA KEVIN (SYBCOM) 3 MENEZES MEGAN LOURD VINO (FYBCOM) \ 5. MATHEW CHRISTEENA (FYBA)
31	The Ida Raj Scholarship (2023-24)	Awarded to the Andean student who wins best speaker for debate competition	KURLAWALA AISHA (TYBA)
32	The St Paul's Institute of Communication Education Scholarship (2022-23)	All-round performance (male) BMM	MORAES SHANNON (SYBAMMC)
33	The St Paul's Institute of Communication Education Scholarship (2022-23)	All round performance (female) BMM	D'CRUZ ELAINE (SYBAMMC)
34	The Winston & Wendy D'Sylva Scholarship (2022-23)	Deserving Catholic Student	DABRE ARPITA (TYBCOM)
35	The Principal A.D. Mascarenhas Award (2022-23)	Excellence in Academics & Sports - awarded to a First Year student	PARAB VARAD (FYBMS)
36	Olio Prize (2023-24)	Awarded to the Andean Student who is the best performer at the inter-college drama competition hosted by the college	NA
37	Library (2023-24)	Best User Award - awarded to students who have made extra-ordinary use of library resources in the college library	1. JACOB MATHEW JASON (TYBSc-IT) 2. JANGID KANISHKA (SYBMS) 3. ARANHA MARIA (SYBCOM)
38	Music Award (2023-24)	Outstanding participation in Music Activities - Awarded to the Andean Student who is the best performer at the inter/ intra-college music competition hosted by the college	NA

39	Dance Award (2023-24)	Outstanding participation in Dance Activities - Awarded to the Andrean Student who is the best performer at the inter intra-college dance competition hosted by the college	NA
40	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student scoring Highest marks - FYBCom	NORONHA KEVIN
41	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student scoring Highest aggregate marks -SYBA	CHAUHAN SAKSHI
42	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks F.Y.B.M.S. (Semester I & II)	D'SOUZA JOVANKA SAMANTHA
43	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks S.Y.B.M.S (Semester III & IV)	SANTICS SHARLENE ELSA
44	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks T.Y.B.M.S. (Semester V & VI)	BHANDARKAR SHREYA DEEPAK
45	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks F.Y.B.M.M. (Semester I & II)	KOTHARE SHREYA SHAILESH URVASHI
46	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks S.Y.B.M.M. (Semester III & IV)	GHATGE PRISHA VIJAY
47	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks T.Y.B.M.M. (Semester V & VI)	PRABHU SALONI SACHIN DIPALI
48	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks F.Y.B.Sc-IT (Semester I & II)	LAMBAR BHAVESH BALARAM PRITI
49	The Late Res Pinto Memorial (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks S.Y.B.Sc-IT (Semester III & IV)	CHIMBAIKAR ROHAN RAJENDRA

50	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks T.Y.B.Sc-IT (Semester V & VI)	GOMES SHELDON CHRISWELL
51	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks F.Y.B.Com. (A&F) (Semester I & II)	MASCARENHAS SPALE ELISHA
52	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks T.Y.B.Com. (A&F) (Semester V & VI)	RODRIGUES TRIZA SEBASTIN
53	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks F.Y.B.Sc- HS (Semester I & II)	CLINTON ARANHA
54	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks S.Y.B.Sc- HS (Semester III & IV)	DMELLO ZEON
55	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks T.Y.B.Sc- HS (Semester V & VI)	FERNANDEZ KELLY
56	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks F.Y.B.Com. (B&I) (Semester I & II)	KARMALI ASEEM
57	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks S.Y.B.Com. (B&I) (Semester III & IV)	SARVAIYA BHUMI
58	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks T.Y.B.Com. (B&I) (Semester V & VI)	ALISHA RAO
59	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2022-23)	Student securing Highest Aggregate marks M.Com. (Business Management)	GIGOOOL DARREN
60	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship (2023-24)	Best Catholic Sportswoman of the Year	PEREIRA MEGAN (TYBMS)
61	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	Best Catholic Sportsman of the Year	GONSALVES SEAN (TYBCOM)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES - JUNIOR COLLEGE (2023-2024)

Sr. No	Name of the Scholarship	Scholarship Awarded for	Names of Students
1.	The Johnnie Alves Scholarship	A Class XII student with consistent academic excellence and leadership qualities in XI and XII in the Arts stream	Bhoomika More
2.	The Johnnie Alves Scholarship	A Class XII student with consistent academic excellence and leadership qualities in XI and XII in the Commerce stream	Fernandes Reizel Avril Denis
3.	The Johnnie Alves Scholarship	A Class XII student with consistent academic excellence and leadership qualities in XI and XII in the Science stream	Castelino Rayan Joel Robert
4.1	The Gerry Saldanha Memorial Scholarship	A student securing the highest marks at the HSC examination (2023) in the Commerce stream and continuing in St. Andrew's College	1. Rodrigues Basil Francis 2. Rodrigues Liliana Leslie
5.	The Anthony Marcelino Salgado D'Souza & Robert Mascarenhas Scholarship	A deserving student with a good percentage at the HSC examination (2023) in the Arts stream	Nazareth Jonita
6.	The Late Edwin D'Souza Scholarship	A Catholic student securing the highest aggregate marks in PCM at the HSC examination 2023	Gomes Valentino Vincent
7.1	The Prof. Tania Donald Scholarship	A student securing the highest marks in Sociology at the HSC examination 2023	1. Tervankar Madhu 2. Panchal Keta 3. Dalvi Disha
8.	The Prof. Sharmila Menon Scholarship	A student securing the highest marks in Psychology at the HSC examination 2023	D'silva Hannel Hector
9.	The Prof. Eleatha Pinto Scholarship	A student securing the highest marks in History at the HSC examination 2023	Fernandes Janice Anna
10.1	The Late Mrs. Rita Vaz Scholarship	A deserving Catholic student of	Poswaity Jacklene Janet FYJC Arts
10.2	The Late Mrs. Rita Vaz Scholarship	A deserving Catholic student of	Megha Stephen FYJC Science

Sr. No	Name of the Scholarship	Scholarship Awarded for	Names of Students
10.3	The Late Mrs. Rita Vaz Scholarship	A deserving Catholic student of FYJC Commerce	Chetty Angel Anthony Swami
11.	The Principal A.D. Mascarenhas	A student showing excellence in Academics and Sports (combined) in FYJC A.Y. 2022-23	Rodrigues Wilona (SYJC Science)
12.	The College Academic Award	A student securing the highest aggregate marks at the FYJC examination in the Arts stream for the A.Y.2022-23	Twinkle Mohare
13.	The College Academic Award	A student securing the highest aggregate marks at the FYJC examination in the Science stream for the A.Y.2022-23	Crasta Gabriel Jeevan
14.	The College Academic Award	A student securing the highest aggregate marks at the FYJC examination in the Commerce stream for the A.Y.2022-23	Prinson Michael D'silva
15.	The Mr. Hunar Sunil Shah Scholarship	A deserving student who has passed FYJC from Science or Commerce	Lewis Russell Paul Nevel (Science)
16.	The Joseph and Tina D'Souza Scholarship	The best all-rounder, a student good at academics and sports, and has participated in extracurricular activities	D'Souza Micaela SYJC Arts
17.	The Principal's Special Prize	The outstanding sportswoman of the year	Roshani Patel SYJC Commerce
18.	The Principal's Special Prize	The outstanding sportsman of the year	Ethan White SYJC Commerce
19.	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	The best sportswoman of the year	Danica Fernando SYJC Arts
20.	The Late Res Pinto Memorial Scholarship	The best sportsman of the year	Cristiano Corriea SYJC Science
21.	The Best Student of the Year	Best Girl	Keisha Mascarenhas SYJC Arts
22.	The Best Student of the Year	Best Boy	Reece Stanton Fernandes SYJC Science

STAFF NEWS (DEGREE COLLEGE)

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Dr. Susan Lobo

- Participated in an Online Faculty Development Programme titled 'Children's Literature: Reading, Writing and Publishing' organised by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Tiruchirappalli from 17 - 22 July 2023.
- Published an article titled "Keeping Myth Memory Alive: The Usual and the Unusual in Sudha Murty's *Unusual Tales Series*" in *Rupkatha Journal on Interdisciplinary Journal in Humanities*, Vol. 15, Issue 3, 2023 (Indexed in Web of Science).
- Presented a paper titled "Unknotting the Transgender Knot in Kanak Shashi's *Guthli Has Wings*" at the 'International Conference on Children's Literature: Classics to Contemporary' (online) organised by Aligarh Muslim University on 4-5 November 2023, and was also appointed Session Chair for a parallel session at the conference.
- Presented a paper titled "To Remember or to Forget? That is the Question: A Postcolonial Inquiry of John Steinbeck's *The Pearl*" at the 7th International Interdisciplinary Conference (online) on 'Memory and Forgetting' organised by InMind Support, University of Gdańsk, Poland and NTNU, Norwegian University of Science and Technology on 18-19 January 2024.
- Presented a paper titled, "Writing for the "Greater Common Good": Arundhati Roy's *My Seditious Heart*" at an Online Multidisciplinary National Conference on "Architects of Modern India: Past, Present and Future" organized by the Department of Social Sciences & Humanities, T.Z.A.S.P Mandal's Pragati College of Arts & Commerce, Dombivli(E) on 5 March 2024.
- Delivered a lecture on 'Discourse Analysis' for TYBA students of the Department of English

of Rizvi College and National College at Rizvi College of Arts, Science, and Commerce on 9 March 2024.

- Presented a paper titled "Teaching Literature, Teaching Theory of Mind" at a two-day international conference (hybrid) titled "Transformations and Transitions: Emerging Trends in Literature and Language Studies" organized by the Department of English, KL (Deemed to be) University, Vaddeswaram, on 11-12 March 2024.
- Appointed member of the Syllabus Committee for 'Academic and Business Writing' (Two-Credit Open Elective Course, Sem II, First year English).
- Appointed member of the Syllabus Committee for 'Study of Modern English Language' (Two-Credit Minor Course, Sem II, FYBA).
- Published a paper titled "Child Abuse in Mahesh Dattani's *Tara* and Mahesh Elkunchwar's *God Son*" in IIS University Journal of Arts (UGC CARE-listed journal) in April 2024.

Ms. Shruti Warriar

- Presented a paper titled "To examine and understand the increase in shorter fiction writing despite the ambiguities in the text" at the St. Andrew's College Staff Advancement Seminar on 13 June 2023.
- Participated in a workshop titled "Teaching Macbeth" by the Centre for Connection Education and Management on 26 August 2023.
- Attended an Online National Level Faculty Development Program on "Graphic Novels and Comics as a New Pedagogical Approach" conducted by the Career Development Cell, Gokul Global University, Gujrat from 1 to 7 January 2024.
- Attended an Online National Level Faculty

FEAST DAY



Feast Mass Celebrants



Main Celebrant, Rev. Fr. Edwin D'Souza SDB, Rector, Shrine of Don Bosco's Madonna, Matunga



The congregation



Reader for Feast Mass



Principal, Dr. Marie Fernandes with Mr. Bosco Fernandes and the Feast Mass Choir Team.

ANNUAL DAY



**Chief Guest- Her Excellency Ms. Anita Kelly,
Hon'ble Consul General of Ireland, Mumbai, India**



**The Chief Guest with the Principal,
Vice Principals & Head of the Student Council**



Prize Winners



Cultural Programme

Development Program on “ Testimonio and Literature” conducted by Gokul Global University, Gujarat from 15 to 21 April 2024.

- Attended an Online National Level Faculty Development Program on “OBE & Application of Generative AI in Teaching and Research” conducted by Gauhati University, Assam in association with IPSR Solutions Limited from 17 to 24 April 2024.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Dr. Vatika Sibal

- Presented a paper titled 'Empowering Women as Caregivers: Balancing act and Emotional challenges in Cancer care' at the National Conference organized by Maharashtra College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mumbai in collaboration with Research Academy of Social Sciences (RASS), Maharashtra on 17 February 2024.
- Participated in a RUSA sponsored workshop on 'NEP 2020 Sensitization- Train the Trainers' held at Kirti M. Doongursee College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous) Mumbai on 26 & 27 February 2024.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Ms. Janine Coelho

- Attended *Best Practices and Institutional Distinctiveness*, an online workshop organized by All India Association for Christian Higher Education and St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, 4-7 March 2024.

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTANCY

CA. Kevin M. Miranda

- Participated in a two-day RUSA sponsored workshop on the theme “NEP 2020 Sensitization – Train the trainers” organised by Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, University of Mumbai held on 26 & 27

February, 2024 at Kirti Doongursee College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous), Dadar.

Dr. Jyoti Bhatia

- Presented a paper on 'Analysis of Gender Diversity in Corporate Boards' at an international conference on 'Women empowerment: Role of Law, Society, Culture, Politics, Literature and Media' organised by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Arts, Commerce & Science on 17 August 2023.
- Published a paper on the topic 'Artificial Intelligence and Electronic Documentation in India Post Pandemic' in Indian Journal of Natural Sciences. Dec 2023; ISSN: 0976 – 0997.
- Presented a paper on 'Sustainability reporting Assessment: Study of Indian Power Sector' at an international conference on 'Dimensions of Accounting' organised by Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya in collaboration with Indian Accounting Association on 14-16 February, 2024
- Attended an online FDP organised by AIACHE & St. Joseph College, Tiruchirapalli on 'Best Practices and Institutional Distinctiveness' from 4 to 7 March 2024.

CA Ms. Rachel R. George

- Completed (by securing 2 credits) an online Faculty Development Programme / Ph. D. course work on 'Research Ethics and the Magic of Statistics' organized by Dr. SDD Arts, Commerce and Science College, Wada, Palghar under the aegis of Department of Commerce, University of Mumbai on from 20 to 26 August 2023.
- Participated in the online national level workshop on 'The Joy of Research' on 'Building Online Presence: Tools and Techniques for Researcher' organized by Nirmala Memorial Foundation College of Commerce and Science in association with St. Xavier's College on 4 September 2023.
- Completed (by securing 2 credits) with grade

A+ the UGC-approved compulsory course for Ph.D. students a 'One Week Ph.D. Coursework on 'Research & Publication Ethics' conducted by HSNC University in online mode from 20 to 25 November 2023.

- Participated in a one-day 'Second Term Training Program for Extension Teachers & Student Managers' organized by Department of Life Long Learning and Extension, University of Mumbai and held at University of Mumbai, Kalina Campus on 2 December 2023.
- Completed (by securing O grade) the 10-day Online Capacity Development Programme on 'Advanced Research Methodology' of 30 hours organized by V. K. Krishna Menon College of Commerce and Economics and sponsored by ICSSR-WRC, 20 February 2024 and 1 March 2024
- Presented a research paper titled 'Exploring the Investment Behaviour towards Direct Equity Investments of Salaried Individuals below 30 Years: A Case Study in Thane City' at a two-day International Conference on 'Viksit Bharat – Towards Five Trillion Economy' organized by Sydenham College of Commerce & Economics, Dr. Homi Bhabha State University, Mumbai and GAP, India on 23-24 February 2023.
- Presented a research paper titled 'Exploring Entrepreneurial Opportunities for Tribal Women in Yeoor Village, Thane: A Qualitative Study' at the International Virtual Conference on International Women's Day on 'Unveiling the Role of Women in the India Knowledge System' organized by K.J. Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce, Mumbai in collaboration with GAP, India, CACHE, Mumbai and Sinhgad College, Mumbai on 9 March 2024.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Dr. Harmeet Kaur Bhasin

- Attended the syllabus framing committee meeting in the subject of “Total Quality Management (M. Com)” at Ramanand Arya

D.A.V College, Bhandup (East) on 2 July 2023.

- Invited as a Resource Person for a Research Methodology session organized by St. Andrew's College Research committee on 'Sampling and Questionnaire Designing' on 27 July 2023.
- Attended the syllabus framing committee (NEP – 2020) meeting in the subject of Commerce, BMS and Management for Sem I and Sem II in Ramanand Arya D.A.V college, Bhandup (East) on 21 October 2023.
- Presented a paper titled “To study the impact of Innovative social cause advertising on brand image, brand loyalty and purchase intentions of young customers” at the 34th National Annual Conference of Maharashtra Commerce Teachers' Association held at Nashik on 4 and 5 November 2023.
- Attended a one-day national level workshop titled “Compassion for self and Passion at work” organized by R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics on 5 December 2024.
- Guided a Research Project titled “A Study to understand the importance of exercise and physical fitness of college students in the academic performance” presented by Yogendra Dubey, Ronit Katal, Simeon Fernandes and Karan Prajapati at the UG level at 18th Aavishkar; Intercollegiate Research Convention (Zonal Round) organized by University of Mumbai (12 December 2023).
- Invited as Resource Person for conducting a workshop on creativity in advertising on the topic “Discover your creative side -creativity in advertising” at Mahatma Night Degree College of Arts and Commerce Chembur on 15 December 2023.
- Invited as Resource Person for conducting a workshop titled “Experimental research on consumer behavior” at Mahatma Night Degree College of Arts and Commerce Chembur on 16 December 2023.
- Attended a seminar on preparation for NEP

2020 organized by Dnyandeep Mandal's St. Joseph College of Arts, and Commerce College on 11 January 2024.

- Presented a Research Paper titled “A study to understand the impact of the new promotion strategy with reference to shock advertising” at an international conference – 1st South Asia Pacific International Conference organized by N.L. Dalia institute of Management Studies and Research (NLDIMSR), Mumbai on 12 and 13 January 2024.
- Invited as a Resource Person to conduct a workshop on Research Methodology on the topic “Understanding Sampling Techniques in Research”, “Designing the Ideal Questionnaire for Research” and “Understanding Types of Data in Research” at Mahatma Night Degree College of Arts and Commerce Chembur on 16, 17 and 18 January 2024.
- Attended a two-day workshop on the theme 'NEP 2020 sensitization- Train the trainers' held at Kirti M. Doongursee College of Arts, Science and Commerce on 26 and 27 February 2024.
- Invited as a Judge and panelist at the International Research Conference on Environmental Sustainability organized by Maratha Mandir's Babasaheb Gawde Institute of Management Studies on 6 April 2024.
- Published a research paper titled “A study to understand the impact of un-Stereotyped and Innovative Social advertising with Women empowerment cause on Young Audience” *Journal of the School of Language, Literature and Cultural Studies*, Page No. 78-85, Series 26 ,2024, Doubled blind, Peer Reviewed, UGC Care Listed, ISSN 0972-9682, Impact Factor 7.138.
- Published a research Paper titled “A study to understand the impact of Green Advertising on Audience Attitude and Purchasing Intentions and the Impact of the same on achieving Sustainable Development” *Humanities and Social Science Studies*, Page No. 54-63, Vol- 13: Issue 01, Jan -June – 2024, UGC Care Approved Group 1, Peer Reviewed, Bilingual, Biannual, Multidisciplinary, Refereed Journal, ISSN – 2319- 829X, Impact Factor 7.28.
- Published a research Paper titled “A Study to find out Impact of Public Service Advertising with Different Innovative Appeals on the Attitude and Action of General Public”, *Rabindra Bharati University Journal of Economics*, Page No. 154-161, Volume XXVIII-No. 1, 2024, UGC Care Approved, Peer Reviewed and Referred Journal, ISSN – 0975-802X, Impact Factor 6.989.
- Published a research paper titled “A study to understand the role of Responsible Advertising with Innovative Social Cause Appeals on Mindset of young consumers towards a company and Brand – A Transformative Technique of CSR” in *Humanities and Social Sciences Studies*, Page No. 115-124, Vol -12, Issue -02, No. 29, July-Dec 2023, UGC Care Approved, Group 1, Peer Reviewed, Bilingual, Biannual, Multi-Disciplinary refereed Journal, ISSN – 2319-829X, Impact Factor 7.28.
- Published a research Paper titled “Exploring Shock Advertising: Its Influence on Consumers Mindset, Brand Perception and Purchase Intentions” *Indian Journal of Psychology* Page nos. 150-158, Volume No. 1-2024, UGC Care approved, Peer reviewed journal, ISSN 0019-5553, Impact Factor 7.989.
- Published a research Paper titled “To Study the impact of Innovative Social Cause Advertising on Brand Image, Brand Loyalty and Purchase Intentions of Young Customers” in a Peer Reviewed Referred and Indexed International E-Research Journal International Research Fellows Association's - RESEARCH JOURNEY” Special issue 330 (A), Page No 113-122, – E-ISSN-2348-7143. Impact Factor – 6.625.
- Published a research paper titled “A Study to Understand the role of Music Appeal along with Jingles in Advertising on Emotional

Connect and Memory in Context to Young Audience” in the *International Journal of Advance and Innovative Research*, Page No. 29-36, Volume 10, Issue 4(1), Oct-Dec- 2023, Peer-reviewed and Referred Journal, UGC Approved list of journal No. 63571, ISSN – 2394-7780, Impact Factor – 7.46.

- Published a research Paper titled “A Study to Understand the Influence of Controversial Advertising on Consumer Behaviour” in the *International Journal of Research in Management and Social Science*, page No. 1-8, Volume 11, Issue 4, Oct-Dec- 2023, Double-Blind Reviewed Journal and indexed. ISSN – 2322-0899, Impact Factor 6.44.

Ms. Ninoshka Dsilva Sequeira

- Published a research paper titled “ONDC- A Game Changer for E-Commerce in Rural India?” at South India Journal of Social Sciences, Approved UGC CARE, ISSN – 0972 – 8945, Vol. 21, Issue 40, January to June 2023, Page Nos. 199-204.
- Was awarded best paper presenter for the research paper titled “ONDC- A Game Changer for E-Commerce in Rural India?” at the International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approach to Innovation Prospects and Challenges in Modern Business Landscape by Nirmala Memorial Foundation College on 29 April 2023.
- Presented a paper titled “A Qualitative Study on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Q-Commerce Companies: Case Studies of 'Big Basket' and 'Dunzo' at the Staff Seminar of St. Andrews' College on 14 June 2023.
- Attended a one-week online workshop titled “Research Methods and Techniques” organised by Ramanand Arya D.A.V. College (Autonomous) in association with the University of Mumbai and sponsored by the Western Regional Centre of ICSSR from 04 May, 2023 to 10 May, 2023.
- Attended a workshop titled “Partial Least Squares” organized by Research Cell of Nirmala Memorial Foundation College in

Collaboration with Garware Institute of Career Education and Development on 12 May 2023.

- Attended an online workshop titled “Research Methods and Data Analysis” organised by Nirmala Memorial Foundation College in collaboration with St. Xavier's (Autonomous) & University of Mumbai from 24 May 2023 to 31 May 2023.
- Attended an online workshop titled “Research and Publication” organized by Nirmala Memorial College, Andhra Loyola Institute of Engineering & Technology, Cape Comorin Trust from 29 May 2023 to 31 May 2023.
- Attended an online workshop titled “Research Tools and Techniques with Reference to ChatGPT” Mohindar Singh Kabal Singh Degree College, Kalyan in association with University of Mumbai from 17 August 2023 to 18 August 2023.
- Attended a Two-Credits Workshop titled “Research Ethics and the Magic of Statistics” DSDD Arts & Commerce & Science College, Wada, Palghar under the aegis of the Department of Commerce, University of Mumbai from 20 August 2023 to 26 August 2023.
- Attended an online workshop titled "Building Online Presence Tools and Technique for Researcher" organised by Nirmala Memorial Foundation College in collaboration with St. Xavier's (Autonomous) & University of Mumbai on 4 September 2023
- Attended a webinar titled “Review of Literature” organized by Rizvi College of Arts, Science & Commerce in collaboration with All India Institute of Researchers on 17 September 2023.
- Attended a one-week Faculty Development Programme titled "Research Methodology using ChatGPT and AI tools" organized by Lincoln University College Marian Research Centre in association with the Kerala State Higher Education Council.
- Published a paper titled “Zepto Philosophies

and B2C Model- A Pandemic Opportunity” at Ajanta- a Quarterly Research Journal, ISSN-2277-5730. Vol.12, Issue 4, October to December 2023. Page Nos. 8-14.

Ms. Elizabeth Dias

- Presented a research paper titled 'Effectiveness of Social Media as a Marketing Tool for Home-based Businesses' at the 'Two Days International Research Conference on 'Emerging Technologies in Business Management' jointly organised by MET Institute of Management and Department of Commerce, University of Mumbai and supported by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). (29 April 2023).
- Published a research paper titled 'Effectiveness of Social Media as a Marketing Tool for Home-based Businesses' in a book (with ISBN number) “Emerging Technologies in Business Management” by Bloomsbury Publications, New York, Sydney and Cambridge.
- Presented a research paper on 'Gen Z and Ayush products' at the St. Andrew's College Staff Research Seminar (14 June 2023).
- Attended an FDP on 'Bridging the Industry-Academic Expectations Gap in Communication' organised by KET's Schools of Management (27 and 28 June 2023).
- Attended a National Workshop on 'Structured Equation Modelling using AMOS' by School of Management, Swami Vivekananda University (27 to 29 July 2023).
- Attended an FDP on 'Research Tools and Techniques with Reference to ChatGPT' by Mohindar Singh Kabal Degree College of Arts & Commerce in Association with University of Mumbai (17 & 18 August 2023).
- Attended an Online FDP on 'Academic Research and Publications in Arts and Humanities' (obtained Grade A) organised by All India Association for Christian Higher Education (New Delhi) and Madras Christian College (Autonomous), Chennai (10 to 14 October 2023).

- Guided a research project titled 'Consumer Awareness and Perception towards Sustainable Fashion Industry' presented by Ramos Ry-elle at UG Level at 18th Aavishkar: Intercollegiate Research Convention (Zonal Round) organised by University on Mumbai. (12 December 2023).
- Guided a research project titled 'A Study on Educational Stress and Burnout' presented by Vibhanshu Upadhyay at UG Level at 18th Aavishkar: Intercollegiate Research Convention (Zonal Round) organised by University on Mumbai. (12 December 2023).
- Presented a paper titled 'A comparative study on the perception of Ayush products among Medical practitioners and consumers' at the 1st South Asia Pacific International Business Research Conference (13 January 2024).
- Attended an Online Workshop on Research Methodology by Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Management Studies and Research & Sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (1 to 12 February 2024).
- Presented a paper titled 'A Study on the Marketing Challenges faced by Manufacturers of Ayush Products in India' at the One Day Multidisciplinary International Hybrid Research Conference on Emerging Trends in Management with special reference to Digitisation, and was awarded the Best Research Paper Presentation award under the Marketing Track (4 March 2024).
- Attended a workshop on Research Methodology organised by Satish Pradhan Dnyanasadhana College and sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (4 to 9 March 2024).

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Dr. Priya Shahi

- Published a Research Paper titled “Expansive Fixed Point Results in Super Metric Spaces” in the *Journal of Ramanujan Society of Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences* in June 2023.

- Published a Research Paper titled “Common Fixed Point Results in Super Metric Spaces” in the *Journal of International Academy of Physical Sciences (JIAPS)*” in June 2023.
- Participated in a Faculty Development Program on "MATLAB & its Applications in AI & ML" organised by the Faculty Development Centre, Sridev Suman Uttarakhand University, Badshahithaul, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand on 16-21 August 2023.

Ms. Julie Shinde

- Participated in an Advanced Training Workshop on “Linear Algebra, Real Analysis and Group Theory” organized by the National Centre for Mathematics, a Joint Center of TIFR & IIT Bombay on 20-25 November 2023.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Ms. Vineetha Nair

- Participated in an Online National Faculty Development Program on “Leveraging Teaching-Learning Process: A Special Focus on NEP and NAAC Accreditation” jointly organized by KCES's College of Engineering and Management, Jalgaon and Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi under the Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) of Ministry of Education from 9 May to 15 May 2023.
- Attended a Webinar on “Why is Carbon Footprinting Important?” organised by SVKM's Mithibai College of Arts, Chauhan Institute of Science and Amrudben Jivanlal College of Commerce and Economics on 16 May 2023.
- Completed a Refresher Course in “Geography” organised by the Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi in collaboration with Department of Geography & IQAC, Sahakar

Maharshi Shankarrao Mohite-Patil Mahavidyalaya, Natepute A/p. Natepute, Tal. Malshiras, Dist. Solapur Maharashtra under the aegis of the Ministry of Education, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching from 30 May – 13 June, 2023 and obtained Grade A+.

- Participated in the National Level Webinar on “Non-conventional Green Energy use - facts and figures in the Indian scenario” organised by Manjunatha College of Commerce on 5 June 2023.
- Completed an Online Faculty Development Programme on “Education 4.0” organised by the Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of the Ministry of Education, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching from 01 -7 June, 2023 and obtained Grade A+.
- Completed an Online Inter-Disciplinary Refresher Course in “Managing Online Classes & Co- creating MOOCS 27.0” organised by the Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of the Ministry of Education, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching from 6 – 20 June, 2023 and obtained Grade B+.
- Participated in the Global Online Certificate Course on “Demystifying Environment Data For Communication and Impact” organised by The School of Environmental Communications Centre for Science and Environment, India from 31 July to August 14, 2023.
- Presented a paper titled “Contribution of Spiritual Tourism to India's Tourism and Cultural Economy” at an International Conference on Viksit Bharat – Towards Five Trillion Economy organised by Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics, Dr. Homi Bhabha State University – Mumbai and Grand Academic Portal – GAP India on 23-24 February 2024.
- Presented a paper titled “A Critical Analysis

of Rural Tourism in Kerala” at a Multi-disciplinary National Conference on 'Climate Change, Natural Disaster, Tourism, and Sustainable Development' organised by Sahajeevan Shikshan Sanstha's Shrimati Indira Mahadev Beharay College of Arts, Shriman Chandulal Sheth College of Commerce and Shrimati Shobhanathai Chandulal Sheth College of Science, Khed, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, India sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR-WRC) and on 1-2 March 2024.

- Presented a paper titled “The Contribution of Indian Women Towards Ecofeminism” in the International Virtual Conference on International Women's Day Unveiling the Role of Women in the Indian Knowledge System organised by the IQAC of KJ Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce, Powai, Mumbai in collaboration with Grand Academic Portal – GAP, India, Centre for Advance Studies in Culture, Happiness, and Ethics – CACHE, IQAC Sinhgad College of Commerce, Mumbai on 9 March 2024.
- Presented a paper titled “Role of Mid-day Meal in promoting equality among Rural School Children” at the International Virtual Conference Access, Equity and Equality in Higher Education Relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's Vision International Virtual Conference organised by the Equal Opportunity Cell, St. Andrew's College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mumbai on 15 April 2024.

BACHELOR OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES

Mr. Jordin Barington Carvalho

- Presented a research paper on titled “A study on the impact of Covid-19 on Saving Habits of Fixed Salaried employees in Vasai-Virar region” at a National Conference on Inclusive Development in the Post-Pandemic World held at Abhinav College of Arts, Commerce & Science, Bhayander on 20 April 2023.
- Attended a workshop on 18th Aavishkar:

Intercollegiate / Institute / Department Research Convention organized by Department of Students' Development, University of Mumbai at Green Technology Auditorium, University of Mumbai on 21 April 2023.

- Attended the one-day Conclave on Entrepreneurship and Rural Development at Indian Institute of Management, Mumbai on 11 February 2024.
- Attended the Bhoomipoojan Ceremony for the Construction of the Centre for Avesta-Pahlavi Studies at the University of Mumbai on 5 March 2024.

Ms. Michelle Susan Regi

- Attended an Online Workshop on 'AI tools for smart teaching and learning' conducted by All India Association For Christian Higher Education (New Delhi) from 2 April 2024 to 4 April 2024.

