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Let noble thoughts come to us from every side.

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Bhavan's Sarva Dharma Prayer

Bhavan believes in Sarva Dharma Samabhava - Equal respect to all Religions



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Translation

Om. That is perfect, this is perfect, from
the perfect arises the perfect.
Taking the perfect from the perfect,
the perfect alone remains.
All that there is, is in-formed and enveloped by the Lord;
Whatever that moving thing that is this moving world,
Thou shouldst only enjoy it, by giving it up.
Covet not the possessions of any man.
Om! May He (the Lord) protect us both together;
May He nourish us both together;
May we work together with great vigour;
May our studies shine and be effective;
May we not hate others.

Om,

Let there be peace, and peace, and peace! Om!

Principal's Message

The Change Leader

Perhaps no one is more affected by the Policy changes rolling into higher education than faculty members. The professorship of old where the "Sage" on the stage spoke for hours has been replaced by the need to be flexible academically and adapt to the "Audience".

Faculty members have had to revise their curriculum to align it with the future employer's needs, learn to teach a diverse population as well as develop ways to manage online classes and to serve as a counsellor to students who may be dealing with social issues as much as academic ones.

Faculty now are faced with students who attend the college primarily for professional advancement; they want to know if what they are learning in the classroom is applicable in the real world, instead of the all-around aspect associated with traditional education.

Traditionally the rule of thumb for education has been that at UG level faculty would train the students to think while at Master Level Students be trained to be experts in their field knowing all the available knowledge existing in that subject domain and in their doctoral level, they will be trained to bring in new knowledge. However now at the UG level, employers are demanding more than teaching student "how to think", they want competent employees from the get go.

All these points highlight the seismic changes currently happening in faculty roles. Faculty members with the implementation of NEP need now to come out of their comfort zone and that includes making changes in their teaching style, creating syllabi that are interdisciplinary in order to meet industry, parents and student expectations and alter their own perspectives on how institutions of higher learning need to function. With that said, the new reality evolving with NEP 2020 within the Indian Classroom can be exceptionally positive as they have the opportunity to step into true leadership roles and can serve as a bridge between the institution and society and industry.

Bhavan's College faculty have started to tread on the path that will make these changes but a quantum leap is required as it will not only deepen their institutional value but also help our higher education to gain a deeper level of respect within the community.



Principal
Prof. (Dr.) Zarine Bhathena

General Editor

Walking across campus, it's impossible not to feel the electric hum of the future. We talk about machine learning models, quantitative finance, and sustainable engineering. We are a generation obsessed with the next software update, the next technological breakthrough, the next paradigm shift.

But in our rush to build the future, a critical question goes unasked: Are we operating on a system that has forgotten its original source code?

For decades, higher education has leaned heavily on a Western-centric framework of knowledge. While that framework has given us incredible advancements, it is not the only lens through which to view the world. Right beneath our feet lies a treasure trove of insights—Traditional Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)—that we have collectively allowed to gather dust, treating them as museum artifacts rather than living methodologies.

Reviving traditional Indian knowledge isn't about a nostalgic, uncritical retreat into the past. It isn't about rejecting modern science. It is about reclaiming a holistic way of thinking that modern systems are only just beginning to catch up to.

Consider a few areas where our ancestors were centuries ahead of the curve:

While the modern world scrambles to fix a climate crisis born of exploitative consumerism, traditional Indian philosophy has always viewed humanity not as the conqueror of nature, but as an extension of it. Concepts like Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family) applied not just to humans, but to the entire ecosystem.

From the foundational concept of zero and the binary patterns in ancient prosody (which mirror modern computer science architectures) to the computational structure of Sanskrit grammar analyzed by modern AI researchers, our mathematical heritage is incredibly robust.

In an era of unprecedented burnout and mental health crises among youth, the preventive, integrative approach of Ayurveda and Yoga offers a sophisticated framework for mind-body balance that goes far beyond the superficiality of modern "wellness trends."

The real tragedy isn't that this knowledge is old; it's that we have been conditioned to view it as obsolete. We happily read translated philosophy from Greece or study economic models from Europe, yet we hesitate to dive into our own intellectual lineage for fear of seeming regressive.

As college students, we have a unique responsibility. We shouldn't look back at our heritage with blind faith, but with critical inquiry. We need to apply the rigorous scientific temper we learn in our labs to test, validate, and adapt ancient insights for contemporary challenges.

Let's not just be consumers of globalized thought; let's be contributors who bring something uniquely profound to the global table. It's time to bridge the gap between the smart screen and the ancient manuscript. The future doesn't require us to lose our roots—it requires us to grow them deeper.



General Editor
Prof. (Dr). Ajay Kamble

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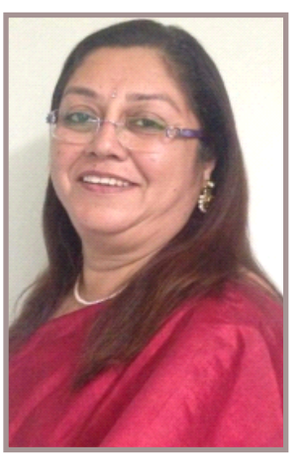

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DoJ. 18-11-1998 - DoR 30-11-2024



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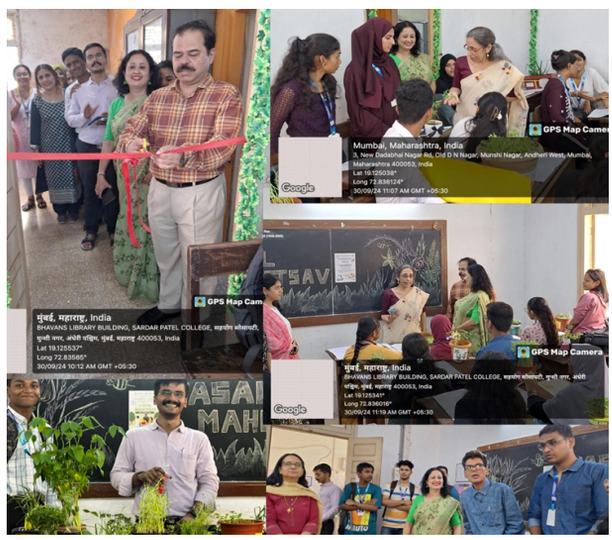
Department of Economics

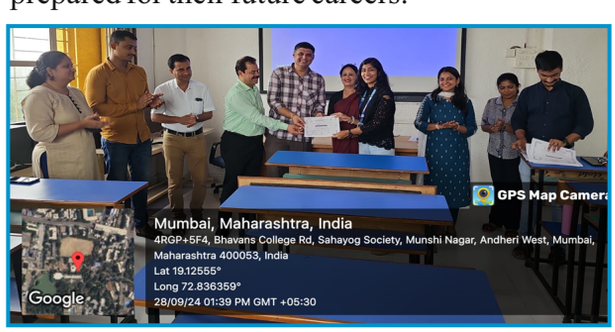
On August 13th, 2024, the Department of Economics kicked off the academic year with a guest lecture on the Union Budget 2024, delivered by Mr. Bipul Ghosh, a seasoned economist from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The session focused on the challenges and opportunities that emerge from the government's fiscal policy. Aimed at BA and BCom Economics students, the lecture offered in-depth insights into the complexities of drafting the budget amid fluctuating macroeconomic conditions. Mr. Ghosh provided a comprehensive analysis of crucial topics such as inflation control, liquidity management, and fostering economic growth. The session's highlight was the interactive Q&A segment, through which students gained a deeper understanding of how the Union Budget influences the broader economic environment.



Fasal Mohotsav was conducted on September 30, 2024 in classroom L-102. Organized by the department for the SYBA Economics Minor students, the event attracted 62 enthusiastic participants. In preparation for the event, students grew their own plants, which they later presented during the exhibition. The process of planting, nurturing, and exhibiting their crops sparked discussions on sustainable agricultural practices, market dynamics, and the economic viability of farming.



Recognizing the significance of career preparedness, the department launched a 30-hour certificate course on *LinkedIn Job Search and Career Development*, beginning on August 12th, 2024. The course, designed for students to acquire essential professional skills, saw an enrollment of 18 students. The curriculum covered a variety of topics aimed at enhancing students' employability, including how to craft an effective LinkedIn profile, strategies for networking, resume building, and interview preparation. By the time the course ended, students reported feeling significantly more prepared for their future careers.





On October 25th, 2024, Ms. Jagruti Parab was honoured for serving as a judge for the 58th A.D. Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition, held at L.S. Raheja College, Santacruz. The event was organized by the department of BAF and IQAC, offering a platform for students to demonstrate their oratory skills and economic knowledge, and engage with important economic topics while honing their public speaking abilities.

The department collaborated with the Department of Geography to organize the *Earthmantra Intercollegiate Fest* on 4th and 5th December, 2024. The two-day event embodied the theme '*Prosperous Planet*' and featured a variety of activities aimed at engaging students in both intellectual and creative pursuits. The fest included elocution and debate competitions, singing performances, poster-making contests, quiz challenges, treasure hunts, and photography contests. These activities not only showcased the talents of participating students but also highlighted the importance of environmental sustainability and global prosperity. The fest was an excellent platform for fostering intercollegiate collaboration and promoting awareness of pressing environmental issues. A unique segment, '*OMG Ye Mera India*', required students to present the economic and geographical features of various states in India, showcasing the country's vast diversity. The presentations were both informative and creative, highlighting regional distinctions and their impact on economic development and geographical landscapes.

From 21st to 25th February, 2025, the department collaborated with the Department of Geography to organize a study tour to Goa for 35 students. This tour was designed to blend leisure with education, offering students a unique opportunity to explore the intersection of economics, environmental sustainability, and cultural practices in a real-world context. The students visited key locations such as a cashew factory, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), and the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO). These visits provided invaluable insights into the economic dynamics of local industries, particularly how cashew production impacts the local economy, and the vital role of preserving natural resources for sustainable development. The tour was not just an academic experience but also a platform for students to bond, develop teamwork, and enhance their practical understanding of the topics discussed in class.





In March 2025, the department organized an event called *Arthsanrakshan*, guided by the Head of the Department, Dr. Nirmala Pawar. This initiative involved SYBA Minor students collaborating with students from SYBSc Physics and Chemistry to prepare models focusing on environmental economics. This collaborative interdisciplinary project allowed students to apply theoretical concepts to tangible models, emphasizing the importance of sustainability in economic development. The models that were created sparked discussions around environmental policy, resource management, and innovative economic solutions to pressing ecological challenges.

On March 6th, 2025, Dr. Nirmala Pawar, Head of the Department of Economics, served as a resource person at a one-day training program on women's rights. The event, organized by the National Human Rights Commission in New Delhi at MKLM College, focused on empowering women through awareness of their rights, promoting socio-economic participation, and fostering equality. Dr. Pawar's participation in this training program reflects the department's commitment to social issues and its educational mandate beyond the confines of traditional academics. By engaging in external initiatives like this one, the department reinforces its dedication to societal development and the empowerment of underrepresented groups.



On March 8th, 2025, in alignment with the celebration of International Women's Day, the department organized a plantation program- *Arthvatika* for TYBA Economics students specializing in Agricultural Economics. The initiative led to the planting of 21 medicinal and floral plants, showcasing the department's dedication to sustainability and environmental awareness. The program was inaugurated by Principal Dr. Prof. Zarine Bhathena and Vice Principal of Science, Prof. Ravi Mishra. Through this plantation effort, the department highlighted the intersection of economics with sustainable practices, emphasizing their significance for future generations. The initiative also served as a reminder of the importance of integrating environmental considerations into economic education, further enriching the students' understanding of economic sustainability.



On April 14, 2025, in commemoration of the 134th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the department hosted a guest lecture focusing on his significant contributions to Economics. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Manohar Sirsat from Balbheem College, Beed, who provided valuable insights into Dr. Ambedkar's profound influence on economic policy and social justice. The session enriched students' understanding of Dr. Ambedkar's work in shaping economic frameworks that promote equality and justice, and underscored the lasting impact of his contributions on India's economic development and inclusive growth. The event was conducted via Google Meet, allowing 70 students to join, thereby ensuring inclusive participation regardless of geographical constraints. This virtual platform enabled students to engage in meaningful dialogues and gain a deeper appreciation of Dr. Ambedkar's economic thought, contributing to a broader understanding of social justice and economic equality.



The department has seen significant scholarly contributions in the academic year 2024-25, with various research papers and publications by faculty members. Dr. Nirmala Pawar has authored several papers, including '*Microfinance: The Integrated Process of Development'*, published in the *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai* in December 2024, with an ISSN of 0972-0766, listed in the UGC Care List. Another notable paper by Dr. Pawar is titled *Banking Reforms and Development Strategies: A Decade of Key Reforms Driving India Towards Viksit Bharat 2047*, published in the *Economic Challenger* (October-December 2024, ISSN: 0975-1351, Volume 27, Issue 105). Additionally, she published *Evaluating the Impact of Last Decade's Reforms on MSME Sector in India: A Study on its Effectiveness and Contribution to Viksit Bharat 2047* in the *Economic Challenger* (December 2024, ISSN: 0975-1351, Volume 27, Issue 105). Dr. Pawar's work also includes *Gandhian Ideas of Women Empowerment*, published in *Urban India* (July-December 2024, ISSN: 0970-9045), listed in the UGC Care List, and *Women Empowerment in Rural Areas with Special Reference to POSH in SMEs*, published in *Annals of Bhadarkae Oriental Research Institute* (July 2005, ISSN: 0378-1143), which is also UGC Care-listed. Furthermore, Dr. Pawar's paper *Relevance of Sukrniti in Modern Times* was published in *Ajanta Prakashan* (March-August 2024, ISSN: 2319-359X), and is listed in the UGC Care List.

Ms. Pooja Choudhary contributed to similar topics, with publications such as *Relevance of Sukrniti in Modern Times* in *Ajanta Prakashan* (March-August 2024, ISSN: 2319-359X), listed in the UGC Care List, and *Microfinance: The Integrated Process of Development* in the *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai* (December 2024, ISSN: 0972-0766), also listed in the UGC Care List. She further co-authored

Economic Corridors and Maritime Growth: Vadhvan Port's Leap Towards Viksit Bharat 2047, published in *Worldwide International Interdisciplinary Research Journal* (March 2025, ISSN: 2454-7905).