DEPARTMENT OF B. COM (BANKING AND INSURANCE)

Dr. Shirley Pillai

- Published a paper titled “*Training the Talent - A Creative Leadership Approach*”, UGC-Care listed Journal, *Rabindra Bharati Journal of Philosophy*, Volume XXIV, June 2023, ISSN - 0973-0087, *Impact Factor 5.4*.
- Published a paper titled “*Comparative Study on Customer Relationship Management in Banks, w.r.t HDFC and SBI Bank*”, UGC-Care listed Journal *Phalanx- A Quarterly Review for Continuing Debate*, Volume 18, Issue 2, April-June 2023, ISSN- 2320-7698, *Impact Factor 5.6*.
- Published a paper titled “*Study on SBI YONO App with Reference to Awareness and Satisfaction*”, UGC- Care listed Journal, *Journal of R. K. Cama Oriental Institute*, Volume 77, September 2023, ISSN- 0970-0609, *IF=7.854*.
- Published a paper titled “*A study on Talent Management at ICICI Bank with reference to*

Employee Job Satisfaction”, UGC- CARE-List Group1, *Annals of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute*, Volume C, Issue 10, 2023, ISSN - 0378-1143, *Impact Factor 6.5*.

- Participated in the Live Webinar on “Global CEO Online Talk Strategies for Leadership, Innovation and Operational Efficiency Beyond the Pandemic” Organized by the University of Winnipeg (USA) & N. L Dalmia Management Institute of Management Studies & Research, Mumbai. On 25 August 2023.
- Appointed by the University of Mumbai as Chairperson, Paper Setter, Moderator & Examiner for the Subject Strategic Management in Banking & Insurance for the T.Y.B.B.I students SEM VI of Commerce & Management for the first half (Summer examination) 2024.
- Participated in an Online Workshop on “AI Tools for Smart Teaching & Learning” conducted by All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE) New Delhi & St. Joseph College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli between 2-4 April 2024
- Presented a paper on “Training the Talent, A Creative Leadership Approach” in the 1st South Asia Pacific International Conference on Changing Business Practices In the Current Environment at N. L Dalmia Management Institute Of Management Studies & Research, Mumbai on 12 & 13 January 2024.
- Attended & Member of the Organizing Committee for The International Virtual Conference on “Access, Equity & Equality in Higher Education Relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's Vision" at St. Andrew's College on 15 April 2024.

BACHELORS OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

Mr. Ritesh Sheth

- Attended a workshop on the “National Education Policy – The Way Forward” organized by R. D. National College on 17 June, 2023.

- Attended a “Training Program on Financial Awareness” organized by NSE Academy on 31 October, 2023.
- Awarded a Certificate of Merit from the University of Mumbai for guiding a research project for the 18th Aavishkar Inter Collegiate Convention on 12 December, 2023.
- Attended “Partial Least Square – Structural Equation Modelling (PLS-Sem) Using R and R studio” organized by Skills Edge from 15 -17 February, 2024.

BACHELORS OF HOSPITALITY STUDIES

Ms. Savita Giri

- Nominated as an Expert committee member by the University of Mumbai for D.T.S.S College of Law, Malad for the proposal of extension of an additional division for the first year of law on 25 September 2023
- Nominated as an Expert Committee member by the University of for the Nirmal Education Society's Subhash Desai College of Law, Kandivali East, Malad, for the proposal of extension of an additional division for the first year of law Mumbai on 25 September 2023
- Nominated as an Expert Committee member by the University of Mumbai for Manubhai Mehta College of Hospitality, Palghar for the proposal of a new college on 23 September 2023

LIBRARY

Dr. Sujata Rajpurkar

- Published a research paper titled “Perception of SFC Students Towards Scientific Conduct” in the International e-journal of library science, peer reviewed and refereed, Vol. II, Issue – I, Jan-June 2023 ISSN 2319-992X.
- Authored a chapter titled 'Library 4.0 – Roadmap to Create user – Centric Information System' in the book *Library 4.0 in the Cutting*

Edge of Artificial Intelligence and Augmented Reality, edited by Hazara. P. and others, published by Mehanati Prakashani, Hooghly, 2023.

- Conducted a session on 'Plagiarism' as a part of the ten-hour Research Lecture Series for the student research seminar on 3 August 2023.
- Participated in a workshop on 'Generative AI in Education and Research' organized by DES's NMITD on 2 December 2023.
- Invited as VC Nominee on the University Staff Selection Committee, University of Mumbai as a Subject Expert by Thakur Institute of Management Studies & Research on 11 December 2023.
- Mentor for Aavishkar- Research Convention (Final Round) organized by University of Mumbai on 17 December 2023.
- Published a research paper titled "Research Data Management and Preservation Role of Academic Libraries" in UPA (University Professors' Association) National Peer reviewed Interdisciplinary E-Journal, Vol. 10, (1) January 2024 ISSN 2455-4375.
- Invited as a resource person for a seminar on 'Shaping students reading culture through e-resources' to promote the digital learning habit among students by St. Xavier's Institute of Education (Autonomous), Churchgate on 16 January 2024.
- Presented a paper on the topic 'Ensuring inclusive, equitable and quality education – Role of academic libraries' at the International Conference 'Envisioning inclusion: transforming vision into reality' organized by KKCE on 19-20 January 2024.
- Nominated by VC, University of Mumbai, as a subject expert on the panel of screening cum evaluation committee for career advancement at St. Teresa Institute of Education and Research on 29 January 2024.
- Presented paper titled 'Relevance of Academic Libraries in Execution of NEP 2020' at the 7th MUCLA Two day National Conference in association with University of Mumbai, Indian Library Association and SNDT Women's University on 6 and 7 March 2024 at Mumbai.
- Published research paper titled "Analysis of Open Access Thesis and Dissertation Repository in Social Science" in a Peer-reviewed International Journal of Advance and Innovative Research 11 (1) (VI) Jan March 2024, 77-82. ISSN 2394-7780.
- Published research paper titled "National Digital Library of India – An Ocean of Information" in a Peer-reviewed International Journal of Advance and Innovative Research 11 (1) (VIII) January - March 2024, 111-117. ISSN 2394-7780.
- Published research paper titled "Global information literacy standards and frameworks-implications for the reimagined India" in a Peer-reviewed Brazilian Journal of Development, 10 (3) March 2024, ISSN 2525 –8761.
- Delivered lectures on 4th Unit of Reference & Information services for MLISc first-year students from 2 April to 5 April 2024 at SNDT Women's University, Mumbai.
- Attended a 'Regional Training Programme on Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS) - Shodhshuddhi' organized by INFLIBNET Centre in collaboration with the Knowledge Resource Centre, University of Mumbai on 22 April 2024.
- Authored a chapter titled 'Implications of Artificial Intelligence on Libraries' in the book title *Challenges and Opportunities Envisioning the Paradigm Education and Research*, edited by Agarwal, S. and Joshi, N., published by Aarhat Publication, Mumbai 2024.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The Department of English has been actively engaged in organising enriching activities aimed at fostering academic growth and cultural exploration in our students. Here is an overview of the diverse events and initiatives undertaken in this academic year:

Karola Schmidt, a Research Assistant at the Chair of English Linguistics at Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany, pursuing a PhD project on a short-term diachronic exploration of the possibility of a South Asian epicentre of English (part of a larger project 'Epicentres in World Englishes: Empirical Diachronic Studies of Present-Day South Asian Englishes' funded by the German Research Foundation) visited us on 30 June 2023. Looking to appreciate the specific variety of English used in the Indian Subcontinent, Ms. Schmidt was on a research stay at the University of Mumbai, Department of English. As part of her effort to gain access to local research into English in India and to conduct a small-scale sociolinguistic survey, she delivered a lecture to our third-year students together with third-year students and faculty from the Department of English, National College, Bandra. Her engaging lecture provided valuable insights into the evolution of English language usage in South Asia, benefiting both faculty and students.

The department organized a national workshop on 'Awareness about Tribal Language and Literature,' featuring expert sessions by Prof. Dr. Santosh Rathod and Prof. Samajdar Valawake on 19 August, 2023. Attendees gained a deeper understanding of tribal literature and its challenges in India, contributing to a broader appreciation of cultural diversity.

The Department initiated a 30-hour skill development course on Creative Writing. It was led by Mr. Berges Santok (industry expert and visiting faculty at the BAMMC Department of our college) and Ms. Shruti Warriar (Assistant Professor, Department of English, St. Andrew's

College). Designed to enhance students' writing skills across various media, the course covered topics such as fiction, non-fiction, video content for social media, copywriting for advertising, storytelling for gaming, and screenwriting for films and OTT. With 55 enthusiastic participants, the course aimed to nurture budding writers and content creators.

In celebration of National Comic Book Month, the department organized 'Comic Crusade,' a day-long event on 2 September, 2023 showcasing the cultural significance of comic books and movies. From an art competition to cosplay and movie screenings, the event provided a platform for students to express their creativity and passion for the comic world.

The department hosted a hybrid-mode conference on 'Food and Literature,' on 12 January, 2024 attracting scholars, writers, and food enthusiasts from across the country. Through keynote speeches, panel discussions, and paper presentations, participants explored the intricate relationship between food and literature, enriching their understanding of cultural symbolism and sensory experiences. Ms. Eleanor Pinto, our Keynote Speaker's lecture on "INDIGESTION: Literatures of Decoloniality, Philosophies of Difference," examined the subject of food from a feminist and philosophical perspective. Our invited speaker, Ms. Prerna Jatav (Department of English, National College, Bandra West) delivered a talk on "Aromatic Manipulations by Women through Food: Secret Ingredient towards Agency." Yet another invited speaker Ms. Pamela Nandi (Engineer at IBM and Independent food blogger) presented an intriguing paper on "The Evolution of Food Writing and its Impact on Culinary Traditions," tracing the historical development of food literature and its influence on gastronomic practices. Invited Speaker, Mr. Abhishek Varughese (Deputy Manager Marketing at Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (Amul), shared intriguing insights into the "Amul India Story," highlighting the brand's

cultural significance and its impact on Indian society.

The following papers were presented at the conference:

1. **John Majel P:** “Tasting the Words: An Epicurean Approach to English Language Metaphors in Teaching”
2. **Mr Tushar:** “The Role of Cultural, Ethnic, and Culinary Customs in Prison Food”
3. **Vaibhavi Chaturvedi:** “Palate on the Silver Screen: Unravelling the Rich Tapestry of Food Representation in Indian Cinema”
4. **Jala Srilakshmi:** “Food as a Catalyst of Gendered Roles and Cultural Identity within Various Ethnic Communities”
5. **Saptak Bhattacharya:** “The Menu of Memories: The Bittersweet Flavours of the Past in Kallol Lahiri's *Indubala Bhaater Hotel*”
6. **V. Deepika and Co-Author Dr. J. Sobhana Devi:** “The Culinary Chronicles: Exploring Memoirs with Erica Bauermeister's *The School of Essential Ingredients*”
7. **Mr Shankar Khobare:** “Cultural Representation of Food and Identity in Ha Jin's Novel *A Free Life*”
8. **Shelly Narang:** “Gendered Power Relations and Food Women's Power / Food Spheres in J.P. Clark's *The Wives' Revolt*”
9. **Swarnava Bhattacharya:** “The Representation of a Culture at a Crossroads Through the Food Imagery in Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*”
10. **Kowsalya R M:** “Decoding the Binary Factors in Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*”
11. **Sumaira Hamid and Dr Khursheed Ahmad Qazi:** “Nourishing Absurdity: Food Study in Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*”
12. **Neethu Ravindran:** “Culinary Desire: Binary Opposition of Patriarchal Logic in Hunger”
13. **Dr Suganthi K:** “The Destiny of Titular Character 'Tilottama' Through Spices in *Mistress of Spices* by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni”
14. **Vishwambhari Parmar:** “Food as Punishment: The Duality of Food Symbolism in Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*”
15. **Arnab Chatterjee:** “Even if they pass as humans, they're just human-shaped, right?”: The Quest for Self in Sui Ishida's *Tokyo Ghoul*”

The conference concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all speakers, moderators, attendees, and organizers for their valuable contributions and participation in making the event a success. On the whole, the conference on "Food and Literature" provided a platform for meaningful discourse and scholarly inquiry, enriching our understanding of the profound connections between food, culture, and literature.

On 25 January, 2024, ex-Andrean Wynona Alwyn delivered a captivating guest lecture on "Creative Content as a Career," emphasizing the diverse opportunities in content creation across gaming, coding, and social media scripting. Her insights inspired students to pursue their passions and embrace innovation in the ever-evolving landscape of creative content.

The same day, the department organized thought-provoking play performances by SYBA students of the department on Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" and Eugene O'Neill's "The Hairy Ape." These performances brought alive the texts prescribed for study in the curriculum, gave the audience a feel of live theatre and offered them profound reflections on some of the dominant themes highlighted in the two plays, such as existentialism, societal struggle, and human identity, leaving a lasting impact on all those who watched the beautifully executed dramatizations of scenes from the selected plays.

The Department of English aims to uphold its commitment to academic excellence and cultural enrichment by organising a similar range of diverse array of engaging activities and initiatives advantageous to the students of the department in the years to come.

Profs-in-charge: Dr. Marie Fernandes (Principal and Head, Department of English), Dr. Susan Lobo (Vice-Principal, Degree College), Dr. Preeti Oza, and Ms. Shruti Warriier.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

A 'Careers in Economics: Career Opportunities after Graduation' session was conducted by the Department of Economics in collaboration with the Civil Service Cell on July 20, 2023, attended by 100 participants. The guest speaker for the session was Mr Prakash Almeida. It provided valuable insights into internship and job prospects and fostered a clearer understanding of individual career goals. Additionally, attendees gained crucial insights into the competencies required for success in the Economics sector. This session proved instrumental in empowering students to navigate their post-graduation paths with confidence and purpose.

A session on 'Stock Market' was organized by the Department on September 13, 2023, conducted by speaker Mr Riyaz Millwala. It attracted a significant turnout of 80 participants eager to enhance their understanding of investment dynamics. Over the span of two hours, attendees were enriched with comprehensive insights into investment strategies and the inherent risks involved, along with effective risk management techniques. Students were introduced to a diverse array of financial instruments, broadening their knowledge and equipping them with essential tools for navigating the complexities of the stock market. This session served as a pivotal learning opportunity, empowering participants with the expertise necessary to make informed investment decisions and navigate the financial landscape with confidence.

ECONQUEST – an Economics Quiz Competition, was held on January 29, 2024.

Serving as a platform for intellectual growth, the competition offered students exposure to diverse facets of economics, enriching their understanding of the subject. Through challenging questions and discussions, participants delved deeper into concepts related to economics. Moreover, ECONQUEST fostered a spirit of teamwork and collaboration, nurturing participants' communication skills as they navigated through complex topics together. Overall, the competition was not only a test of academic prowess but also a catalyst for holistic development, empowering students with both theoretical insights and practical skills essential for their future endeavours.

A visit to the RBI Monetary Museum was conducted on January 25, 2024 for T.Y.B.A. and S.Y.B.A. students. This excursion provided a unique opportunity for students to engage with the practical aspects of monetary systems and central banking. Participants gained a deeper understanding of economic principles and policy frameworks, enriching their academic experience.

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Pooja Joshi, Mr. Sanjay Waghela and Ms. Leeza Ahmed.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

The following is a report of the activities conducted by the Department of Sociology from June 2023 to February 2024. These activities aimed to enhance students' knowledge, skills, and awareness on various topics, contributing to their holistic development.

Session on Women and Disability by Raising Flame

An awareness session at Dosti House (American Embassy) was conducted on 22 June, 2023 for two hours with 10 students from the department. The session on Women and Disability conducted by Raising Flame provided an invaluable platform for students to deepen their understanding of the intersectionality between gender and disability. Through insightful discussions and the sharing of compelling

narratives, attendees became aware of the unique challenges faced by women with disabilities and the complex interplay between gender identity and disability status. Moreover, the session served as a source of empowerment, as students were inspired by the remarkable achievements and resilience demonstrated by women with disabilities. Exposing participants to these success stories not only fostered empathy and compassion but also instilled a sense of hope and determination, encouraging them to challenge societal norms and advocate for inclusivity and equality for all individuals, regardless of their gender or ability status.

Guest Lecture on Gender and Sexual Orientation by Ms. Daniella Mendonca

A lecture addressing gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, emphasizing diversity and the importance of respecting individual differences was conducted on 6 September, 2023 for 3 hours with 159 students in attendance. The guest lecture on Gender and Sexual Orientation delivered by Ms. Daniella Mendonca provided students with a comprehensive understanding of fundamental concepts surrounding gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation. Through engaging discussions and informative presentations, attendees gained clarity on the diverse spectrum of identities and orientations, fostering a deeper comprehension of the fluidity and complexity inherent within these concepts. Moreover, the lecture served as a catalyst for increased awareness and appreciation of the rich diversity present within human experiences. Students were encouraged to embrace and celebrate individual differences, recognizing the importance of respect, acceptance, and inclusivity in fostering a supportive and equitable society. By promoting dialogue and understanding, the session empowered students to become advocates for diversity and champions of equality, both within their academic community and beyond.

Workshop on Breathwork and College Life by Mr. Hilor Desai

A workshop focusing on the relationship between

breathwork and mental well-being, aiming to equip students with practical skills for stress reduction and emotional regulation during college life was conducted on 10 January, 2024 for 3 hours with a total of 151 students present. The workshop on Breathwork and College Life, led by Mr. Hilor Desai offered students an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the profound impact of breathwork on mental well-being. Through informative presentations and experiential exercises, participants gained insights into the physiological and psychological benefits of conscious breathing techniques. This enhanced understanding equipped students with practical skills for incorporating breathwork into their daily routines, facilitating relaxation, stress reduction, and emotional regulation. By engaging in guided practices, attendees developed first-hand experience in cultivating mindfulness and promoting inner calm amidst the challenges of college life. The workshop not only provided valuable tools for personal well-being but also empowered students to proactively manage their mental health and enhance their overall resilience in navigating academic and life stressors.

Guest Lecture on Digital Marketing by Clarence and Namita

A lecture providing practical skills in digital marketing, including campaign planning, execution, and optimization across various platforms was conducted on 13 January, 2024 for 4 hours with a total of 216 students present. The guest lecture on Digital Marketing, presented by Clarence and Namita proved instrumental in equipping students with practical skills essential for navigating the dynamic landscape of digital marketing. Through insightful discussions and hands-on exercises, participants acquired invaluable expertise in planning, executing, and optimizing digital marketing campaigns across diverse platforms and channels. Moreover, the lecture fostered the development of critical thinking skills, particularly in the realm of data analysis. Students were challenged to interpret digital marketing data and metrics, discerning trends, identifying insights, and making data-driven decisions to enhance campaign

effectiveness. This dual focus on practical skill acquisition and critical analysis not only prepared students for the demands of the digital marketplace but also cultivated their ability to approach marketing challenges with strategic foresight and analytical rigor.

Educational Visit to Don Bosco Yuva Sanstha, Karjat

A visit aimed at increasing awareness of the challenges faced by marginalized rural groups and the role of community-based organizations in providing support and opportunities which was conducted on 17 January, 2024 with a total of 48 students present. The educational visit to Don Bosco Yuva Sanstha in Karjat served as a pivotal opportunity for students to broaden their awareness of the multifaceted social and economic challenges confronting marginalized groups. Through first-hand observations and interactions with beneficiaries, attendees gained insight into the systemic barriers hindering equitable access to education, employment, and healthcare in rural areas. Moreover, the visit underscored the indispensable role of community-based organizations in empowerment initiatives. By witnessing the transformative impact of grassroots efforts in providing holistic support, skill development opportunities, and livelihood enhancement programs, students developed a newfound appreciation for the pivotal role played by local initiatives in fostering resilience and empowerment among marginalized youth populations. There was a talk held with the locals where students asked various questions. Students got the opportunity to go to the village and interact with locals to have a better understanding. This experiential learning experience not only deepened students' understanding of social inequality but also inspired a commitment to advocacy and engagement in community-driven solutions.

Educational Visit to Gini Silk Mills Limited, Palghar

A visit was conducted on 21 February, 2024 with a total of 23 students. The educational visit to Gini Silk Mills Limited in Palghar provided students

with a comprehensive insight into the intricate processes involved in textile manufacturing. Through guided tours and interactive sessions, attendees gained a first-hand understanding of the entire textile production journey, from the sourcing of raw materials to the final quality control checks. This immersive experience facilitated an enhanced understanding of the various stages of textile manufacturing, including spinning, weaving, dyeing, printing, and quality assurance. Additionally, the visit offered students a valuable opportunity to understand how an organization works. By interacting with industry professionals and witnessing the breadth of roles encompassed within textile production, students understood how detailed things have to be in order for an organization to work with ease. This educational excursion not only enriched students' knowledge but also broadened their horizons, about the understanding of a proper functional organization.

Profs-in-charge: Dr. Vatika Sibal (Head, Department of Sociology) and Mr. Hadley Quadros.

ANDREAN PSYCHOLOGY TEAM

The Psychology Department believes in preparing our students to be well-versed professionals and practitioners of the coming future, and thus the Andrean Psychology Team organised a number of events to give them a glimpse into the different fields of Psychology. On 14 July 2023, a session on 'Psychology Internship Prep Talk' was organised to guide students about the importance, process, requirements and etiquettes of Psychology Internships and encourage them to pursue professional experience.

After the successful completion of the Bridge Course 2022-23, the certificate distribution ceremony was held on 28 July 2023 to felicitate the students' year-long hard work and dedication. A workshop on 'Art Therapy and Colour Psychology' was organised on 7 August 2023 to commemorate the International Mental Health Awareness Day. The workshop not only aimed at giving students an idea of Art Therapy as a career

option, but also to orient them to the application of Art Therapy in practice. Another detailed session on 'Careers in Art Therapy' was held on 30 August 2023 to give students a roadmap for pursuing a career in this field.

Several Psychology students participated in the Student Research Seminar held on 29 August 2023, organised by the Research wing of the college. Mr. Dhruv Gadhiya (S.Y.B.A) won third place as 'Best Research Paper' in the Student Research Seminar.

International Suicide Prevention Day was commemorated with an insightful workshop by Samaritans Mumbai on 12 September 2023. This 'Suicide Prevention Awareness' workshop was resourceful in sensitizing students about the identification of threats and basic skills to help person at risk of suicide.

Continuing the Research fervour in the second half of this academic year, four students from the Department of Psychology participated in the Aavishkar Research Convention by University of Mumbai held on 12 December 2023. Mr. Dhruv Gadhiya (S.Y.B.A) qualified for the Final Zonal round held on 17 December 2023, and presented his research.

Social drinking and smoking is becoming very prevalent among the youth. To create awareness about the physical, psychological and social evils caused by Alcohol and Tobacco addiction, and to provide a glance of on-field cases they would deal with as professionals, a Guest lecture by Dr. Dharav Shah was organised on 3 January 2024. A workshop on Mindfulness Therapy was organised on 25 January 2024 to sensitize students about Mindfulness practices, which focus on being in the present moment, thereby reducing stress and anxiety and boosting levels of attention and concentration. A session on 'Travel Psychology' was held on 2 February 2024 for introducing students to this upcoming career option.

The Intercollegiate Contest 'CINEMANIA- A Research Challenge' (Season 4) was conducted on 17 February 2024 to develop students' critical appreciation skills related to accurate and inaccurate depiction of Psychological Disorders,

etiology and treatment, and its impact on the viewers about Mental Health and Therapy. Dr. Prof. Babita Sinha (Project in-charge, Indira Gandhi Open University) and Mr. Shahnawaz Ali (Editor, Director) were the esteemed judges for the event. 10 colleges competed in the event. The trophy was bagged by Jai Hind College Team, while the Mithibai College Team won the 2nd place.

This was followed by the release of the Student Research Monograph 'The Cinemania'- Season 3 with an ISBN number. The Student Monograph would facilitate adding credentials to a student's CV by indicating some research experience for related programs, especially for those pursuing higher education.

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Shubda Malhotra (Head, Department of Psychology), Ms. Sharmila Dhote & Ms. Sara Chavan

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Field Visits

The History Department inaugurated its field visits in August with a visit to the Discovery of India Exposition at the Nehru Centre, Worli. Though a part of the gallery was under renovation, the S.Y.B.A. and T.Y.B.A. students were able to gain an interesting insight into some of the highlights of Ancient and Medieval India. The National Movement gallery proved to be very popular as students were amazed by the many photographs of our national leaders and iconic movements like the Dandi March. A few months later, the T.Y.B.A. students spent half a day at the Nehru Science Centre. This may seem an odd choice for History Students. However, the Science Centre is a leading example of how museums are excellent agents of Non- Non-formal education. Enhancing the Museology paper of the final year, the students were able to appreciate the interactive and informative design of the museum. While we were there, numerous school students excitedly shared with us how the museum helped them to understand and learn basic scientific concepts. The newly established Indian Space Exploration gallery proved to be a

worthy addition to the museum. The students also enjoyed the 'playground' which serves to teach concepts like balance, how sound travels, weights and muscle power and the movement of pendulums.

Commemoration of National and International Days

Our last visit for the year was to Mani Bhavan on 30 January 2024 to commemorate Martyr's Day. Mani Bhavan, originally owned by the Jhaveris, was the residence of choice for Mahatma Gandhi between 1917 and 1934. The house thus became the nerve centre of the National Movement in Mumbai. Now converted into a museum and library, it contains a large collection of photographs, books, letters and personal items of Mahatma Gandhi. We chose to visit on Martyr's Day as a poignant reminder of the sacrifice Mahatma Gandhi made as a prophet of peace.

The History Department also decided to commemorate World Environment Health Day and Constitution Day. For World Environment Health Day on 26 September 2023, we opted to conduct a free sapling distribution drive. Thus the students began preparing and planting saplings a few days earlier. We selected *Philodendron Burle Marx*, a versatile plant that does not need much care and makes for a competent windowsill or balcony plant, even for a novice plant parent. The TYBA students prepared a QR code detailing simple care tips and we distributed 50 free saplings. On *Constitution Day* (Samvidhan Diwas), the History Department shared a small video on the making of the Indian Constitution and its unique features. The video itself was created by an earlier History batch.

Film and Documentary Screenings

Beginning in July, the department also screened a number of *documentaries* and *films* to complement the curriculum. In particular, the Talking History series by Rajya Sabha TV and Live India History documentaries are invaluable for Medieval Indian History. Additionally, the *Centre Art Studio's* short videos on Museum restoration are an invaluable addition to the students' understanding of conservation. In

September, we also inaugurated the Chadrayaan Film Festival, screening films/documentaries related to space exploration. The movie *Hidden Figures* was screened in class and other prominent films and important documentaries were shared as links for the students to view.

Guest Lecture

Our activities for the year drew to a close with a guest lecture by Professor Dr. Kashmira Mody, retired Head of the Economics Department and the first Professor of St. Andrew's College. Professor Mody provided an excellent insight into the Liberalization, Privatization, Globalization programme that transformed the Indian Economy under PM Narasimha Rao and Dr. Manmohan Singh. The History Department expresses its gratitude to Dr. Mody for graciously sharing her knowledge and time.

The History Department also expresses its thanks to the *Archdiocese Museum of Christian Heritage Goregaon* and *Cipla Archives* for providing internship opportunities for the department students.

Prof-in-charge: Janine Coelho (Professor in charge, Department of History).

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTANCY

Skill development courses / training programs

A 30 hours certificate course on Goods & Service Tax was organized from 18 April 2023 to 24 June 2023. The 30 hours course was divided into 15 sessions of 2 hours each, excluding the online exam session of 2 hours. The 12 theory sessions of 2 hours each were delivered online on Zoom platform and the practical sessions were conducted offline in the college's computer lab. An additional 2 hours online exam was also conducted for all the participants on the Zoom platform. The course conducted by Edutech Centre by faculties CA Rupal Haria & CA Dipti Mody provided training related to registration, time-value-place of supply, input tax credit and return filing of GST. 16 students undertook the training. The students were given certificates at the end of the programme.

ICAI Foundation Day and GST Day

On 1 and 2 July 2023, ICAI Foundation Day & GST Day was celebrated. On the occasion, 18 S.Y. and T.Y.B.COM students participated and submitted charts and articles to enhance awareness of GST and CA course.

Andean Accountancy Bulletin Board

In June 2023, articles were invited from B.Com students from newspapers/ magazines related to Accountancy/ Finance and Taxation along with comments of students to be displayed on the Accountancy Notice board. 42 B.Com students participated in this event.

Visit to MET institute

On January 19 2024, 30 students of T.Y.B.COM visited the MET Institute. The visit covered a series of Mock Personal Interviews (PI), Group Discussions (GD), and Aptitude Tests conducted by MET Asian Management Development Centre. These activities were strategically designed to provide students with a simulated experience akin to real-world academic assessments, offering them a valuable opportunity to refine their skills and enhance their readiness for future applications. The exposure to a simulated academic environment equipped them with the confidence and acumen necessary to navigate future assessments and admissions processes for higher education.

Investor awareness programme

On 1 February 2024, an Investor Awareness Programme was organised from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the AV Room. The programme, attended by 78 students, was conducted to help them understand the basic concept of investment, the stock market, mutual funds, and smart investors and to learn how to build long-term investments. The speaker Ms. Soniya Mashelkar, an alumnus of our college and a certified NISM trainer (National Institute of Securities Markets) gave a brief introduction to the Stock Market, making students aware of the rules and regulations of trading in the market. She then elaborated on the precautions to be taken before buying stocks, educating young investors about the financial

markets, investment opportunities and risks. The students were actively engaged throughout the program through a Q&A session. The session concluded with a vote of thanks given by Ms. Riya Singh.

Analysis of Interim Budget 2024

On 15 February 2024, students participated in a competition wherein they had to make a presentation on the topic 'Analysis of Interim Budget 2024'. The competition helped students understand the Interim Budget 2024 and its implications. The event was judged by ex-students of Andrew's College, CA Francesca Tuscano (graduated in the year 2016) and CA Jayson D'mello (graduated in the year 2020). Eight teams participated in the competition.

The following were the participants and the topics of their presentations:

- 1) Pawan Kumar and Surya Thevar- Budget Analysis
- 2) Jahnvi Bysani and Michelle Pinto- Holistic and Sustainable Development of the nation with special focus on Poor, Youth , Women and Farmers
- 3) Maryann Barretto – Overall Budget Analysis
- 4) Kevin Felix Noronha – Budget and Agricultural Development
- 5) Esther, Tanya and Elroy – Budget 2024: Strategies for Amrit Kaal
- 6) Shreya Deshpande – Budget 2024: An Overview
- 7) Sharvari Dhondkar and Krisalyn Dcunha – Budget 2024: Ministry of Road , transport and Highways
- 8) Yogendra K Dubey – Budget 2024: India's Interim Budget

Cash prizes were awarded to the winners of the competition securing first, second and third place:

- 1st Place – Shreya Deshpande – Rs 3000/-
- 2nd Place – Maryann Barretto – Rs 2000/-
- 3rd Place – Jahnvi Bysani and Michelle Pinto – Rs 1000/-

Profs-in-charge: CA Kevin M. Miranda, (Head of Department of Accountancy), Dr. Jyoti Bhatia and CA Rachel George

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Andrean Department of Commerce had an exciting year filled with a number of co-curricular activities and events for the academic year 2023-24. The Department of Commerce also conducted its first-ever 30 hour skill development course on Social Media Marketing which got a huge response from students. Besides this, the other activities are as follows.

On 10 August 2023, a guest speaker session on “Public Relations as an Edge over Advertising” was conducted by our alumnus, Mr Sanjay Lawrence. There were over 50 participants from various streams and the students were given insights on Public Relations. Mr Lawrence drew attention to the abundant opportunities in the field. He added a personal touch by sharing his life story from holding a finance graduate degree to presently working as a Communication professional for Fleishman Hillard handling consumer tech and BFSI clients. He emphasised that where Advertising can be transactional, Public Relations can be transformational.

To give students an opportunity to flaunt their creative skills, the Department of Commerce organised a “Logo Making Competition” on 10 August 2023. The competition had 12 participants and students from various streams participated. The 1st place went to Aarti Jaiswar from S.Y.B.A. for her artistic design for 'AJ classes'. The 2nd place went to Merlyn Louis from S.Y.B.Com for her unique logo for 'Vision for Tomorrow'. The 3rd place went to Aishwarya Bhatara for her creative logo for 'Katha Comics'.

The Department of Commerce addresses not only curricular-based learning but also skill-based learning. The Department, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Digital Education, organised a 30-hour Skill Development Course on Social Media Marketing that commenced on 18/8/2023 and concluded on 6/9/2023. 41 students registered for it. The course included video lectures, orientation sessions, and practical

sessions aimed at providing comprehensive knowledge on social media marketing. Students were oriented about the course objectives and the landscape of social media marketing during the orientation session. Throughout the course, students were presented with video lectures to understand the power and intricacies of social media marketing. Interactive sessions covered topics such as platform differentiation, content formats, paid marketing fundamentals, and objective setting. Practical sessions included activities like setting targeting parameters, utilizing Facebook Pixel, and understanding analytics for effective campaign creation. Self-practice sessions allowed students to apply their learnings through hands-on experience, while mentoring sessions provided guidance in creating social media marketing campaigns. Overall, the course provided a holistic learning experience encompassing both theoretical knowledge and practical skills essential for successful social media marketing.

On 11 January 2024, the Department held yet another successful skill development workshop for the students led by Dr Svetlana Tathuskar on the topic of Group Discussion, Resume Writing and Personal Interview. The workshop had over 40 participants and had students attending from across streams. Students were provided with guidance on the proper and improper practices of composing resumes and participating in group discussions. Additionally, the students were also given insights on how to communicate in formal environments, handle disputes in a formal setting, and conflict resolution when many people with different ideologies are put together.

On 18 January 2024, the Department organised a competition based on the Experiential Visit of the First year B.Com Students to a mall. The students presented their views about and shared what they learnt from the visit. The first place went to Ceona Pinto, Reona Pinto and Cargan Christom of F.Y.B.Com. A, who presented their findings on Infiniti Mall, Andheri West. The second place went to Evangeleen Dias and Isaac Rodriguez of F.Y.B,Com B who presented their study on Infiniti Mall, Andheri West. The third place went to

Brandon Gomes, Jennifer Gonsalves, Krisann Miranda and Steven D'Souza of F.Y.B.Com. B who shared their insights about Infiniti Mall, Malad West. The event concluded with a group picture with the teachers in charge and the participants.

On 9 February 2024, the Department of Commerce organised "Ad-Mad Show". This year, the registration was open for anyone from B.A. and B.Com. who wanted to showcase their creative skills in Ad Making. The two distinct categories of making an Ad were that of a Commercial product and a Social Ad. The event started with a prayer and the Ads were generated and developed entirely from original concepts presented in the event. The first place was given to 'Warm Blankets'. The second place was given to 'Green Laksh NGO' and the third place was given to 'Coffee Pazzazz'.

Profs-in-charge: Dr. Harmeet Kaur Bhasin (Head, Department of Commerce), Ms. Ninoshka D'silva Sequeira, and Ms. Elizabeth Dias

Student Heads: Rita Shetty, Mahera Khan, Marushka Saldanha, Valencia D'sa.

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS ASSOCIATION

To improve problem-solving skills, boost confidence and enhance team-work amongst students, a quiz competition was conducted on 21 August 2023. 23 groups, each comprising 2 to 4 students, took part. Winning teams were selected on the basis of their scores and the submission time. Overall, this quiz enabled students to think differently or simply to 'think out of the box'.

A guest lecture titled 'From Maths Avoidance to Achievements: Simple Strategies that Work' was conducted on 4 September 2023 by Ms. Riddhi Bharani. 58 students attended the session. The students were informed about the simple strategies that help to achieve success in the subject of Mathematics and Statistics.

Profs-in-charge: Dr. Priya Shahi (Professor in charge, Mathematics and Statistics) and Ms. Julie Shinde.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

The Department of Environmental Studies organised a Field Trip to Maharashtra Nature Park on January 11, 2024. In commemoration of World Wetlands Day, the Department organised a Quiz Competition on Wetlands on February 05, 2024.

Prof-in-charge: Ms. Vineetha Nair

BACHELOR OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES (B.M.S)

The B.M.S department of St. Andrew's College initiated the academic year 2023-24 with renewed energy and newfound objectives. The programme aims to direct our students to be managers who are confident, responsible, honest, and have with good management skills. This academic year has been significant for the Andreans of the B.M.S department helping them enhance their proficiency and interpersonal skills by organizing constructive workshops, seminars, guest lectures, and field visits. The guest lectures and workshops helped the students gain knowledge from the speakers belonging to the industry, who shared their insights on different subjects.

The activities of the year commenced with a guest lecture on 30 June 2023 on the topic 'Career Mapping and Succession Planning' by Ms. Rochelle V. Mathais (HR Manager for South East Asia L.E.K Consulting) for S.Y.B.M.S and T.Y.B.M.S. The session helped the students realize how necessary it becomes for an individual and also for an organization to identify, evaluate, and train new employees for the success of an individual and the organization. The B.M.S department orientation was conducted for the students of S.Y.B.M.S and T.Y.B.M.S on 8 July 2023, which encouraged the students to know more about the department and clear their doubts about the college rules and regulations.

A visit to Asian Paints was held on 24 July 2023. The workshop not only provided hands-on experience but also fostered creativity and

entrepreneurship among the students. It provided the students a chance to explore various textures, allowing them to experiment with different materials, techniques, and finishes to create products that are not only visually appealing but also tactilely engaging. Overall, this workshop not only provided valuable skills and knowledge but also inspired our students to think outside the box, innovate, and pursue their entrepreneurial aspirations.

The orientation conducted by the BMS department for the students of F.Y.B.M.S. on 3 August 2023 served as a platform to acquaint both students and parents with essential college rules, processes, comprehensive information about academic requirements, attendance policies, examination procedures, and other relevant college regulations.

A workshop on 'Essentials of Logistics and Supply Chain Management' by Dr. Sanjeev Thakur (Associate Professor) was organized from 7 August 2023 to 10 August 2023, for the students of T.Y.B.M.S. This workshop provided deep insights on the workings of supply chain management and simplifying distribution processes. Students were better equipped to navigate the complexities of the modern business landscape and contribute effectively to the success of organizations in various industries.

A workshop on Mutual Funds in collaboration with IIFL, Big Bullz Investment Pvt Ltd and HDFC mutual funds was organised on 9th August 2023 led by Mr. Abhishek Agarwal (Sales and Distribution, HDFC Mutual Fund). This workshop equipped students with knowledge about mutual funds, including how to evaluate fund performance, assess fees and expenses, and choose funds that align with their investment objectives and risk tolerance, helping the students understand on how to make informed financial decisions and lay a solid foundation for their financial future.

A certificate course on 'Bridge Course in Accountancy and Finance' was conducted from 11 August 2023 to 10 October 2023 by Mr. Gaurav Salvi. The students learnt basic

accounting concepts such as assets, liabilities, equity, revenue, expenses, and the double-entry accounting system, which helped them develop a strong foundation in the field of accountancy and finance.

A guest lecture on 'Career in International Tax and Accounting' by Mr. Cecil Nazareth (CA) was organized on 14 August 2023. The students were oriented regarding various career opportunities in the field of International Tax and Accounting to help them explore diverse career paths and make informed decisions about their academic and professional pursuits. Another guest lecture on 'Performance-linked Compensation System' by Mr. Balasubramaian Sethuraman (Learning and Development Coach) was organized on 21 August 2023. This session helped students understand the current trends in performance-linked compensation systems and provided students with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the complexities of modern workplace compensation and reward systems. On 15th September 2023 a talk on "Healthy Relationships" was conducted by Ms. Kimberly Lobo, the college Counsellor. The session introduced the students to various ways and significance of maintaining healthy relationships, and knowledge about important life skills that contribute to personal happiness and well-being.

A workshop on 'Mock Stocks' was organized on 30 September 2023, by Mr. Purv Shah (Investment Advisor and Corporate Trainer). The session introduced students to the workings of the stock markets and practical methods to identify market trends, equipping them with valuable skills and knowledge for making informed investment decisions and navigating the complex role of the financial markets. Another workshop on 'Resume Creation' was conducted on 4 January 2024 for the S.Y.B.M.S and T.Y.B.M.S students and 5 January 2024 for the F.Y.B.M.S. students. This session was led by Ms. Venicia Creado (Career Strategy Coach). Students learnt how to tailor their resumes to align with industry expectations. This aspect of the session was particularly well received, as it

allowed students to apply the concepts discussed to their own aspirations.

On 13 January 2024, a visit to National Stock Exchange was organized for the students. Students were introduced to crucial aspects of trading in derivatives, specifically emphasizing on technical indicators, trading concepts and risk management strategies. Also on the same day, a virtual guest lecture on 'Introduction to Financial Planning' was conducted by Mr. Pravin Dhuri (SEBI SMART trainer). Students were introduced to the basic concepts and importance of financial planning. Also, emphasis was laid on how to plan one's finances effectively.

A workshop on 'Digital Marketing Resume Building by IIDE' was organized on 16 January 2024, by Ms. Anusha Pandey (Senior Associate, IIDE). Students were introduced to the different areas of digital marketing and also given insights to create a resume in the field. On 17 January 2024, a visit to Bombay Stock Exchange was organized for the first- and second-year students. This session was led by Mr. Rakesh Nair (BSE Trainer). Students were given insights on the journey of the financial markets in India, evolution of BSE, and emerging careers in BFSI. A further visit to BSE – 'Opportunities in the New Era of Finance' – was organized for the third-year students on the same day, by Mr. Rakesh Nair (BSE Trainer). Students were given an opportunity to experience a live market session and were also introduced to the various opportunities and risks in the new era of finance.

A guest lecture on 'Multi Commodity Market Awareness' by Mr. Pravin Dhuri (SEBI SMART trainer) was organized on 18 January 2024. This session introduced students to the basics of commodity markets and provided knowledge about various market instruments, briefing the students about skills to understand and participate in commodity trading effectively.

A guest lecture on 'Business Ethics and You' was organized on 29 January 2024, by Mr. Ernest Fernandes. The session introduced students to the language of ethics and emphasised that ethics consists of what we should do, thus inculcating a

deeper understanding of moral reasoning, ethical decision-making, and personal integrity.

A seminar 'Outspoken' - on topics such as The Art of Living, Handling day to day Finances for maintaining provisional future and An HR's point of view' was organised on 17 February 2024. The Speakers were Mrs. Blanche Dias - Communication Trainer, Mr. T. N. Krishnakumar - Financial Consultant, KPMG India Ernst & Young, Abu Dhavi and Mr. N. S. Rajan - Vice President, H. R, Air India. The students learnt about the importance of IQ and EQ, Time management techniques, Spiritual Quotient, Budget Creation, Rule of 70, 40% EMI rule, Corporate Communication Duration.

Profs-in-charge: Dr. Sharon Gonsalves (Coordinator), Mr. Jordin Carvalho, Ms. Michelle Regi

BAMMC (BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MULTIMEDIA AND MASS COMMUNICATION)

The BAMMC Department was off to a flying start by offering a specialization in Journalism for the third-year students. There were a host of academic and profession-related activities and sessions to enhance learning and professional skills across all three years, (FYBAMMC, SYBAMMC and TYBAMMC-Journalism and Advertising). These included guest lectures, workshop, industrial trips and orientations. The highlight of the academic year was the industrial trip to The Times Press, Kandivali on February 15, 2024 which was open to all students of the BAMMC department, organized and led by Ms Martins. The first-year students also thoroughly enjoyed an educative creative Field Visit to Kala Ghoda Festival on January 25, 2024.

Guest Lectures on Advertising Design by Mr. Arvind Parulekar on March 1, 2024 for the TYBAMMC triggered renewed interest in the subject. Mr. Neil Pate conducted a guest lecture on journalism and raised awareness of the current trends in journalism on August 23, 2023. Students discovered their acting abilities through

the Jeff Goldberg Workshop on Method Acting on August 18, 2023.

Our TYBAMMC (Advertising) students became proud winners at Polaris held on July 28, 2023 in two categories Filmy hai kya? (Short film category) and Areh kehna kya chahte ho? (Ad film category).

Sensing a need to orient students and parents post-pandemic, orientations were held for SYBAMMC and TYBAMMC students and parents on August 12, 2023 and FYBAMMC on August 26, 2023. The presentation was replete with useful University and college-related information and fun activities. The orientations were meticulously organized and led by Ms. Martins and graced by the Principal Dr. Marie Fernandes. To welcome the first-year students a Fresher's Party 'Barbieheimer' with educative games, activities, and quizzes was organized by the Second Year students. The Library Orientation by Dr. Sujata Rajpurkar on October 3, 2023 helped students understand the library facilities offered in the college.

Prof. in-charge: Ms Concessao Martins (Coordinator)

B . C O M B A N K I N G A N D I N S U R A N C E D E P A R T M E N T

Throughout the academic year 2023-24, a series of academic activities and sessions were conducted for the students of T.Y.B.B.I , S.Y.B.B.I and F.Y.B.B.I. These activities aimed to enhance the students' knowledge, skills, and awareness regarding various aspects of their field of study and provide them with practical insights into the professional world.

The academic activities encompassed a wide range of topics, including library orientation, course induction, guest lectures, orientation sessions, and competitions. These activities were meticulously planned and executed to cater to the diverse needs of students across different levels of their academic journey.

On 18 July and 8 September 2023, a comprehensive library orientation was

conducted by Dr. Sujata Rajpurkar, providing students with insights into the services, resources, and the space offered by the library. Additionally, a session on the use of e-resources equipped students with the necessary skills to access and utilize online resources effectively. This activity facilitated the identification of various online resources available in the library, enabling students to distinguish between different types of resources, including open access materials.

To ensure the successful completion of their courses, an orientation and brief induction session was held on 18 July 2023. Dr. Shirley Pillai presented students with an overview of college resources and the Code of Conduct, emphasizing the importance of adhering to college policies and regulations. This activity familiarized students with the college environment and helped instill a sense of responsibility towards maintaining decorum and discipline on campus.

Throughout the academic year, several guest lectures were organized to enrich students' understanding of key concepts and methodologies in their field of study. Dr. Mihir Shah delivered a lecture on 'Quantitative Analysis in Research Methodology' on 21 July, 6, and 8 September 2023, introducing students to various Quantitative Analysis techniques essential for conducting research. Another guest lecture on 'Cross Currency Trading and Annualized Forward Margins' by Prof. Rishika Bhojwani on 13 and 20 September 2023 shed light on the Importance of International & Finances. Orientation sessions, such as the one conducted by Ms. Patricia Lemos on 7 August 2023, familiarized students with academic and extra-curricular activities, emphasizing the importance of adhering to rules and regulations. Furthermore, a session on 'Healthy Relationships' by Ms. Kimberly Lobo on 9 December 2023 sensitized students to the consequences of public display of affection (PDA) on college premises and in general.

On 6 January 2024, for the students of S.Y.B.B.I, an Entrepreneurial Competition was conducted

by Dr. Shirley Pillai to enhance and imbibe startup ideas that encouraged students to develop entrepreneurial skills and competence. Additionally, a career guidance guest lecture by Dr. Jinesh Shah on 10 February 2024 provided students with insights into various career opportunities available in the Banking and Insurance sector, aiding them in making informed career decisions.

The Department will continue organizing such activities to nurture a conducive learning environment and foster the growth of students in their chosen fields.

Prof-in-charge: Dr. Shirley Gladwin.
(Coordinator)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

On 22 June 2023, the BSc I.T. conducted a workshop on Data Analysis with Python by Ms. Shweta Shirsat from 8.00am to 11.30 am. On 2 August 2023, a guest lecture was organized on Data Science by Mr. Shubham Bhatt from the BSE. As per the demand of the topic, the department had organised two guest lectures on Cybersecurity, one on 14 July 2023 by Mr. Crispin Quadros from Astra Cybertech Pvt Ltd. and another one on 23 August by Mr. Vijay Pandey from Curiospire.

There were two workshops on various techniques in programming in advanced Java to make the students aware of the depth of the concepts. These were held on 2 September and on 7 October by Mr. Roshan Jayswal. On 8 February 2024, a Coding Quiz was conducted by the SY students.

The department conducted a guest lecture on the 'Art of Public Speaking' by Mr. Rohan Mehra on 10 February, 2024. This lecture helped students to understand the Art of Public Speaking and the ability to communicate effectively in front of an audience. In this session, students learned how to articulate their thoughts clearly and persuasively, a valuable skill in both, academic and professional contexts.

During the latter half of the academic year, a workshop on 'Data Interpretation' was conducted by Prof. Ajay Gupta on 2 March, 2024. This session gave the students an insight into how to analyse, understand, and draw meaningful insights from data to make informed decisions, solve problems, and communicate findings effectively.

Profs-in-charge: Ms. A.N.S.Sarvani
(Coordinator), Ms. Rachael Shinde

B.SC. HOSPITALITY DEPARTMENT

This year, the Department of Hospitality Studies arranged numerous educational and engaging events and workshops for the students. The seminars provided an opportunity to learn varied skills, from plating to creating various pasta dishes to choosing different drinks.

The first activity on 8 July 2023 was 'Perfect Homes Are Made Not Bought' by guest speaker Professor Trupti Laghate. She emphasised that interior design is more than just placing furniture in the right places; it is also about creating rooms that are practical, beautiful, and that represent the personalities of people and businesses. This session provided students with an extensive and varied field of study and practice, ranging from investigating various styles and trends to comprehending how locations impact mood and behavior.

A visit to Sun N Sand hotel on both the 24 and 28 of July 2023 was arranged by Professor Archie Fernandes for the first-year students. The students were exposed to the high standards of service expected of them, while also learning about the intricate operations of the food and beverage department. Hands-on experience with the restaurant equipment provided practical knowledge and was complemented by an understanding of operational procedures. Additionally, students delved into the dynamic inter-departmental relationships within the hotel, a crucial aspect of ensuring smooth operations. By the end of the visit, participants emerged with a deeper appreciation for the complexities of the

hospitality sector and the skills necessary for success in it.

On 2 August 2023, a workshop led by Chef Sushant Khandagale, called 'Pasta Perfecto,' introduced students to a fascinating culinary excursion that involved all of the senses from making the dough from scratch to learning to hand-cut different shapes of freshly made pasta with traditional sauce.

On August 5, 2023, a workshop on plating was led by Chef Berndraf Dias, titled 'Your Plate is a Canvas.' It helped students master the use of spatulas and tweezers, coordinating colours, textures and proportions to transform simple items into visually spectacular works of art. Students learned how presentation can elevate the dining experience, giving their culinary creations a dash of sophistication and appeal.

On August 9, 2023, 'Martini n More', by Mr. Vishal Kanojia touched upon different aspects of making cocktails. Students mastered the process of mixing cocktails and learned about the alchemy of flavors as they combined ancient recipes with new twists. On August 12, 2023, students came together under the skilled guidance of Professor Jayashree Kakde to begin an exciting adventure known as 'The Six Pillars'. Students explored the world of spirits in-depth during two fascinating hours, learning about their history, production methods, and distinctive qualities. They investigated the finer points of production and distillation to obtain a thorough grasp of what constitutes a spirit in a beverage. They became well-versed in service protocols and learned about a wide range of spirit brands through intensive training. In addition, participants learned about the subcategories that exist within each of the six spirits, developing their ability to recognize and value them.

First-year students participated in a session by Mr. Jaydeep Tahashildar titled 'Creative Communication About Commodity Service' on October 9, 2023. They learnt about various investment options, risk factors, and financial strategies.

Under the guidance of Ms. Anna Bredemeyer, students embarked on a transformative journey of 'Personality Development' on January 31, February 1, and February 2, 2024. The sessions served as a crucible for honing essential life skills, focusing on communication prowess, emotional intelligence, assertiveness, and confidence cultivation. By nurturing self-awareness and empathy, participants emerged with a profound understanding of themselves and others, equipped to navigate the intricate tapestry of social and professional landscapes with grace and finesse.

Amidst a whirlwind of excitement and anticipation, the students of the third-year along with the help of first-year students embarked on a journey of culinary delight and entrepreneurial adventure known as 'Flavorful Fete.' Held on February 12 and 13, 2024, this annual extravaganza, led by the professors, provided students with hands-on experience of event management in its truest form. From meticulously planning every intricate detail to orchestrating marketing sponsorships and crafting delectable menus, students were granted a backstage pass to the inner workings of the event management industry. To encourage entrepreneurship, the opportunity to set up small pop-up stalls was provided so students could discover the thrill of translating their passion into profit.

The Alcoholic Beverage Symposium held on March 12, 2023 was a collaborative effort by the second-year students in the Food and Beverage Service Department, with the guidance of Prof. Crystal Rocha. The participants were divided into 8 groups, and utilized a variety of engaging methods such as 3D models, presentations, interactive games, and discussions on fun facts and popular brands, to gain comprehensive insights into the world of alcoholic beverages. This creative and multi-dimensional approach not only enhanced the learning experience but also made the symposium both informative and entertaining.

Profs-in-charge: - Mrs. Savita Giri (co-ordinator), Ms. Shraddha Yadav, Mr. Archie Fernandes

BAF DEPARTMENT

A session on “Income Tax Return Filing” in association with CNK Associates LLP (Chartered Accountants) was organized for all BAF students on 8 July, 2023. An Orientation Programme was organized for FYBAF Students on 12 August, 2023 to discuss rules, regulations and the code of conduct of the college, and examinations.

A Bootcamp for ACCA was organized by Synthesis Learning (An approved learning provider for ACCA) for SY & TYBAF students on 4 September, 2023. Investor Awareness Exhibition in association with iArista Artha Pvt. Ltd. was organized by FYBAF students for all the students of the college to create awareness about different investment products on 12 September, 2023.

An Investor Awareness Seminar was organized by CFP Pratik Sepuri of iArista Artha Pvt. Ltd. on 26 September, 2023. The Joy of Giving Week was organized from 14 to 20 December, 2023 by the BAF Department. The proceeds were donated to Orphanages and Old Age Homes in Mumbai. FYBAF & SYBAF students visited two orphanages with the collection of Joy of Giving Week on 22 December, 2023.

A workshop on “How to Prepare a Black Book” was conducted by Dr. Arun Dubey for TYBAF students on 11 January, 2024. A Guest Lecture on ‘Macro Economics’ was conducted by CA Pranit Jain in association with Financial Planning Academy (FPA) for all BAF students on 29 January, 2024. An Industrial Visit to Parle Factory (Khopoli) was organized on 12 February, 2024. A Guest Lecture on “International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)” by ACCADhaval Pandhi in association with Financial Planning Academy (FPA) was held for TYBAF students on 22 March, 2024.

Profs-in-charge: Mr. Abhishek Sood (Coordinator) and Mr. Ritesh Sheth

DEPARTMENT OF M.COM (MANAGEMENT)

The activities of the year commenced with a guest lecture on 30 June 2023 on the topic 'Career Mapping and Succession Planning' by Ms. Rochelle V. Mathais (HR Manager for South East

Asia L.E.K Consulting). Strategies adopted by companies for career progression and succession planning were shared with the students.

A workshop on Mutual Funds in collaboration with IIFL, Big Bullz Investment Pvt. Ltd and HDFC mutual funds was organized on 9 August 2023 led by Mr. Abhishek Agarwal (Sales and Distribution, HDFC Mutual Fund). This workshop equipped students with knowledge about mutual funds, including how to evaluate fund performance, assess fees and expenses, and choose funds that align with their investment objectives and risk tolerance.

A guest lecture on 'Careers in International Tax and Accounting' by Mr. Cecil Nazareth (CA) was organized on 14 August 2023. The students were oriented regarding various career opportunities in the field of International Tax and Accounting to help them explore diverse career paths and make informed decisions about their academic and professional pursuits.

A guest lecture on 'Performance-linked Compensation System' by Mr. Balasubramaian Sethuraman (Learning and Development Coach) was organized on 21 August 2023. This session helped students understand the current trends in performance-linked compensation systems and provided students with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the complexities of modern workplace compensation and reward systems.

A workshop on 'Mock Stocks' was organized on 30 September 2023, by Mr. Purv Shah (Investment Advisor and Corporate Trainer). The session introduced students to the workings of the stock markets and practical methods to identify market trends, equipping them with valuable skills and knowledge.

Prof-in-charge: Dr. Sharon Gonsalves

LIBRARY REPORT

Introduction to Online Resources and Library Orientation

Sessions were conducted to introduce online resources at the beginning of the academic year i.e. July – August 2023 for second and third-year students. Further, they were asked to avail

membership of the N-list program. The sessions familiarised students with free and paid online resources, such as N-list, NDLI, DOAJ, Shodhganga, etc., a library tour after which students were asked to issue library cards for the membership.

Celebration of Reading Inspiration Day (15 October 2023)

On the occasion of Reading Inspiration Day, a Slogan Writing Competition and a Book Review Competition was organized by library. 11 students participated in the book review contest and 21 submitted slogans on the theme 'Reading'.

The winners of these two competitions are as follows:

Book Review

- 1) First prize - Ms. Sneha Saroj, FYBA - A
Book title - The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo
- 2) Second prize - Shannen Furtado TYBAF
Book title - Animal Farm

Slogan on Reading

- 1) First prize- Kenrick Dsouza, TYBAF *"A word today, to discover a tomorrow"*.
- 2) Second Prize- Darryn Fernandes, TYBMS *"Page by page, we engage"*.

A two-week book display to create awareness on reading was organized in the library on 'Vachan Prerna Divas'. The display was open to all students.

Essay writing competition along with SC/ST Cell

In association with the college SC/ ST Cell, the library organized an essay writing competition. The topics selected for the essay writing were Media Representation of SC/ST Issues, Caste in Higher Education, Representation of SC/ST in Leadership Roles, and Socio-economic Disparity in India. The winner of the competition was Ms. Anandi Khanna, SYBAMMC for 'Socio-Economic Disparity in India'.

Marathi Bhasha Divas Celebration

A short video clip explaining the importance and origin of Marathi Bhasha was played in the class

to inculcate interest in the Marathi language among the students. A two-week book display was also organized in the library.

Installation of RFID Security Gate

Extending library automation this year, the RFID security gate was installed at the entrance of the library to prevent book theft in the library and provide detailed reports of library transactions.

Book Display

Book displays on various topics to observe national and international days were organized during the year to inculcate the reading habit among the students. The book display was organized to celebrate International Women's Day.

Services Continued During the Year

The Book Bank service was provided for first, second, and third-year Commerce students and membership with the American library was continued. Subscription to the N-list database and various subject journals has also been sustained. The book database has been updated with the abstracts of books. Journal article indexing and a table of contents service for teachers was continued. Digital library with ebooks, Institutional Repository with teachers' publications, and Moodle server with updated question papers was also continued. The library created awareness among students for the Language Laboratory, guest membership was provided to past students and extended to the community. The Library Best User Award was given to three students, Jason Matthew Jacob (T.Y.B.SC.IT), Kanishka Jangid (S.Y.BMS B) and Aranha Marial Melvin Seema (S.Y.B.Com A).

New Books added to the collection

During the year, 532 (including JRC) books were added to the library collection. Our total collection is now 48141 books. Subscription to 29 subject journals, 19 magazines and six English newspapers was continued.

Dr. Sujata Rajpurkar
Librarian

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



Field trip to Butterflies of India Pergamano 3D Exhibition



Guest Lecture on Understanding Linguistics by Karola Schmidt



Workshop on Tribal Literature and Languages



Comic Crusade Event



Creative Writing Workshop



Guest Lecture by Wynona Alwyn



Play performance on 'Waiting for Godot' by TYBA students



Play performance of 'Waiting for Godot' by TYBA students

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT



Economics Quiz Competition



Session on Stock Market



Visit to RBI Monetary Museum



Careers in Economics Session

M.COM DEPARTMENT



Guest lecture on Career Mapping & Succession Planning



Workshop on Mutual Funds



Guest Lecture on Performance linked Compensation System



Workshop on Mock stocks

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT



Session on 'Psychology Internship Prep Talk'



Psychology Bridge Course 2022-23
Certificate Distribution Ceremony



Guest Lecture on Alcohol and
'Tobacco addiction'



'Suicide Prevention Awareness'
workshop with Samaritans Mumbai



Workshop on 'Art Therapy and
Colour Psychology'



Intercollegiate Contest 'CINEMANIA-
A Research Challenge' (Season 4).

SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT



**Guest Lecture on Gender and sexual orientation
by Ms. Daniella Mendonca**



**Workshop on Breathwork and College life by
Mr. Hilor Desai**



Educational visit to Don Bosco Yuva Sanstha, Karjat



**Guest Lecture on Digital Marketing by
Clarence and Namita**



Session on Women and disability at Dosti house by Raising Flame



Educational visit to Gini Silk Mills Limited, Palghar

HISTORY DEPARTMENT



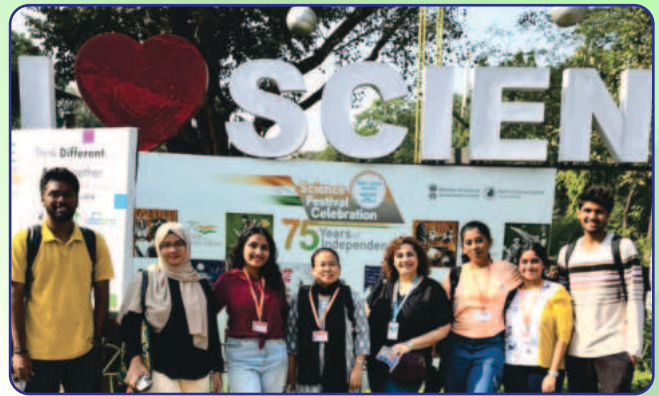
Discovery of India Exposition
with T.Y.B.A. students



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World Environment Health Day
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Nehru Science Centre visit



Discovery of India Exposition with
S.Y.B.A. students



Film poster for Chandrayaan Film Festival

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT



**“PR as an Edge over Advertising” by
Alumnus Mr Sanjay Lawrence**



“Logo Making Competition”



**“Skill Development Course” in collaboration
with Indian Institute of Digital Education**



“Group Discussion” by Dr Svetlana Tathuskar



Experiential Learning -“Visit to the Mall”



Ad Mad Show

ACCOUNTANCY DEPARTMENT



GST Course



Investors Awareness Programme



Investors Awareness Programme



Interim Budget



Interim Budget



Visit to MET

B. Sc. IT DEPARTMENT



Guest lectures on Data Analysis with Python by Ms.Shweta Shirsat



Guest lectures on Cyber Security by Mr. Crispin Quadros



Guest lecture on "Art of Public Speaking" by Mr.Rohan Mehra



Coding Quiz conducted by the SY students.

BBI DEPARTMENT



An Entrepreneurial Competition on Start Up Ideas For S.Y.B.B.I students.



Orientation On College/Course Programs & Code Of Conduct for FYBBI students.



Quantitative Analysis in Research Methodology for TYBBI.