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The Department of Economics also organized Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs) to enhance the academic and professional skills of its faculty members. Ms. Mugdha Savale participated in the *Research Structuring and Publication Process* FDP, organized by the Center for Research and Training (CRT) at the National Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development (NFED), Tamil Nadu. The programme lasted for five days, from 17th to 21st February, 2025. Ms. Pooja Choudhary also attended the same FDP. Additionally, Ms. Jagruti Parab participated in the *Research Structuring and Publication Process* FDP, which was similarly organized by the Center for Research and Training (CRT), NFED, Tamil Nadu, from 17th to 21st February, 2025. All these FDPs aimed to enhance the participants' research capabilities and knowledge about the academic publishing process.

Moving forward, the department aims to continue its growth trajectory by expanding collaborative projects, enhancing curriculum relevance, and strengthening community engagement. As demonstrated through this year's events, the integration of theoretical knowledge with practical application is crucial in shaping competent economists. This approach ensures that students are well-equipped to tackle the challenges and seize the opportunities in the ever-evolving economic landscape. By fostering a dynamic learning environment, the department remains committed to producing graduates who can contribute meaningfully to both the academic and real-world economic sectors.

Department of English

The English Department of Bhavan's College is committed to fostering a love for the English language, English literary studies, and communication skills. The department offers a specialization in English (Major), along with the option of pursuing double majors in Psychology or Philosophy. It also oversees the literary club, *The English Athenaeum*, which serves as an in-house platform for students to showcase their literary talents and express their passion for the English language and literature.

The department has a diverse and robust student strength across various classes and subjects. In the FYBA, the English (Major) course titled *Introduction to Literature* has an enrollment of 35 students. The English (Minor) course, *Creative Writing in English*, is more popular with 87 students enrolled. Two skill enhancement and applied communication courses, *Communication and Presentation Skills in English* (VSEC) and *Business and Corporate Communication* (AEC), have the highest enrollment, with 260 students each.

In the Second Year B.A. (SYBA), 26 students are enrolled in the core English-II and English-III papers, covering *Indian Literature* and *American Literature*, respectively. The English (Minor) paper, *Travel Writing in English*, sees a larger student strength of 111. In the Third Year B.A. (TYBA), the English (Major and Double Majors) course has 44 students enrolled. Overall, the department reflects a strong and growing interest in both foundational and skill-based English courses.

Departmental Activities

1) **Organization of Parent-Teacher Meeting:** In accordance with the directives received from the Principal and the Attendance Committee, the Department of English successfully conducted a Parent-Teacher Meeting on 15th June, 2024 for the SYBA and TYBA classes





2) **Participation in the Juneteenth Programme at the American Embassy:** The Department of English participated in the Juneteenth Programme held at the American Embassy, located at BKC, Bandra, Mumbai. A delegation comprising 27 students, along with Dr. H.L. Narayana Rao and the Librarian Shri Ramesh Paloti, attended the event.



3) **Internal Academic Audit:** The department successfully participated in and completed the Internal Academic Audit organized by the Academic Audit Committee on July 22nd, 2024. Ms. Janvi Bhatia, Head of the Department of Commerce, and Ms. Vinaya Kolte from the Department of Accountancy visited the department as Internal Auditors.



4) **Celebration of International Read Comics in Public Spaces Day:** The FYBA English Minor students actively engaged in reading, analyzing, and critically reviewing a range of comics and graphic novels as part of their academic activities. Additionally, the department organized a public awareness initiative wherein students captured photographs of themselves reading comics in public spaces, with the aim of promoting and highlighting the significance of the comic and graphic novel genre.









5) **Inaugural Ceremony of Bhavan's English Athenaeum (BEA):** The inaugural ceremony of Bhavan's English Athenaeum was held on September 19th, 2024. Prof. (Dr.) Santosh Rathod- poet, dramatist, and former I/C Director of the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), University of Mumbai graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He delivered a motivational speech and recited his poems during the open mic event.



6) **Literary Poster Exhibition:** The department organized a poster exhibition on September 23rd, 2024, featuring student-created posters centered around contemporary social themes such as gender awareness, sexual abuse, and women's safety.





7) **Revision of TYBA English Syllabi:** The Board of Studies in English, under the Department of English, successfully conducted a meeting on November 16th, 2024 to revise the TYBA English syllabi in accordance with the guidelines of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The revised syllabi will be implemented from the academic year 2025-2026.

8) **Organisation of Study Tour to Surat Literature Festival 2025:** The department organized a study tour to the Surat Literature Festival, held from 17th to 20th January, 2025. The festival took place at the Veer Narmad South Gujarat University campus. It was conducted in collaboration with the Departments of Psychology and History, with a total of 52 students participating.



9) **Literatus - Bhavan's Lit-Fest 2025** : The Department of English held its Annual Fest On 24th and 25th February, 2025. To inspire students, several literary activities were conducted, including elocution, redesigning a book cover, podcast creation, mono acting, literary debate, story writing, literary quiz, screening of short films, poetry recitation, crossword, Scrabble, and word puzzles, among others. Dr. Shweta Salian, Assistant Professor in English at Mithibai College, Vile Parle, Mumbai, was the Chief Guest for the inaugural ceremony of the festival.



10) **On Writing: A Writer's Community:** Bhavan's English Athenaeum, in collaboration with the Philosopher's Club of the Department of Philosophy, established *On Writing: A Writer's Community*- a supportive platform designed to foster creative writing and offer constructive feedback on participants' works in progress. During the academic year 2024-25, a total of 12 sessions were successfully conducted under the guidance of Ms. Rutuja Pradhan from the Department of English and Mr. Raj Karia from the Department of Philosophy.





11) **Celebration of World Poetry Day:** Under the aegis of the Department of English, Bhavan's English Athenaeum (BEA) celebrated World Poetry Day, aligning with the 2025 UNESCO theme: '*Poetry as a Bridge for Peace and Inclusion*.' Fifteen students of English literature recited their poems during this event, which emphasized poetry's role in fostering harmony, bridging cultural gaps, and strengthening shared human values.



Faculty Achievements

1) Dr. Sunil Gondhali actively engaged in academic and professional activities throughout the academic year. He presented a research paper titled *'Improving Employability: The Role of Communication Skills in English as a Vocational Course in Mumbai University Colleges: A Case Study'* at a one-day national webinar on *National Education Policy and Vocational Courses*, organized by Government Shrimant Madhavrao Scindia PG College, Shivpuri, MP, on July 30th, 2024. He also presented a paper titled *'Footprints on Pages: Exploring the Intersection of Nature and Narrative in Eco-Travel Writing'* at the two-day national virtual conference on *Extended Boundaries in English Language and Literature*, organized by the Department of English, Nadar Janaki Ammal College, Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu, on 8th and 9th February, 2025. Another research paper, titled *'From Accuracy to Adaptability: The Benefits, Challenges and Future of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Language Processing'*, was presented at the one-day national conference on *Innovative Multidimensional Approaches to High Quality Research*, organized by Shantarambhau Gholap Arts, Science and Gotirambhau Pawar Commerce College, Shivle, Murbad, Thane, on March 17th, 2025. This paper was co-authored with TYBA English students Ms. Kanishka Trivedi, Ms. Archi Vishwakarma, and Ms. Gargee Maurya. Dr. Gondhali also made significant contributions to academic publishing. His article on employability and communication skills was published in *Shodh Shrinkhala: A Multidisciplinary Bilingual, Refereed Research Journal*, Special Issue: October 2024 (ISSN 2454-6046). Another article, *'Navigating the Scholastic Discourse: Strategies for Effective Academic Writing'*, was published as a book chapter in *Ink and Insights: Exploring Academic Writing Practices*, by Evincepub Publishing, Chhattisgarh. His paper on AI and language processing was published in *Vidyawarta: Peer Reviewed International Research Journal*, April- June 2025, Issue 55,

Vol. 06 (ISSN 2319-9318). Additionally, he co-authored a reference book titled *Business Communication-I*, published by Macmillan Education India Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, in October 2024.

In recognition of his expertise, Dr. Gondhali was invited to serve as a judge at several academic events. He judged the 58th A.D. Shroff Memorial Economics Elocution Competition at Smt. P.N. Doshi College, Ghatkopar, on October 24th, 2024, as well as the Elocution and Creative Writing Competition during the *UDAAN Festival 2025* at Nari Gursahani Law College, Ulhasnagar, on 12th February, 2025. He was also appointed as a judge for the debate competition during *Lex Liga 2025*, organized by Adv. Balasaheb Apte College of Law, Dadar (West), on 9th March, 2025.

He also participated in key professional development initiatives. These included a two-day workshop on *National Education Policy 2020*, sponsored by RUSA and UGC MMTC and held at Chetana's Hazarimal Somani College of Commerce and Economics on 1st and 2nd July, 2024, and a one-day symposium on *NEP 2020 and AEC (English): Opportunities and Challenges*, organized by the IQAC and the Department of English at SIWS College and H.R. College on June 28th, 2024.

Dr. Gondhali was appointed as Field Coordinator for the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLLE), University of Mumbai, for the academic year 2024 -2025. He also served as Zonal Officer for the 164-Versova Constituency during the November 2024 elections. In recognition of his scholarly contributions, he was felicitated for his academic writings by Dnyanvardhini Public Library, Shivle, Murbad, on 27th February 2025.

2) Ms. Rutuja Pradhan presented a research paper titled *'You're not the only one :)': Analysing the Need for Queer Narratives for Survival and Resilience'* at the International Memory Studies Conference on *Memory, Security, and Sustainability*, organized by the Centre for Memory Studies, IIT Madras, held from 16th to 18th September, 2024. In addition to presenting her research, she also chaired a session at the same conference, contributing to critical discussions on memory and identity. Ms. Pradhan also co-authored Self-Learning Material (SLM) for the MA English Programme-Semester I, Course III: *Literary Criticism (4 Units)*, which has been published by the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), University of Mumbai.

3) Dr. Archana Joshi had her research article titled *'Postcolonial Reflection of Eco-feminism in Preservation and Deterioration of Nature Reflected in the Works of Anita Desai's Fire on the Mountain'* published in *LangLit: An International Peer-Reviewed Open Access Journal*, Vol. 10, Issue 4 (ISSN 2349-5189), which carries an impact factor of 5.61. In addition, she co-authored four academic books titled *Business Communication–I*, *Creative Writing–II*, *Introduction to Literatures in English*, and *Communication Skills in English–I*, all of which have been published by Nirali Prakashan, Mumbai.

Students' Achievements:

Ms. Chitra Bhat, a TYBA English student, had her poem titled *'Part of Me'* selected for publication in *Katharsis Magazine 2023- 24*, an annual literary magazine brought out by the Department of English, University of Mumbai. Another TYBA English student, Ms. Sahaya Rebinsha Nadar, secured the Third Prize, comprising a cash award of ₹750 and a certificate in the Essay Competition on the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), organized by Bhavan's Standards Club.



Glimpses of Departmental Activities

Department of Geography

In the academic year 2024-25, the TYBA Geography program was newly introduced at Bhavan's College, and the department actively organized a range of activities to enhance student learning and engagement.

To promote critical thinking, a debate on the topic *'Technology: Boon or Curse for the Environment'* was held on July 24th, 2024. Students presented well-reasoned arguments both in favour of and against the impact of technology on nature. The judge, Ms. Maitri Dave, commended their confident participation and insightful perspectives.



On July 30th, 2024, Ms. Maitri Dave led an educational visit to the college pond to study the lake ecosystem. This hands-on session enabled students to explore components such as flora, fauna, and water quality, deepening their understanding through direct observation and interactive discussion.





To encourage student-led learning, the department introduced the *'Flip the Classroom'* method on August 7th, 2024, during the *Urban Studies* class. Students explained various urban settlement models using diagrams and real-life examples. This activity not only fostered peer-to-peer learning but also built confidence and conceptual clarity.

On August 24th, 2024, a rock display was curated for FYBA Geography students. Various igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rock samples were showcased, with Dr. Ajay Kamble guiding students through the formation, texture, and structure of each rock type. This tactile learning approach made geological concepts more tangible and engaging.

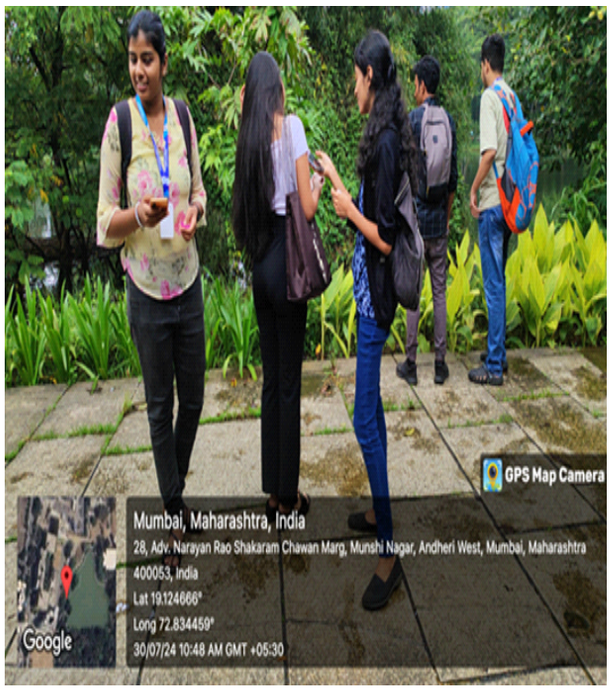
On September 20th, 2024, the department organized a mangrove walk at Airoli in collaboration with Paryavaran Dakshata Mandal. Expert Ms. Poornima educated students about the ecological value of mangroves in protecting coastlines, preserving biodiversity, and managing urban floods. Students explored the habitat and participated in lively discussions, making it a memorable and informative field trip.