BAMMC DEPARTMENT



Jeff Goldberg acting workshop



Visit to Times Press



Winners at Polaris 2023-24



FYBAMMC visit Kala Ghoda Fest 2024



Guest lecture by Arvind Parulekar



FY Freshers Party

BMS DEPARTMENT



Visit to Asian Paints (Workshop)



Visit to Bombay Stock Exchange for FY & SY students



Seminar – Book- Skater Girl Asha



Guest lecture on Healthy Relationships



Guest lecture on Career Mapping & Succession Planning



Guest Lecture on Performance linked Compensation System

BAF DEPARTMENT



Joy of Giving



Industrial Visit to Parle Factory



ACCA Bootcamp



Investor Awareness Exhibition



Investor Awareness Seminar



Orphanage Visit



ITR Filing

B.SC. HOSPITALITY DEPARTMENT



Hotel visit to Sun & Sand



Pasta Perfecto



Personality Development



Symposium 'Elixir Barter'

LIBRARY REPORT



Book Display

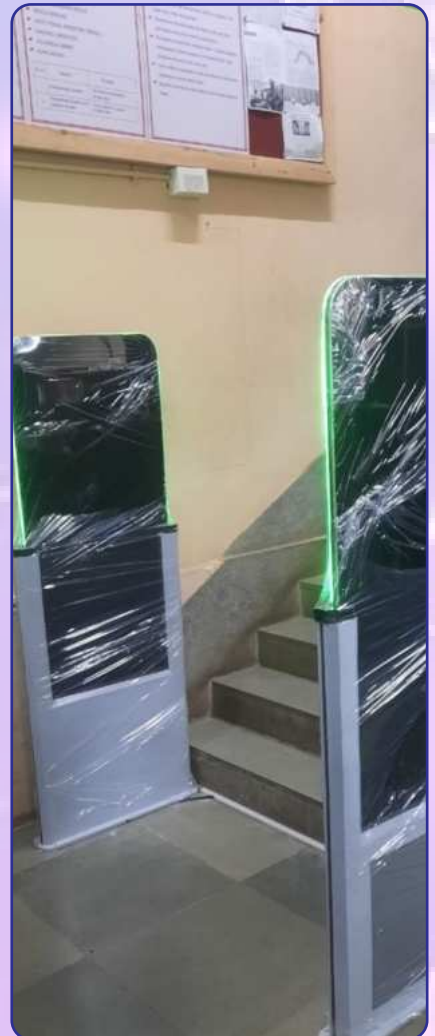


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International Women's Day



Marathi Bhasha Divas



RFID Gate

UNESCO



In QUIZitive: Assessing WATER based awareness



Strings of Peace: Tying of Hand-made bracelets as symbols of peace



Garba Workshop: Honouring the Gujarati folk dance inclusion in the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity for UNESCO



Poetry Competition: Poetry recitals conveying the relationship between Water and Humans



Mahalakshmi Saras Exhibition: Exploring the cultural workmanship of Rural India

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

UNESCO/CARDINAL PAUL POUPARD FOUNDATION CHAIR for INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

India's rich array of cultures, traditions, languages, and religions showcases its remarkable diversity. To promote this, the UNESCO/ Cardinal Paul Poupard Foundation Chair for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue hosted many events to showcase the richness of Indian culture and religion.

In order to familiarise the students with the Chair and its functions, an Orientation was conducted on 2nd August, 2023 and 12th August, 2023 by the Core team comprising Ann Maureen Mathew, Justin Fernandes, Tanya Da Costa and Keturah Shetty. (TYBCom). Overall, 120 students were present and each of them eagerly participated in the activities for the upcoming year. On 17th August, 2023, the Annual Quiz Competition titled 'InQUIZitive' was conducted on the theme "*Intertwining Water and Culture*". The quiz tested the participants' knowledge about and strengthened their awareness of India's water bodies, conservation systems, and positive water practices while also inculcating a sense of respect and responsibility towards water resources. The team comprising Arnold Fernandes (TYBcom), Elroy D'souza (TYBcom) and Simion Fernandes (TYBcom) were declared winners.

The Chair organised the Annual "Strings of Peace" event on 30th August, 2023 where stalls were set up to sell coloured strings handmade by the students of the creative team. Students actively participated in this event as an expression of love, peace, harmony, and unity with one another amidst their diversity. On 6th January, 2024, students visited the "Mahalaxmi Saras Exhibition" at Bandra Kurla Complex, organised by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) that provides a platform to rural artisans to promote and sell their crafts. The visit gave insight to the students about

various cultural and ancient artefacts, hand-made items, food, and clothes, thereby promoting an understanding of Indian Rural culture.

On 11th January, 2024, the Chair organised a Debate Competition on the theme "Progression and Concrete Jungles vs. Nature and Adjusted Living". The two student teams eloquently worded their respective arguments. The team for "Nature and Adjusted Living" won the event. The winning team consisted of Vibhanshu Upadhyay (SYBcom B), Maryann Barreto (TYBcom A), Ceona Pinto (FYBcom A) and Reina dcosta (FYBms B).

Saatotsav – The Annual Interreligious Festival spanned from 6th February, 2024 to 13th February, 2024. This seven-day spectacle truly encapsulated the diversity of our nation with a variety of events.

On day 1, (6th February 2024) various Ancient Indian Board Games of Ludo, Chess, and Snakes and Ladders were introduced, tracing their origin and purpose. This helped bridge the gap between knowledge of seemingly contemporary games and their ancient roots. Students also played certain rounds of the respective games. On day 2, (7th February 2024) Riha Dinware and Anna Augustine presented a Film Analysis of the movie '*The Great Indian Kitchen*'. The movie encompasses patriarchy, the repression of women, and many other problems faced in Indian culture. This led to a thought-provoking discussion among the students.

On day 3, (8th February 2024), "Swado ka Sangham," engrossed students with the origins and preparations of various Indian cuisines, culminating in a PEACE MEAL. Each student traced and studied the origins, stories and significance of different delicacies across various

Indian states, concluding with a vast delicious spread ranging from chole bhature to rasgulla.

A Poetry Competition on Day 4, (9th February 2024) was held on the theme “*Water and Humans*”. Many students presented their original poems, highlighting the relationship between human beings and water. The winner of this competition was Joanna Fernandes, SYBA A. There was a Reel-Making Session on day 5 on the theme “UNESCO heritage sites in India”. For this competition, students were asked to make short videos (reels) highlighting the diversity in our culture.

It was a moment of national pride when 'Garba of Gujarat' was inscribed in UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. To celebrate this recognition, on Day 6, (12th February 2024) the Chair organised a Garba Dance Workshop by Scenty Sunny. This was preceded by a PowerPoint Presentation and discussion on the significance and origin of Garba. A Field trip was organised to the Iskcon temple and Haji Ali Dargah on the 7th Day (19th February 2024) of Saatotsav, to provide students with tangible experiences. Furthermore, this served to promote critical thinking and enhance observational skills related to the diversity and rich cultural depiction of different religions.

The Student Research Journal, 'The Sacred Times' – A Monograph Vol.2. with an ISBN No. was published on 30th April 2024. This helped students hone their analytical skills, improve writing skills, and gain experience in academic communication.

Ignite 2023-24 – the Bi-annual Magazine, was published in April 2024. The magazine seeks to represent the diversity of heritage and cultural expressions through the variety of student articles, essays, poems etc., thereby enabling a

platform for the expression of literary skills.

Throughout the year, the Chair had a Weekly Quiz through our social media handles, encouraging students to expand their knowledge about different heritages, religions, and culture.

Diploma in Religion and Society, Peace and Dialogue

The Diploma course began the year by awarding certificates to three students, viz. Gaurav Tiwari, Stency Simon and Abuzaid Peringlalam upon their successful completion of the diploma course. During the year, Batch 8 students completed all their modules and handed in their assignments during the summer vacations to qualify for their diplomas. We express our appreciation to Dr. Shilpa Chedda, Dr. Deepa Jaydev and Dr. Harmeet Bhasin for conducting the Jainism, Buddhism and Sikhism modules.

Dr. Shilpa Chedda also graciously organized a visit to the Jain Temple at Hill Road Bandra on 24 August 2023. Since the temple had a Jain monk in residence at the time, the students spent an hour quizzing him on his journey as a spiritual leader and the teachings and practice of Jainism. A detailed guided visit to the temple followed and we were deeply touched by the kindness of the faithful who stopped to talk to us and offer their insights so that we could better understand their faith.

The Diploma course added a student to Batch 9 this year and these students completed 5 modules of the course. As they step into the final year of college, the students look forward to earning their diplomas.

Prof-in-charge: Ms. Sharmila Dhote (Secretary, UNESCO Chair), Ms. Janine Coehlo (Diploma Course Co-ordinator), and Mr. Hadley Quadros (Member)

Life Skill Programme (FIRST YEAR)

Two sessions were conducted for first year students during the academic year focusing primarily on managing relationships and holistic development.

A session was conducted on 'Healthy Breathing and Pulmonary Disorders' (18, 21 & 22 August 2023) by Dr. Revathy. The facilitator began the first half of session by exploring the impact of lifestyle factors such as smoking, pollution, and exercise on lung health. The speaker highlighted common pulmonary disorders such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and pulmonary fibrosis, including their causes, symptoms, and risk factors. The second half of the session focused on the role of healthcare professionals in diagnosing and treating pulmonary disorders, including the importance of regular check-ups and screenings which are

essential for the health well-being of an individual.

A session was conducted on 'Habits of Healthy Relationship' (11 & 13 September 2023) by Ms. Kimberly Lobo. The facilitator emphasized the need for identifying common unhealthy relationship dynamics and behaviours, such as manipulation, co-dependency, and lack of boundaries that hamper a healthy relationship. The facilitator further reflected on personal values, goals, and priorities in relationships and created a plan for fostering healthier habits and connections for bridging gaps in a relationship. Overall, the session helped students gain insight into creating, maintaining, and preserving relationships in the long run.

Profs-in-charge: Dr Vatika Sibal, Ms Patricia Pereira

SOCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAMME (AIDED SECTION)

The Social Outreach Programme for this academic year was a joint effort between Project Mumbai and St. Andrew's College. It aimed to nurture a sense of social responsibility among the students. Commencing with meetings in April and June, the stakeholders deliberated on the events and activities planned for the upcoming year, laying the groundwork for what would be a transformative journey. There was an orientation session held for 460 students of SYBA/SYB.COM on 22 June 2023 aimed at sensitising students to the adversities faced by marginalised segments of society, aligning with the compassionate teachings of Christ, and emphasising avenues for proactive societal contribution.

Core team leaders and sub-leaders were formed to streamline operations and foster a culture of transparency and efficiency. There was a crucial meeting on September 12, 2023, where the final list of SOP activities, including Naksha, Jallos, and Plastic Recycloth, was confirmed. Naksha was an initiative that promoted cultural,

communal and historical upliftment. Students were assigned roads across the neighbouring areas in Mumbai where they gathered information about the streets and talked to the locals and the people residing in that locality. The activity of Jallos aimed at beach cleanup drives. Students also conducted a survey on the pollution on beaches and in water bodies. Plastic Recyclathon aimed to help manage the plastic waste generated by collection and disposing it with the help of Project Mumbai to recycle the waste plastic. This initiative also looked at conducting surveys on ways to reduce plastic pollution. These initiatives marked the beginning of a 20-hour engagement involving 444 students in various SOP modules, symbolising a commitment to practical social engagement and impact.

As the year progressed, on 23 November 2023, the group leaders provided important and valuable insights and opportunities for course correction, ensuring the programme's efficacy and relevance. A meeting in March 2024 stressed

the importance of ensuring the completion of SOP requirements for all students, emphasising inclusivity and accountability.

The true measure of the programme's success, however, lay in the submitted SOP reports from March to April, which depicted the profound learning outcomes and benefits derived by participating students. From heightened environmental awareness and conscientious waste management to the cultivation of resilience in the face of challenges and a deeper appreciation for cultural heritage through activities like Naksha, the reports serve as a testament to the

holistic impact of the Social Outreach Programme.

The staff in-charge expressed their gratitude to their student core team and the sub-leaders for their tireless efforts and smooth functioning of the Social Outreach Programme.

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Ninoshka DSilva and Ms. Shruti Warriier

Student Representatives: Joanna Fernandes, Kashish Pawar, Riya Lobo, Isaiah D'Mello, and Riha Dinware

SOCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAMME (SELF FINANCE SECTION)

In an era marked by societal challenges, the Social Outreach Program of St. Andrew's College stands out as a beacon of hope, striving to address pressing issues and foster positive change. The Social Outreach Program completed its 18th year. In 2006, the outreach program was promoted by our Principal Dr. Marie Fernandes in collaboration with Fr. Allwyn D'Silva. The objective of the program is to sensitize students, in keeping with the teachings of Christ, to the hardships faced by the poor and marginalized people of society.

The Social Outreach Program is mandatory for the second-year students of St. Andrew's College, who are required to complete a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer work. This year, the Social Outreach Program (SOP) for Self-Financed (BSc I.T, BMM, BBI, BAF & BMS) students was organized by our collaborating NGO partner CSA (Centre for Social Action).

The Centre for Social Action, headed by Fr. Joseph Gonsalves (Director of CSA) helped us in designing the SOP for this year. An orientation program was held for students by the professors-in-charge and the Centre for Social Action team, where the students were briefed about the Social Outreach Program, and given detailed guidelines for completing the online SOP. The outreach

initiatives this year encompassed a variety of intervention groups, each targeting specific areas of social need. These groups included the following: Ashakiran Community Centre, FMM S, Mahila Balvikas Kendra, Dev Kripa Mandal, Canossa Jeevan Vikas Kendra, Prerna Seva Kendra, Sahajeevan Samaj Kendra, and Savdhan Samaj Kendra.

This year the SOP was conducted offline, and students were given two hours to complete their tasks. The Plan of Action was Group type-specific Orientation – 2 hours, Meet and Greet with the group – 2 hours, Preparing sessions for the group – 2 hours, Other Activities – 12 hours and Report and Documentation – 2 hours.

Some of the testimonials by the students are as follows:

During SOP we learnt more about underprivileged children who wanted to study but could not due to financial problems. Spending time and teaching them was one of the best memories. The way the kids used to come running to see us and their desire to learn new things was heartening to see. On the last day, we were extremely sad to part with the children - Norysca Gonsalves (S.Y.BSc.I.T.)

Our engagement in the Social Outreach Program

was an immensely fulfilling experience. We were assigned to Jeevan Vikas Kendra which is located in Andheri East. It is a privilege that we got the chance to work with such young and creative minds. We extend our gratitude to our college for providing us with this opportunity, and to the mentors for their unwavering support.- Shraddha Pawar (S.Y.B.B.I)

The Social Outreach Programme was an enriching experience. We were stationed at Prerna Seva Kendra, Dongri. This programme gave us the opportunity to understand that not everyone was alike and that some needed special attention. We were also able to partake in their joys. We were grateful to have Tenison Sir, our guiding mentor who was always there to encourage us to keep going and also helped to keep the children in check once in a while - Jessica Fernandes (S.Y.B.M.S)

Participating in the Social Outreach Program and visiting the Balwadi Kendra to teach underprivileged students basic subjects was a profoundly enlightening experience. Interacting with these students not only allowed me to impart knowledge but also opened my eyes to the

community's eagerness to learn. I witnessed a tangible progress in their understanding of fundamental concepts. Moreover, the experience fostered a sense of empathy and social responsibility within me, motivating me to continue contributing to such initiatives aimed at empowering marginalized communities through education. Overall, this learning experience was humbling and enriching, and reaffirmed the transformative power of education in shaping lives- Melisa Fernandes (SY.B.M.M).

We got an opportunity to witness students' enthusiasm to learn despite difficulties, which was quite inspiring. It felt great to make a difference and connect with them on a deeper level - Bhumi Mittal (S.Y.B.A.F)

In a world fraught with inequality and injustice, initiatives like the Social Outreach Program serve as a testament to the power of compassion and collective action. As we navigate the complexities of our time, may we draw inspiration from such endeavours and work towards a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

Prof-in-charge : Ms Rachel Shinde

VALUE EDUCATION (SELF FINANCE SECTION)

TYSFC VALUE EDUCATION - LEADERSHIP SKILL PROGRAMME 2023-24.

In the pursuit of holistic education and imbibing christian principles and values, St. Andrew's College Value Education SFC team organized a series of value education sessions for our third-year SFC students focusing on leadership skills throughout this academic year These sessions were designed to equip students with essential leadership qualities and foster personal and professional development.

The value education sessions aimed to cultivate creative leadership skills among TYSFC students, empowering them to excel in various aspects of their academic and professional lives. Each session addressed different facets of leadership, including Emotional Management, Research and

Analysis, Teamwork, Self-awareness, Embracing Talents, and Cultivating a Positive Personality.

On 30th June 2023, Ms. Marita Nazareth conducted a session focusing on managing emotions at the workplace. This session enabled students to identify various emotions and understand the challenges associated with controlling and displaying emotions in public and professional settings.

Dr. Sujata Rajpurkar led a session on 10th August 2023, emphasizing the importance of Research and Analysis in corporate decision-making processes. Students gained insights into the significance of utilizing research tools and techniques to make strategic decisions and

analyze workplace situations effectively.

Mr. Kevin Menezes conducted a session on 30th August 2023, highlighting the benefits of collaboration and teamwork. Students learned about the importance of working collaboratively to achieve common goals and enhance productivity in a team-based environment.

On 4th September 2023, Mr. Kevin Menezes conducted another session on self-awareness and embracing new talents. Students were encouraged to introspect and work on self-improvement while appreciating the skills and talents of others around them.

The final session, held on 6th March 2024 and facilitated by Ms. Rashmi Manoja, centered on

cultivating a positive Personality. Students were guided on developing a positive mindset and personality, essential for personal growth and success in both personal and professional spheres. The value education sessions on leadership skills conducted for TYSFC students during the academic year 2023-24 served as invaluable opportunities for students all-round development. Through these sessions, students were equipped with essential leadership qualities, including Emotional Management, Research Proficiency, Teamwork, Self-Awareness, Talent Appreciation, and maintaining a positive personality.

Prof-in-charge: Dr Shirley Pillai

FAITH ON CAMPUS

“Whoever listens to my words, and believes in the one who sent me, has eternal life” – John 5:24

Faith on Campus organises various religious and spiritual sessions and activities to help guide students in fostering religious and spiritual growth. The activities aimed at providing significant hope and resilience by emphasizing emotional well-being by encouraging and inspiring students to connect with faith and grow a deeper understanding of its importance in today's materialistic world.

As part of our first activity “The Rosary” was said following the First Friday Mass in the college chapel on 4th August, 2023. It was conducted by our team of student volunteers from all departments and courses, where each mystery of The Holy Rosary had a prayer petition focusing on the current problems and challenges faced in our society and nation.

On 1st September, 2023 our team organised “An Adoration Service” for our students. The celebrant, Fr. Daniel Fernandes, guided and helped our students in reflection and prayer. The adoration service emphasized scripture reading and how embracing God's presence in our lives enhances our journey and

enriches our experiences.

Faith on Campus conducted a walking pilgrimage from our college campus to the “Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount” on 16th September, 2023. The activity was conducted to foster a sense of community and devotion. It provided an opportunity to connect with one's faith and seek blessings for the college and its students by offering prayers and seeking blessings.

Our next activity was once again “The Rosary” conducted by our team of students on 6th October, 2023. The Rosary was said after the First Friday Mass in the college chapel, with each mystery of The Holy Rosary having a prayer petition focusing on students' well-being and mental health, along with prayers for their academic excellence.

As part of the concluding activity, a “Thanksgiving Mass” was offered by the Faith on Campus team on 8th February, 2024, for all the blessings received during the academic year. The celebrant, Fr. Magi Murzello, prayed upon our students so that they be guided by the Lord's presence and attain growth in their academic and professional careers. Prayers and petitions were offered by our students for one another and our college.

The academic year ended on a positive note with students participating in the various activities organized by Faith on Campus. It helped to instil religious values and love for fellow human

beings. The message of Faith on Campus this year is “To guide students in prioritizing humanitarianism and brotherhood above religious discrepancies”.

Prof-in-charge: Mr. Archie Fernandes.

STAFF ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

The Staff Advancement Committee organised a field visit for the Degree College and Self-Finance Course staff members to Mani Bhavan Gandhi Sangrahalaya, a historical museum on 29th February, 2024. Mahatma Gandhi's residence, the focal point of political activities between 1917 and 1934, houses a library, a picture gallery, and memorabilia related to the freedom movement. Ms. Janine Coelho, faculty from the Department of History, acted as the tour guide for the visit.

A session on 'AI Tools for Administrative Staff' was held on 26th April 2024. Under the guidance of Dr. Vimal Jerald, Assistant Professor in Computer Science at St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, the illuminating webinar for our administrative staff centred on the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into administrative workflows. The session provided the attendees with a deep dive into the multifaceted ways AI can revolutionize and streamline administrative tasks.

Structured across two extensive sessions, the online workshop used practical insights and real-world examples to illustrate how AI technologies can be harnessed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of administrative operations. The AI tools taught were Arloopa, Google Lens,

Photomath, Remove.bg, Google Translate, Chatbox – Gemini; Chat GPT, Blackbox, Gamma, Canva, Ideogram and Fliki. By the end, the attendees received actionable insights and a heightened appreciation for the transformative potential of AI in administrative contexts.

The following day, on 27 April 2024, Dr. Karuna Gokarn Vice Principal (Academics) of St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, delivered a talk on the National Education Policy (NEP). Dr. Gokarn's lucid presentation provided the teaching staff with some much-needed clarity on the structure of the NEP, its terminology, and the meaning and implications of its key verticals for the staff and the students. While Dr. Gokarn shared with the teaching staff how the NEP had been implemented at St. Xavier's College, she also informed the participants about how St. Xavier's College had utilised their status as an autonomous institution to adapt the NEP to suit the needs of their institution to the benefit their staff and students. As an affiliated college preparing for the implementation of the NEP in the upcoming academic year, Dr. Gokarn's talk was timely and thus, much appreciated by our staff.

Profs-in-charge: Dr. Susan Lobo, CA Kevin Miranda, and Mr. Ritesh Sheth

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

A. Student Research Seminar

To mark the Ruby Jubilee of St. Andrew's College and to promote inclusive equitable quality education, the theme of the Student Research Seminar for the year 2023-2024 was 'Sustainable Development Goals' and its focus was on the 17 Sustainable Goals of the United Nations. At the

beginning of the academic year, an induction program for research students was conducted. Forty teams from aided and self-finance courses participated in the student research seminar. To up-skill students for conducting research, a ten-hour online lecture series with in-house and external faculty members was organized. Details are as follows:

Date	Topic	Time	Name of the Resource Person
24/07/2023	Induction Session for the Student Research Seminar	12.00 to 1.00 pm	Dr. Sujata Rajpurkar
25/07/2023	Research Methods	3.00 to 4.00 pm	Dr. Madhu Rai
26/07/2023	How to do a Literature Review	3.00 to 4.00 pm	Mr. Hadley Quadros
27/07/2023	Tools of Data Collection – Questionnaire design and Sampling	4.00 to 6.00 pm.	Dr. Harmeet Kaur
31/07/2023	Data Analysis – Hypothesis Framing & Testing	3.00 to 4.00 pm	Dr. Madhu Rai, Ex faculty of Andrew's
01/08/2023	Reference Style	4.00 to 5.00 pm	Ms. Sulbha Dey, MCC, Mulund
02/08/2023	Qualitative Analysis	3.00 to 4.00 pm	Prof. Sara Chavan
03/08/2023	How to Select a Research Topic	10.30 to 11.30 am	Dr. Susan Lobo
03/08/2023	Plagiarism	3.00 to 4.00 pm	Dr. Sujata Rajpurkar

Research Seminar

The research seminar was conducted on 29 August 2023. Two experienced faculty members from other colleges were called to judge the research paper presentations of the students. The judges, Dr. Meeta Seta, Principal of Patuck-Gala College of Commerce & Management and Dr. Neeta Apurva Mehta, Associate Professor at KET's V. G. Vaze College, gave their valuable contributions and insights to improve students' research papers. Three research papers were declared the 'Best Research Paper' for their research contributions.

First place, The Impact of Instagram Influencer Marketing on Consumer Behaviour of Generation Z by Elita Cabral, Jenny Pereira and Sharon Prabhakar, guided by Ms. Ninoshka D'Silva

Second place Internships Conundrum: Valuable Learning vs Unpaid Labour, by Swastik Sabat, guided by Ms. Sara Chavan

Third place Unravelling Challenges of Learning

Disability by Dhruv Gadhiya, guided by Ms. Sara Chavan

During the seminar, the book 'Contemporary Issues in Social Sciences,' was released by the Principal and the judges. The book featured research papers of students from the previous academic year.

Book Release

Two research papers written by our students were published in the 'An International Multidisciplinary Research Journal – Genius' Vol. XII (II) February – July 2024. ISSN: 2279-0489. Financial assistance for the publication was provided by the college.

Student's Name:

- 1) Joshua Banerjee
- 2) Dhruv Gadhiya

Profs in-charge: Dr. Jyoti Bhatia, Dr. Sujata Rajpurkar, Ms. Shruti Warriar, Ms. Elizabeth Dias, and Mr. Hadley Quadros.

B. Aavishkar

1. Aavishkar Orientation Session

On 24th August 2023, Thursday, the Aavishkar orientation session was organised at our college in the G6 classroom from 10.45 am to 12.15 pm. The resource person was Dr. Milind Kulkarni, who is the zonal coordinator for Aaviskhar. 25 teams attended this session.

2. Aavishkar Intra-collegiate Round

On 4th September 2023, Monday, the Aavishkar Intra-collegiate Round was held at our college. This round took place in classroom G1 from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. The judges for this event were Dr. Milind Kulkarni, the zonal coordinator (Zone III) for Aaviskhar and Dr. Roopa Rao, the Joint Secretary of the International Board of Education, Research and Development (IBERD). 21 teams from degree and self-financed departments participated in this round. The poster round was conducted according to the Aavishkar norms, where a team member of each team explained their digital poster in three minutes. Question-

answer sessions were conducted after every digital poster presentation. After the poster round, a podium round was conducted for the three best researchers, wherein they explained their research in detail through a PowerPoint presentation.

3. Aavishkar Zonal Round

The Aavishkar zonal round was organised at Thakur College of Science and Commerce, Kandivali, Mumbai on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. 16 teams (consisting of 27 students) participated in the zonal round at the UG level.

There were three teams (one from Humanities, Languages, and Fine Arts and two teams from Commerce, Management, and Law) that qualified for the zonal round and went ahead to the Final poster presentation round. The professors in charge of the students during their zonal rounds were Dr. Jyoti Bhatia and Prof. Jordin Carvalho. The student co-ordinators were Janhavi Shinde and Shawnsley Kinny.

The following is the list of 16 teams that participated in the four categories at the undergraduate level:

Category	Teams	Topic	Name of the Students	Name of the Mentor
Humanities, Languages and Fine Arts	1	Impact of Lack of privacy in household and balance between career and household chores on marriage and divorce	Kurlawala Aisha Rahim	Prof. Shruti Warriier
	2	Unravelling Challenges of Learning Disability	Gadhiya Dhruv Ashok	Prof. Sara Chavan
	3	A Study on Educational Stress and Burnout	Upadhyay Vibhanshu	Prof. Elizabeth Dias
	4	A Study on Vaping Amongst Indian Youth	Fernandes Alisha Andrew	Dr. Susan Lobo
	5	Exploring Perceptions and Awareness of Unknown Identities: A Study of Public Opinions and Awareness Levels	Nangia Shruti	Prof. Hadley Quadros

	6	Breadcrumbs - An Analysis of a rising cultural dating trend	Pai Maheeka Subhash	Prof. Sara Chavan
Commerce, Management and Law	7	Consumer awareness and perception towards sustainable fashion industry	Ramos Ryelle Roland	Prof. Elizabeth Dias
	8	Manipulation Tactics used in Indian Politics	Banerjee Joshua Prashant	Prof. Sara Chavan
	9	News Media Literacy in Youth across the Political Spectrum	Jain Palak Pradeep	Prof. Sara Chavan
	10	Changing consumer-buying behaviour on online grocery apps in the post-Covid era	Dhondkar Sharvari Pandurang	Dr. Sujata Rajpurkar
	11	The Impact of Goods and Service Tax (GST) on Businesses: A study on the Adaptation and Impacts of GST on Small and Medium Scale Businesses, Tax practices and Business Operations	Pinto Michelle Ciona. Dcunha Krisalyn Ronny	Prof. Abhishek Sood
	12	Young investors awareness about stock market in Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities - A comparative study	Deshpande Shreya Shrirang	Prof. Ritesh Sheth
Agriculture and Animal Husbandry	13	Political and Economic determinants behind India's 2023 rice export ban	Goyal Megha Sahai Yastika	Dr. Sujata Rajpurkar
	14	Millets: A Modern Day Renaissance	Barretto Maryann Singh Riya Shrinivas. Da Costa Tanya. Shetty Keturah. James Giselle	Dr. Jyoti Bhatia

Medicine and Pharmacy	15	Social Media - Does it influence the eating habits of the youth?	Chandaliya Bhagyashree Jasbindar Singh. Pellissery Sinnora Varghese. Cabral Duannah Delmon. Prajapati Karan Komal. Fernandes Simeon Conrade	Dr. Jyoti Bhatia
Engineering and Technology	16	Adoption of Digital Banking Services in a Tier 1 City	Surve Simran Santosh. Rodricks Krista Ann	Prof. Elizabeth Dias

Profs-in-charge: Dr. Jyoti Bhatia, Dr. Sujata Rajpurkar, Prof. Shruti Warriar, Ms. Elizabeth Dias, Mr. Hadley Quadros, Prof. Jordin Carvalho.

THE ANDREAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INCUBATION CELL

The AEIC (Andrean Entrepreneurship and Incubation Cell) of St. Andrew's College is committed to nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit among its students, providing them with opportunities to explore, innovate, and thrive in the dynamic landscape of business and entrepreneurship. As part of our ongoing efforts to foster entrepreneurial development, a series of events were conducted over the past year, aimed at equipping students with practical skills, knowledge, and experiences essential for success in the entrepreneurial journey.

The Entrepreneurship and Incubation Cell also boasts of its Andrean Merchandise. The Andrean merchandise includes hoodies, t-shirts, mugs, flasks, badges, keychains, varsity jackets that are available for sale to college students and ex-Andreans. The year began with the launch of the official college Ruby Jubilee Merchandise. The Andrean Entrepreneurship and Incubation cell also launched the winter wear collection – Hoodies – on 18th December 2023. The team is responsible for handling the merchandise and selling it. The team also works with the design and marketing teams to brainstorm new designs for the merchandise.

Clash of Intellects, held on July 21st, 2023, provided a platform for participants to engage in

insightful debates regarding pertinent topics in the business environment. Through discussions on subjects like StartUp Vs Corporate Life and the ethical implications of CSR activities, participants honed their debate and analytical skills while addressing real-world challenges facing the business landscape. This event not only encouraged critical thinking but also facilitated discussions aimed at understanding and addressing problems prevalent in the business ecosystem.

An Entrepreneur's Journey, a guest lecture by Mr. Sachin Nair on August 23rd, 2023, offered attendees a first-hand account of the entrepreneurial experience. Mr. Nair shared valuable lessons learned during the pandemic. By walking participants through his entrepreneurial journey, he provided insights into the challenges faced and the strategies employed to overcome them. This session not only inspired aspiring entrepreneurs but also imparted practical knowledge crucial for navigating the complexities of the business world.

Food Bazaar, held on September 4th, 2023, offered participants a hands-on experience in running a food stall, thereby enhancing their practical skills in entrepreneurship. Beyond the culinary aspect, participants learned essential

skills such as time management, communication, proactiveness, and teamwork, aspects crucial for success in any entrepreneurial endeavour. Moreover, the event provided a platform for participants to showcase their creativity and innovation in the culinary domain.

The Andrean Incubation Cell identified student entrepreneurs-'Andrapreneurs' - to understand the challenges they faced in their business journey. These included problems related to packaging, labelling, business registration etc. To assist them, the 'Session on Branding' was the Andrean Entrepreneurship and Incubation Cell's first-ever Incubation unit event was held on 6 October, 2023. The event was attended by various small business owners/representatives, who initially introduced their businesses to the attendees comprising members of the AEIC and other business representatives. This allowed the participants to develop a brand strategy to meet an organization's consumer and business objectives and build brand equity and evaluate the feasibility of a new product, concept, idea or service opportunity in the market.

Business Bazaar, conducted on January 8th, 2024, was geared towards promoting the entrepreneurial spirit among students. By setting up stalls to showcase their ventures, participants gained practical experience in running a business. Interactions with customers provided valuable insights into market dynamics, while networking opportunities facilitated exposure to a broader audience, fostering collaboration and idea exchange among participants.

Quizzical Gambit, AD Venture, Business United Nations, Masterminds, Biz Hunt, and The Entrepreneurial Trifecta, held as a part of the E-Conclave (2 and 3 February, 2024), offered

participants diverse learning experiences. From testing business knowledge and creativity in marketing solutions to simulating real-world scenarios in Model United Nations sessions, these events provided platforms for participants to enhance their problem-solving, critical thinking, communication, and teamwork skills.

E-Conclave- The Entrepreneurial Trifecta : A Guest Speaker Session 3rd February 2024 where Mr. Silvester Rodrigues gave a powerful talk about Mantras for Aspiring Entrepreneurs. Mr. Chris Chokar delivered a lecture on "StartUp to Scale Up-Scaling Your Business Effectively." Student entrepreneurs Mr. Ambar Singh and Mr. Mohammad Kaif (registered Students of Incubation Cell, who have 19 patents registered in their names for device design for visually challenged people), spoke about how budding entrepreneurs can check if their ideas are authentic and how a startup can get its product idea patented, etc. This provided the students an opportunity to benefit from the experience of these entrepreneurs.

In conclusion, the events conducted not only provided participants with valuable insights into various aspects of the business world but also equipped them with practical skills essential for success in entrepreneurial endeavours. Through engaging activities and interactive sessions, the participants were able to broaden their understanding of business concepts and develop the competencies necessary for navigating today's dynamic business environment.

Profs- in-charge: Dr Harmeet Kaur Bhasin, Ms Shruti Warriar, and Ms Elizabeth Dias

Student Representatives: Calvin Fernandes, Janhavi Shinde, Kavya Yerram, and Pratik Pathak

THE ANDREAN PR TEAM

Since its inception, the Andrean PR Team has undergone remarkable expansion. From monthly newsletters to maintaining the college's digital presence and captivating events to insightful collaborations, each endeavour has served to

amplify the name of our esteemed institution and foster a culture of excellence.

In celebration of International Chess Day, the PR team organized the "Knights of the Square Table"

on the 19th and 20th of July 2023. Students and chess enthusiasts gathered to watch a screening of the Netflix show episode 'The Queen's Gambit', followed by an instructive tutorial by a fellow Andrean on mastering the game of chess. On the second day of the "Knights of the Square Table" chess tournament, participants competed in thrilling matches, showcasing their strategic skills and sportsmanship.

"Ready, Set, Scavenge" Treasure Hunt on the 22nd of July, 2023, marked a jubilant celebration of St. Andrew's College's ruby jubilee. The hunt uncovered significant aspects of our college's history and culture, culminating in the grand unveiling of the specially designed Ruby Jubilee logo. Moreover, the event garnered attention beyond our campus wall as our event was featured in the MidDay newspaper. This was indeed a proud moment for us Andreans!

Friendship Day, on August 5, 2023, saw students immerse themselves in myriad heartwarming activities, from lively tote bag painting workshops to crafting thoughtful appreciation cards for their friends.

Teaming up with the Commerce Department, on 10th August, we organized a session on "Public Relations as an Edge over Advertising" by Alumnus Mr. Sanjay Lawrence which provided practical insights into the world of public relations and advertising.

On August 14, 2023, the "Jive Dance Workshop" offered students an engaging platform to explore the dynamic and energetic Jive dance style. Led by a talented student instructor, participants were familiarized with some basic routines and fundamental techniques of the dance form.

The Photography Contest, titled "Worth a Shot" was based on an Independence Day theme. It encouraged participants to capture subjects related to Independence Day celebrations, patriotic symbols, and moments that evoke a sense of national pride.

On September 18, in honor of Gratitude Day, we expressed our appreciation for the dedicated non-teaching staff members. Each staff member

received a heartfelt thank-you note along with a box of snacks and a flower, symbolizing our profound appreciation for their tireless dedication and hard work.

The "Campus Stories" reel-making competition, on 21st September, provided students with a creative outlet to showcase various facets of college life. Participants crafted reels that captured the essence of their experiences, from friendships and academics to extracurricular activities, food adventures, and the journey of commuting from distant places to the campus.

Over August and September, the PR Team organized training sessions for PR Team members, on aspects such as understanding the algorithms of social media platforms to maximize reach and engagement, designing visually appealing posters and graphics, crafting compelling content for various platforms, including newsletters and social media posts, to name a few.

During the St. Andrew's Feast celebration, on 30th November, the PR Team organized an online story-based quiz centered on the life of St. Andrew, the patron saint of our college, allowing participants to gain a deeper appreciation for the significance of St. Andrew in our college.

On December 22nd, one of the PR Team members crafted homemade chocolates. Splitting into groups, they ventured out into the streets of Bandra and distributed these sweets to the less fortunate. The PR Team also collaborated with the NSS department and the BAF Department for the "Joy of Giving" week where together we collected essential items which were distributed to various orphanages.

The Andrean PR Team also organised a 'Blog Writing Competition' as an event for E-Cell's E-Conclave on 2nd February on the topic "Why Being Ethical is More Important than Being Successful."

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Elizabeth Dias, Ms. Sara Chavan, and Ms. Concessao Martins.

Student Representatives: Simran Surve

(Student Head), Alicia Dias (Assistant Student Head), Arjun Nair (Photography), Darryn Fernandes (IPR), Fleur Fernandes (EPR), Joshua Ohol (Content), Trupti Shetty (Social Media), and Yash Parashar (Graphics).

CERTIFIED COURSES REPORT

The Certified Courses Department of St. Andrew's College offers a diverse range of courses to enhance students' expertise and empower them. Each course is crafted to provide practical insights and industry-relevant training, empowering learners to excel in their respective fields. This year was no exception. With a focus on students' interests, skills and employability, 9 courses of a minimum duration of 30 hours were identified and conducted in the hybrid mode. MOUs were signed with the service providers and the details of the course content were uploaded on the college website so that students could select the course/s of their choice. A provision was also made for service providers to record the online sessions, ensuring that students could access lectures they missed due to technical issues.

The list of courses for the academic year 2023-2024 is as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of the Course	Duration	Total Registrations	Start Date	End Date
1	Advance Excel with Chat GPT & AI Tools	30 Hours	54	24/08/2023	23/01/2024
2	Advance GST Accounting with Tally Prime	30 Hours	22	06/09/2023	11/01/2024
3	Introduction to French	30 Hours	08	04/09/2023	28/12/2023
4	HRM & Legal Compliance	30 Hours	20	25/08/2023	15/01/2024
5	HR Analytics & Fundamentals of Capital Management	30 Hours	18	23/08/2023	28/12/2023
6	Financial Modelling Masterclass	30 Hours	15	12/09/2023	15/12/2023
7	Introduction to the Stock Market	30 Hours	31	15/09/2023	16/12/2023
8	Creative Content Writing	30 Hours	08	23/09/2023	23/01/2024
9	Business Analytics	30 Hours	24	22/08/2023	20/01/2024

All the courses were completed by January 2024, and the students were awarded certificates on completion. We received positive responses from students during the feedback sessions. For two courses, students even gave a 100% recommendation rating while most other students expressed high levels of satisfaction. The objective of the certified courses is to help Andreans secure part-time jobs (internships), gain practical industrial knowledge, build networks with business professionals and prepare them to become industry-ready graduates from St. Andrew's College.

Profs-in-charge: Mr. Ritesh Sheth, Ms. Elizabeth Dias, and Mr. Archie Fernandes

Student Representatives: Michelle Pinto (TYBAF), Rudra Nambiar (SYBAF) Giselle James (TYBCOM), Maryann Barretto (TYBCOM), Michelle Mendonsa (TYBSC HS), and Miguel Rebello (TYBSC HS)

COLLEGE WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL (CWDC)

The College Women Development Cell (CWDC) broadened its scope to encompass and support the recognition of not only the freedom and rights of women, but also of all gender identities currently defined in our community.

The movie industry has recently been debunking stereotypes about the LGBTQIA+ community in light of the global focus on this group, promoting positive attitudes toward it, and erasing several stigmas associated with it. Students of the committee analysed the Pakistani cinematic masterpiece, "Joyland" on January 12, 2024 to promote greater knowledge and awareness of gender and sexual orientation.

Rights and empowerment go hand in hand. Since marriage is an unavoidable element of a person's life, it is critical and necessary that spouses understand their legal rights. It is critical that women understand the distinction between what constitutes an unfair treatment of them in any type of relationship in our patriarchal society. To address this, the CWDC hosted a guest lecture titled "Ask the Legal Expert" on January 13, 2024, featuring top legal expert Advocate Sr. Kajal Solanki. The discussion ranged from marital rights to community rights for LGBTQIA+ people.

Given that the menstrual cycle is an inevitable and regular occurrence for all women, it is critical to consider eco-friendly measures related to menstrual hygiene and comfort. Since the majority of menstrual products are made

chemically, many environmentalists are concerned about how one disposes of them. Renowned experts Mr. Milton Fernandes and Dr. Meril Fernandes conducted a lecture on "Menstrual Hygiene: An Environmental Perspective" on January 17, 2024, to develop eco-conscious behaviour. They imparted valuable knowledge about more environment-friendly menstrual product substitutes while maintaining the goal of sustainability.

Through a Photography Contest called "Women's Diaries," which was conducted on January 19, 2024, the CWDC used this art form to highlight everyday struggles and life. Students were asked to photograph a moment in a woman's life that represented her daily struggles and bring to light an untold story that would otherwise go unnoticed.

Considering all the taboos and conventions around it, gender and equality sensitization has become imperative. When engaging in any conversation concerning someone's sexual orientation, students need to exercise caution. On February 2, 2024, college counsellor Ms. Kimberly Lobo gave a talk titled "Gender Sensitivity" to help the students become more aware of the same and pave the way for the formation of an inclusive group called Gender Champions in the coming years as per the University of Mumbai guidelines.

Profs-in-charge: Ms Sharmila Dhote and Ms Vineetha Nair

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CELL (EOC)

Equal Opportunity Cell celebrated National Vigilance Week and organized an elocution competition on the theme of "Corruption 'in association with the Central Vigilance Commission- Government of India. We received cash prizes and certificates for the winners from the Airport Vigilance- Regional headquarters, western region.

Authority of India on 28 October 2023. On account of the birth anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the EOC organized an

international conference on 'Access, Equity, and Equality in Higher Education- Relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's Vision in NEP 2020' on 15 April 2024. Seven resource persons were invited from across the world. A total of 40 presentations were made during the event by scholars from different universities and colleges.

Prof-in-charge: Dr. Preeti Oza

Committee Members: Dr. Shirley Pillai, Prof. Rachel George, and Prof. Jordin Carvalho

ANDREAN STUDENTS' LEAGUE (ASL)

The Andrean Students' League's (ASL) events for the year began with the Open Mic (24th August 2023), a much-anticipated and much-loved event initiated by the ASL some years ago. The event was inaugurated with an inspirational speech by Principal Dr. Marie Fernandes, who encouraged the participants to celebrate their unique talents. 14 remarkable performances were presented, including singing, solo dancing in folk and traditional styles, a flute performance, beatboxing, and more, captivating the audience with an eclectic range of performances. At the event's conclusion, compere Lynn Essex (TYBA) invited Dr. Susan Lobo (Vice Principal of the Degree College and Prof-in-charge of the ASL) to felicitate the participants for their outstanding performances.

Onam, a harvest festival that commemorates Vamana (the fifth avatar of Hindu deity Vishnu) and King Mahabali, is an important Indian festival celebrated by the State of Kerala and the Keralite community in all parts of India. The ASL paid tribute to this landmark cultural event with a short programme on 31 August 2023. The lighting of the lamp by Dr. Marie Fernandes (Principal), Dr. Susan Lobo, Dr. Sharon Durham (Vice Principal, Self-Financed Section) and Ms. Anas Ansari (General Secretary, ASL) was followed by performances that included traditional Onam songs and dances. Our compere, Ms. Sakshi Manjrekar (TYBA), quizzed the audience about their knowledge of the story behind Onam to highlight how the festival celebrates King Mahabali's homecoming. The traditional ethos of the festival was also emphasised with a traditional floral arrangement competition that was conducted in G1, and judged by professors Sharmila Dhote and Shruti Warriar. The celebration, dedicated to embracing and celebrating diverse cultures, was also enlivened with students and professors dressing up in traditional Onam attire to fully immerse themselves into the spirit of the festival.

Soon after, the ASL hosted the Teachers' Day programme on 5 September 2023. Each

professor was warmly welcomed with a red rose and escorted to their seat in the AV room by an ASL member. After a heartfelt welcome speech, the celebrations began with a range of activities and performances to express gratitude to the faculty. Songs, dances, a flute and beatboxing performance, and poems recited in honour of the faculty were interspersed with games and spot prizes. Much to the delight of the students present, the faculty got to their feet and in the mood. Prof. Jordin Carvalho surprised everyone with some dexterous moves and footwork. Seeing the faculty let their hair down and revel in the fun-filled events lined up for them was all the reward that the ASL needed for their effort in making this day memorable for their teachers. The sumptuous spread that followed was the proverbial 'icing on the cake' – although there was also an actual cake to add the right touch of sweetness to the celebrations. To the surprise of the staff and students, some distinguished guests from Palestine who were on a visit to our college dropped by to witness and join in the festivities. General Secretary of the ASL, Anas Ansari, brought the event to a close by expressing his deep appreciation for the staff for nurturing the students of the college with dedication.

After a brief lull due to examinations and the Diwali vacation, the ASL renewed its efforts to engage students in campus activities by hosting varied activities to ring in the Christmas season. Our events included a Carol Singing Contest (18 December), a Crib-making Contest (18 December), and a Christmas Bazaar (20 December). The Christmas Masquerade Ball (20 December) held on the basketball court of the college was quite a success but more heartening for the ASL was the Christmas Party (18 December) we organised for the street children of Dhair Akshar, an NGO, and a Christmas Programme for senior citizens that was held at St. Anthony's Home (20 December). The spirit of Christmas, symbolising love and sharing with the less fortunate and the lonely, was captured in the effort the ASL members made to bring cheer to the children and the aged.

It was time for Traditional Day on 16th February 2024. Although the event was rather muted on account of its proximity to the semester-end examinations, the students made the best of it by dressing up in traditional Indian attire of various kinds. The Andrean King and Queen contest, judged by Dr. Harmeet Kaur Bhasin and Ms. Shruti Warriar, was won by Vibanshu Upadhyay (SYB.Com) and Ms. Joanna Fernandes (SYBA) respectively.

The year's events concluded with the farewell for our third-year students. Since it was not possible to organise the farewell for the Degree College and SFC students together, the two events were held separately. The farewell for the TYBA and

TYB.Com students, held on 28 February 2024 on the basketball court, began with a March around the basketball court and was followed by speeches by some of our third-year students who reminisced about their years at Andrew's. Soon after, everyone took to the dance floor. The dancing was followed by dinner for the staff and students, thus bringing the programme and ASL's events for the year to a fitting close.

Prof-in-charge: Dr. Susan Lobo (Vice-Principal, Degree College)

General Secretary: Anas Ansari (TYB.Sc IT)

Assistant General Secretary: Esther D'souza (TYB.Com)

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS) NSS MOTTO- 'NOT ME BUT YOU'

Our NSS unit started the academic year 2023-24 with a spirit of sensitization towards societal issues. The NSS team for the year was led by 7 leaders (1 female, 6 male) and Programme Officer Prof. Jordin Carvalho.

The aim for the year was to serve the community through various social outreach programs and increase awareness, knowledge, and citizenship among volunteers through a range of seminars and college and university level activities.

The year began with 100 volunteers (32 male and 68 female) including new enrolments, who were selected on the basis of their personalities, willingness to learn and develop, dedication and commitment by the leaders. Out of these 100 volunteers, 18 volunteers successfully completed 240 hours of service in the NSS unit by participating in activities throughout the two years of their commitment. These volunteers also attended the annual Camp and received a certificate from the Central Government under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India. Throughout their service, the volunteers participated in planning and conducting various activities. They exhibited a sense of responsibility, hard work, and teamwork. This year, 26 volunteers successfully

completed 120 hours of service in the first year and hence, will continue to be a part of the Unit for the next academic year. This year was especially important and challenging for us as we had finally started offline activities without restrictions after two years of being confined to stay indoors. Our NSS unit successfully organized and participated in 79 activities throughout the academic year.

Some of the major activities that took place in this academic year include:

Community Activities/Area-based projects:

Beach Cleanups and Awareness Drives:

This year, our unit participated in beach cleanups with the Beach Warriors of Khushiyaan NGO at Dadar and Juhu beach. Regular beach and mangroves cleanups in collaboration with Swaccha Vasundhara Abhiyaan were also conducted on weekends at Carter's Beach, Bandra. These cleanups were a symbol of the change that little acts can bring about. Our Unit participated in 16 Beach cleanups throughout the year including the Aksa beach clean-up organized by the Shakti Plastic Industries and The Times of India on 24 February 2024. Tons of plastic and other waste were collected, segregated, and disposed of with the efforts of our volunteers this year.

Bandra fair Volunteering:

Our NSS unit volunteered at the Bandra Fair and assisted the Mumbai police in crowd control, traffic management, security and guiding the pilgrims at Mount Mary in our second area-based project. From 10th to 17th of September 2023, NSS volunteers worked hard to help the police and the church community have a safe and joyful Bandra Fair. Volunteers assisted elderly people, pregnant women, and disabled people in completing their pilgrimage. They provided help with directions, checked bags for security purposes, and maintained queues and traffic control. This was also a great opportunity for volunteers to develop their personalities, contribute to the community, and make many beautiful memories during the 8 days of volunteering. Our NSS unit was also felicitated for their work by the Mumbai police on 6 October 2023.

Voter awareness Street play:

NSS volunteers performed a street play on the topic 'Voter awareness' on 27 January 2024 at Carter's Road to make people aware of the upcoming elections and help them realise the importance of every person's vote. The volunteers wrote the script for the play and invested long hours of practice too.

College Activities:

Blood Donation Camp:

The blood donation camp was organized in our college in collaboration with the K.E.M. Hospital on 18 January 2024. NSS volunteers conducted poster making events on the topic 'Blood donation awareness'; they were used for class-to-class promotions. They brought to the camp more than 70 motivated and potential donors. We were successful in collecting 49 units of blood.

Book Donation Drive:

The book donation drive was organized in our college in collaboration with the NGO, The Movement. The Book collection week was organized from 27 January to 3 February 2024 and the collected books were donated on 6 March 2024. NSS volunteers made a significant contribution by collecting 190 books. These

books were donated with an initiative to build small libraries across vulnerable communities in Mumbai.

Various seminars on topics like Anti Human Trafficking, Organ donation, Blood Stem Cell Donation, Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT), etc. were also held in the college during the year. Poster making competitions, Voter Registration and Awareness Programme, Joy of Giving, Volunteering for Mosaic were also some activities held in college this year.

University Activities:

Our NSS Unit participated in various university-level activities like the Environmental rally, Swatchta pledge, Panch Pran Pledge, Organ donation webinar, etc. Our volunteers attended the Inauguration ceremony of Krida Mahakumbh at Jamboree Maidan, Worli on 26 January 2024. Sapling plantation was also conducted on various days under the initiative, Meri Matti Mera Desh.

Annual NSS Camp: 30 January to 5 February 2024:

Our NSS unit arranged the Annual Special Camp from 30 January to 5 February 2024. 49 volunteers (13 male, 36 female), our programme officer and other three staff members were a part of this Camp, which was held at Sane Guruji National Memorial, Wadghar village, Goregaon in Mangaon, Raigad District for seven days. We conducted several activities like geographical land art, morning exercises, shramdaan, village anganwadi visits, poster making, tree plantation, street play practices, trekking, Sane Guruji Smarak Visit, bird-watching, and presentation of the street plays at the Goregaon bus depot during this period. We also had a bonfire on the last day. The qualities of discipline, hard work, selflessness and dedication were given importance during the camp. It was a wonderful experience overall.

Prof-in-charge: Mr. Jordin Carvalho
(Programme Officer)

Committee Members: Mrs. Rachel George,
Mr. Ritesh Sheth

DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING & EXTENSION

DLLE MOTTO: 'REACH THE UNREACHED'

DLLE was started in St. Andrew's College in the year 2017-2018. In its seventh year of extension activities i.e. 2023-2024, 146 students from our college registered with the DLLE, University of Mumbai. This year our college opted for an extension work project i.e. Population Education Club (PEC) for all 146 students out of the multiple projects being offered by the department for enhancing the employability and IT skills of the students. Out of 146 students who enrolled this year, 99 students successfully completed all the requirements as laid down by the DLLE.

Here are the activities conducted by DLLE for the academic year 2023-2024:

DATE OF ACTIVITY	TYPE/ DETAILS OF ACTIVITY	LEARNING OUTCOMES/ BENEFITS
07 July 2023	SY & TY orientation	To make the SY & TY students aware of the DLLE committee, activities conducted, and the benefits of joining DLLE.
25 July 2023	FY orientation	To make the FY students aware of the DLLE committee, activities conducted, and the benefits of joining DLLE.
26 July 2023	Movie Screening	To spread awareness about Kargil Vijay Diwas through a film (Shershah)
28 July 2023	Infographics competition	To spread awareness about world nature and conservation day, and give students an opportunity to show their creativity
17 August 2023	Photography contest	To give the volunteers an opportunity to showcase their photography skills
25 August 2023	Book Review	To make students read, learn, and understand our culture and heritage
25 August 2023	Connect For Orientation	To make volunteers aware of DLLE's collaboration with Connect For
28 August 2023	Pre-Onam Celebration	To give volunteers an opportunity to showcase their creative side

29 August 2023	Onam celebration	To celebrate a one-of-a-kind festival
29 August 2023	Onam celebration (performers)	To give volunteers an opportunity to perform on this auspicious occasion
09 September 2023	Poster for suicide prevention day	To give students an opportunity to showcase their painting skills
09 September 2023	Suicide prevention day (positive affirmations)	To spread awareness about Suicide Prevention Day and spread positivity by sticking sticky notes filled with positive affirmations
14 September 2023	Mosaic collaboration meeting	To help our college fest by providing volunteers for the fest
15-16 September 2023	Mosaic collaboration	To help our college fest by providing volunteers for the fest
24 September 2023	Beach clean-up	To clean Juhu beach after Ganpati visarjan
27 September 2023	World tourism day - video making activity	To make students aware of world tourism day and give them an opportunity to showcase their creativity by making a video
30 September 2023	Human Chain	To Make a Human Chain and spread awareness of Anti-Human Trafficking
30 September 2023	Pledge/ Oath -to keep environment clean	To take an oath to keep our environment clean
28 October 2023	Elocution competition	To spread awareness about corruption with the help of an elocution competition
28 October 2023	Diwali celebration with underprivileged children	To celebrate Diwali with underprivileged children
04 November 2023	Shelter home visit	To spread smiles on the faces of underprivileged children by celebrating Diwali and Children's Day with gifts and activities.

07 November 2023	Cancer Awareness day- Poster Making Competition	To spread awareness of World Cancer Awareness Day by making creative posters
13 November 2023	Random act of kindness activity	To spread kindness, DLLE volunteers performed a random act of kindness on the occasion of World Kindness Day
14-20 November 2023	Joy of Giving week with BAF department	To donate food, stationary, newspaper and other essential items to underprivileged people
19 November 2023	International men's day - sweet treats activity	To acknowledge and appreciate the men of our society with a sweet gesture
03 December 2023	Artshala	To beautify a government school -Mumbai Public School, Andheri
1-7 December 2023	Donation Drive- Crayons and colouring books	To collect donations (colouring books and crayons) for Navjeet Foundation and donate the items to Holy Family Hospital
09 December 2023	Zumba and play with clay activity with underprivileged children	To have a fun day with underprivileged children by engaging them in Zumba and by playing with clay
16 December 2023	Cyber Savvy	To spread awareness about cybercrime to the underprivileged elderly
20 December 2023	Udaan Fest – Script-making competition	To give a platform to aspiring writers to showcase their skills
22 December 2023	Christmas carols for disabled children	To celebrate Christmas by Singing carols for the Underprivileged children who are suffering with disabilities (mostly Autistic Children)
05 January 2024	National Bird Day - Bird making activity	To Spread awareness about National Bird Day by making birds out of waste materials and putting them on display

13 January 2024	Carter Beach clean-up	To beautify and clean Carter beach
14 January 2024	SGNP- Dog bed making for Adivasi community	To make beds for dogs who belong to the Adivasi community of Sanjay Gandhi National Park
20 January 2024	1st term training	To train DLLE volunteers and to share valuable insights and learning by field coordinator
01 February 2024	Investor Awareness Session with accountancy department	To spread awareness about investments and related verticals among students of St. Andrew's College
5-13 February 2024	Good touch Bad Touch session with underprivileged students	To spread awareness about good touch and bad touch among 5th - 9th class students of St. Joseph's School
12 February 2024	Poster making for Udaan	To make posters which were used as props for street play and powada performance
12 February 2024	Udaan Fest	To participate in various competitions in the university fest
15 February 2024	2nd term training	To train DLLE volunteers and to share valuable insights and learning by field coordinator
20 February 2024	Volunteering: what's in it for me? With kindness Unlimited	To have an orientation session with DLLE volunteers for an upcoming project with kindness unlimited
24 February 2024	Annual Appreciation Party for volunteers	To appreciate all the volunteers by having an appreciation party

The ten Student Managers (SM) who gave their wholehearted and dedicated service throughout the year to make the DLLE Unit of St. Andrew's College excel in all the activities undertaken are Mr. Vibhanshu Upadhyay (Head SM) - S.Y.B.COM., Ms. Deepika Rangucha - S.Y.B.COM. Ms. Kashish Bhatia – S.Y.B.COM., Mr. Joshua Banerjee – S.Y.B.A., Ms. Sobiya Nadar – S.Y.B.A., Ms. Duannah Cabral – T.Y.B.COM., Swastika Sabat – T.Y.B.M.S., Ms. Mahek Bamne - T.Y.B.M.S., Mr. Ryan D'silva – S.Y.B.COM. (A.&F.), Mr. Shaun Gonsalves – S.Y.B.COM. (A.&F.).

Profs-in-charge: CA Ms. Rachel R. George, Ms. Vineetha Nair, and Mr. Archie Fernandes

PLACEMENT CELL REPORT

The Andean Training and Placement Cell under the guidance of Asst. Prof. Candida Allan Gomes, Asst. Prof. Ninoshka D'silva and Asst. Prof. Michelle Regi and their team of student representatives from each department coordinated and collaborated with esteemed organisations and aimed to make a difference to all Andreans.

The Placement Cell, in collaboration with the Department of Management Studies, commenced with a guest lecture titled "Personal Branding and Interview Insights" by Mr Gavin Rego on 6 July 2023. Students received insights on the measures to be followed during an interview and were also sensitised on interview etiquette and body language. The Placement Cell further collaborated with the Foreign University Cell on the topic "Study and Work Abroad Opportunities in New Zealand" with New Zealand Education Advisors Limited. This guest lecture was organised on 10 February 2024; the team introduced our students to different opportunities for higher education and jobs in New Zealand and were also given insights into the seamless process of applying to New Zealand.

In the course of the year, the Placement Cell adopted a hybrid approach in the Pre-Placement Talks. Pre-placements talks were conducted virtually by Delta X and Harjai Computers for the final year students. Both companies aimed to acquaint the students

about the various career prospects provided by the respective companies. Additionally, the students were introduced to the range of the career paths in the respective companies. The Placement Cell organised the offline Pre-placement Talk by Headphone Zone. Students were given the opportunity to interact with the company representatives. Further, the company also enlightened students about the various departments and job opportunities that the company offered. The Placement Cell, in collaboration with Citizen Credit Bank, conducted a test for selection before the interview round for our third-year students on campus. This enabled students to understand the process of an interview and those who passed the test had an opportunity to give the interview with Citizen Credit Bank.

The Placement Cell has also witnessed students getting full-time placements in Morgan Stanley, Citizen Credit Bank, ICICI Prudential and Mobileware. The students also interned in reputed organisations such as Morgan Stanley, Vibgyor Advisors and Zeilhoch.

The Placement Cell thanks Asst. Prof, Candida Allan Gomes for her remarkable contribution and wishes her all the best in her future endeavours.

Profs-in-charge: Ms Ninoshka Dsilva,
Ms Michelle Regi

Student Representatives: Terrance Colaco,
Rochelle Lobo, Riha Dinware.

COMPETITIVE EXAMS COMMITTEE

The year 2023-2024 began with a focus on motivating students to appear for various competitive exams with a special emphasis on the Civil services exams. The 'Civil Service Orientation workshop' was conducted on Thursday, 6th July 2023 in the AV room. This orientation workshop included 185 students from the second and third year of degree as well as the

self-financed courses. This session was conducted under the leadership of Mr. Prakash Almeida. He gave us meaningful insights and a complete breakdown of what Civil Services is and how it can mould us into being the best of what our country can benefit from. Some of the topics Mr. Prakash Almeida covered were the career options and the opportunities available with Civil

Services, recruitment exams conducted by UPSC and MPSC, the syllabus and the examinations scheme, guidelines to prepare for those exams and the attitude, discipline, dedication, the skills required and the dos and don'ts for preparing for the examinations. He suggested that students keep their minds open to more options since few aspirants qualify.

The Competitive Exams Committee, in collaboration with the Department of Economics and Business Economics, conducted an insightful online session on 'Careers in Economics' on 20th July 2023. The speaker for this session was Mr. Prakash Almeida. 100 students from TYBCom and TYBA attended the

session. This session made the students aware of the brilliant career pathways in competitive exams with regard to Economics.

Apart from these sessions, a new initiative was undertaken to motivate students to prepare for various competitive exams. A Resources Enrichment Drive was conducted from 14th to 19th January 2024. 47 students were provided with mock and past question papers as resources on MBA-CET, CLAT, Banking entrance and civil service exams to encourage them to appear for these exams.

Profs-in-charge: Dr. Jyoti Bhatia, Prof. Rachel George, Prof. Patricia Lemos, and Prof. Jordin Carvalho

SAMUN: ST. ANDREW'S MODEL UNITED NATIONS

TOPIC: CONTEMPLATING CURRENT CHALLENGES PERTAINING TO GLOBAL DEBT DYNAMICS.