On September 23rd, 2024, a *Tourism Geography Presentation* was held, where students explored global tourist destinations through engaging group presentations. Each group highlighted a

country's major attractions, local cuisine, and cultural practices using vibrant visuals, videos, and interesting facts. This activity enhanced students' research, communication, and presentation skills, while also broadening their global awareness in an interactive manner.

Further practical exposure was provided through a *Hands-on Training on GPS* conducted on 15th March, 2025, by Mr. Swapnil Jadhav from Elphinstone College, Mumbai. The session introduced students to the functioning and applications of GPS technology in geography. Students received real-time training on operating GPS devices, collecting spatial data, and using it to prepare basic maps. This interactive session greatly enhanced their technical and mapping skills.

On 29th March, 2025, the department organized a field trip to Maharashtra Nature Park. Students witnessed the transformation of a former dumping ground into a thriving urban forest. They explored diverse flora and fauna and learned about sustainable practices such as vermicomposting and rainwater harvesting. The visit offered students insights into biodiversity conservation and urban ecological restoration, reinforcing classroom concepts through real-world examples.







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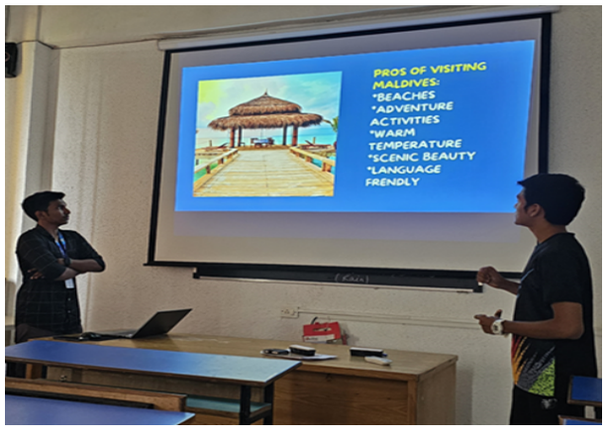
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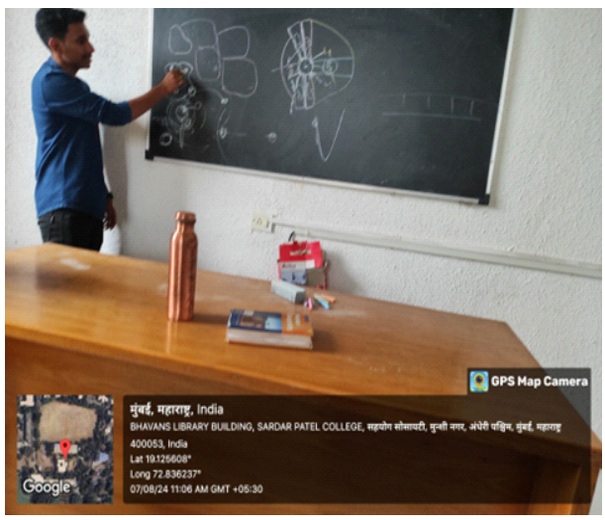
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Department of Hindi

हिंदी विभाग की ओर से २०२४ -२५ में विविध कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन किया गया। हिंदी दिवस के अवसर पर ७/९ /२४से १४/९ /२४ तक हिंदी पखवाड़े के अंतर्गत विविध प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया गया। इसमें भाषण प्रतियोगिता, निबंध प्रतियोगिता, गायन प्रतियोगिता, समाचार वाचन प्रतियोगिता, पोस्टर, पारंपारिक वेशभूषा ,मेहंदी प्रतियोगिता, कविता पठन प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। सभी प्रतियोगिताओं में बड़ी संख्या में उत्साह के साथ भाग लेकर छात्रों ने कार्यक्रम को सुंदर एवं सफल बनाया। छात्रों का आत्मविश्वास बढ़ाना और उन में होने वाले विभिन्न गुणों का प्रदर्शन करने का उन्हें अवसर प्रदान कर देना यह इन प्रतियोगिताओं का उद्देश रहा।









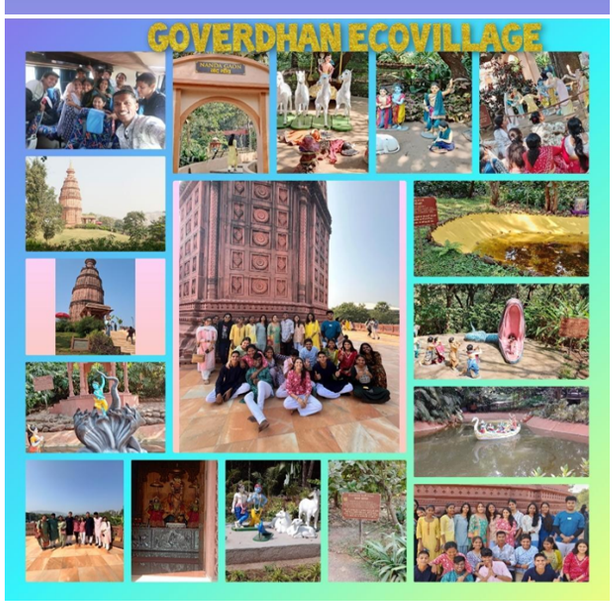






22/9/2025 को पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह हिंदी विभाग अध्यक्ष एवं हिंदी संघ अध्यक्ष डॉ मेदिनी अंजनीकर की उपस्थिति में संपन्न हुआ। विद्यार्थियों को पुरस्कार के रुप में प्रमाण पत्र के साथ एक मैडल (पदक) देकर सम्मानित किया। इस साल 13 अगस्त से 3 सिंतबर तक 30 घंटे का ब्लॉग और कंटेंट राइटिंग इस विषय से संबंधित Add-On Certificate Course लिया गया । इस कोर्स के लिए विशेष विषय विशेषज्ञके रूप में स्नेहा लोखंडे जी ने महतवपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई। जिसमे हिंदी के 26 छात्रों ने भाग लेकर विशेष प्रावीण्य के साथ कोर्स पूर्ण किया। हिंदी विभाग द्वारा इस साल कृष्ण काव्य अध्ययन से संबंधित यात्रा का आयोजन वृंदावन पालघर में छात्रों को लेकर किया गया। इस साल एस आई एस महाविद्यालय मुंबई की द्वारा आयोजित अन्तरमहाविद्यलयिन स्वरचित काव्य प्रतियोगितका में हमारा प्रथम वर्ष का छात्र श्लोक ने प्रथम क्रमांक प्राप्त करते हुए महाविद्यालय का नाम रौशन किया। द्वितीय वर्ष के छात्रों ने स्वतंत्र रूप से हिंदी कार्यशाला का आयोजन करते हुए अपने विशेष कार्यकुशलता का परिचय दिया।





हिंदी विभाग अध्यापक उपलब्धियां :

डॉ.मेदिनी अंजनीकर :

'अक्षरा' मल्टीडिसीप्लिनरी अंतरराष्ट्रीय रिसर्च जर्नल में सन 2024/25 में हिंदी साहित्य के विविध विषयों पर 2 लेख प्रकाशित हुए ।
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Department of History

On July 13th, 2024, a workshop on *'Research Methodology'* was organized for SYBA (History Major) and TYBA (History) students. It aimed to equip students with essential research skills in the field of History. Prof. Shramik Kharat began by introducing the various steps involved in historical research, emphasizing how students should approach the study of History from the perspective of research and development. Prof. Kevin Salve highlighted the importance of sources in historical research, explaining their critical role in shaping historical narratives. Prof. Sachin Bande concluded the workshop by focusing on the process of book reviews and referencing, providing students with guidance on how to properly cite sources and use references in historical research.



The Department of History organized an essay competition on the theme '*My Favourite Historical Personality*' on July 12th, 2024 in L-201. Many students participated enthusiastically in this event. Noorul Hassan secured first place with his essay on '*My Favourite Historical Personality- Che Guevara*,' and Maruthuvar Kalavathi Pazhaniraja also secured first place with the topic '*My Favourite Historical Personality- Rani Velu Nachiyar: Valourous Queen*.' Nirjara Nar won 2nd place for her essay on '*Akhand Hindusthanche Aradhya Daivat - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj*,' while Hemangi Chavan also secured second place for writing about '*My Favourite Historical Personality – Bal Gangadhar Tilak*.' Prachi Singh secured third place for her essay on '*My Favourite Historical Personality - Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam*.'

The Department of History also organized a two-day workshop on '*Script Writing for History-Based Drama or Short Film*' between 18th July 2024 and 8th August 2024, providing students with valuable insights into the techniques and methods required for writing scripts centered around historical themes. The Head of Department, Mr. Shramik Kharat, served as the resource person and guided the students through the process of developing effective and engaging scripts.

On 1st August, 2024, the History Association, Shambhuraje Itihas Mandal, conducted the Ashtapradhan Mandal Elections. Through this election, the student council for the Department of History was formed. The elected student ministers played an important role in organizing and managing all departmental programs and activities throughout the academic year.

In addition to these activities, the department celebrated Lokmanya Tilak Punyatithi on August 1st, 2024. The event took place within the department premises, where Dr. Sunil Gondhali from the Department of English delivered an inspiring speech on Lokmanya Tilak's literary contributions, particularly focusing on his significant work *Geeta Rahasya*.

On 24th August, 2024, the department organized a book review competition to enhance students' reading abilities, note-making, and

reference-taking skills.

On August 9th, 2024, the department celebrated August Kranti Diwas with a series of enriching activities and speeches. On the same day, Hiroshima Nagasaki Day was also observed. Ms. Alicia Fonseca explained the tragic events of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, while Ms. Sayali Mohite discussed the Kakori Conspiracy. Ms. Madhura Agte elaborated on the Quit India Movement. Prof. Shramik Kharat delivered an inspiring speech highlighting the immense contributions of freedom fighters and martyrs during India's struggle for independence. Dr. Rekha Sharma reflected on the department's journey, recalling memories of how August Kranti Diwas was celebrated during the tenure of former HOD Prof. Sarita Mandpe and tracing the growth of the department to the present day. Prof. Kevin Salve discussed the international impact of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and Japan's remarkable recovery and progress in the years that followed. Prof. Sachin Bande spoke on Gandhian Satyagrahas, with special focus on the Quit India Movement led by Mahatma Gandhi. Various competitions such as an elocution competition, quiz competition, and debate competition were organized as part of the event. The official announcement of the formation of the Ashtapradhan Mandal was also made. The event concluded with the prize distribution ceremony for the essay competition on *'My Favourite Historical Personality*,' which had been held earlier on July 12th, 2024.

On August 22nd, 2024, the department inaugurated an add-on course titled *Introduction to Library Science and Digital Skills for Historical Research*, which was first introduced in the academic year 2022-23. For the academic year 2024-25, the course was formally inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Nitin Labhane, Prof. Dr. Ajay Kamble, and Prof. Dr. Kranti Gawali. This program aims to equip students with foundational knowledge in library science along with essential digital research skills, thereby enhancing their academic and research capabilities in the field of history.















As part of the add-on course on *Introduction to Library Science and Digital Skills for Historical Research*, the department collaborated with the college library to organize a visit to the American Library, which provided students with the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge about library management practices and understand the functioning and significance of an international library. Through this experience, students enhanced their understanding of library organization, resource management, and the role of libraries in supporting research and learning.



As part of the same program an exhibition was organized, showcasing a wide array of historical photographs and artifacts. The exhibition included images of significant historical personalities, ancient monuments, pillar edicts, rock edicts, and landmark events from both Indian and world history. It also featured depictions of various stupas, chaityas, palaces, forts, and other important monuments, offering students a visual journey through the rich historical and cultural heritage of the past.





The department organized a felicitation ceremony to honour the distinguished alumni who have achieved significant milestones after graduating. Alumni who successfully cleared examinations such as NET, SET, CDS, and LLB were felicitated with a memento, certificate, and flowers.





Ms. Sujata Naikar, who cleared the NET examination in December 2019, was specially recognized and felicitated. Ms. Saishruti Bhatt, who qualified for the SET examination in March 2023, was also appreciated for her accomplishment. Ms. Simran Shaikh, who became an advocate in 2022, was felicitated for her professional achievement. Additionally, Mr. Sundram Gupta, who secured selection in the Indian Army under the Agniveer scheme, was felicitated for his notable success.





The prize distribution ceremony took place on 26th September, 2024, and the winners included Ankita Ajit Yadav from FYBA, Fiza Kafeez Ahmed Ansari from FYBT, Hemangi Charan from SYBA, and Saima Ansari from TYBSc. SYBA, and Saima Ansari from TYBSc.

On August 31st, 2024, the History Association (Shambhuraje Itihas Mandal) established a *Competitive Examination Students Wing* under the guidance of Assistant Professor Mr. Sachin Bande to motivate students to prepare for competitive examinations. As part of this initiative, free weekly G.K. and history-based MCQ tests were conducted after the inauguration. Every week, students were assigned portions from the UPSC and other competitive examinations' syllabi for self-study, and they were encouraged to regularly read English newspapers such as *The Times of India*, *The Hindu*, *Hindustan Times*, as well as Hindi (*Navbharat Times*) and Marathi (*Loksatta*, *Maharashtra Times*) newspapers. Based on this reading, a general knowledge test was conducted every Friday, and a history test was conducted every Saturday. OMR sheets were used for these tests, containing 25 questions each, and 14 such tests were printed separately for GK and History-based assessments. This consistent practice fostered a spirit of competition and built self-confidence among the students.





On September 5th, 2024, the students of SYBA (History Major) and TYBA (History) organized a Teacher's Day celebration. As part of the program, the students conducted lectures and warmly felicitated all the teachers, expressing their gratitude and appreciation for their guidance and support.



On September 13th, 2024, Mr. Shramik Kharat conducted an interview with Satish Pradhan Dnyansadhana College's Chairman, Mr. Kamlesh Pradhan, at the talk show titled *Running: Living Your Dreams with Fitness*. During the session, Mr. Kharat asked insightful questions about Mr. Pradhan's life experiences, focusing on his long-standing participation in various marathons, his inspirations, achievements, and valuable advice to students on incorporating fitness into their daily routines to maintain good health.