The first session of SAMUN was conducted on 13th December to help students develop their diplomatic ability. The session began with the lighting of the lamp by Professor-in-charge of SAMUN, Ms. Pooja Joshi, and Secretary General of SAMUN, Mr. Saqlain Mansuri and Deputy Secretary of SAMUN, Ms. Kavya Jain.

The session began with Ms Pooja Joshi greeting the Executive Board members ECOSCO Chair Dhairya Shah and ECOSCO Vice Chair Aynaz Shaikh, the delegates, and the crew. The Secretary General offered a few remarks, which were then followed by remarks from the Deputy Secretary. The event began with a spirited dance performance by Shruti Nair, setting a dynamic tone. After the opening address by the UK presenter, diplomatic discussions unfolded, initiated by Australia's probing questions to the UK, leading to a heated discussion. The floor was then commandeered by Germany, introducing cross-questioning involving the UK, Australia, China, and Germany. The adept responses from the Pakistani delegate addressed all queries, accompanied by points of order introducing procedural intricacies.

A designated break was introduced for lunch and informal discussions, fostering camaraderie among delegates during the unmoderated caucus. Upon reconvening, the delegate of India shared insights during a 1 min 30 sec intervention, discussing global investment, job opportunities, and the potential boycotting of products.

A pivotal moment ensued when Germany inquired about India's stance on boycotting and sought clarity. The delegate of India underscored assistance to Palestine from PM Modi. Pakistan explored collaborations across various levels, and Australia provided an insightful follow-up.

The second day was filled with lively debates and valuable interactions. The concluding ceremony on December 14, 2023 took place at 5:30 pm, and included a recognition segment where the best delegates were awarded for their exceptional contributions, diplomacy, and engagement throughout the event. Finally, the conference ended with a closing speech given by Secretary-General Saqlain Mansuri.

Prof-in-charge: Ms. Pooja Joshi

ANDREAN COUNSELLING CELL

The Andrean Counselling Cell has been instrumental in providing comprehensive support and guidance to students throughout the academic year 2023-2024. It has been committed to enhancing student well-being and fostering positive outcomes in various areas. Here's a summary of the counselling activities and interventions conducted:

1. Individual Counselling Sessions: The counselling department offered one-on-one counselling sessions to address a wide range of issues including academic stress, anxiety, depression, identity exploration, relationship issues, trauma, substance abuse, family conflict, body image, eating disorders, motivation, and emotional distress.

2. Therapy used - Tailored approaches such as cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT) and dialectical behaviour therapy (DBT) were utilized based on the unique needs and preferences of each student. Additionally, mindfulness, imagery, and deep breathing exercises were introduced to promote emotional well-being.

3. Career Counselling: Students received assistance in exploring career options, decision-making, planning, and job search strategies. The department supported students in setting academic goals, improving study skills, time management, and overcoming academic challenges.

4. Collaboration and Consultation: The counselling department collaborated with the Principal, faculty, staff, and other campus stakeholders to address student concerns, discipline issues, and provide consultation on various student-related matters.

5. Parental Meetings: Meetings were held with parents who approached the counselling department directly or were referred by school authorities regarding discipline or academic issues faced by their children.

6. Referrals and Follow-up: Referrals were made to external support services, including mental health professionals and academic support centres, to meet the diverse needs of students. Follow-up and monitoring sessions were conducted to assess students' coping mechanisms and progress.

7. Crisis Intervention: The department provided crisis intervention services for students in urgent need of support.

The year started with a short PPT for the teachers of the Senior and Junior college. It covered issues such as the legal mandates of the UGC Posh Act and the POCSO Act, awareness of gender sensitivity, addressing PDA on campus, and how teachers can support the student's mental health by motivating and practising non-judgemental acceptance. The aim was to equip teachers with strategies to create a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment.

A 'Back to College' session was conducted for all classes to raise awareness about the counselling facilities available on campus. It was important to ensure that every student knew about the resources and support systems in place for their mental well-being."

Keeping in touch with students, the counsellor ensured that regular WhatsApp forwards about the orientation session and the availability of counselling facilities on campus were sent to all students. Midweek motivation quotes or Saturday quotes to keep in touch with students and motivate them was much appreciated by the students.

Classroom Sessions: Habits of Healthy Relationships - The healthy relationships session conducted with first-year students encompassed several crucial aspects for fostering positive social interactions and promoting well-being. Here's a breakdown of the key components and their significance: Understanding Different Types of

Relationships; Recognizing signs of Healthy and Unhealthy Dynamics: Case study and Open Dialogue and Providing Strategies and Tips; Providing Strategies and Tips and Recognizing Red Flags and Seeking support and awareness of resources available on Campus including the UGC – Posh act.

The topic of PDA on campus was important to discuss with students to foster a campus culture where respect and consideration for others are valued and learn to keep a balance with personal expression and sensitivity to other comfort levels and cultural differences.

Overall, the healthy relationships session serves as a foundational step in promoting positive social interactions, emotional

intelligence, and personal growth among college students. It equips them with essential skills and knowledge to cultivate meaningful connections and navigate the complexities of human relationships with confidence and empathy.

Gender Inclusivity: Better together -Gender inclusivity initiatives were carried out as part of the counsellor's duties.

Junior College Career Counselling: Career counselling sessions were conducted for first and second-year students in both arts and science sections.

Prof- in- charge: Ms Shubda Malhotra and **College Counsellor-** Ms.Kimberly Lobo

NATURE CLUB

The Nature Club of our college had a vibrant start with its first event, the 'Visit to the Butterfly Exhibition' at R. A. Podar College on 1st July, 2023. Staff and students who attended it learnt about different species of butterflies across Maharashtra. To host a Butterfly Garden on our college campus and gain a deeper understanding of the same, Prof. Shubda Malhotra visited a SGNP Butterfly Garden on 19th July, 2023.

The International Mangroves Day was celebrated by organizing an Awareness Session on 26th July, 2023. The presentation was made and experiences were shared by a fellow student from the SYBA class who is engaged as a volunteer with Swachha Vasundhara Abhiyan Mangroves.

The most awaited Nature Trail was held this year on 23rd August, 2023 at the Sanjay Gandhi National Park. Students from the First and Second year got insights into various plant species, participated in the jungle safari, and

experienced the bliss of being one with nature.

The 'Best out of Waste Competition' was organised on 25th January, 2024. Students participated enthusiastically, and created amazing art pieces like pedestal lamps, photo frames, wind chimes, candle stands, jewellery boxes, and tote bags to mention a few. This encouraged students to understand the ethos of Reuse, Recycle and Reduce and churn out to be more sensitive to the environment and natural resources.

On 30th January, 2023, the Nature Club in association with ASEZ SOUTH KOREA organised a presentation on “Green Carbon”. While interacting with international students, our students participated in a number of activities aimed at creating awareness on a clean environment.

Prof- in-charge: Prof. Shubda Malhotra, Prof. Sara Chavan, Prof. Archi Fernandes

FOREIGN UNIVERSITY CELL

The Foreign University Cell at St. Andrew's College has been actively facilitating international opportunities for its students through various informative seminars. These events aim to broaden students' horizons and equip them with essential knowledge about pursuing higher education abroad.

In collaboration with Edwise, a seminar was organized on 19 June 2023 to enlighten students about the intricacies of studying abroad, particularly focusing on postgraduate programs. Valuable insights were shared regarding the application procedures and detailed information about esteemed universities overseas, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of their options.

Furthermore, the collaboration with IDP resulted in a seminar dedicated to the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) on 12 August 2023. This session emphasized the significance of excelling in the IELTS examination, a prerequisite for many international universities. Students were guided on effective strategies to ace the exam, enhancing their prospects of securing admission to their desired institutions.

Expanding the scope of opportunities, the Foreign

University Cell, in association with New Zealand Advisors Ltd, conducted a seminar on 10 February 2024 explaining study prospects in New Zealand. Students were acquainted with the diverse academic programs offered by New Zealand universities, along with valuable insights into the country's educational landscape and lifestyle.

In conclusion, the initiatives undertaken by the Foreign University Cell have provided St. Andrew's College students with invaluable exposure and guidance to pursue academic excellence globally. The seminars conducted in collaboration with renowned organizations have broadened students' perspectives and equipped them with the necessary tools to navigate the intricacies of international education. These opportunities will undoubtedly be considered and further explored for the upcoming academic year, ensuring continued growth and enrichment for the student community.

Prof- in-charge: Ms Shruti Warriar

Student Representatives: Ms Meagan Dsouza, Ms Fella Khan, Ms Pupul Gaikwad, Ms Rebecca, and Ms Leann Dsouza

FEST MOSAIC 2023

15th September 2023

The college fest Mosaic 2023 hosted by St. Andrews College was an outstanding success captivating the hearts and minds of students, faculty, and guests alike. Various events contributed to the fest's triumph like the dance competition, drama showcase, fashion show, surprise DJ, and many more. We had fifteen judges for various events who enlightened us with their presence. The audience got to see a multitude of talent with a total of 860 participants.

Event highlights:

The inauguration was done by Mumbai

Dabbawalas as the theme of the fest this year was 'Mumbai'. The dance Competition was a spectacular display of talent and creativity with participants from various backgrounds and styles. The judges of this event were Tushar Shetty and Nishant Bhatt, the biggies of our entertainment industry. The fashion show was judged by Ken Ferns, the fashion maestro. The drama featured captivating performances by the college's drama club. Students delivered powerful and thought-provoking plays that touched on various social issues leaving the audience in awe of their acting skills. The Personality event was a glamorous affair that left everyone spellbound. The show was a perfect blend of Style and Elegance, leaving

the audience with fashion inspiration and a sense of awe. This event was judged by the Miss Elite World'22 herself Deep Supriyam. The band was judged by the magical musician Luke Kenny and the guitarist Ravi Iyer. The crowd was treated with various music genres from rock to pop to classical. The surprise DJ night was the grand finale of the fest, and it exceeded all expectations. The element of surprise added an extra layer of excitement, making it the highlight of the fest which had the crowd dance the night away. The judges were DJ Raj and DJ Notorious. Mosaic 23

was a resounding success, thanks to the incredible efforts of the organizing committee, participants, and the enthusiastic support of the college community. The fest's success serves as a testament to the college's vibrant and dynamic spirit. We eagerly await the next edition of this extravaganza, anticipating even greater accomplishments and memorable moments.

Profs-in-charge: Dr. Preeti Oza, Ms. Rachael Shinde, and Mr. Jordin Carvalho

SOCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAM



Jalosh- Beach Clean Up



Plastic Recyclathon



Jeevan Vikas Kendra-Andheri East.



Prerna Seva Kendra- Dongri



Malvani Sector 6 Mahila Balvikas Kendra



Ashakiran Community Center

FAITH ON CAMPUS



First Friday Rosary



Adoration service held by Fr. Daniel



Visit to the Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount



Thanksgiving mass offered by the Faith on Campus team for successful completion of the academic year.

STAFF ADVANCEMENT



**Dr. Karuna Gokarn Highlight
Key Features of the NEP**



**Faculty with Dr. Karuna Gokarn (VP. St. Xavier's
College) at the NEP Session**



AI Tools Webinar



**Principal Dr. Marie Fernandes hard at work with the
Administrative Staff at the AI Tools Webinar**



Faculty at Mani Bhavan



Faculty Lunch

AAVVISHKAR 2023-24



Orientation Session



Intra-collegiate Round



Zonal Round (Poster round)



Zonal Round (Final round- Poster & Presentation)

CERTIFIED COURSES



Excel Course



Stock Market Course



Tally Course



Certificate Distribution

THE ANDREAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INCUBATION CELL



Clash of the Intellects – A Debate Competition



An Entrepreneur's Journey – Guest Speaker Session by Mr. Sachin Nair



Food Bazaar



Andrean Entrepreneurs & Patent Holders: Mr Ambar Singh and Mr Mohammad Kaif at E-Conclave

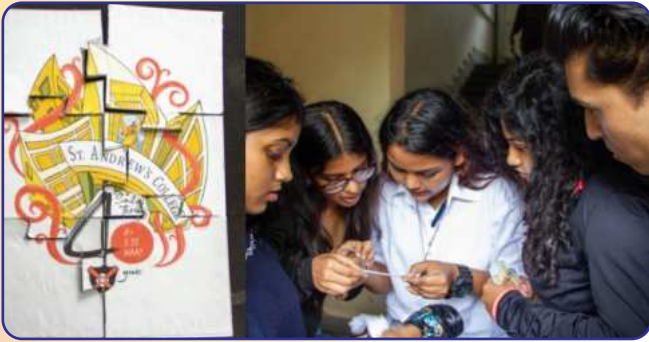


Business Bazaar – An E-Conclave Event



E-Conclave – Entrepreneurial Trifecta (Guest Speaker Sessions)

PR TEAM



Treasure Hunt popularising St. Andrew's Ruby Jubilee Logo



Festive Outreach: Distribution of chocolates to children on the streets of Bandra



Gratitude Day: Celebration for Non-Teaching Staff



Friendship Day: Tote Bag Painting and Appreciation Cards activity



Jive Workshop



Guest Speaker Session on 'PR as an edge over Advertising'



'Knights of the Square Table' Chess Tournament

COMPETITIVE EXAMS COMMITTEE 2023-24



Workshop on "Civil Service Orientation"



CWDC CAPTIONS FOR IMAGES



Ask the Legal Expert, 13 January 2024.



Menstrual Hygiene: An Environmental Perspective, 17 January 2024

FOREIGN UNIVERSITY CELL (2023-24)



IELTS session in collaboration with IDP



Study Opportunities in New Zealand with New Zealand Education Advisors Ltd

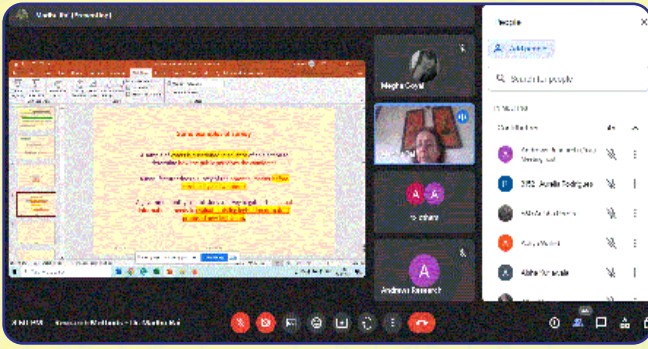
LIFE SKILLS



Session by Dr. Revathy on 'Healthy Breathing and Pulmonary Disorders



STUDENT RESEARCH SEMINAR



Research Lecture Series



Student Research Seminar



Winners of the Student Research Seminar



Book Release

VALUE EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP SKILLS



"Managing Emotions at Work" by Ms. Marita Nazareth



"Working in Teams" by Mr. Kevin Menezes

NSS



Beach Clean-up and Awareness Drive



Voter Awareness Street Play at Carter's road



Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with the K.E.M. Hospital



Book Donation Drive in collaboration with the NGO – The Movement



**Sapling Plantation
under the initiative - Meri Matti Mera Desh**



Swatchta Pledge

DLLE



Orientation



Elocution competition



Onam Celebration



Onam Celebration



Human Chain



Diwali celebration with underprivileged children in collaboration with Connectfor and MTDNGO



Shelter home visit



Udaan fest



Good touch bad touch session with underprivileged children

NATURE CLUB



Nature Trail at Sanjay Gandhi National Park



Best out of Waste Competition winners'



ASEZ SOUTH KOREA organised a Presentation on "GREEN CARBON"



Awareness session on International Mangroves Day

PLACEMENT CELL



Session on Pre-placement Talk by Headphone Zone



Session on Personal Branding & Interview Insights by Mr. Gavin Rego

ANDREAN STUDENTS' LEAGUE



**Angels We Have Heard on High!
the Carol Singing Competition**



**ASL Members Ringing in the Christmas Season
with Street Children from Dhai Akshar. (NGO)**



Belting It Out at the Open Mic



Rockin' and Rollin' for Teachers' Day



**Christmas Poetry
Competition**



**Dr. Susan Lobo (Prof-in-charge) & Anas Ansari (GS
of the ASL) at the Christmas
Masquerade Ball**



**Eco-friendly
Crib-making
Competition**



**Prof. Eleatha Pinto with
the Winner**



The ASL Team with Dr. Susan Lobo at the Onam Celebration

STAFF NEWS (JUNIOR COLLEGE)

NEP 2020 Training

All the Junior College teachers attended the NEP 2020 Training Sessions from March 5, 2024 to March 14, 2024.

Department of Psychology

Ms. Deepika Lobo

- Participated in the National Level Webinar titled ' NAAC guidelines for SSR Submission' organised jointly by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell on 3rd April, 2023.

Department of Chemistry

Mr. Dipak Singh G. Deshmukh

- Invited to judge the Zonal level science exhibition organized by the Education Department of Maharashtra at KCA Francis International School, Chembur, Mumbai on 10 January 2024

- Invited to judge the R-West level science exhibition organized by the Education Department of Maharashtra at Nalanda Academy, Gorai II, Borivali (West), Mumbai on 15 December 2023.

- Attended Training for NEP 2020 from 14 February 2024 to 16 February 2024 at YAK International school, Khopoli.

- Resource person for H -ward level NEP 2020 training conducted in Mumbai:

28 Feb. 2024 to 1 March 2024 Public High school, Santacruz (East)

5 March 2024 to 7 March 2024 Public High school, Santacruz (East)

12 March 2024 to 14 March 2024 St. Stainslaus International High school, Bandra (West)

19 March 2024 to 23 March 2024 St. Anthony High school, Santacruz (East)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The Department of English conducted various activities in 2023-2024 to encourage students to discover their hidden talents and skills, to develop core communication skills such as listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The activities included enactment, Word Search, Debate (intra- class), and discussions on various topics related to current issues. The students were also encouraged to express themselves through poems on different themes.

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Ruby James Moses Jecord, Ms Sweetie R. Fernandes, Ms. Elaine Almeida, and Ms. Coralann Rebello

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The Department of History conducted a number of activities to make the study of history meaningful and interesting.

On World Refugee Day, June 20, 2023, the SYJC students presented a P.P.T. on the world refugee crisis facing the world today.

To commemorate World Democracy Day, a poster competition was organized and students were awarded prizes for handmade as well as digital posters.

On October 3, 2023, the biopic "Gandhi" was screened to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Prof-in-charge: Ms. Eleatha Pinto

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

The Department of Psychology organised various Inter-Collegiate state level as well as Intra-collegiate events for the students of all streams. Skill development workshops and seminars were conducted for aspiring professionals and students of Psychology. Mental health assessments were conducted in class and students requiring

counselling were advised to approach the counsellor.

'Psychexplore 2023,' a state-level inter-collegiate competition brought out the best through visual art and performing arts in various forms. Sweekar 2023, a disability awareness programme had parents of differently-abled students of the Junior College join in with their wards to voice their problems and bring out solutions that could be implemented. World Mental Health Day was celebrated by students through paper presentations, essays, psychometric testing demos and classroom open discussions.

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Deepika Lobo

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

In this academic year, students were shown PPTS and a film on global issues such as poverty, unemployment, population, and the caste system and its impact on the economy. Discussions on the current situation of the country and measures the government is taking to tackle these issues were conducted.

The following days were celebrated by the Economics Department:

World Population Day: 11th July 2024

World Literacy Day: 9th September 2024

Profs-in-charge: Dr.(Ms) Sylvia Pinto, and Ms. Nikita Colaco.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The following activities were conducted by the Commerce Department during the academic year 2023-24

A seminar on Career Guidance in Chartered Accountancy was conducted by ex-student Ms. Francesca (CA) for class XII students.

An inter-division Commerce and Business Quiz

was conducted for students of class XI and XII where the students participated with great enthusiasm.

The students of class XII also attended a Certificate Online Session conducted by the Bombay Stock Exchange for three days.

Power Point Presentations on e-commerce topics and short films and documentaries on the Bombay Stock Exchange and Amul India Ltd. were shown to the XI students during the year.

Profs-in-charge: Mr. Bosco Fernandes, Dr. (Ms.) Dipti Cliffton Menezes, Ms. Shanan Revino Misquitta, Ms. Karishma R. Nandrajog

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

The Department of Biology organised different activities in the academic year. To create awareness about the disease Hepatitis, the department celebrated the World Hepatitis Day on July 28, 2023. Students prepared PPT presentations and made videos and posters highlighting the types, symptoms, and the treatment of this viral disease.

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Manisha Chabukswar, Ms. Deepaxi Patankar, and Ms. Jessica Gonsalves

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

The EVS Department conducted the following activities:

International Plastic Bag Free Day was celebrated on 3 July 2023. Students prepared cloth bags for the competition and displayed them with a message for the day.

International Elephant Day was celebrated on 12 August 2023. A selfie stand was arranged in the college premises depicting the 'Elephant in the Jungle' theme so that each one could make a beautiful memory of this day. Book marks were prepared by students for the teachers. A skit was enacted by a group of students: they visited each class, emphasizing the need for saving the elephants.

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Preethi Sequeira and Ms. Jessica Gonsalves.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ENGLISH ELOCUTION COMPETITION

The English Elocution Competition was held on October 9, 2023. The event witnessed an array of wonderful speeches by our students on the following topics:

1. Importance of Co-Curricular Activities
2. Are we Ensuring a Safe and Sustainable Environment for the Next Generation?
3. Don't judge a book by its cover

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Elaine Almeida and Ms. Eleatha Pinto

THE ANNUAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

The Annual Essay Writing Competition was held on 25 September 2023. The competition was organized to encourage the writing skills of students on various issues of importance. Students wrote essays in English, Hindi and Marathi.

The following are the winners:

English

- First Prize : Vedika S. Singh XII B Arts
 Second Prize : Reizel A. Fernandes
 XII B Commerce
 Third Prize : Naushaba Khan XII B Arts

Hindi

- First Prize : Disha Tiwari XI C Commerce
 Second Prize : Sneha Thakur XI B Science
 Third Prize : Nargis Sayyed XI B Arts
 Third Prize : Tanzeela Ansari XII A Arts

Marathi

- First Prize : Jamaica Pereira, XI B Commerce
 Second Prize : Sneha S. Khandagle, XII B Science
 Third Prize : Alisha Patankar XII B Arts

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Eleatha Pinto, Ms. Swati Sawant, and Ms. Elcy Pinto

“IT'S COOL TO BE KIND” WORKSHOP

“It's Cool to be Kind” – this is the mantra of Kindness Unlimited, an 18 year-old voluntary non-profit organisation, whose vision is to make India a kinder nation. A team of like-minded individuals, conducted a workshop at St Andrew's College, on October 7, 2023, with an aim to initiate a project with student volunteers and pilot a research study for two years in select colleges and check the impact of practicing kindness towards oneself and others as a preventive mental health strategy.

The meeting was chaired by Ms. Nirmala Peters from Mehendale (Trustee – Kindness Unlimited), Bishop Allwyn, Dr. Marie Fernandes (St. Andrew's College), Fr. Vivian Almeida (St.

Xavier's College), Dr. Sr. Ananda Amritmahal (Sophia College), Dr. Y. D. Venkatesh and Prof. Gupta (XIE), Mr. Shashank Rastogi, Ms. Sunita Machado, Ms. Sonal Singh, Ms. Bridget Viji, Ms. Deepika Lobo and Ms. Tania Donald (St. Andrew's College).

The Junior College students in collaboration with DLLE held a collection drive in college, from December 1 to December 7. Students collected over 350 crayons, colouring books and other stationery for children aged 3 to 6 yrs. The collected items were sent to the Navjeet Community Center, Holy Family Hospital.

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Tania Donald

VALUE EDUCATION

Value education sessions for classes XII and XI were conducted in July and November.

A workshop on "Prevention of Drug Abuse, Alcohol and ill effects of Tobacco" was held for over 207 students of SYJC Science and Arts. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Bosco Dsouza, Executive Committee Member, Nashabandi Mandal Maharashtra Rajya and Addiction Consultant of Nav Nirman Foundation (India). The interactive session focused on the ill-effects of drug abuse and chemical dependency. The students were informed about the dangers of being addicted to pornography, digital media and

and e-cigarettes.

The second session for classes XII and XI was conducted by Fr. Peter Michael, a Redemptorist priest, who enlightened our students on how to manage stress, peer pressure and also maintain good health of mind, body, and spirit. He conducted sessions with games, discussions, and open-ended questions to help students open up and overcome stage fright. It was a wonderful experience for our students.

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Preethi Sequeira and Ms. Ratika Dcunha.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES- “SWEVKAR 2023”

A workshop on transforming disabilities into Do-Abilities was conducted by Ms. Vishaka Punjani, Clinical Psychologist and Psychotherapist. She was joined by dance and movement expert, Ms. Sakshi Punjabi of TISS. Students actively

participated in dance, poetry recitals, debates and dialogue sessions, spot prizes, and other fun activities.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

A seminar on “Making the Invisible Visible” was conducted by Dr. Sheryl John Senthilnathan, Consultant Psychiatric at Hiranandani Hospital and a member of the Board of Trustees,

F.I.A.M.C. Students from all three streams wore green bands as a sign of mental health awareness and enjoyed a meaningful session debunking all myths related to mental health and well-being.

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Deepika Lobo

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY

The Department of Biology and S.Y.J.C. Science students took the initiative to celebrate this day on July 28, 2023 and create awareness about hepatitis and influence real change.

The students prepared PowerPoint Presentations, videos, posters etc. on hepatitis, its types,

symptoms, causes, etc. in all the S.Y.J.C. classes. They also emphasized the vaccines available for protection from type A and C Hepatitis.

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Manisha Chabukswar, Ms. Deepaxi Patankar, and Ms. Jessica Gonsalves

ANNUAL DEBATE

The Annual Debate was based on the topic 'Education and Employment in India should purely be on Merit'. There were six participants in each team. The winners were the opposition team comprising the following students:

Sneha Shah – XI Com B
Chirag Naidu - XI Arts A
Aadin Fernandes – XI Com B

Shiva Singh – XI Sci B
Joel Fedrick – XI Com B
Jaeden Pinto – XI Com B

The Best Speaker award was given to Sneha Shah, XI Com B

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Ruby James Moses Jecord, Ms. Rosel Rodrigues, and Ms. Jennifer D'mello

INTERCOLLEGIATE ACTIVITIES YOUR WORDS' WORTH IT -2023

The Inter-collegiate English Elocution Competition, Your Word's Worth It - 2023 was held on December 5, 2023. Students from 21 colleges participated. The following were the topics:

1. Mumbai of My Dreams
2. If I Were a Member of the Parliament

3. The Day Everything Went Wrong
4. The Effects of Smart Phones on Human Life

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Elaine Almeida and Ms. Eleatha Pinto

PSYCHEXPLORE 2023

A Maharashtra state level inter-collegiate Psychology competition was conducted based on the theme "Life above and below zero" consisting of two main categories - Visual Art and Performing Art. Students from Pune and Mumbai participated. Around 20 colleges participated out of which ten were shortlisted. Ms. Faye D'Souza, an Indian journalist and television news anchor

was the chief guest. She was joined by an esteemed panel of judges, namely Adv. Tania Jha, Dr. Reuben Buthello, Ms. Karen Vaswani and Dr. Sneha Jhadav.

Profs-in-charge: Ms. Deepika Lobo

INTERCOLLEGIATE COMPETITION 2023-24 (CULTURAL)

The current academic year 2023-24 was exciting with good participation from our junior college students in various competitions. These competitions gave an opportunity to the students to showcase their talents in dance, music, singing, elocution, games, debates, drawing and sports. These cultural and art platforms helped students develop their personalities for a better future. The list of winners is as follows:

Fests & Institute	Event	Winners	Place
Budge Budge -Institute of Technology College in West Bengal	Online Elocution Competition	Tejaswini Motewad	1 st Prize
JOSH -National Academy of Event Management & Development, Mumbai	Indian Dance	Malaika Talari and Group	2 nd Prize
	Solo Singing	Steffi Aaron	2 nd Prize
Trishana 23 -Marol Academy	Solo Singing	Macbeth Arahana	1 st Prize
	Elocution	Gynelle Menezes	1 st Prize
	Nail Art	Muskan Mishra	3 rd Prize
Akyam 23 -Dr. Antonio da Silva Jr. College, Dadar- Best College Trophy	Solo singing	Anchal Thakur	1 st Prize
	Fashion Show	Arianna Benjamin & Group	1 st Prize
	Group Dance	Purva Pawar & Group	1 st Prize
ANNECT FEST 23 - St. Anne's Jr. College, Malad	Fashion Show	Sajot Sawant & Group	3 rd Prize
	Personality contest	Pranavi Mahori (Ms. ANNECT 23)	2 nd Prize
	Tug of war-	Beckham Gonsalves & Group	2 ND Prize
OLE 23 -Wilson College Brahmostav-23 Thakur Vidya Mandir. Malad.	Band	Band- Samuel Lobo & Group	1 st Prize
	Fashion show	Aryana Benjameen & Group	2 nd Prize
	Antakshari	Macbeth Aranha & Rachel Joseph	1 st Prize
BEST CL prize- Hansal Dawda	BGMI	Harshwardhan Nalgotre & Group	1 st Prize
	Book review	Shiva Singh	2 nd Prize
	Elocution	Pranai Mahnori	1 st Prize
Prof-in-charge: Ms. Elcy Pinto			

INTER-COLLEGIATE COMPETITION 2023-2024 (SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY)

With the rapid development taking place in the field of Science and Technology, new discoveries and findings by scientists all over the world help mankind in many ways. The budding scientists of our college presented many creative ideas through their exhibits at various exhibitions. This year there was an extraordinary participation of Junior College students in various inter-collegiate academic related activities organized by various colleges across Mumbai. The students of our college not only actively took part in the various events but also brought laurels to the college by winning trophies at various competitions.

1. National Navy Day: THINQ-2023

To promote interest among youth and to enhance their knowledge, a unique opportunity was provided for students to experience our rich culture and heritage when the Indian Navy organized a National Level Quiz Competition 'THINQ-2023'. The theme was 'Sail Beyond Your Horizon' Around 7500 schools had participated for this competition across the country.

Two students from S.Y.J.C. Science- Wilona Rodrigues and Alysa from S.Y.J.C commerce - qualified for the Quarter final round held on 3 October 2023.

Profs-in-charge: Ms.Joan D'mello, Ms.Jennifer D'mello, and Mr,Dipaksing Deshmukh

2. Mathematrix'2023

Ten students participated in MATHEMATRIX' 2023 organized by P.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics from 2 August 2023 to 5 August 2023. St. Andrew's students reached the Second and Third round.

Rhys Gonsalves of S.Y.J.C Commerce won the First prize in the Shuffle Showdown event.

3. Metals and Materials Quiz Competition 2023

State level Metals and Materials Quiz

competition 2023 was conducted by the Indian Institute of Metal(Mumbai Chapter) at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre Anushakti Nagar, Mumbai on 19 August 2023.

Riya D'souza and Samuael Pereira of FYJC Science received participation certificates.

4. Vigyasa-2023

FYJC Science students participated in "VIGYASA- 2023" organized by Shri.T.P Bhatia College of Science, Kandivali (West), Mumbai on 12 December 2023.

Working Model : FYJC science students
Group I Fernando Herin, Joylin Blessy and Nadar Carol
- Participation certificate.

Non-working model : FYJC science students
Group I Anto Oswald, Arvin Ronald and Aaron Daniel
- Participation certificate.

Group II Pratham Swant won
- Second Prize and Trophy.

Poster competition: FYJC science students
Group I Lobo Canisha and Samuel Pereira

Group II - Shravani Kurade and Samruddhi Lad
- Participation certificate.

5. Vigyanpradarshan 2023

FYJC Science students participated in "VIGYANPRADARSHAN" organized by Thakur College of Science and Commerce, Kandiwali (East), Mumbai on 20 January 2024.

Non-working model category Group I Pratham Swant won the Third Prize and a trophy.

Group II- Anto Oswald, Arvin Ronald and Aaron Daniel - Participation certificate.

6. Techno Science Galaxy 2023

Junior college students participated in “TECHNO SCIENCE GALAXY 2023” (SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR SOCIETY) organized by St.Andrew's College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Bandra (West) Mumbai on 9 December 2023.

Working Model:FYJC science students-Fernando Herin,Joylin Blessy and Nadar Carol - Participation certificate.

Non-working model:FYJC science students-Anto Oswald and Aaron Daniel - Participation certificate

Poster competition: FYJC science students- Lobo Canisha and Patil Aarti won Consolation Prize.

7. Khushgra 2024

An Intercollegiate General Quiz was organized by Amity Global Business School, Malad (West), Mumbai. Junior college participated in this event. Elimination round was conducted on 7 November 2023. 50 students appeared and 12 students were selected for the semifinal round on 12 January 2024.

Three students - Riya D'souza (FYJC Science) , Rehan George (FYJC Commerce) and Tejas Jonorkar (FYJC Science) - were selected for the final round. They secured the Second Place, won a trophy and a cash prize of Rs.7500/- .

8. EXPLORA 2024

An Intercollegiate General Quiz and a Treasure Hunt was organized by MKES Khandwala College with LivGlobal Institute of Travel and Tourism at Future Varsity Education Group campus CWC , Malad (West), Mumbai on 8 and 9 February 2024. Students from Junior college participated in this event.

Three students - Riya D'souza (FYJC Science) , Rehan George (FYJC Commerce) and Tejas Jonorkar (FYJC Science) - were selected for the final round in the quiz competition and received participation certificates.

In the Treasure Hunt competition, Simmi Pradhan

(FYJC Arts), Chirag Naidu (FYJC Arts), Saloni Kamble (FYJC Arts) ,Riya D'souza (FYJC Science) and Shena Shah (FYJC Commerce) secured the First Place, and were awarded a trophy and Rs. 5000/- as a cash prize.

Profs-in-charge: Ms.Jennifer D'mello and Mr. Dipaksing G. Deshmukh

French Day Celebration

The French Department marked the beginning of the academic year with a vibrant and memorable French Day celebration. As the first event of the year, it set a lively tone with a perfect blend of culture and creativity.

The event kicked off with a graceful Indian Classical Dance Performance set to a melodious French song.

This was followed by various Singing Performances where students showcased their vocal skills by singing popular French songs with an impeccable pronunciation.

Adding a touch of contemporary flair, the students put up a Jazz Dance Performance with energetic moves and vibrant costumes.

To engage all students, whether or not they were learning French, a series of interactive Games were organized. These included fun trivia and cultural quizzes that brought everyone together in a friendly competition.

The celebration concluded on a sweet note with a Bake Sale featuring an array of delicious French bakery items. The live crepe stall and treats like croissants, macarons, and other delicacies were a hit. The students and staff enjoyed indulging in the exquisite flavors while also learning more about French culinary traditions.

The French Day celebration was a grand success and provided our students with an immersive experience in French culture.

Hindi Divas Celebration

On September 26th, the Hindi Department of our college organized a culturally enriching Hindi

Divas celebration which aimed to promote the importance and beauty of the National language, which holds a special place in the cultural identity of India.

The program began with a session on the historical significance of Hindi Diwas.

Following this, the atmosphere lightened with a lively session of Shero Shayari and Hindi Kavita where students recited classic and contemporary Hindi poems.

Students put up a Lekhak Jankari session where some of the most prominent Hindi writers and

poets were introduced.

As part of the Hindi Diwas celebrations following competitions were also held:

Hindi Handwriting Competition and Antakshari Competition — a musical showdown streamwise!

The celebration concluded with an energetic and Dance Performance on popular Hindi songs. The event was a reminder of the beauty and richness of the Hindi language, encouraging students to cherish and promote it.

HSC COLLEGE TOPPERS



Tarun Mallya (Arts)- 90.17 %



Valentino Gomes (Science)- 87%

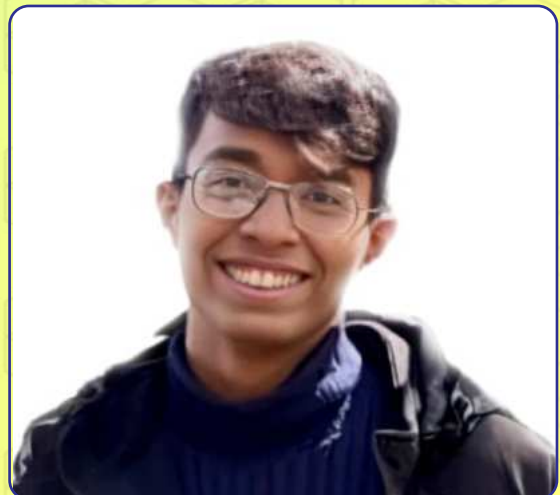


Varun Kumaresan (Commerce)- 93.67 %

STUDENT OF THE YEAR



Keisha Mascarenhas (SYJC Arts)



Reece Fernandes (SYJC Science)

SPORTS PRIZE WINNERS

Degree College



Football Girls Team- First place (Captain - Megan Pereira- TYBMS)



Hockey Girls Team- Second place (Captain – Keturah Shetty- TYBCOM)



Football Boys Team- Third place (Captain - Sujal Ghaneker- TYBCOM)



Hockey Team Boys-Third place (Captain - Sean Gonsalves- TYBCOM)



The U/17 Boys Nehru Hockey Team were declared Champions of Mumbai Division and represented Mumbai at the U/17 Boys State Nehru Hockey Cup 2023-24 held at Balewadi, Pune - with Captain **Rayel Nadar, XII Sci**

HOCKEY - GIRLS



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JUNIOR COLLEGE- INTERCOLLEGIATE COMPETITIONS



Brahmotsav 23- Fashion show group



Winners for JOSH 23



Winners for Ekyam 23



Junior College Band won for OLE 23



Winners with Principal and Vice principal (Jr.College)

IN LOVING MEMORY



**Ms. Belinda Fernandes,
Junior Clerk- Expired on 19.07.2023.**



**Mr. Samson Patel, (SyBCom C)
Expired on 11.09.2023**



**Mr. Advait Padwal, (FYJC B)
Expired on 09.10.2023**



**Mr. Gavin Dsouza, (FY BAF)
Expired on 28.01.2024**

VOICES IN PROSE

Of Plutocrats and Paupers - The Great Indian Divide

An idealist once shared his utopian idea for a film with me. Imagine a day starting with a notification beep that changes your life forever. Your bank account has been credited with big bucks. You think it's a scam but everyone is receiving the same news. A good Samaritan has shared his wealth with lesser mortals like you. Like a bolt from the dark, you realize that you have entered paradise. You take the day off, kick up your feet, loll on your bed and excitedly start making plans on how to utilize this God-sent gift.

It was so tempting to succumb to this shallow socialist theory that carried the belief of resolving all economic and social disparities with this one quixotic egalitarian probability. If the richest shared their wealth with India's 1.48 billion population, sadly, even if it were mathematically feasible, it would do more damage than good.

Think of the surreal repercussions. No one would want to work for another. No one would agree to do blue, red or black collar jobs. Starting from your garbage not being collected, your maid quitting, to offices and industries running short staffed, the world would turn chaotic as almost every person would want to be his own boss. Enter the road to perdition.

Reality, unfortunately, is just as mind boggling or perhaps even more complex and tough to combat, as India knows only too well. How then, do we lessen the vast socio-economic inequality that dogs our nation?

India flags high in the disparity benchmark. Going by the latest statistics, the richest one percent own over 4% of the total wealth created in the country while just 3% has trickled down to the bottom 50% of the population. As per Oxfam India's report of 2023, a mere 5% of Indians own over 60% of the country's wealth, while the bottom 50% of the population possess only 3% of the wealth.

It is therefore a perilous task for the government in

a democratic capitalist society to shrink this imbalance, coupled with inflation and other influencing factors like gender and caste bias. However, measures can be taken to prevent the rich from becoming richer and the poor from getting even more impoverished.

In India, gender bias plays a contributing role in widening the disparity. In many careers and jobs, women receive less than their male counterparts for the same job. For example, in the film industry, the heroine usually takes home a smaller check than the hero. Of course, with growing awareness, this is slowly on the wane. Priyanka Chopra, for instance, recently went on record to say that after so many years in the industry, she finally got a pay check on par with her male co-star.

Another humongous disparity in industries such as Bollywood is the remuneration between the actors, writers and technical crew. While the stars earn in crores, the other contributors to a film receive an embarrassing pittance. Surely the actors could be paid a little less to fill the pockets of the other film workers? This would partially help reduce the economic imbalance in this industry.

A major chasm of socio-economic inequality is the urban-rural see-saw. The village population has limited access to urban social resources such as higher education, health, sanitation and awareness. This stunts their growth and progress though the government has made several efforts in the form of reservations and literacy programmes. Economically, the farmers earn a meagre amount for their crop and effort. The bulk of the money is usurped by wholesale middlemen and the final urban retailers. This in turn puts a heavy burden on the middle and lower classes that constantly struggle with the cost of living crisis and reduced standard of living, thus causing a socio-economic impasse.

Efforts to shrink this vast gap are on, with government aided finance and organisations to

help farmers have more direct access to the markets. However, as a country, we are still dogged by corruption, red tape, financial constraints and impediments that continue to make the journey towards a more balanced socio-economic India a pothole filled, bumpy ride dotted by scenic visuals of lean and tall bespoke

skyscrapers adorning the skyline, looking down on the sea of slums where the majority of the population languishes.

Anandi Khanna
SYBAMMC

Media Representation of the Schedule Castes and Scheduled Tribes

India is one of the largest democracies in the world. In the present world that we live in, mass media has a major role to play in each and every individual life. The technology-driven world has been prioritised to a great extent in helping us communicate and understand issues that need to be focused in today's current scenario. Media is considered as the fourth pillar of the democracy of India. It plays a major part in bringing in certain information that is important to form the humanistic perspective that tries to focus on daily problems of humans. This essay tries to critically analyse the portrayal of media on the issues of scheduled caste and scheduled tribes who have been deliberately used as a tool to serve different agendas.

The origin of the oppressed classes in Indian history can be traced back to the later Vedic age. The Jati system became rigid and the caste system was divided into the Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Vaishyas and Shudras. The Brahmins were considered the highest, with supreme privileges and honours in society. The lowest-occupied positions in society were the Shudras who were considered as the lower ones but there was one more strata in the society called the untouchables - they were the ones who were deprived of their basic rights. Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar gave the name schedule caste and the schedule tribe because he was a man who belonged to the same community. He fought hard for their rights as they were struggling to create an impact in society. Mahatma Gandhi used to call them as Harijans.

The media in the post-Independence era, drew attention to the depressed classes to protect their integrity. The Dalit Panthers movement grew.

Slowly and steadily, various policies were formed by the government which gave major rights to the scheduled caste and the scheduled tribes. The reservation for the deprived classes came into force in 1937 but over the years it was improved. The right to free education was made compulsory for everyone who belonged to the scheduled caste and the scheduled tribes. Around 4 percent of reservation is still provided to the SC\ST in every field of society to raise their standard of living. Article 21 clearly states that untouchability is criminalised under the law and legal action can be taken against the individuals.

The media is inclined towards sensationalism and victimhood to further broaden issues in the country widely. Media portrayal of SC\ST as a victim so that it challenges the political structure of the country. Today, half of the policies are being made in the name of the SC\ST. The tactics of victim card are being played by the media which emphasises the political arena to fight elections in the name of the SC\ST in the country as it provides an upper hand to them to gain maximum to win elections as well as try to dominate their structure in the society by promising them. Media representation has been problematic but a growing recognition for the need for more inclusive discourses has paved the way for countries' narratives. There are certain emerging platforms that are raising the voices against the stereotypical problems faced by the community to provide them the rights of the deserving people. Supporting and engaging with these media resources is crucial for a well-rounded comprehension for the SC\ST community.

The challenge that the community still poses is that who is accountable for such matters that is working in the current scenario of India. There are certain ethnic values and beliefs that are still contradicting their matter which is being portrayed in a negative manner by the media to catch attention of the public for a bigger picture. Some of the leaders who are quite influential and worked for such things. The voices are not being reached out properly. Media is trying to portray their issues but the zones are going in a different manner. Journalism is not taking ethics as it needs to because there are many places where the communities are not being provided proper sources because of which they are still struggling. Educational barriers created between them due to the lack of information and knowledge not being spreading to them at a larger scale.

India is one of the biggest developing countries in the world. The basic rights to the SC\ST are being provided as the community is growing. According to the 2011 census, 16.8 percent Schedule caste and 8.6 percent Schedule tribes are living in India. Many media channels have portrayed their opinions or views but are the results yielding the proper fruits of it? We need to look at the bigger picture to solve the problem. Many problems are still existing among the deprived classes despite the efforts and policies of the Government and we need to create a country where everyone is considered equal. We need to practise: only then will India be a better place in the near future.

Joshua Banerjee – SYBA B

VOICES IN VERSE

Dear Mamma

Your warm touch from the womb itself,
Made us grow closer and attached.
You introduced me to this world,
Like the sunset bowing to the sea.
I didn't know it at first,
That I was a liability, a debt to clear.

However, I loved your lullabies and tickles,
Your angry eyes and smiles,
Your warm hugs and wild kisses,
Your weird actions and the names you called me,
That embarrassed me so.

Where did it all disappear?
Where did it all go?
Why am I deprived of love?
Like the air that slowly evaporate from a balloon?

Now that your son is born,
Your burden is solved.
The questions are answered,
The labels are cleared,
The family is overjoyed.

The prince has snatched the rights of this princess,
Even before he started to talk,
Even before he started to walk.

A piece of my peace is taken away,
Your heart now belongs to him.
Looking at him, my skin burns,
Call it sibling rivalry,
Or simply gender inequality.
I'm being punished by karma,
For taking a mother's love for granted.

Seeing you smiling as you feed him,
Putting him to sleep beside you,
The cradle to me is a curse,
The grave of an unhappy child.
Father then takes me in his arms out of pity,
Buys me chocolates and ice-cream.
I could easily give them up for you,
If only you belonged to me.
I'm sorry, I can no longer call you mine,
I've given up the throne,
I've given up my share.

For he's your moon and your 'son' shine,
He's the star and family's heir.
I'm not even in the list of competitors,
So unfair.

It's okay mother, I'll learn to put up with this,
For this is the fate of every girl.
I'll learn to be happy,
Or fake it, till I make it.
I'll learn to negotiate and sacrifice what's mine.
For your sake, I'll learn.
Until the day comes,
To bid me farewell as I leave to go to another
home,
Even that one is not mine,
Maybe you will miss me then,
In your sleep and dreams,
A little infant will crawl up to you,
And whisper in your ears- I LOVE YOU;
That'll wake you up, and remind you
That no son can satisfy or fill the void of a daughter,
Now it's too late to hold me closer.

Maybe your epiphany won't function as I think,
Maybe I'll still be grateful to you, for at least
loving me a little.
You may not be a lucky mother to have a
daughter like me,
But I'll forever be a lucky daughter to have a
mother like you.

Surrounded by unfortunate circumstances,
Your curse like a blessing,
Your hate like a hint.

Promises and good-byes aren't forever,
So may we reunite soon after life we've lived,
When the Autumn falls, and the flowers and the
birds sing,
The spirits pray in unison and the
devil makes a deal,
Then no craving for your son
Then you'll be only mine and I'll be yours.

Aisha Kurlawala - TYBA English

Yes, I Belong Here and There

The Mandirs and Masjids offer prayers together,
The sun and the moon rise and shine for all.

The animals don't know or choose their master,
And God doesn't ask if you're big or small.

Earlier we weren't allowed access to a grain of food,
Whether we were starving or dying.
We are the ones who grow these grains of food,
But the system has left us crying.

No, we don't want your fake sympathy,
We have the same blood.
All we want is a chance and opportunity,
As you and we are born, we will be buried in the same mud.

How do you pray with so much faith?
You think your Lord cannot see your hate?
By hurting innocent humans,
You think you'll go to the court of heaven?

Practise all the injustices and inequalities you please,
Maybe in your next life you'll be one of us.
Then we'll be in your place, at comfort and at ease,
And see you begging and struggling to live like we did.

Our prayers are more powerful than yours,
And the Almighty lends his ears.
Our curses too, are more powerful than yours,
But you're not worth dirtying our tongues, we fear.

I believe in Karma - that you get what you give,
So wait until it's our turn to turn the tables.
You'll face the mirror, the black truth of discrimination,
But we will hold our title in dignity—'The Untouchables.'

What do you know about the happiness of success after a fight?
Do you know the worth of struggle all night?
It is us you cannot compare and compete with,
It is us you cannot fight or defeat.

Go on, it's we who pity you,
Sad, you cannot belong here!
But we'll scream and shout,
When we see all your tears.

From the start till the end, we'll be a witness,
And surrender for the sake of survival now.
Nature and God will agree with me when I say,
We'll fight from dusk till dawn, we vow.

Let the Universe be proof of our existence,
And we'll announce with pride all over the world.
It's me, the minority, and we belong here and there,
We, the Children of God, belong here and there!

Aisha Kurlawala - TYBA (English)

Light and audio

The dark clouds always elude a mysterious grin to the earth beneath them.
The flash of life, the sound of a million cries,
But you said it's okay; it's just thunder and lightning.
I believed you; I always do.

The words you use are a loud cacophony of bangs.
I held so strong to you that I forgot,
I'm not scared of the lightning or the thunder that follows.
I'm scared of you.

Just because

I wonder why you asked, "Why click pictures of the sky?"
I think to myself,
Why wouldn't one look at the horizons that nature has crafted?
The masterful blending of the colours in the sky looks like a multiform rainbow
Bleed into it a burst of the vivid pinks and purples.
Highlighted remnants of the contrails left behind I wish you would see what I did
Why can't you? Then again, why would you?
I said finally, " Just because."

Joe Moraes – FYBA A

Just Like You

How I wish I could be like you
Lost thoroughly into the sea of truth
Wondering less what the world would be
Just remain in tranquillity
You're all that I ever want to be
Just to be told that I'm fine and free
No one said it would be this hard
To be around people both near and far
Thinking about things I wish I could say
Would that all would be crushed under the power of pain
Would that I could speak with a tongue that's tied not with the weight of us
To see how hard it is to put the brain at ease
The mind can take what the heart cannot
but it's also strong enough to take it all out.

Zenia Morris FYBA A

When Did I Realise?

As a child, I thought everyone loved me.
That the world revolves around me and
when I sleep, everything and everyone freezes.
When was it?
When did I realise that the world moves on without me?
When was it?

When did I realise I am not the centre of the world?
 When was it?
 When did I know that not everyone will love me?
 When was it?
 When did I start to make another person the centre of my world?
 I think it was when I left childhood,
 I realised there are things I cannot have
 Sometime when I grew up,
 I realised that if I can hate another, I can hate myself too.

Carmel Fernandes SYBCom C

Wednesday's Child Is Full of Woe

Wednesday's child is full of woe,
 And so woe follows me wherever I go.
 It's there in the shadows of yesteryear,
 Where you and I were always filled with fear.
 The fear of breaking, the fear of falling,
 The fear of never responding to my calling;
 The messes you make that I clean up.
 Despair is definitely not a choice,
 Because I am burdened with always being your voice.
 The guilt I feel for resenting you,
 Eats me up till I am left to rue,
 For it's not your fault that you are this way,
 And it's not your fault that everyone keeps you away.
 For I was but a little child,
 Left to care for you alone in the wild;
 Alone in my feelings among children my age,
 For not a single one of them knew of my cage -
 The rage of a child who grew up too quickly,
 Whose words always seemed to be so prickly,
 Whose disillusionment in adults grew so soon,
 That nothing could protect her from becoming a prune.
 The desire that I have to leave things asunder,
 Are filling up the little spaces in my wonder.
 But I can't leave it all and go away,
 For you would have no one else to stay.
 And so wherever I go, you come with me,
 My dear little son, always so filled with glee.
 It is your fault that I want to leave,
 Or that is what I make myself believe.
 For it is only I who can deal with you,
 And only dying can make my dream come true.

Shirly Gomes SYBA A

Friends

Finding friends is hard,
Trying to approach them... to ask something
Afraid to ask, but someday you have to ask
Because you know, you might miss the chance.

As time flies, you'll know
Friends are there for people
Friends are there for you
They help you in times of need
Even in your worst times

Friends, you might not even realise
Always have your back
Sometimes you might not realise
But that's what they're for

Shallin Fernandes, SYJC Arts

Meet Maths

Meet Maths, my good friend,
Its usefulness will never end.

It includes knowledge so vast
It's a treasure that will always last.

Pirates are what we become
Because finding 'x' gives you a valuable sum.

Everything is made of shapes
Even the blueberries and the marvellous grapes.

Trigonometry is one of a kind
It has values that are fun to find.

How do we find roots without a tree?
We use Alpha and Beta, sometimes A and B.

Variables are friends, which is so true
When the values are missing,
they'll give you a clue.

Alpha and Beta have never sown
Yet we find roots they haven't grown.

Mathematical logic doesn't seem logical at all
Yet we find answers both large and small.

Functions don't function as we think
They connect numbers with a suitable link.

Triangles, circles and symmetrical pairs
Also, hypotenuses and their squares.

Angles, tangents, medians and arcs
Help us more than just scoring marks.

From making of computers to complicated stats
That's the use of our dear friend Maths.

Reizel Fernandes, SYJC Commerce

Why wait?

Why wait for tomorrow,
When today it will be?
Why sink in pools of sorrow,
when you can float with life and glee?

Why mourn yesterday,
When tomorrow will be a day so new?
Why doubt life in moments of grey,
When hope is why life continues?

Why wait for life to teach you a lesson
When you can learn one too?
Why let fear be your companion
When courage can be one too?

Why give up today,
When tomorrow will be a day so new?
Why be led astray,
when you can be your rescue?

Uzma Khan, FYJC Science

Words

Words, some big some small
all start from the alphabet.
Some pro-nounce while some pruh nounce,
yet, we use them one and all.

From a child's first
to one's last,
we want to know them all quite fast.
Some have meaning, while some have none,
Yet we ponder over them for fun.

Some brighten up a day,
while some dampen fresh hay
some hearts joined by a few simple words,
while some are broken by the unheard.

These words, so mere, so vast,
so unsung, yet they can never be surpassed.

Uzma Khan, FYJC Science

शोरशाह

आपको इस कदर चाहने लगे हैं,
की जर्ने जर्ने में आप ही नजर आने लगे हैं।
हाँ जी हम आपके दीवाने हैं।
शोरशाह आप हमारे हैं।

जब से इन नजरों ने आपको निहारा हैं।
तत्पश्चात इन नजरों ने किसीको निहारना ही ना चाहा हैं।
हाँ जी हम आपके दीवाने हैं।
शोरशाह आप हमारे हैं।

आँखों को हर पल आप ही नजर आते हों।
कुछ इस तरह से ये दिल को भाते हों।
हाँ जी हम आपके दीवाने हैं।
शोरशाह आप हमारे हैं।

आप मुस्कराते हैं तो चेहरा हमारा खिल जाता हैं
कुछ इस तरह से ये दिल आपको चाहता हैं
कुछ कहना था क्या? कुछ कहना था क्या?
जब तुस्सी कहते हों ना, सच्ची यारा कमल लगते हों।
हाँ जी हम आपके दीवाने हैं।
शोरशाह आप हमारे हैं।

जब इन नजरों को नजर नहीं आते,
तो दिल बहुत घबराता हैं,
और आपको देखकर दिल को सुकून आता हैं।
हाँ जी हम आपके दीवाने हैं।
शोरशाह आप हमारे हैं।
पल भर भी आपसे बात हो जाए
तो दिल को करार आ जाता हैं।
हाँ जी हम आपके दीवाने हैं।
शोरशाह आप हमारे हैं।
हर पल साथ होने में क्या ही खास हैं।
साथ ना होकर भी,
साथ होने का अलग ही एहसास हैं।
हम सदा से खास हैं,
और हम साथ साथ हैं।
हाँ जी हम आपके दीवाने हैं।
शोरशाह आप हमारे हैं।

Anchal Nirankari
XII - Science



एक प्रेरणादायक कविता

जिंदगी की राहों में, जब थक जाए तुम,
याद रखो तुममें है वही ताकत गहरी जो धुंध में छुपी है।
चाहे जितनी भी मुश्किलें आए तुम्हारे सामने,
उठो, खड़े हो जाओ, और दिखाओ दुनिया को तुम्हारी ताकत को।

हर चरण पर आगे बढ़ो, नये सपनों को पकड़ो,
क्योंकि तुममें है वह चमक, जो सबको चमका देगी।
विश्वास रखो खुद में, अपनी क्षमताओं में,
और दिखाओ दुनिया को तुम्हारी अदभुत प्रेरणा को।

मुश्किलें आएं, रूकने का नहीं वक्त है,
जिन्दगी को रंगों से भरने दो।



Pallavi Khandale
XI - Arts

आदर्श विद्यार्थी

एक आदर्श छात्र वह है जिससे हर दूसरा छात्र आदर की दृष्टि से देखता है। जिस तरह से वह अपने सभी कार्यों को अंजाम देता है, चाहे वह कक्षा में हो या खेल के मैदान में या मंच पर अपनी कला का प्रदर्शन हो इसके लिए उसकी सराहना की जाती है, वह शिक्षकों के बीच पसंदीदा होता है और उन्हें विद्यालय में भी विभिन्न जिम्मेदारियाँ सौंपी जाती है। प्रत्येक शिक्षक चाहता है कि उसकी कक्षा में ऐसे विद्यार्थी बहुत सारे हो। आदर्श विद्यार्थी बनने के लिए कड़ी मेहनत करनी पड़ती है। सबसे पहले अपने विचारों और अपने व्यवहार पर प्रतिबंध लगाना पड़ता है। अपना लक्ष्य सीमित रखना पड़ता है और लक्ष्य के प्रति कड़ी मेहनत करनी पड़ती है। इसमें माता, पिता और शिक्षक की भी भूमिका होती है। एक अच्छे विद्यार्थी को बनाने का काम शिक्षक करता है। उसी प्रकार एक अच्छा इंसान समाज भी बनाने के लिए उसके माता-पिता जिम्मेदार होते हैं। एक अच्छे विद्यार्थी को सफल बनाने में उसकी शिक्षक की अहम भूमिका होती है। शिक्षक के उचित मार्गदर्शन, दिशा

और आकार में बहुत बड़ा योगदान होता है। माता पिता अपने बच्चों को हर चीज देने की कोशिश करते हैं, लेकिन एक सफल नागरिक बनाने में भी उन्हें कड़ी मेहनत करनी होती है। शिक्षक छात्र पर सकारात्मक प्रभाव और उसे प्रोत्साहित करने का कार्य करता है। कोई भी व्यक्ति पूर्ण रूप से आदर्श पैदा नहीं होता उसे उसका परिवार, उसका विद्यालय, उसके शिक्षक और उसके द्वारा चुने गए उसके सहपाठियों से उसका व्यक्तित्व विकास होता है। हमें अगर आदर्श बनना है तो सबसे पहले हमारे लक्ष्य को केंद्रित करना होगा। मैं आप सब से यही निवेदन करती हूँ कि अच्छे नागरिक बनने की कोशिश में लगे रहो ताकि समाज में सम्मान भी रहे और उचित आदर भी। कड़ी मेहनत और अच्छी शिक्षा प्राप्त करने से, हमें सबसे बड़ी दौलत हासिल हो जाती है और वह है सम्मान!