On September 14th, 2024, the Department of Hindi organized a poetry recitation competition to celebrate Hindi Diwas, where Mr. Shramik Kharat, Head of the Department of History, served as the judge.

On October 3rd, 2024, the department commemorated Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti by organizing a one-act play based on Gandhi's famous train incident in South Africa, followed by a group song performance of *'Honge Kamyab'*, fostering a spirit of perseverance and unity among the students.



On October 5th, 2024, the department collaborated with the Department of Marathi to organize a documentary film screening titled *'A Tale of Two Cities - Mumbai & Bombay'* for FYBSc (History Open Elective) and FYBA (History Major) students. The event provided students with a deeper understanding of the historical and cultural transformation of the city of Mumbai.



On November 26th, 2024, the department organized a celebration for *Constitution Day*. During this event, both students and teachers gathered to read the Preamble of the Constitution of India together, reinforcing the importance of understanding and upholding the values enshrined in the Constitution.

The department organized the inaugural intercollegiate *Chronicle Fest-2024-25*, held on 2nd and 3rd December, 2024, with the theme '*Contribution of the Indians to the World - Indian Knowledge Tradition*.' The event, organized by the Shambhuraje Itihas Mandal (History Association), was a huge success and received significant participation from students and the intercollegiate audience. The fest was centered around the tagline '*Apnahi Bolbala'*, which emphasized the unique contributions of Indian knowledge and culture to the global heritage.

The fest was inaugurated by Dr. Meher Mistry from R. J. Jhunjhunwala College and Prof. Dr. Hemali Sanghvi from K. J. Somaiya College, who also served as the external examiners. The prize distribution ceremony, held on the second day of the event, was graced by Mrs. Swarda Phadke from the Gazette Department, Fort, who also contributed as an external examiner. The successful execution of the event was supported by the experienced leadership of Prof. Dr. Zareen Bhathena (Principal), Prof. Dr. Ajay Kamble (Vice-Principal Commerce), Prof. Ravi Mishra (Vice-Principal Science), and Prof. Prasad Patki (Dean of Academics).





On December 5th, 2024, the students of the Department of History celebrated Traditional Day. The event provided an opportunity for students to showcase their cultural heritage by wearing traditional attire, embracing the diversity of Indian culture. This celebration was an enriching experience that fostered a sense of unity and pride within the department.

On December 19th , 2024, under the Department of Statistics, the Stat-O-Verse intra-collegiate fest was organized. History student Peshwa Mr. Armaan Vasaya was awarded the *'Best Department Representative'* prize for his outstanding participation and contribution during the event.

On December 24th, 2024, the students celebrated Christmas Day with enthusiasm and joy.


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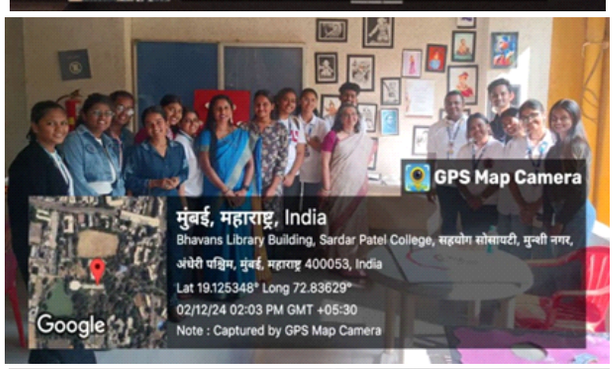












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On February 12th, 2025, along with the History students, Mr. Kevin Salve visited the Kautilya Library, where the History department's cupboard is maintained. During the visit, students were assigned the responsibility of updating and organizing the History cupboard as part of the Granth Mitra and Granth Sahayyak initiative.

From 17th January to 20th January, 2025, the Department of History, in collaboration with the Departments of English and Psychology, organized a study tour to Surat, Gujarat. During the four-day trip, students explored Surat's rich history, arts, and culture. They visited Surat Castle, which was built under the orders of Ahmedabad's Sultan Mahmood III to protect the city from frequent attacks. The group also toured Surat Museum, which displayed numerous artifacts, maps, diagrams, and statues, providing a deeper understanding of the region's historical significance. Another highlight was a visit to the Swaminarayan Temple, a cultural heritage site. The students learned about Mahatma Gandhi's historic Dandi March by visiting Dandi Beach and the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Museum, where they observed the salt-making process first-hand. The tour also included a visit to the Surat Literary Fest and the SIMMER Psychiatric Department, enriching the students' educational experience across disciplines.



On February 18th, 2025, HOD Mr. Shramik Kharat delivered a guest lecture at Senior College Vartaknagar Education Society's Arts, Commerce & Science College in Thane.





On February 20th, 2025, the Shambhuraje Itihas Mandal of the Department of History celebrated the 395th Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti. A commemorative lecture was delivered by Dr. Sunil Gondhali from the English department, focusing on '*Our Inspiration Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj*,' discussing ballads and oral sources of History. Prof. Dr. Ajay Kamble highlighted the significance of geography in historical events during Shivaji's reign, while Dr. Nirmala Pawar discussed the Mawal province and its economy. Dr. Neha Sawant spoke on the relevance of medieval Marathi. Additionally, a one-act play on the '*Swarajya Oath and Torana Campaign*' was performed by History students, with participation from junior college students who also enacted parts of Bal Shivajicha Palana and Powada on Shivpratap, alongside senior college students and alumni Mr. Chirag Jadhav.





The SYBA History Major Girls team won the 2nd Runner-up prize in the Cricket Girls Underarms Tournament 2024-25.



On March 13th, 2025, a debate competition on the topic '*Marxist Historiography vs. Nationalist Historiography*' was organized, with enthusiastic participation from students of the P-P-IX Research Methodology.



On March 19th, 2025, the Department of History organized a day study tour to the Elephanta Caves for FYBSC OE History and TYBA History students. During the tour, students explored the architectural significance of the Elephanta Caves, focusing on the Vakataka, Gupta, and Chalukyan kings' patronage. Additionally, students studied the Gateway of India.



On April 21st, 2025, the Department of History organized a farewell for the TYBA History students, marking their completion of the course.







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शैक्षणिक वर्ष २०२४ - २५ या काळात मराठी विभागाने वैविध्यपूर्ण उपक्रम राबवले. दरवर्षीप्रमाणे या वर्षीही मराठी विभागाच्या उपक्रमांची सुरूवात १६ जुलै रोजी आषाढी एकादशीच्या कार्यक्रमाने झाली. तृतीय वर्ष पदवी अभ्यासक्रमात असलेल्या वारकरी पंथाचा अभ्यास यादृष्टीने विद्यार्थ्यांनी पारंपरिक वेशभूषेत, विठ्ठल नामघोषात दिंडी काढली. तसेच आमची माजी विद्यार्थीनी गायत्री नाईक लिखित व गौरव म्हालदार दिग्दर्शित 'एका एका वैष्णवाने होतो पांडुरंग पुरा' ही नाट्यकृती सादर केली. वारकरी परंपरेचा संस्कार विद्यार्थ्यांच्या मनावर ठसण्यासाठी हरिपाठाने कार्यक्रनमाची सुरूवात झाली. अभंग, भारूडही सादर केले गेले. याच दिवशी पर्यावरण संवर्धनाचा संस्कार म्हणून विद्यार्थ्यांच्या हस्ते वृक्षारोपण करण्यात आले. दिनांक ८ ऑगस्ट ते ३ ऑक्टोबर या काळात मराठी विभागातर्फे 'सृजनात्मक लेखन अर्थात ब्लॉग लेखन व आशयात्मक लेखन' याविषयीचा ३० तासांचा लघुअभ्यासक्रम घेण्यात आला. यासाठी सुप्रसिद्ध लेखिका डॉ. निर्मोही फडके यांचे मार्गदर्शन विद्यार्थ्यांना लाभले.

दिनांक ५ सप्टेंबर रोजी शिक्षकदिनानिमित्त विद्यार्थ्यांनी गुरूंविषयीचे आपले मनोगत, कविता सादर केल्या.

दिनांक ५ ऑक्टोबर रोजी मराठी विभाग व इतिहास विभाग यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने 'Two tales of citi - Bombay and Mumbai' हा सरोज सत्यानारायण दिग्दर्शित मुंबई शहराचा शोध घेणारा माहितीपट दाखविण्यात आला. तृतीय वर्ष पदवीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांना महानगरीय साहित्य हा विषय अभ्यासक्रमात असल्यामुळे त्यांच्यासाठी हा विशेष उपयुक्त ठरला.

१३ ऑक्टोबर रोजी प्रथम वर्ष (NEP) पदवीच्या अभ्यासक्रमात असलेल्या ललित लेखांच्या संग्रहातील पु. ल. देशपांडे लिखित बबडू या व्यक्तिरेखेवर आधारित बबडू ही ध्वनिचित्रफित दाखवण्यात आली.

१५ ऑक्टोबर रोजी वाचनालय विभाग व मराठी विभागातर्फे वाचनप्रेरणा दिनानिमित्त जुन्या दुर्मिळ पुस्तकांचे प्रदर्शन भरवण्यात आले होते. विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये वाचन संस्कार रुजविण्यासाठी, 'या, उचला, घेऊन जा' हा अभिनव प्रयोग करण्यात आला, या प्रयोगाला विद्यार्थी व शिक्षकांनी उत्स्फूर्त प्रतिसाद दिला. महाराष्ट्र टाईम्सचे उपसंपादक श्री. अशोक जैन व सुप्रसिद्ध लेखिका व अनुवादिका सुनिति जैन यांच्या स्मृतीप्रीत्यर्थ त्यांच्या मुलींनी भेट म्हणून दिलेल्या पुस्तकांतून हा उपक्रम यशस्वीपणे राबविण्यात आला. ग्रंथाली वाचक चळवळ आयोजित प्रश्नमंजुषा स्पर्धेचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते, या स्पर्धेतून दोन विद्यार्थीनींची निवड पुढच्या फेरीसाठी करण्यात आली. या स्पर्धेच्या आयोजनाची जबाबदारी मराठी विभागाच्या प्राध्यापिका प्रिती देसाई यांनी यशस्वीरित्या पार पाडली.

११ जानेवारी २०२५ या दिवशी मराठी विभागाच्या विद्यार्थ्यांना 'नाट्यचौफुला' हा चार नाटकांचा एकत्रित प्रयोग यशवंत नाट्यमंदिर, माटुंगा येथे दाखविण्यात आला. विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी हा अनुभव आगळावेगळा होता. नाटक हा विषय अभ्यासक्रमात असल्यामुळे संहितेसोबत प्रयोग कसा असतो समजायला हा प्रयोग लाभदायक ठरला.

१४ जानेवारी २०२५ ते २८ जानेवारी २०२५ या काळात मराठी भाषा संवर्धन पंधरवडा व वाचन संकल्पदिन साजरा करण्यात आला. या निमित्ताने विविध कार्यक्रमांचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते. स्वरचित काव्यवाचन स्पर्धा, निबंधस्पर्धा, भित्तीपत्रक स्पर्धा, कवितेचे कथारूप स्पर्धा अशा विविध स्पर्धांचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते. तसेच मराठीच्या माजी विद्यार्थ्यांचा 'आम्ही असे घडलो' हा अनुभवकथनाचा कार्यक्रम आयोजित करण्यात आला होता. या कार्यक्रमासाठी कविता जामदरे - इंगळे (शिक्षिका) सुषमा माडगुळकर (ग्रंथपाल). मिलिंद मेढे (रशियन भाषा शिक्षक) व काळूराम कावडे (संगणकीय क्षेत्र) यांना आमंत्रित केले होते. त्यांचे अनुभव विद्यार्थ्यांना प्रेरणादायी

ठरले. तसेच विविध व्यवसायाच्या संधींचा परिचयही विद्यार्थ्यांना झाला. याच पंधरवड्याचा एक उपक्रम 'लेखक तुमच्या भेटीला' यासाठी आजचे आघाडीचे कथालेखक 'प्रा. विवेक कुडू' यांना आमंत्रित करण्यात आले होते. विद्यार्थ्यांच्या अभ्याक्रमात असलेली 'सात दिवसाचे मरंण' या कथेची निर्मितीप्रक्रिया त्यांनी उलगडून सांगितली.

२९ जानेवारी ते १ फेब्रुवारी या काळात संभाजीनगर, पैठण येथे द्वितीय व तृतीय वर्ष पदवीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी शैक्षणिक सहलीचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते. या सहलीत अनेक ऐतिहासिक, सांस्कृतिक स्थळांना भेटी देण्यात आल्या.

दिनांक २७ फेब्रुवारी रोजी मराठी भाषा गौरवदिनानिमित्त 'ओवी ते मंगळागौर' या सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते. महाराष्ट्रातील अभिजात कलाप्रकारांचे सादरीकरण करून विद्यार्थ्यांनी सर्वांचीच मने जिंकून घेतली.

साठये महाविद्यालय, विलेपार्ले आयोजित 'सप्तरंग' या आंतरमहाविद्यालयीन महोत्सवात मराठी विभागाच्या तृतीय वर्ष पदवीच्या कु. श्रुतिका गमरे हिला 'शोधनिबंध लेखन' स्पर्धेमध्ये प्रथम पारितोषिक तर कु. मिताली गोसावी हिला कथालेखन स्पर्धेमध्ये द्वितीय क्रमांकाचे पारीतोषिक मिळाले.

दिनांक २४ जुलै २०२४ रोजी डॉ. नेहा सावंत यांना मालाड येथील एस् एन् डी टी महाविद्यालयात तासिका तत्त्वावर काम करणा-या शिक्षकांची नेमणूक करण्यासाठी विषयतज्ज्ञ म्हणून आमंत्रित करण्यात आले होते.

दिनांक ३० जुलै रोजी भाईंदर येथील शंकर नारायण महाविद्यालयात कथाकथन व कथालेखन या विषयावरील कार्यशाळेसाठी विशेष मार्गदर्शक म्हणून आमंत्रित करण्यात आले होते.

६ ऑगस्ट २०२४ रोजी 'शब्दांकन आणि मी' या विषयावर व्याख्यान देण्यासाठी डॉ. नेहा सावंत यांना झुनझुनवाला महाविद्यालय, घाटकोपर येथे आमंत्रित केले होते.

१९ डिसेंबर २४ रोजी डॉ. नेहा सावंत यांना नालासोपारा येथील नाना पाटील हायस्कूलमध्ये विद्यार्थी, शिक्षक व पालक मेळाव्यासाठी प्रमुख अतिथी म्हणून आमंत्रित करण्यात आले होते, तेथे त्यांनी आजची शिक्षाप्रणाली या विषयावर मार्गदर्शनपर व्याख्यान दिले.

डॉ. नेहा सावंत यांनी 'दीपोत्सव निर्धारचा' या दिवाळी अंकाचे सह संपादक म्हणून काम पाहिले. या दिवाळी अंकाला अक्षरमंच संस्था कल्याणतर्फे उल्लेखनीय दिवाळीअंकाचा पुरस्कार मिळाला आहे.

शैक्षणिक वर्ष २४ - २५ करिता गोरेगाव येथील पाटकर महाविद्यालयाच्या अभ्यासमंडळात विद्यापीठातर्फे नेहा सावंत यांची विषयतज्ज्ञ म्हणून नेमणूक करण्यात आली. तसेच मिठीबाई महाविद्यालयातील मराठी विषयाच्या अभ्यासमंडळात सदस्य म्हणू त्यांची नेमणूक करण्यात आली.

१६ जानेवारी २०२५ रोजी मराठी भाषा संवर्धन पंधरवडा व वाचन संकल्प दिनाचे औचित्य साधून साठ्ये महाविद्यालयाच्या मराठी विभागाने डॉ. नेहा सावंत यांना 'मराठी विषयातील विविध व्यवसायाच्या संधी' या विषयावर व्याख्यान देण्यासाठी आमंत्रित केले होते.

प्रा. नेहा सावंत यांना मुंबई विद्यापीठातर्फे मराठी विषयातील संशोधनासाठी विद्यावाचस्पती (Ph.D) पदवी देऊन गौरवण्यात आले. डॉ. नेहा सावंत यांनी 'दिपोत्सव निर्धारचा' या दिवाळी अंकाचे उपसंपादक पद संभाळले.

२७ फेब्रुवारी रोजी मराठी भाषा गौरवदिनाचे औचित्य साधून **मुंबई विद्यापीठातर्फे दिला जाणारा सर्वोत्कृष्ट प्रबंध लेखनाचा अ. का. प्रियोळकर पुरस्कार डॉ. नेहा सावंत यांच्या 'कुपारी बोलीतील साहित्याचा चिकित्सक अभ्यास' या प्रबंधाला देण्यात आला.**

२६ फेब्रुवारी रोजी मराठी भाषा गौरवदिनाचे औचित्य साधून गोरेगाव, शास्त्रीनगर जेष्ठ नागरिक संघात 'माझिया मराठीचा बोलु कौतुके' या विषयावर व्याख्यान देण्यासाठी डॉ. नेहा सावंत यांना आमंत्रित करण्यात आले होते.

दिनांक ५ मार्च रोजी जीवन विकास मंडळ, निर्मळ - नालासोपारा येथे 'माई पिएशडीशी कानी' या विषयावर नेहा सावंत यांनी व्याख्यान दिले. कुपारी बोली भाषेवर संशोधन करून डॉक्टरेट मीळवल्याबद्दल व अ. का. प्रियोळकर पुरस्कार मिळाल्याबद्दल त्यांचा सत्कार करण्यात आला.






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अविस्मरणीय सोहळा.

भवन्स महाविद्यालय मराठी विभाग आयोजित मराठी भाषा दिनाच्या कार्यक्रम २७ फेब्रुवारी रोजी पार पडला. मराठी भाषेला अभिजात भाषेचा दर्जा मिळाल्यामुळे भवन्स महाविद्यालयात हा कार्यक्रम दिमाखात साजरा झाला होता. हा कार्यक्रम SFC - ४०६ सभागृहात आयोजित करण्यात आला होता. मराठी भाषेला अभिजाततेचा दर्जा मिळाल्यामुळे, आपल्या मराठी अभिजात कलासंस्कृतीचे सादरीकरण करावे अशी कल्पना मराठी विभागाच्या अध्यक्षा डॉ. नेहा सावंत आणि मराठी विषयाच्या प्राध्यापिका प्रिती देसाई यांनी मांडली. त्यांच्याच मार्गदर्शनाखाली हा कार्यक्रम आयोजित करण्यात आला होता. आठवड्याभरापासून विद्यार्थ्यांच्या उत्साहाला उधाण आले होते. आदल्या दिवशीच सभागृहाच्या बाहेर सुंदर फुलांची रांगोळी व फलक लेखन केले गेले. त्याचबरोबर मराठी कवी, लेखक व संतांची पोस्टर्स लावली होती.महाराष्ट्राचा नकाशा, त्या नकाशात साहित्यिक मंडळींचे फोटो लावून सेल्फी पॉईंट करण्यात आला होता. फुलांच्या रांगोळीत मराठीच्या विविध बोलींना चित्रित केले होते. एकूणच उत्साहाचे वातावरण दिसत होते

कार्यक्रमाची सुरुवात सकाळी ८.३० वाजता झाली. कार्यक्रमाचे प्रमुख पाहुणे महाविद्यालयाचे उपप्राचार्य डॉ.अजय कांबळे तसेच सांस्कृतिक विभागाच्या प्रमुख डॉ. निर्मला पवार त्याचबरोबर इतर विषयाचे शिक्षक व ग्रंथपाल पलोटी सर देखील उपस्थित होते. मराठी भाषा गौरव दिनानिमित्त मराठी विभागाचे प्रथम, द्वितीय व तृतीय वर्षातील विद्यार्थ्यांनी मिळून सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन केले होते. या कार्यक्रमात इतर विषयविभागातील विद्यार्थ्यांनी देखील सहभाग घेतला होता.

कार्यक्रमाची सुरूवात सरस्वतीवंदनेने झाली. त्यानंतर अभंगांचे व भावगीतांचे सुरेल सादरीकरण झाले. त्यानंतर महाराष्ट्रातील पारंपरिक लोकनृत्यावर आधारित ओवी ते 'मंगळागौर' व संगीताचे सादरीकरण सुरू झाले. पहिल्यांदा वासुदेव त्या नंतर गवळण, अभंग गायन,लावणी, कोळीनृत्य यांचे सादरीकरण झाले. हा एकूणच कार्यक्रम लक्षवेधी ठरला. उत्तरार्धात पारितोषिक वितरण समारंभ पार पडला. मराठी भाषा पंधरवडा दिनानिमित्त विविध स्पर्धा आयोजित केल्या गेल्या. त्या स्पर्धांचे बक्षीस वितरण झाले. त्याचबरोबर गेल्यावर्षी चांगल्या गुणांनी उत्तीर्ण झालेल्या व वेगवेगळ्या कौशल्यांत यशस्वी ठरलेल्या विद्यार्थ्यांचा गुणगौरव करण्यात आला.

कार्यक्रमाची सांगता पोवाडा नृत्य, मंगळागौर व जोगवा व मराठी अभिमानगीताच्या सादरीकरणाने झाली. सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमाची सांगता झाल्यानंतर विभाग प्रमुख डॉ. नेहा सावंत व प्रिती देसाई ह्यांनी आलेल्या प्रमुख पाहुण्यांचे व अतिथींचे आभार मानून कार्यक्रमाची सांगता केली. या अविस्मरणीय सोहळ्याच्या आठवणी प्रत्येक विद्यार्थ्यांच्या मनात नक्कीच रुंजी घालत राहतील.



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१४ ते २८ जानेवारी हा कालावधी मराठी पंधरवडा म्हणून साजरा केला जातो. गेली दहा वर्षे भवन्स महाविद्यालयात तो उत्साहात आणि वैविध्यपूर्ण उपक्रमांतून साजरा केला जातोय. योगायोगाने २०२४ मध्ये मराठी भाषेला अभिजात भाषेचा दर्जा मिळाल्याने २०२५ च्या मराठी पंधरवडा सोहळ्यात अधिक अर्थपूर्णता आली. अंधेरीच्या भवन्स कॉलेजमध्ये मराठी विभागाने १४ ते २८ जानेवारी २०२५ या काळात मराठी भाषा संवर्धन पंधरवड्यासोबत मराठी वाचन सप्ताह निमित्ताने विविध कार्यक्रम आयोजित केले होते. मराठी भाषेचा जास्तीत जास्त वापर व्हावा, मराठी भाषेचे संवर्धन व्हावे, या उद्दिष्टाने कार्यक्रमात काहीस्पर्धांचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते.

या सोहळ्यात काव्यवाचन स्पर्धा, निबंध स्पर्धा, कवितेचे कथारूप स्पर्धा, भित्तीचित्रे स्पर्धा , अशा स्पर्धांचे आयोजन केले. काव्यवाचन स्पर्धेत मान्यवर कवींच्याकवितांसोबत आपली स्वरचित काव्य सादर करण्याची संधी विद्यार्थांना देण्यात आली होती. तसेच कविवर्य विंदा करंदीकर, वसंत बापट, बा. सी.मर्ढेकर, नारायण सुर्वे अशा अनेक कविंच्या कवितांच्या सहाय्याने विद्यार्थांना त्या कवितांवर आधारित उत्स्फूर्त कथा लिहिण्याचीअभिनव स्पर्धा घेण्यात आली होती. तसेच 'स्त्रियांचा राज्यकरणातील सहभाग', 'असे झालेतर'.., 'AI बोलबाला' असे अनेकविषय निबंध स्पर्धेसाठी देण्यात आले होते. तर स्त्री आरोग्य, पर्यावरण सुरक्षा, संत साहित्य, मराठी साहित्यिक अशा विविध विषयांवर तयार केलेली भित्तीचित्रे लक्षवेधी ठरली.

विद्यार्थांना नवनवीन व्यवसायाच्या बाबत मार्गदर्शन देण्यासाठी आपापल्या क्षेत्रात यशस्वी वाटचाल करणाऱ्या या महाविद्यालयाच्या माजी विद्यार्थ्यांना 'आम्ही असे घडलो' या उपक्रमा अंतर्गत आमंत्रित करण्यात आले होते. कविता इंगळे, सुषमा माडगूळकर, मिलिंद मेढे आणि काळुराम कावडे अशा माजी विद्यार्थांनी आपले अनुभव सांगून विद्यार्थ्यांना अनेक उपक्रमात सहभागी होण्यासाठी प्रेरित केले, तसेच मराठी स्पर्धेत भाग घेण्यास प्रोत्साहित केले.
या पंधरवड्यातील आकर्षणबिंदू ठरला तो म्हणजे शिक्षकांची मराठी गीतांची अंताक्षरी. अविस्मरणीय मराठी गीतांचा आस्वाद विद्यार्थ्यांना घेता आला. शिक्षकांचा उत्साह सा-यांनाच अचंबित करून गेला.

या सोहळ्यात मुलांनी फक्त महाविद्यालयाच्या स्पर्धेत भाग घेतला नाही तर, आंतरमहाविद्यालय मराठी पंधरवडा सोहळ्याच्या स्पर्धेतही भाग घेतला. साठ्ये महाविद्यालयाने 'सप्तरंग' हा मराठी पंधरवडचा सोहळा आयोजित केला होता. त्यात भवन्स महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थांना दोन स्पर्धेत पारितोषिक मिळाले. 'शोधनिबंध लेखन' या स्पर्धेत प्रथम पारितोषिक तृतीय कला शाखेतील मराठी विभागाची 'कु.श्रुतिका गमरे' हिला मिळाले. तिने 'महानगरीय कविता' या विषयावर संशोधन केले होते. तर कथालेखन स्पर्धेत तृतीय कला शाखेतील मराठी विभागाची विद्यार्थीनी कु.मिताली गोसावी हिला द्वितीय पारितोषिक मिळाले. आपल्या स्वरचित कथा लेखनामुळे तिला ही पारितोषिक मिळाले.

दरवर्षी मराठी पंधरवडा सोहळ्यात "साहित्यिक तुमच्या भेटीला" या उपक्रमातवेगवेगळे लेखक आमंत्रित केले जातात. या वर्षी वाचन संकल्पदिनाचे औचित्य साधून 'चार चपटे मासे' या कथासंग्रहाचे लेखक प्रा.विवेक कुडू यांना बोलवण्यात आले होते. त्यांची 'सात दिवसांचं मरण' ही कथा मराठी विभागाच्या प्रथम वर्ष कला शाखेच्या अभ्यासक्रमात समाविष्ट आहे. त्यांनी त्यांच्या कथालेखनाची निर्मितीप्रक्रिया उलगडून सांगितली. त्यांच्या व्याख्यानाने आणि लेखनानुभवाने सगळेच मंत्रमुग्ध झाले होते.

मराठी विभागाच्या प्रमुख डॉ. नेहा सावंत, आणि सहाय्यक प्रा. प्रीती देसाई यांनी आयोजित केलेला या वर्षीचा मराठी पंधरवडा सोहळ्यात इतर विभागाच्या विद्यार्थ्यांकडून भरपूर प्रतिसाद मिळाल्याने अविस्मरणीय ठरला.



श्रुतिका गमरे
तृतीय वर्ष, कला शाखा.







एका एका वैष्णवाने होतो,
पांडुरंग पुरा.