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हम सब का जन्मदिन हर साल आता है और हर साल हम किसी नए तरीके से मनाना चाहते हैं। मैंने भी अपने जन्मदिन बहुत सारी तरीकों से माने हैं। मगर गए साल का जन्मदिन मैं कभी नहीं भूलूंगी। आज भी उसकी याद आती है तो एक सुकून सा मिल जाता है। सबसे अलग और बहुत सारी यादों से पिरोया गया था मेरा जन्मदिन। रोज की तरह मेरे परिवार ने सभी को बुलाकर दावत दी। अनेक आशीर्वाद मिले, बहुत सारे उपहारों से घर भर गया। खूब नाचा-गाया गया और खूब खाना खाया गया। जन्मदिन ऐसे ही मनाया गया। सारी खुशियाँ वैसे ही थी जैसे हर वर्ष मनाते हैं मगर मेरे माता पिता ने कुछ खास सपने संजोके रखे थे मेरी १८ वीं वर्षगांठ पर। मुझे दुनिया की असलियत दिखानी थी। उन्हें नए रिश्तों

की जिम्मेदारियाँ कंधों पर पड़ने वाली थी। शाम को अचानक परिवार वालों ने कहा कि हम सब बाहर किसी शानदार और महंगे होटल में खाना खाने के लिए जाए। बहुत खुश थी मैं कि मेरा परिवार और बहुत सारे रिश्तेदार एक साथ काफी समय से कहीं नहीं गए थे।

काफी तैयारियाँ की थी, अपने आप को सजाया था और दावत का कारण मैं हूँ, यह सोच के मुझे खुशी हो रही थी। सभी अपनी गाड़ियों में बैठे और चले। मुझे ऐसे लगा जैसे हम अपना शहर छोड़कर कहीं और जा रहा हैं। कहीं और, पहाड़ पर, हरियाली रास्ते हो और अनजान डगर, नया रास्ता और सब कुछ स्मरणीय कभी पहले देखा नहीं था। गाड़ियाँ जहाँ पर रूकी थी वह तो एक वृद्धाश्रम था। मुझे भी

थोड़ा सा अचरज लगा कि वृद्धाश्रम और मेरी वर्षगांठ-यह क्या नई सोच है? अंदर गई तो देखा काफी सारी बुजुर्ग साथ में बैठे थे। कुछ उदास, कुछ तनहा, कुछ अतीत में खोए और कुछ दरवाजे की तरफ टकटकी लगाए। जब मैंने प्रवेश किया तो सारे अचानक उठ खड़े हो गए और मेरे लिए जोर से तालियां बजाते हुए जन्मदिन की शुभकामनाएं देने लगे और -तो-और पूरी जोश में गाने लगे। दिखनेवाले चेहरे खिल चुके थे। आशीर्वाद की बौछारों ने मेरा दिल और मेरा जीवन सफल कर दिया। मेरे लिए सच में यह अलग अनुभव था। मैंने कभी भी नहीं सोचा था कि अपने से बड़े लोगों के साथ अगर कोई अच्छी बात मनाली तो तुझे खुशी मिलती है।

मैंने सुना था कि बुजुर्गों के आशीर्वाद असली होते हैं और उन्हें आशीर्वाद को मैं जी रही हूँ। जीवन धन्य हो गया उन लोगों के साथ जन्मदिन मना कर। ऐसे लगा कि समाज के एक वर्ग की जिम्मेदारी हम नवयुवकों के कंधों पर है। इसे हमें निभानी है। उन बुजुर्गों को वृद्धाश्रम में रखकर नहीं, हमारे अपनों के साथ रखकर जन्मदिवस मनाना है। माँ-पिता जैसे बच्चों को अपने पास रखते हैं, वैसे ही उन्हें भी अपने पास रखना है। यह था सबसे अलग मेरा जन्मदिवस। कभी नहीं भूलूंगी।

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मेरी माँ

मेरी माँ, मेरी जान है। माँ शब्द कितना प्यारा है, नाम लेते ही मन में स्नेह उमड़ आता है। एक माँ प्रत्येक व्यक्ति के जीवन में अहम भूमिका निभाती है क्योंकि वह एक रक्षक, मित्र और प्यार की निशानी होती है, जो किसी बात की अपेक्षा नहीं रखती। शायद माँ भगवान है, इसलिए बनाई है कि भगवान स्वयं लोगों के बीच नहीं रह सकते और इसीलिए मानव के रूप में माँ इंसानों की रक्षा करती आई है। माँ दुनिया में सबसे अनमोल है। उनकी बराबरी करने वाली कोई चीज ईश्वर ने बना ही नहीं है। माँ दुनिया का वह हीरा है तो सिर्फ नसीब वालों को मिलता है।

माँ अपनी पूरी जिम्मेदारी निभाती है, केवल गोद में रखकर बड़ा नहीं करती बल्कि जीवन पर गोद की सुरक्षा प्रदान करती है। लगातार मेहनत और बिना किसी मांग की माँ केवल परिवार के लिए जीती वह कभी-भी अपनी इच्छाओं या आकांक्षाओं को महत्व नहीं देती है और सपनों को स्वहा करके परिवार के लिए जीने लगती है। अपना परिवार अपना काम और समाज के प्रति अपना दायित्व निभाने वाली भारतीय माँ दुनिया में और कहीं नहीं मिलेगी। अपनी संस्कार और संस्कृति की रक्षा करने वाली मेरी माँ

मुझसे यही चाहती है कि मैं भी अपने परिवार के साथ-साथ समाज के प्रति अपने दायित्व और कर्तव्य निभाते, अच्छी शिक्षा, प्राप्त करके अच्छा नागरिक बनकर, शायद यह कर्तव्य पूरा कर सकती हूँ। हमारी माँ यही चाहती है कि भारत का हर एक बच्चा उच्च से उच्च शिक्षा प्राप्त करें। अच्छी नौकरी करें और अच्छा इंसान बनकर समाज की मदद करें। अगर मेरी माँ मुझे यह संस्कार देती है और यही संस्कार मुझसे वह और किसी के द्वारा देने की कोशिश करती है तो यही भारतीय संस्कृति है कि हां! संस्कार आगे-आगे बढ़ते रहें। अपने परिवार के प्रति जो बलिदान करती है, उसकी कोई सीमा नहीं है। उनकी मेहनत, निस्वार्थ भाव तथा त्याग ने मुझे प्रेरित किया है। भगवान ने अपना प्रतिरूप माँ के रूप में बनाकर मुझे धन्य किया है। जिस तरह भगवान भक्तों के बारे में सोचता है। वैसे ही माँ बच्चे के बारे में सोचती है। चाहे वह बच्चा अच्छा हो या बुरा हो लेकिन माँ के लिए हो सिर्फ अपना बच्चा होता है। चाहे बड़ा हो या छोटा माँ के लिए वह बच्चा होता है। इसीलिए शायद माँ बच्चे के बारे में फिक्र करती है कि उसने खाना खाया, वह समय पर कक्षा में पहुँचा, समय में ट्रेन पर चढ़ा और वह समय पर घर आया।

वह क्या करता है जब घर के बाहर रहता है, उसकी कौन से मित्र होते हैं, उसकी संगति किसके साथ है, यह केवल फिक्र नहीं। मां कि वह चिंता है, जिसमें वह चाहती है कि बच्चा भटक न जाए, कोई गलती ना करें और इसलिए कभी-कभी डांट भी देती है, लेकिन उसकी डांट में भी चिंता होती है, कि कहीं बच्चे तो मानसिक सदमा ना लगे और इसलिए शायद माँ से बढ़कर बच्चों को समझ पाने की कोशिश दुनिया में कोई नहीं कर सकता।

माँ कोई भी हो उसका हसीन प्यार सभी के लिए होता है। अगर माँ ना हो तो बच्चे का अस्तित्व नहीं। और इसलिए मैं कहूँगी कि सिर्फ मेरी माँ ही मुझे सबसे प्यारी नहीं तो हर एक माँ प्यारी है क्योंकि बच्चों के साथ-साथ परिवार की सुरक्षा और अखंडता में विश्वास रखती है।

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मेरी भाषा

हिंदी भाषा वह माध्यम है जो इंसानों को जोड़ती है। उसके बिना हमारी भावनाएं और विचारों का आदान-प्रदान नहीं हो सकता। इंसानों को प्रकृति के इर्द-गिर्द रहकर एक-दूसरे को समझना होगा और इसके लिए विचारों का संप्रेक्षण एक दूसरे तक पहुंचाने का कार्य करने का माध्यम भाषा बन जाती है। भाषा विचार और विनिमय का एक महत्वपूर्ण साधन है। अगर भाषा ना हो तो शायद हम सारे गूंगे हो जाएंगे और अपने विचारों का संप्रेक्षण करना एक दिक्कत की बात हो जाएगी। मैं अपनी भाषा हिंदी के बारे में कुछ बताना चाहती हूँ। हम बचपन से ही हमारे परिवार में हिंदी बोलते हैं और समझते हैं। हम जो बोल-चाल की भाषा हिंदी में बात करते हैं तो अधिक सरल और सुगम लगती है। लेकिन वही भाषा पुस्तकों में अपना रूप दिखाती है तो काफी कठिन लगती है और उसे याद करके लिखने के लिए काफी मुश्किलों का सामना करना पड़ता है क्योंकि बोलचाल की हिंदी और साहित्य की हिंदी दो अलग चीजें हो जाती है और इसे बचपन से ही अगर अपनी हिंदी हमें सशक्त, अच्छी बनानी है तो काफी पुस्तकें पढ़नी है और काफी अच्छी तरह बातें करनी है।

हिंदी आज जो रूप धारण कर चुकी है, जहाँ से बच्चा चप्पे-

चप्पे में समझ लेता है और बात करने का कष्ट कर लेता है। एक भाषा के रूप में हिंदी सिर्फ भारत की पहचान ही नहीं बल्कि हमारे जीवन मूल्यों, संस्कार और संस्कृति की सच्ची परिचायक भी है। बहुत सरल और सहज और सुख बोली जाने वाली भाषा। अधिकतर लोग इसे समझते हैं, बोलते हैं और लिखने की कोशिश भी करते हैं। हिंदी भारत संघ की राजभाषा होने के साथ संविधान की आठवीं अनुसूची में शामिल, अन्य २१ भाषाओं में भी विशेष स्थान रखती है। हिंदी भारत में सबसे अधिक बोली जाने वाली भाषा है। इसकी लिपि देवनागरी है। यह भारत की पहचान है। हिंदी है, जिसमें अन्य भाषाओं से अपना हाथ मिलाकर अपने-अपने में सम्मिलित करने का कष्ट किया है। यह विश्व की सबसे प्राचीनतम भाषा है।

यही वह भाषा है जो आजादी के संग्राम में हर स्वतंत्र सेनानियों को विचार व्यक्त करने का माध्यम जो बनी / स्वतंत्र सेनानियों के विचार आम आदमी तक पहुंचाएं। स्वतंत्रता संग्राम में दिलों से दिल मिलाने का काम हिंदी ने किया है और आज भी यह अपना स्थान सर्वोच्च रखी है। ऐसी है मेरी भाषा हिंदी।

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XII - Arts

माँ

माँ केवल एक शब्द नहीं है। माँ वह है, जो जिंदगी देती है। एक इंसान निर्माण करती है। मुझे लगता है जिनके पास माँ नहीं है, उनकी जिंदगी में कुछ नहीं है। बहुत सारे रिश्ते और रिश्तेदार मिल जाते हैं लेकिन माँ नहीं मिल पाती है। शायद भगवान को भी निर्माण करने वाली माँ भगवान से बढ़कर है। निस्वार्थ भाव से अपने परिवार और अपनी बच्चों की देखभाल करती है। बिना शर्त रखे हर चीज करती है और यही चाहती है कि हर किसी को खुशी मिले। ऐसा कौन हो सकता है जो बिना स्वार्थ के किसी के लिए त्याग करें। दुनिया में कोई नहीं केवल माँ मुझे याद है।

स्कूल में जाने से पहले के सारे संस्कार और अनौपचारिक शिक्षा अपनी माँ के द्वारा ही मिली है और इसलिए मेरा घर मेरी पहली पाठशाला है और मेरी माँ मेरा पहला गुरु मुझे आज भी याद है। स्कूल का वह पहला दिन जहाँ पर मुझे मेरी माँ ने सिखाया था कि किस तरह अपनी चप्पल पहने जाते हैं और किस तरह अपनी पोशाकों को ठीक रखा जाता है। अपनी सारी चीजें किस प्रकार स्कूल में लेकर जाना है, ना किसी अन्य चीज को हाथ लगाना है, समय बहुत बड़ी चीज है और इसका पालन करना है, समय पर उठकर हर चीज करना है। बिना अपेक्षा के अपने कर्तव्य को निभाना है। तब से लेकर आज तक यही सीखते आई हूँ कि अगर तुम लोग पढ़ोगे तो आगे बढ़ोगे।

हर इंसान अपने सुख-दुख को बांटता है, लेकिन मैंने देखा है कि मेरी माँ सिर्फ सुख को बांटने के पीछे पड़ी होती है। दुख के बारे में वह किसी से बात नहीं करती। शायद उनके जीवन में भी अपने परिवार और बच्चों को लेकर काफी सारी चिंताएं होती होंगी। लेकिन अपनी चिंताओं के बारे में वह कभी किसी से जिक्र नहीं करती क्योंकि उसे पता है कि उनका दुख उन्हीं को सहना है और उनका सुख सभी के झोली में डालना है। मुझे अभी भी याद है, वह किस्सा जब मैं ५ साल की थी और सीढ़ियों से गिर गई थी। काफी सारी चोट

आई थी। मामला तो काफी सीधा-साधा था कि अगर कहीं कोई चोट लग जाती है। कुछ टूट जाता है तो डॉक्टरों उसे जोड़ लेते हैं या दवा दारू कर लेते हैं, लेकिन उसके बावजूद माँ का प्यार और असीम मेहनत ने मुझे शायद ठीक किया है जो डॉक्टर की दवा ना ठीक कर पाई।

मगर कभी डांट भी देती है तो बुरा लगता है लेकिन आप सभी से मैं कहूँगी कि उसे बुरा मत मानना क्योंकि पिताजी के डर से माँ की डांट अच्छी होती है क्योंकि कुछ बातों के बारे में वह समझाना चाहती है। जिसे हम समझने की कोशिश नहीं करते। हमारी ईमानदारी, मेहनत और सरलता हमारी माँ से मिली है। अगर कभी हार जाए तो माँ की तरफ देख कर आगे बढ़ने की कोशिश करो। तुम्हें जरूर हौसला मिलेगा क्योंकि माँ ही है जो हमेशा अपने बच्चों के बारे में अच्छा सोचती है और उन्हें बुलंद करना चाहती है। मुझे आज भी याद है कि मेरी माँ ने कभी भी जी भर के कोई भी रविवार या लॉकडाउन में कभी आराम नहीं किया है। हम सभी को हफ्ते में एक दिन की छुट्टी मिलती है। लेकिन हमारी माओं को कभी भी छुट्टी नहीं होती है। उल्टा छुट्टी के दिन उनका काम बढ़ जाता है। मुझे पूरा यकीन है कि हमारी माँ लॉकडाउन में जरूर से ज्यादा मेहनत की होगी, परिवार को बचाने के लिए और यही कारण है कि हमारी माँ सबसे अधिक खुश रहती है और निरोगी रहती है क्योंकि वह दूसरों के बारे में ज्यादा सोचती है। मैं हर एक से कहना चाहूँगी कि अपनी माँ का सम्मान करो। उनकी बातों को पहले समझो। जल्दबाजी में उल्टा जवाब देने की कोशिश मत करो। कहीं अपनी एक गलती की वजह से माँ का दिल ना टूट जाए। माँ भगवान से बढ़कर है क्योंकि भगवान भी अपनी माँ का सम्मान करते होंगे।

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XII - Science

लड़कियाँ कमजोर होती हैं?

क्या सच में लड़कियाँ कमजोर होती हैं, होती हैं या नहीं?
लेकिन अगर सच में होती हैं तो कैसे होती हैं, ये हम इस कविता के माध्यम से समझेंगे!

गौर कीजिए कविता गुरू करते हैं: -

लड़कियाँ कमजोर होती हैं! बचपन से यहीं सुनाया जाता है!
और कुछ इस तरह से लड़कियों को कमजोर बनाया जाता है!

बचपन में नारी को कहा बताया जाता है

तू ही लक्ष्मी है!

तू ही सरस्वती है!

तू ही दुर्गा है!

तू ही काली है!

हाँ एक-एक पर भारी है!

प्रिय तू ही नारी है।

और माँ बचपन में मणिकर्णिका की शौर्यगाथा भी तो नहीं सुनाई जाती है!

बचपन में नारी को नारी का अस्तित्व ही नहीं बताया जाता है!
और हाँ बचपन में नारी को माता की शौर्यगाथा भी तो नहीं सुनाई जाती है!

जब नन्ही सी कली फूल बन जाती है! जब बड़ी हो जाती है!

जब अपनी खातिर खड़ी हो जाती है! जब वो बातों को तोलने लगती है!

जब वो बोलने लगती है तब उन्हें चुप कराया जाता है!

लड़कियाँ कमजोर होती हैं! बचपन से यहीं सुनाया जाता है!

और कुछ इस तरह से लड़कियों को कमजोर बनाया जाता है!

भागवत गीता में कहते हैं ना जो हम सुनते हैं, वही हम सोचते हैं।

जो हम सोचते हैं, वही हम बन जाते हैं।

लड़कियाँ कमजोर होती हैं, हमारा समाज लड़कियों को कमजोर बनाता है!

Anchal Nirankari
XII - Science

हिंदी भाषा मेरी पहचान

“संस्कृत की लाड़ली बेटि है ये हिंदी
बहनों को साथ लेकर चलती है ये हिंदी,
सुंदर है, मनोरम है, मीठी है, सरल है,
ओजस्विणी है और अनूठी है ये हिंदी।”

हिंदी भारत की प्रमुख भाषा है। हम सभी परिचित है हिंदी से।
हिंदी का जन्म संस्कृत से हुआ है। संस्कृत संसार की सबसे पहली भाषा मानी जाती है। हिंदी भारत की राजभाषा है।
आज के समय में, ज्यादातर भारत में जब भी हम पर्यटकों स्थलों में जाते है, तब हम यह देख सकते है कि सबसे ज्यादा

बोली जानेवाली भाषा हिंदी है। हिंदी सिर्फ भारत में ही नहीं बल्कि भारत के बाहर अन्य देशों में भी इस्तेमाल की जाती है। देखा जाए तो भारत के बाहर या फिर अंतरराष्ट्रीय तौर पर अंग्रेजी का ही इस्तेमाल किया जाता है, परंतु बहुत बार कुछ कार्यों के लिए हिंदी सीखना आवश्यक है।

हिंदी भाषा बहुत ही सुंदर है। हिंदी जितनी सुंदर है उतनी ही मीठी है। जब-जब मीठी वाणी की बात आती है तब-तब हिंदी भाषा का भी नाम जिह्वा पर आता है। हिंदी भाषा भारतीयों की पहचान है। आज भी जब हम कहीं बाहर होते

है। जब बात-विमर्श करने की बारी आती है तो लोग हिंदी का प्रयोग सबसे ज्यादा करते हैं। हिंदी भाषा हमारे जीवन का सार है। भारत में हिंदी सबसे ज्यादा बोली जाती है। भारत में हर जगह हिंदी पढ़ाई जाती है। बहुत बार लोगों को अन्य कोई भाषा बोलने नहीं आती हिंदी के अलावा। हिंदी भाषा हमारा गौरव है और हमें सदा इस बात का गर्व होना चाहिए। हिंदी भाषा में बहुत से अखबार छपते हैं, जैसे की दैनिक भास्कर, दैनिक जागरण आदि। संसार में संस्कृत को सभी भाषाओं की माँ कहा गया है। इस प्रकार से विश्व की सारे भाषाएँ संस्कृत से आई हैं। हिंदी को संस्कृत की बेटा कहा जाता है। हिंदी भाषा बहुत ही शुद्ध है। जो हम अपने हर दिन की बोली रखते हैं वो हिंदी और शुद्ध हिंदी में बहुत ही अंतर है। हम जब हिंदी के पुस्तकों को पढ़ते तो हम यह देख सकते हैं कि पुस्तकों में हिंदी कितनी सुंदर तरीके से लिखी जाती है अर्थात् पुस्तकों में लेख की सुंदरता होती ही है साथ-ही-साथ शब्दों को बहुत ही सुंदर तरीके से पिरोया जाता है।

तुलसी, कबीर, मीरा ने इसमें ही लिखा है,
कवि सूर के सागर की गागर है ये हिंदी।
वागेश्वरी के माथे पर वरदहस्त है ये हिंदी,
सचमुच संसार में मां-सम है ये हिंदी।

हिंदी में लेखों की अगर बात करें तो हमारे सामने बहुत से कवि, कवयित्री, लेखक और लेखिका नजर आएँगे। जब हम हिंदी में लेखकों की बात करते हैं तो हमारे सामने बहुत से लेखकों के कार्य नजर आएँगे। प्रसिद्ध

लेखकों की बात करें तो प्रेमचंद्र बंकिम चंद्र चट्टोपाध्याय, रविद्रनाथ ठाकुर, इत्यादि लेखकों के नाम याद आते हैं। जब लेखिकाओं की बात आती है तब महादेवी वर्मा, सुभद्रा कुमारी चौहान, अमृता प्रितम और भी बहुत सारी लेखिकाएँ जिनके बारे में हम सुनते आए हैं। हिंदी कविताओं में रूची रखनेवाले लोग आपको दुनिया में हर जगह मिल ही जाएँगे। हिंदी में कविताएँ भी अन्य प्रकार में पायी जाती हैं। कविताओं में विविध प्रकार के रस होते हैं। जिसमें वीर रस को बहुत ज्यादा ही सरहाया जाता है। तब-तब तुलसी, कबीर और मीरा का नाम लिया जाता है। तुलसीदास जी की चौपाई का गुणगान जितना किया जाए उतना कम है। भारत का बच्चा-बच्चा कुछ जाने न जाने लेकिन तुलसीदास जी की रामचरितमाणस की दो पंक्तियाँ तो जरूर ही जानता होगा। बात जब शिक्षा और शीलता की आती है तब - तब कबीरदास जी को याद किया जाता है। जब भक्ति की बात आती है तो भला कृष्ण भक्त मीरा को कोई कैसे भूल सकता है। इन सभी की रचनाएँ हिंदी में ममिल ही जाती हैं।

“हिंदी है हमारा मान

इस बात पर है हमें शान।”

हिंदी हमारा मान है और यही हमारी शान है। हिंदी पर हमें गर्व है और यही हमारी पहचान है। हिंदी पर जितना भी मान किया जाय उतना कम है इस बात का मुझे गर्व है कि हिंदी भाषा मेरी पहचान है।

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XI - Science

संसार में परोपकार से बढ़कर कोई धर्म नहीं है। संत - असंत और अच्छे बुरे व्यक्ति का अंतर परोपकार से प्रकट होता है। जो व्यक्ति परोपकार के लिए अपना सब कुछ त्याग करते हैं, वह संत या अच्छा व्यक्ति होता है। अपने स्वार्थ से ऊपर उठकर मानव जाती की निस्वार्थ सेवा करना ही मनुष्य का परम कर्तव्य है। जो व्यक्ति महान बनता है। जिस समाज में दूसरों की सहायता करने की भावना जितनी अधिक होती है, वह समाज उतना ही सुखी और समृद्ध होता है। इसलिए तुलसीदास जी ने कहा है की -

परहित सरिस धरम नहीं भाई. पर पीड़ा सैम नहिं अधमाई।।

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खरं प्रेम सापडत नाही ते बांधल जात

खरं प्रेम सापडत नाही ते बांधल जात खरं आणि अत्यंत अर्थपूर्ण विचारणार विषय आहे. प्रेम एक अत्यंत सुंदर आणि अनुभवायला एक विशेष भावना आहे. पण ते खरं प्रेम कधीही सोपे नाही. जर तुम्हाला प्रेम सापडत नाही तरीही तुमचं आयुष्य बांधल जात. प्रेमाच्या भावनेला विश्वास ठेवा परंतु आपल्या स्वतःच्या मूडमध्ये आणि आपल्या आत्म्यात त्याच्या विचाराचं समावेश करा. प्रेमाच्या अनुभवाला वेळ द्या, विश्वास ठेवा पण तुमच्या स्वतःच्या सतुष्टीसाठी निर्णय करा. प्रेम हे अनुभवाची एक अद्वितीय असलेली भावना आहे.

प्रेम मिळत नाही, ते तयार केल जातं. प्रेमाची आधारे एक अद्वितीय जग तयार करण्यासाठी दोघापासून तत्परता, समर्पण आणि संबंध गरजेचे आहे. प्रेमाची मजबूत इमारतीच्या निर्माणासाठी वापरलेल्या घटकामध्ये विश्वास, संवाद आणि परंपराच्या साथीच्या समर्थनाची आधार गरजेचे आहेत. प्रेमाची इमारत वाढवण्यासाठी लगेच काळजी, कठीणपणे आणि समजूतीचे आधार आवश्यक आहेत. अशा प्रेमाच्या इमारतीच्या आधारे आपण आपल्या संबंधाची मजबूती आणि दृढता तयार करू शकतो.

प्रेम हे एक अनुभवाच आहे. ज्यामुळे तो असा म्हणजे जीवनातच आनंद. प्रेमाने आपल्या आत्म्याचं आदर्श व्हावं. आपल्या भावनाला सामर्थ्य याव आणि सुखाच आणि दुःखाच विचार कराव. प्रेमाचे बंधने हे वेगवेगळ्या प्रकारांनी होऊ शकते परंतु प्रेमाची एकत्र आणि समज आवश्यक आहे. खरं प्रेम सापडण्यासाठी आपल्या भावनाचं स्वतंत्र व्हा आणि मूळ आधार आपल्या आयुष्यात ठेवा. प्रेम निर्माण करण्यासाठी समय व संघर्ष लागेल पण ते खूप आहे ज्याला आपण आपल्या संबंधात वाढवू शकतो.

स्नेह हे अचानक आपल्या जीवनात हृदयात उभ करून येतो. आपल्या आठवणीतील व्यक्तिच्या साथीपदांचे आपल्याला खूप आनंद आणि समृद्धी देते. त्याच्या सोबत असताना आपण आपल्या भावनाच्या आणि स्पष्टीकरणाच्या साथी अद्यापही वाढत राहतो. स्नेह आपल्या जीवनात अद्वितीय आणि खास असा भाग आहे ज्याने आपल्या जीवनाला रंग आणि समार्थ्य दिले आहे. प्रेमाने आपल्या आयुष्यात नवीन रंग भरा आणि आनंदाची वातावरण सृजन करा.

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आजची युवा पीढी कुठे चाललीय?

युवा म्हणजेच जो समस्यांशी झूज देणारा, बळकट असलेला चिकाटी असलेला जो सतत मुक्तीसाठी ध्यास करणारा तो म्हणजे युवा. आपल्या इतिहासात असे असंख्य क्रांतिकारी युवा होऊन गेलेत ज्यांनी अर्थातच कमी जीवन जगले पण वास्तवीक कला शिकले आणि ते म्हणजे “जीवन जगण्याची कला.” युवा म्हणजे हे नव्हे कि तो किंवा ती शरीराने जवान होतो. शरीरात काही वेगवेगळे बदल घडयायत. परंतु युवा तो जो अंधकार मिटवणारा. एक मोम

आहे. परंतु आजची युवा पीढीला पाहताना किंवा ध्यानी ठेवताना. त्यांच्यामध्ये बळची कमी अर्थातच चिकाटीची कमी सुद्धा आढळून येते. आपण बातम्यांमध्ये सतत पाहत असतो की मुलांना ह्या त्या गोष्टींची व्यसन चढलेली दिसतात. काही तर त्यांच्यामध्ये इतके वेंधळे होतात कि ते वाकडे - तिकडे पाऊन टाकून स्वतः आणि दुसऱ्याचे ही आयुष्य अस्त व्यस्त करून टाकतात. आता ह्या मागची कारण काय त्याच्याकडे लक्ष घालवूया.

१) आदर्श : आपण आजच्या युवांना चुकीचे आदर्श भरवत आहे. घरापासून ते शाळा - कॉलेज असू द्या ते शेजार-पाजार देखील म्हणतात की माणसांना सुखाने जगण्यासाठी एकच उपाय आहे आणि तो म्हणजे पैसा, प्रसिद्धी, इत्यादी। सोशल मीडियेवर देखील आपण असे काही इन्फ्लूएन्सर पाहतो जे घाणेरड्या शिवीगाळ, महिलेंची अश्लील चित्रिकरण इत्यादि आणि ते चांगलेच कमाई करत असतात.

आपण हे देखील म्हणतो की आजच्या युगात ज्ञानाचे स्रोत देखील वाढले आहे. परंतु शिकणारे फार कमी का? त्याचे कारण आहे हे सोशल मीडिया इन्फ्लूएन्सर जे सतत सांगत असतात की जीवनाला अर्थ पैसामुळेच आहे.

स्वामी विवेकानंद असे म्हणतात की,

“आपल्या समाजाला एक पुरुषाची गरज आहे, परंतु आजचा युवा हा घाबरट, भितरा माणसासारखा झाला आहे.”

आता पुरुष म्हणजे कोण?

इथे खरतर पुरुष आणि स्त्री दोघांना देखील संबोधित केलं

जातय, तर पुरुष म्हणजे तो जो सतत अहम् वृत्तीला तोडून पुढे जाणारा मनुष्य म्हणजे पुरुष बाकी सगळे मुर्दे।

संत कबीराचे एक दोहा आहे. “साधो रे मुर्दे का गाव ” म्हणजे ह्या समाजात सगळे लाश होऊन फिरत आहे, परंतु मुक्ति / मोक्षासाठी कोणच संघर्ष करायला तयार नसतो. आणि हेच तर आजच्या युवांनी लाथाडलंय!

२) संस्कृती : आपण असं म्हणतो न “कुत्र्याला जरी एक भाकरी टाकली तरी तो, डूलत डूलत येणारच. आता कुत्र्यामध्ये चेतना नसल्यामुळे तो प्राकृतिक वर चालणारा असून, मनुष्य देखील जनावरांसाठी जनावरासारखा झाला आहे.”

शेवटी हेच माला जाणीव करून द्यायची आहे की संघर्ष बिना सोनं नसतं। आपण इतिहासातून गोष्टी शिकून आपल्या दैनंदिन आयुष्यात जगल पाहिजे, परंतु आपण इतिहासाशीच भांडतोय हेच खटकतयं राव!

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सफर

बेजान सी थी वह जान न जाने कब बदलने लगी।
कदम जितने रखे नहीं उतनी बढ़ने लगी।
बढ़ता गया आँखों में जुनून रखकर।
इसी दुनिया को, जानते हो भी!
आगे बढ़ने की चाहत ने मुझे टूट कर बिखर दिया।
थम गया फिर मैं एक उम्मीद पाकर
गिरने संभलने की पहचान लेकर

कितने गम थे, कितनी खुशियां भी थी।
पहुँच गया अपनी मंजिल तक उन दोनों का एहसान लेकर
एहसान चुकाने की चाहत थी। बैठकर,
बातें कि उस इंसान ने रूला दिया।
जो उसने नहीं कहा मैंने अपने आप से कहा।

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खरं प्रेम सापडत नाही ते बांधल जात

खरं प्रेम म्हणजेच एका व्यक्ति बदल वाटणारी आपुलकी, जिवाळा, आपलेपण, आदर, प्रेम, काळजी आणि मात्र खरं प्रेम सापडण खूप सोपं असे. किंवा प्रेमात पडण हि एक अशी भावना आहे जी माणसाला वेड करू शकते.

प्रेम करण सोपं असते पण त्याला बांधून ठेवण व निभावने. येणाऱ्या संकटांना सामोरे जाणे खूप कठिण अशते. प्रेम कोणावर सुद्धा होत. पण त्या व्यक्तीला आपलंस करणे, समजून घेणे, प्रेम व्यक्त करणे हा त्या प्रवासातला पहिला पडाव आहे. खूप लोक प्रेमात पडतात पण काही जन निभावतात एकमेका सोबत राहतात.

प्रेमात पडलेले लोक आंधळे होतात व त्यांना त्या व्यक्तिशिवाय कोणीच नाही आवडत. त्या मुलीचे किंवा त्या मुलाच्या विचारात हरवलेले असतात. त्या मुलाची एवढी आठवण येते की कधी - कधी त्या बघूनच मन भरते. प्रेमात पडणे हे निसर्गाचा एक भाग आहे.

खरं प्रेम कसे ओळखावे तर असे तो व्यक्ति नेहमी घाबरलेला दिसतो. त्याचा श्वास मोकळा होतो त्याच्या आवडत्या व्यक्तिला जेव्हा तो तुम्हाला भेटतो तेव्हा त्याचा चेहरा लाल होतो, तुम्हाला पाहून त्याचे डोळे चमकतात.

प्रेमाची भावना आपल्या अंत-करणात उदभवत नाही, किमान वैज्ञानिकदृष्ट्या. त्याऐवजी, जेव्हा आपण संप्रेरक सोडतो तेव्हा ते आपल्या मेंदूमध्ये घडते जे भावनांचे मिश्रण तयार करतात. आनंद किंवा बंधन. प्रेम आणि इतर भावना मेंदूमध्ये नियंत्रित केल्या जातात. हृदयात नाही. आत्मीयता,

उत्कटता आणि बांधिलकी द्वारे वैशिष्ट्यीकृत भावना आणि वर्तनांचा एक संच आहे.

यात काळजी, जवळीक, संरक्षण, आकर्षण, आपुलकी आणि त्या व्यक्ति सोबत जवळीक वाढते. प्रेम ही एक खूप सुंदर भावना.

काही लोकांना त्याचे खर प्रेम सापडतच नाही. ते खूप एकटे पडतात. प्रेमात माणुस काहीपण करू शकतो म्हणतात प्रेमात खूप ताकत असते ते त्या व्यक्तिला कोणत्या पण थराला घेऊन जाऊ शकते. मनु मार-हान पण करतो. भीतीमुळे माणुस जिद्दीसुद्धा होतो.

प्रेम हि खूप सुंदर भावना आहे, त्यात पडा पण नंतर ठेवा की त्यामुळे कुणाला गमवाव नाही लागु दे. प्रेम आपल जगच बदलुण टाकते. नविन गोष्टी समजता, अनुभवायला भेटतात प्रेम हे खरचं खूप गोड असते. खर प्रेम कधीच संपत नाही प्रेमात पडलेला माणुस त्या व्यक्तीचे सगळ्यां चुकांना माफ करतो. कारण त्याला तो व्यक्ति सोडून जाण्याची भीती असते. निरंतर प्रेम करणारे भेटणे एक भाग्य असते. प्रेमात खूप भांडण होतात पण त्यानंतर सुद्धा सोबत राहणे हे खरं प्रेम. समंजस पणा खूप कमी लोकांमध्ये असतो.

समंजस जोडीदार असला की तो चुकी नसताना पण आपल्या अंगावर दोष घेतो. प्रेमात खरच खूप ताकत असते फक्त साथ देणारा आणि खूप प्रेम करणारा असला पाहिजे.

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