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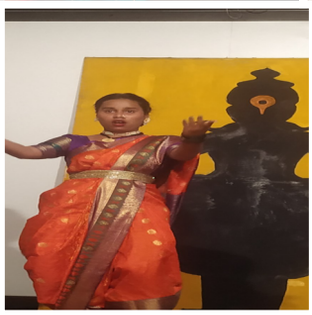




आठवणीतील संभाजीनगर

प्रत्येक प्रवास हा एक वेगळा अनुभव असतो. काही प्रवास फक्त भटकंतीसाठी असतात, तर काही प्रवास आयुष्यभर लक्षात राहतात. अशाच माझ्या सर्वात अविस्मरणीय प्रवासांपैकी एक म्हणजे छत्रपती संभाजीनगरला केलेली स्टडी टूर. या सहलीने आम्हाला केवळ अभ्यासापुरते ज्ञानच नाही, तर जीवनातील अनेक गोष्टी शिकवण्याची संधी दिली. प्रवासादरम्यान मिळालेल्या आठवणी, नवीन मित्र, शिक्षकांचे मार्गदर्शन आणि सिनियर्ससोबतचा मस्त अनुभव यामुळे हा प्रवास खास ठरला. सहलीची तयारी सुरू होताच आमच्यात प्रचंड उत्साह होता. छत्रपती संभाजीनगरमधील ऐतिहासिक स्थळे, वास्तुकला, आणि तेथील संस्कृती पाहण्याची आम्हाला फार उत्सुकतालागून राहिली होती. अखेर तो दिवस आला आणि आम्ही सर्व जण एकत्र प्रवासाला निघालो.

खंरतर रात्रभर झोपच लागली नव्हती. पहाटे लवकर उठून आवराआवर करून बरोबर ६ वाजता अंधेरीला ठरलेल्या ठिकाणी जमलो. बसमध्ये चढताच गाणी, गप्पा, आणि हशा सुरू झाले. प्रत्येक जण आनंदात होता. बसमधील वातावरण अतिशय ऊर्जावान होते. शिक्षकही आमच्यासोबत सहभागी झाले, त्यामुळे प्रवास अजूनच मजेदार झाला. छत्रपती संभाजीनगर हे ऐतिहासिक दृष्टिकोनातून अत्यंत महत्त्वाचे शहर आहे. आम्ही दौलताबाद किल्ला, वेरूळ आणि अजिंठा लेणी, बीबी का मकबरा, तसेच महागामी गुरूकुल आणि पैठण अशी महत्त्वाची स्थळे पाहिली. या सर्व स्थळांना भेट देताना आम्ही इतिहासाशी पुन्हा एकदा जोडले गेलो. आम्ही ३० जानेवारी ते १ फेब्रुवारी दरम्यान खालील महत्त्वाची स्थळे पाहिली **बीबी. का मकबरा** - ताजमहालाच्या प्रतिकृतीसारखे वाटणारे हे स्मारक पाहून आम्ही प्रभावित झालो. यामागील ऐतिहासिक कथा आणि स्थापत्यशैलीचे बारकावे समजून घेता आले.

या सर्व ठिकाणांना भेट दिल्यामुळे आम्हाला पुस्तकी ज्ञानाच्या पलीकडे जाऊन प्रत्यक्ष ऐतिहासिक वास्तूंचा अनुभव घेता आला.





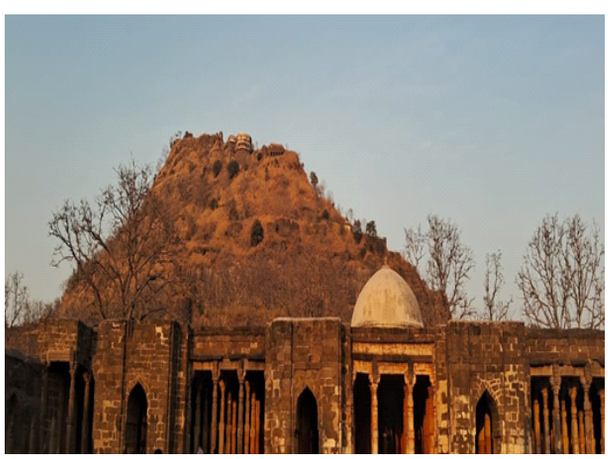
औरंगजेबाची समाधी

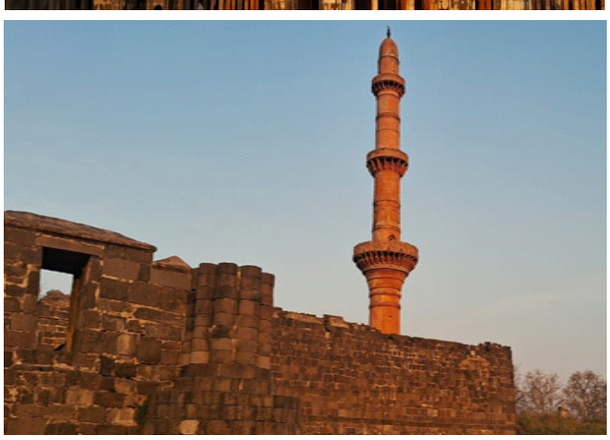
बीबीका मकबरा पाहण्याआधी आम्ही औरंगजेबाच्या समाधीला भेट दिली. सरल आणि साध्या पद्धतीने बांधलेली ही समाधी पाहून आम्हाला आश्चर्य वाटले. मुगल सम्राट असूनही त्याने अत्यंत साधेपणाने जीवन जगण्याचा निर्णय घेतल्याचे ऐकून आम्ही भारावून गेलो.

अजिंठालेणी – अजिंठालेणी भारतीय शिल्पकलेचा अद्भुत नमुना असलेल्या या लेण्यांमधील कोरीवकाम पाहून आम्ही थक्क झालो. गाईडने त्या काळातील कलाकारांचे परिश्रम आणि स्थापत्यशास्त्र याबद्दल माहिती दिली. जवळजवळ ३२ लेणी होतो. त्या लेण्यांमधून कोरलेले गौतम बुद्धांचे जीवन, प्राचीन चित्रकला व शिल्पकलेचा अचंबित करणारा इतिहासच पाहता आला. या बरोबरच एक अविस्मरणीय अनुभव याची देही याचि डोळा अनुभवता आला, जेव्हा नेहा मॅडमनी आम्हाला ना. धो. महानोर यांचे 'अजिंठा' हे काव्य साभिनय वाचून दाखवले. पारू आणि गिलरॉय यांची प्रेमकहाणी जिवंत उभी केली. त्यानंतर सगळ्या शिल्पांकडे, चित्रांकडे पाहताना मला पारू आणि गिलच मनात उभे राहात होते.

महागामी गुरुकुल – अजिंठा लेण्यांनंतर आम्ही महागामी गुरुकुलला भेट दिली. भारतीय संस्कृती आणि परंपरेचा जप करणारे हे गुरुकुल पाहणे हा एक अनोखा अनुभव होता. महागामी गुरुकुल हे छत्रपती संभाजीनगरमधील एक नामांकित कला केंद्र आहे, जे भारतीय शास्त्रीय नृत्य, संगीत आणि पारंपरिक कलांचे प्रशिक्षण देते. येथे भरतनाट्यम, ओडिसी आणि कथक या नृत्यशैली शिकवल्या जातात. महागामी गुरुकुलच्या भेटीदरम्यान आम्हाला संस्थेच्या प्रमुख पार्वती दत्ता मॅडम यांच्याशी संवाद साधण्याची संधी मिळाली. त्या प्रसिद्ध नृत्यांगना आणि संशोधक असून भारतीय शास्त्रीय नृत्याच्या प्रचार आणि संवर्धनासाठी त्यांनी मोठे योगदान दिले आहे. त्यांनी आम्हाला भारतीय नृत्यशैलींमधील बारकावे, गुरुकुलातील प्रशिक्षण प्रक्रिया आणि विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी असलेल्या संधी याबद्दल माहिती दिली. त्यांचा साधेपणा आणि नृत्यकलेवरील त्यांची समर्पित भावना आम्हाला भारावून गेली.

दौलताबाद किल्ला - मजबूत तटबंदी, भुलभुलैया मार्ग आणि त्यातील रचना पाहून आम्ही अचंबित झालो. किल्ल्याची सुरक्षा यंत्रणा आणि त्यामागचे युद्धतंत्र समजून घेणे हा एक रोमांचक अनुभव होता. या किल्ल्याने आमच्या शारिरिक आणि मानसिक शक्तीलाच जणू आव्हान दिले होते. इतका अवाढव्य किल्ला पाहताना मन सद्गदित झाले होते. कारण याच किल्ल्यात देवगिरीकर यादव राहात होते, पण बहामनी साम्राज्याने केलेल्या विध्वंसाच्या खाणाखुणा इतस्तत: विखुरलेल्या पाहून जीव तीळ तीळ तुटत होता.





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कैलास मंदिराच्या भव्यतेने आम्हाला आश्चर्यचकित केले. पूर्ण दगडाच्या एका मोठ्या तुकड्यातून कोरलेले हे मंदिर पाहून आम्ही भारावून गेलो. गाईडने सांगितलेल्या गोष्टींमुळे त्या काळातील स्थापत्यकलेची महानता आमच्यापर्यंत पोहोचली.

पैठण - या सहलीतील शेवटचं ठिकाण होतं पैठण. पैठण म्हणजे वारकरी पंथाचं तीर्थस्थान. आमच्या अभ्यासक्रमातील भाग पहाण्याचे भाग्य मिळाले. संत एकनाथांची समाधी पाहता आली. याच मंदिरात सहलीची सांगता होणे हे संयुक्तिकच होते.

या सहलीमध्ये आमच्या शिक्षकांचा मोठा वाटा होता. नेहा मॅडम आणि प्रीती मॅडम यांनी केवळ मार्गदर्शनच केले नाही, तर आईसारखी माया दिली आणि काळजीही घेतली. त्या दोघींचा उत्साह आम्हाला लाजवेल असाच होता.

नेहा मॅडम - त्यांनी संपूर्ण सहलीचे नियोजन जबाबदारीने हाताळले. वेळेचे व्यवस्थापन, आमच्या सुरक्षेची काळजी, आणि शिस्तबद्धपणे संपूर्ण सहल यशस्वी करणे हयात त्यांचे मोठे योगदान होते.

प्रीती मॅडम - आमच्यात अगदी मैत्रिणीसारख्या मिसळल्या. त्यांनी आम्हाला कधीही शिक्षक असल्यासारखे भासवले नाही, तर सहलीचा पूर्ण आनंद घेण्यासाठी आम्हाला मोकळीक दिली.

सहलीच्या शेवटच्या दिवशी, नेहा मॅडमने स्टडी टूर दरम्यान भेट दिलेल्या स्थळांवर आधारित एक चाचणी परीक्षा घेतली. या परीक्षेत प्रत्येकाने सहलीतील अनुभव, ऐतिहासिक स्थळांबद्दल मिळालेली माहिती आणि गाईडकडून समजलेल्या बारकाव्यांवर आधारित उत्तरे लिहिली. ही परीक्षा अत्यंत उत्साहात पार पडली. या परीक्षेमुळे आम्हाला सहलीतून केवळ आनंदच नाही, तर खरोखर ज्ञान मिळाल्याची खात्री पटली.

आमच्या सहलीमध्ये S.Y चे ज्युनियर्स देखील होते. त्यांच्याशी आमची चांगली मैत्री झाली. त्यांच्यासोबतच्या गप्पा आणि मस्तीमुळे प्रवास अधिक मजेदार झाला.

यामध्ये ऋषी दादाची भूमिका खूप महत्त्वाची होती. तो आमच्या कॉलेजचा माजी विद्यार्थी असून आता पर्यटन क्षेत्रात कार्यरत आहे. यंदाच्या स्टडी टूरच्या आयोजनाची जबाबदारी त्याच्यावर सोपवण्यात आली होती. त्याने प्रवासाचे नियोजन, सोयी-सुविधा आणि मार्गदर्शन यात मोलाचे योगदान दिले. आमच्या प्रत्येक गोष्टीची तो काळजी घेत होता. त्यामुळे हा प्रवास अधिक सुरक्षित आणि सुखकर झाला.

ही सहल केवळ शैक्षणिक प्रवास नव्हता, तर एक स्मरणीय अनुभव होता. काही क्षण कायमच्या आठवणींमध्ये कोरले गेले. रात्री उशिरापर्यंत चाललेल्या गप्पा, गाण्यांच्या भेंड्या आणि खेळ. बसमधील धमाल आणि नवनवीन गाणी काही विनोदी प्रसंग आणि मस्ती या सर्व आठवणींनी हा प्रवास अविस्मरणीय बनवला.

ही स्टडी टूर अत्यंत यशस्वी ठरली. इतिहास, कला, संस्कृती यांचा समृद्ध अनुभव घेतल्यामुळे आम्ही शैक्षणिकदृष्ट्या समृद्ध झालो. यासोबतच, शिक्षक, ज्युनियर्स आणि मित्रमैत्रिणींशी असलेले संबंध आणखी घट्ट झाले. पुढील वर्षीही अशीच एक अविस्मरणीय स्टडी टूर आयोजित व्हावी आणि त्यात आम्ही पुन्हा एकत्र प्रवास करावा, अशी सर्वांचीच इच्छा आहे. हा प्रवास आमच्या हृदयातील आठवणींच्या पानावर कायमचा कोरला गेला आहे.



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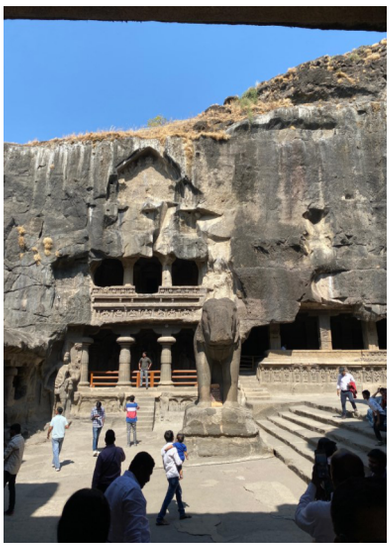




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AI चा बोलबाला

आजच्या आधुनिक काळात अनेक गोष्टींचे शोध लागत आहेत. त्यातील एक महत्वाची गोष्ट म्हणजेच AI (Artificial Intelligance) अर्थात कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता. याचा उपयोग हा विसाव्या शतकात सुरु झाला. तो म्हणजे असा कि ज्या ज्या ठिकाणी उंच - उंच इमारती असतात. त्या-त्या ठिकाणी लिफ्टचा वापर केला जातो. लिफ्ट ही देखील AI चाच एक प्रकार आहे. कारण माणसाला ज्या मजल्यावर जायचे आहे त्या अंकाचे बटण दाबून लिफ्ट त्या व्यक्तीला तिथे घेऊन जाते. तशीच आता नवीन एक AI ची वस्तू आली आहे. ती म्हणजे (Alexa ही एक अशी वस्तू आहे कि तिला घराच्या एका कोपऱ्यात ठेवून दिले जाते. आणि आपण दिलेल्या आदेशाचे ती पालन करते. उदा., आपण म्हणालो "Alexa play song" मग गाणे वाजते, आपण म्हणालो “Alexa switch on fan" मग ते फॅन चालू करते. अश्या प्रकारे तुम्ही दिलेल्या सर्व आदेशाचे व तुम्ही विचारलेल्या प्रश्नाचे देखील अचूक उत्तर देते. 'Alexa' हा प्रकार आता काही मोबाईल फोन्स मध्ये देखील समावलेले दिसतात.

AI चा वापर आता अनेक ठिकाणी पाहायला मिळतो. सिनेमामध्ये देखील AI चा वापर केला जातो. तसेच सोशल मीडिया वर देखील AI चा वापर केला जातो. तुम्ही पाहिले असेल कि आपण एखाद्या वेळी मोबाईल फोनमधून संदेश पाठवतो तसेच आताच्या काळात आपण एक बटण दाबून संदेश बोलून देखील पाठवता येतो. हा सुद्धा एक AI चाच प्रकार आहे.

AI चा काही दुरुपयोग देखील आपल्याला सोशल मीडियावर म्हणजेच इंस्टाग्राम, फेसबुक, इत्यादी., यांवर काहींवेळा AI चे दुरुपयोग पाहायला मिळतात. उदा., कोणाचा फोटो घेऊन कोणाशीही जोडणे तसेच काहीही विचित्र व्हिडिओग्राफ्स काढणे किंवा बनवणे हे असे ही AI मध्ये सध्या घडते आहे. काही लोक Doubing किंवा मोठ - मोठ्या कलावंतांचा चेहरा स्वतः च्या फोटोला लावणे असे अनेक काम AI करते.

जर तुम्हाला माहिती असेल कि एखाद्या गाडीचे काही नुकसान म्हणजेच ठोकले असेल व ते बनवण्यासाठी तुम्ही Insurance काढण्यासाठी गेलात तर तुमच्या गाडीची संपूर्ण तपासणी ही Satellite द्वारे बघितली जाते. तिथून फोटो काढले जातात. तर हे देखील एक AI चा प्रकार आहे. असे मला वाटते.

आजकाल AI हे अधिक वापरात येणारे एक मुख्य साधन झाले आहे. आजच्या काळात AI द्वारे एका माणसाचे संपूर्ण स्वरूप आहे तसे बनवले जाते ते देखील फोन मधून संगणका मधून ते सुद्धा AI चेच रूप आहे.

तुम्ही पहिले असेल कि मोटर सायकल रोड वर चालवत असताना काही ठिकाणी सिग्नलस असतात व त्यावर कॅमेरे लावलेले असतात. ते कॅमेरे जर कोणी सिग्नल तोडला किंवा कोणाला ठोकून पळून गेला, कोणाचे काही चोरी करून पळत असेल मोटर सायकल वरून तर, त्याचे फोटो म्हणजेच त्याच्या गाडीचा नंबर पाटीचा फोटो आपोआप तो कॅमेरा काढून घेतो. हा देखील एक उत्तम AI चा वापर आहे. AI चा वापर करा परंतु, AI पासून सावध देखील रहा.

वरील गोष्टी लक्षात घेता आपल्याला कळते कि कश्या प्रकारे आजच्या काळात AI चा बोलबाला होत आहे.



प्रेम संतोष कांबळे.
द्वितीय वर्ष, कला शाखा

स्पृहा आणि अगस्त्य

स्पृहा आणि अगस्त्य हे दोघे एकाच वर्गात शिकत होते. महाविद्यालयात प्रवेश घेतानाच

त्यांची पहिली भेट झाली. दोघेही एकमेकांना सगळ्या गोष्टींमध्ये मदत करत. सर्व काही एकमेकांना सांगत, अशी त्यांची घट्ट मैत्री होती. जर कोणी वर्गात दिसला नाही, तर दुसराही गैरहजर राहायचा.

स्पृहा ही सुंदर, देखणी, उंच व अंगाने बारीक होती. सगळ्या स्पर्धांमध्ये भाग घ्यायची. वर्गातही तिचा पहिला नंबर यायचा. सगळ्यांना मदत करायची. पण त्याच्या उलट म्हणजे, अगस्त्य. हा अगदी खोडकर, मस्ती करणारा होता. इतका हुशार नव्हता, पण सगळ्या विषयात काठावर पास होत होता. या अशा विरुद्ध वागणुकीचे दोघे, एकमेकांत कधी मिसळून गेले, काही कळलेच नाही. या विरुद्ध स्वभाव असणाऱ्यांची मैत्री कधी आणि कशी प्रेमात रूपांतरित झाली, हे जरा गमतीशीरच होतं.

तर, एके दिवशी महाविद्यालयातून घरी जाताना स्पृहाला काही मुले त्रास देत होती. स्पृहा आणि अगस्त्य दोघेही एकाच रस्त्याने जायचे. स्पृहाला त्रास होत असताना पाहून, अगस्त्य तिच्या मदतीस धावून गेला आणि स्पृहाला मदत केली. तेव्हापासून ते एकमेकांशी बोलू लागले. दोघांचा घरी जाण्याचा रस्ता सारखाच असल्यामुळे, ते एकत्र जायचे. तेव्हापासून एकत्र अभ्यास करणे, कोणाला काय लागले तर मदत करणे, अशी त्यांची मैत्री झाली. तीन वर्षे कशी निघून गेली, काही समजलेच नाही. आणि त्यावेळीच अगस्त्यने आपल्या प्रेमाची कबुली स्पृहाला दिली. स्पृहाने देखील त्याला होकार दिला. त्यानंतर दोघे समजुतीने राहत होते. महाविद्यालय झाल्यानंतर, ते दोघे आता स्वतःचे शिक्षण पूर्ण करून लग्नाचा विचार करूया असे म्हणाले. त्यामुळे अगस्त्य परदेशी शिक्षणासाठी गेला होता आणि स्पृहा इथेच आपले भावी शिक्षण पूर्ण करत होती.

या अशा सुखद चालू असलेल्या प्रवासाला जणू कुणाची नजर लागली. कोण जाणे, या प्रेमाला वेगळेच वळण आले. स्पृहाचे शिक्षण झाले, चांगली नोकरी मिळाली आणि रीतिप्रमाणे वयाच्या २४ पर्यंत तरी मुलीचे लग्न करून द्यायला हवे, अशी अट तिच्या आई-वडिलांनी घातली. बाबा म्हणाले, "तुझ्यासाठी आतापासून मी स्थळ पाहायला लागतो." पण स्पृहाचे अगस्त्यावर प्रेम असल्यामुळे, तिने या गोष्टीसाठी नकार दिला. पण "मुलीची जात. लग्नाच्या वयात लग्न झाले नाही, तर लोक काय म्हणतील?" या विचारांचे तिचे कुटुंब होते. स्पृहाच्या लग्नानंतर तिची अजून एक लहान बहीण होती. त्यामुळे आई-बाबांच्या निर्णयावर स्पृहाने नाईलाजाने होकार दिला.

पाहता पाहता महिन्याभरात एक चांगला, देखणा, बुद्धिमान, श्रीमंत असा मुलगा स्थळ म्हणून आला. ते आई-बाबांना मान्य होते. स्पृहा देखील या लग्नासाठी तयार झाली. सर्व लग्नाचे विधी निर्विघ्नपणे पार पडले. या सगळ्या गोष्टीबद्दल अगस्त्यला कोणी काहीच कल्पना दिली नव्हती. अर्थातच त्याला जेव्हा ही बातमी कळली तेव्हा त्याने रंगवलेली सारी स्वप्ने उद्ध्वस्त झाली होती. तरीही तिच्याबद्दलच्या त्याच्या भावना विझल्या नव्हत्या.

वर्षांनंतर अगस्त्य स्पृहाला भेटायला तिच्या सासरी गेला. स्पृहाला पाहून, आधीच्या सगळ्या आठवणी जाग्या झाल्या. दोघे एकमेकांना कसे भेटले होते, मैत्री कशी झाली आणि ती मैत्री प्रेमात कशी बदलली, हे सगळे आठवू लागले. त्यांनी सोबत घालवलेले सुवर्णक्षण, किमती वेळ, सगळे काही अचानक आठवू लागले.

अगस्त्य आत जाऊन बसतो. तेव्हा स्पृहा म्हणते, “बस ना!” आणि हसते. अगस्त्याला काहीच कळत नव्हते. स्पृहाला पाहून जाग्या झालेल्या आठवणींत तो हरवून गेला होता. त्याचे मन स्थिर नव्हते. मनामध्ये, ज्वाळेप्रमाणे तिच्या सोबतीच्या आठवणी बाहेर येत होत्या. पाहुणे आले होते, म्हणजे त्यांच्यासाठी नाश्ता, चहा, पाणी विचारायला नको का? म्हणून ती स्वयंपाकघरात गेली.

अगस्त्य बाहेरच्या खोलीत बसून तिच्या घराचे निरीक्षण करत होता. सगळ्या वस्तू जागच्या जागी नीटनेटकी होत्या. त्याच्या मनात वेगळेच विचार चालू होते. स्पृहाने तिचे घर प्रेमाने सजवले होते. पडद्यावर हृदय कोरले होते. काचेच्या कपावर राघू मैना होत्या. लाकडी फळ होते. कचकड्याची फुलपाखरे आणि भिंतीवर रविवर्म्याची चित्रे लावलेली होती. हे सगळे पाहताना, अगस्त्याची नजर कपाटावर ठेवलेल्या शोभेच्या वस्तूंवर गेली. तिथे काळ्या मखमलीवर तिच्या पतीचे नाव विणले होते.

अगस्त्याच्या मनात विचार आला, "किती नीटनेटके टाके विणले आहेत! हे करताना माझा एकदाही विचार तिच्या मनात आला नाही का? माझी आठवण नाही आली का तिला?" या विचारांनी तो कासावीस झाला. पण त्याला वाटले, “पतीचे नाव विणताना एक तरी टाका चुकीचा असता, तर मी माझ्या मनाला समजावले असते की माझी आठवण आली म्हणून टाका चुकला... पण असे काहीच झाले नाही.”

अगस्त्य स्वतःशीच बोलत होता, “ही अशी कशी वागू शकते? जसं काही आधी काहीच झालं नव्हतं.” तो बेचैन झाला होता. इतक्यात स्पृहा स्वयंपाकघरातून बाहेर आली आणि विचारते, “काही घेणार का?” अगस्त्य आपल्या विचारांत गढून गेलेला असतो. तेव्हाही त्याला स्पृहासोबत जे काही आहे ते स्पष्ट बोलण्याची हिंमत होत नाही. तेव्हा तो मनात म्हणतो, “असा काय प्रश्न विचारते? ‘काय घेणार?’ – मला हवं ते खरंच देणार आहेस का”?

“आपण सोबत घालवलेले सुवर्णक्षण, मस्ती, चिंचेचे आकडे, अधाशी ओठ, ती कुजबुज, आणि घेतलेल्या शपथा...” स्पृहा त्याच्याकडे पाहत राहते. अगस्त्यचं लक्ष तिच्यावर जातं. तो म्हणतो, “काहीही चालेल. जरी तू मला साखरपाणी दिलं, तरी मी समजून घेईल की तुझ्या हातांनी माझ्यासाठी केलं आहे.”

हे ऐकून, स्पृहा चहा बनवण्यासाठी परत स्वयंपाकघरात जाते. पुन्हा एकदा, अगस्त्य घराचे निरीक्षण करतो. त्याची नजर भिंतीवरच्या छायाचित्रावर जाते. तो म्हणतो, “तुझ्यावरची सारी साय, हे गालांवर शोभून दिसते. तुझ्यासोबत उभा असलेला तुझा नवरा देखील छान आहे. बळकट बाहू, रुंद खांदे, डोळ्यांत करारी पण आजची चमक आहे. तुझा इतका हसरा, आनंदी चेहरा पाहून वाटतं, की काहीच घडलं नव्हतं का आधी?”

तो विचार करतो, “माझं खरंच विसरून गेलीस का तू?”

स्पृहा चहा घेऊन येते, तोपर्यंत तिचा नवरा कामावरून येतो. त्यांचे गप्पा रंगतात. बोलता बोलता वेळ कसा गेला कळतच नाही. रात्र झाली. आता निघायला हवं, असं म्हणून अगस्त्य उठतो. त्याला स्पृहाशी बोलायचं असतं, पण ती तिच्या सासरी होती. त्यामुळे, काहीही बोलणं कठीण होतं.

तो घराच्या बाहेर जातो. स्पृहा उंबऱ्यावर उभी राहून त्याला पाहत असते. तिच्या डोळ्यांत पाणी असतं. पण हे पाणी कशामुळे आले, हे कुणालाही माहीत नव्हतं. अगस्त्याला वाटते, “विचारू का तिला? काही झालं का?” पण विचारत नाही, तो स्वतःच्या विचारांत मग्न असतो. आणि स्पृहा हसत असते, जणू काहीच घडलं नाही. ती

तिच्या संसारात रमली होती. पण तिच्या डोळ्यांतलं पाणी पाहून, अगस्त्याला वाटते, “कदाचित माझ्या जाण्यामुळे रडत असेल. किंवा कदाचित डोळ्यात काही गेले असेल.” अगस्त्य म्हणतो, “कायही असो... पण आता माझ्या मनाला थोडी तरी शांती मिळाली, की स्पृहाच्या मनात आपल्या बद्दल काहीतरी भावना अजूनही आहेत.” म्हणून तो काही विचारत नाही आणि पाणी न पाहता, तसाच पुढे निघून जातो.

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द्वितीय वर्ष, पदवी कला शाखा

जाता जाता ....

आजकाल मला एक निराळीच गोष्ट अनुभवायास मिळते ती म्हणजे मधूनच कुणीतरी माझ्या भोवती पिंगा घालतं, कुणी हळूच कानात कुजबुजतं ,कुणी गुदगुल्या करतं तर कुणी चक्क दुखावतं हे सगळं करतंय माझं इथल्या आठवणींचं भांडार.दि .8/10/1987 ,आजही तो दिवस स्पष्ट आठवतोय जेव्हा मी आपल्या भवन्स महाविद्यालया मध्ये प्राणिशास्त्र विभागात रुजू झाले आणि आता बघता बघता निरोप घेण्याची वेळ आली सुद्धा ..

36 वर्षांच्या या अखंड कालखंडाने खूप अनुभव दिले. माणसाची अनेकविध रूपे दाखवली. माझं मन मात्र विद्यार्थ्यांमध्येच अधिक रमलं. खूप रूपं पाहिली त्यांची सुद्धा. गेल्या तीन दशकांहून अधिक कालखंडामध्ये जसं शिक्षण व्यवस्थेचं स्वरूप बदलत गेलं तसंच विद्यार्थ्यांच्या मानसिकतेमधे पण बदल घडत गेले. नवीन पिढी अधिक व्यवहारी होताना दिसते. समोर अनेक प्रकारच्या संधी उपलब्ध असल्या तरी एका जीवघेण्या स्पर्धेचाही या पिढीला सामना करावा लागतोय .तरीही काळ कितीही बदलला तरी शिक्षक -विद्यार्थी यांचं नातं आजही अबाधित आहे. मी नेहमी गमतीने म्हणायचे की, रोज सकाळी डोळे उघडले की माझ्या डोळ्यापुढे ‘अंधेरी’ येते पण ही हवीहवीशी वाटणारी अंधेरी होती. आपल्या कॉलेजच्या प्रशस्त आवारात आलं की आजूबाजूची हिरवाई ,झाडं ,फुलं ,पक्षी आणि आपल्या विद्यार्थ्यांचा किलबिलाट या सगळ्या वातावरणात तिथपर्यंत पोचण्याचा शीण कुठल्या कुठे पळून जातो .

सकाळी-सकाळी आमच्या प्राणिशास्त्र - प्रयोगशाळेतील तयारीची लगबग, उपकरणांचे आवाज, preserved specimen चा विशिष्ट वास, पूर्वी dissections आणि आता बहुतांशी PPT चा वापर आणि अगदी परीक्षेच्या दिवशी सुद्धा Journal certification ला येणारी मुलं हे सगळं थोड्याफार फरकाने तसंच आहे. पूर्वीचा 20 एप्रिल ते 20 जून आणि भली मोठी दिवाळीची सुट्टी ,20 एप्रिलचा सर्व स्टाफचा एकत्र लंच ई. हा ही काळ गेला सुट्ट्या कमी झाल्या तरीही कामाला वेळ मात्र पुरत नाही, घरी गेल्यावरसुद्धा ही कामं सुरूच असतात.

आता NEP मुळे आमूलाग्र बदल होतायंत आणि विद्यार्थी, शिक्षक तसेच पालकही स्वतः ला त्यात सामावून घेण्याचा प्रयत्न करीत आहेत. करोना काळात सर्व शिक्षकांनी online education साठी स्वतः ला अद्ययावत करून घेतलं. नवीन पिढीची मदत घेऊन हे तंत्रज्ञान शिकून घेतलं. आलेल्या प्रतिकूल परिस्थितीमुळे हा बदल घडून आला अन्यथा खडू आणि फळा या पारंपारिक पद्धतीला इतक्या पटकन काही पर्याय मिळाला असता की नाही कुणास ठाऊक. NAAC, Autonomy साठी दस्तऐवज जमा करणे, त्यांचे अहवाल तयार करणे अशा गोष्टी, कॉलेज तसेच विद्यापीठाच्या

स्तरावर विविध समित्यांमध्ये केलेली कामे, तेव्हाचे अनुभव, एखाद्या कार्यक्रमासाठी मुलांनी रात्रंदिवस घेतलेली मेहनत, संप, निवडणुकीची duty अशा अनेक गोष्टी अनुभवाचा ठेवा आहे. विद्यार्थ्यांच्या विविध स्पर्धा, सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम आणि सर्वात महत्वाचा म्हणजे आपला College Day ! कधी दमायला झालंच नाही हे सर्व करताना आसपासची तरुणाई नकळत आपल्यालाही उत्साह देऊन जाते.

विद्यार्थी आणि शिक्षक यांना जोडणारा महत्वाचा दुवा म्हणजे ग्रंथालय. आपल्या ग्रंथालयाची प्रशस्त जागा, वेगळी reading room, मुबलक ग्रंथ भांडार, संगणक या सर्व विद्यार्जनासाठी पोषक गोष्टी सहज उपलब्ध आहेत. हे सर्व आपले ग्रंथपाल आणि त्यांचे सहकारी यांच्यामुळे शक्य झाले आहे. विद्यापीठ योजनांचा लाभ जास्तीत जास्त मुलांपर्यंत पोहोचावा या साठी ते कृतीशील असतात फक्त मुलांनी या सुविधांचा पुरेपूर उपयोग करून घ्यावा. आजचे ग्रंथालयाचे बदललेले स्वरूप, आधुनिकीकरण, संगणकांचा वापर आणि एकूणच कुशल कार्यपद्धती या सर्वांचे श्रेय आपले ग्रंथपाल आणि त्यांचे सहकारी यांना जाते. हीच गोष्ट आपले ऑफीसचे कर्मचारी आणि शिक्षकेतर कर्मचारी यांची. कॉलेज ची अनेक कामे, परीक्षा, साफसफाई सर्वकाही त्यांच्याच सहकार्यामुळे नीट पार पडतं. अपवाद तर सगळीकडेच असतात पण बहुतांश कर्मचारी खूप सहकार्य करतात.

आपल्या महाविद्यालयाच्या आवर्जून वाखाणण्यासारख्या गोष्टी म्हणजे NCC, NSS आणि क्रीडाविभाग. त्यांचे कष्ट आणि अनेक स्तरांवर त्यांनी मिळवलेले घवघवीत यश यांमुळे कॉलेजला एका विशिष्ट उंचीवर नेऊन ठेवले आहे. आजवरच्या या प्रवासात सर्वात महत्वाचे आहेत माझे सहकारी. जीवशास्त्र विभागाच्या जुनियर आणि डिग्री कक्षांच्या शिक्षकांचे हास्य-विनोदाचे क्षण, अडी - अडचणीला साथ देणे, वादविवाद, चहाच्या पेल्यातील वादळे, समज-गैरसमज ई.ई . गोष्टी आज प्रकर्षाने आठवतात. माझी हक्काने भेट देण्याची आवडती जागा म्हणजे आपली Staff Common Room. मराठी, हिंदी, अर्थशास्त्र, इतिहास, मानसशास्त्र, इंग्रजी, भूगोल अशा सर्वच विषयाच्या शिक्षकांनी मला खूप प्रेम दिलं, कायम आपलेपणा दिला, त्यांच्या सर्व कार्यक्रमांमध्ये सहभागी करून घेतले. खूप जवळच्या मैत्रिणी दिल्या. एरवी आकडे से वाकडा म्हणणाऱ्या मला Statistics Dept मधून पण एक छानशी मैत्रीण मिळाली. कोणता विषय हे महत्वाचं नाही चुकून कुणाचे नाव राहून जाऊ नये म्हणून केवळ त्यांच्या विभागाचा उल्लेख केला आहे. अर्थातच ही मर्म बंधातली ठेव कायम माझ्याजवळ असणार आहे . कधी कधी आम्ही काहीजण सहलीला जातो आणि अगदी ताजेतवाने होऊन परत येतो, विशेष म्हणजे आपले काही सेवानिवृत्त शिक्षकही त्यात असतात ,थोड्या दिवसांत मी पण त्यांच्यापैकी एक असणार आहे. रोजच्या धावपळीच्या जीवनात हा विरंगुळा खूपच महत्वाचा ठरतो शिवाय आपल्या जुन्या सहकाऱ्यांबरोबर सहलीला जाण्याची गंमत काही औरच असते. जुने लागेबांधे कायम असल्याची जाणीव त्या मुळे कायम रहाते. नोकरी निमित्ताने आपण विविध ठिकाणांहून एकत्र आलो असलो तरी या ऋणानुबंधाच्या गाठी, भेटी मधील तृष्टता कायम ठेवतात .

आज जरी हे चित्र दिसत असले तरी हा प्रवास खूप खडतर होता, अनेकदा संयमाची परीक्षा घेणारा होता. अनेक चुका करत करत शिकत गेलो, या दरम्यान मनुष्य स्वभावाचे अनेक कंगोरे पहायला मिळाले. एखादी व्यक्ती कधी काय प्रकारचा विचार करू शकते, वरून आपुलकी दाखवणारी व्यक्ती

प्रत्यक्षात तशी असेलच असे नाही, लौकिक अर्थाने सर्व काही मिळालेले असूनही मनुष्य कुठेतरी अतृप्त असू शकतो आणि त्यातूनच नको त्या राजकारणाचा उगम होतो या गोष्टी सुद्धा पहिल्या-अनुभवल्या. आजही काही गोष्टी तितक्याच व्यथित करतात. असो... व्यक्ती तितक्या प्रकृती. आज अनेक सहकाऱ्यांची आठवण येते, काही जण हयात नाहीत परंतु आठवणीत मात्र सदैव असतील. पुन्हा तो काळ होणे नाही.

हे सर्व घडत असतानाच वैयक्तिक पातळीवर अनेक घडामोडी होत होत्या, अनेक गोष्टींसाठी झगडावं लागत होतं, कित्येक गोष्टी कधी मिळाल्याच नाहीत तर काही गोष्टी भरभरून मिळाल्या. केवळ वैयक्तिक आयुष्यच नव्हे तर नोकरीच्या दरम्यान आलेले अनुभव सुद्धा आपल्या जीवनाचे अविभाज्य भाग असतात. अनेक चांगल्या-वाईट अनुभवांची गुंफण आपल्या महाविद्यालयातील हा साडे तीन दशकांचा कालखंड आहे. बाहेरच्या मोठ्या विश्वाचे एक छोटेसे प्रतीकच जणू ! येथे आपण केवळ 'पोटापाण्यासाठी' येत नाही तर देशाची भावी पिढी घडविण्याचा अलिखित संकल्प घेऊन काम करतो .विद्यार्थी रूपाने साक्षात सृजन आपल्या भोवती असतं, आपल्यालाही ते ऊर्जा देत असतं. अनेक मुलांशी तर कायमचे ऋणानुबंध जुळून येतात .येथून बाहेर पडल्यानंतर सुद्धा मुलं आपल्या संपर्कात राहतात, तेच प्रेम आणि आदर देतात. त्यांच्या आयुष्यात आपलेही एक महत्वाचे स्थान असते. ही अनुभूती केवळ शिक्षकी पेशातच मिळू शकते. म्हणूनच वाटतं की जगात कितीही स्थित्यंतरे आली तरी विद्यार्थी -शिक्षक हे नातं कायम अबाधित राहो, हे ऋणानुबंध असेच चिरकाल राहोत हीच सदिच्छा करते जाता जाता ...

O_2 ने पूंछा K2 से (O_2 The Fest और K2-कॉलेज कट्टा)

O_2 ने पूंछा K2 से, कौन हो तुम, कहाँ से आये ?
K2 ने कहाँ . "मैं तो यही हूँ, तुम कहाँ से पधारे ?

अरे, देखी हैं मैंने अनगिनत कहानियां । दिलो का मिलना, दिलो का बिछडना । रिश्तो का बदलना, वो बदलता जमाना । हर जमाने में वो ही दिल का फसाना ॥

त्योहारो को मनाना, वो महमानो का मिलना । मेहंदी की महक के साथ, झुले में झुमना ॥

यह चहक-महक, यह चमक-दमक कल भी थी, आज भी हैं । जीवन के गीत में, भोर भी हैं, सांझ भी हैं। पर भूल न जाना उस ज्योत को, जिसने जीवन उजागर किया । भवन की उस शान को, जिसने जीवन पावन किया॥"

सुनकर यह K2 की वाणी, O_2 बोला - "भाई मेरे, अब तू नहीं अकेला । आओ मिलकर बनाए एक अपना आसमाँ, बाकी सारी चाँदनिया होगी, भवन्स होगा चंद्रमा ॥"



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Department of Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy won the prestigious *Best College Trophy* at the Mithibai College Department of Philosophy festival, *Trushna*, held on February 25th, 2025. The event saw active participation from students across various programs, who showcased their exceptional skills in multiple events, such as research paper presentation, debate competition, and open mic. A special highlight of the event was the paper presentation by our SYBCom student, Ms. Nimisha Patil, who represented the Philosophy Major students. On January 7th, 2025, the Philosopher's Club organized a special screening of Abbas Kiarostami's poignant documentary, *First Graders*. The film provided a heartfelt glimpse into the world of first-grade children, exploring their experiences and perspectives. Following the screening, a thoughtful discussion was held, allowing attendees to reflect on the themes and messages conveyed in the documentary. The event was open to all, fostering an engaging and insightful dialogue among participants.

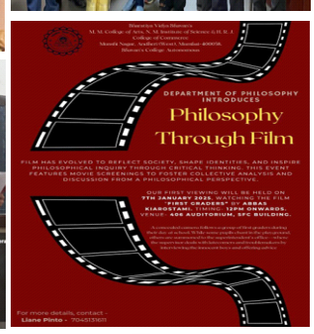
On October 26th, 2024, the Departments of Philosophy and English jointly launched a supportive community for emerging writers, named *'On Writing.'* The initiative aimed to create a judgment-free space where budding writers could discuss their works in progress and receive constructive feedback. The inaugural meeting took place at 11 a.m. in the Language Lab, and was followed by a series of discussion sessions, which were conducted under the guidance of Prof. Raj Karia from the Department of Philosophy and Prof. Rutuja Pradhan from the Department of English, providing participants with valuable insights and fostering a collaborative environment for creative growth.

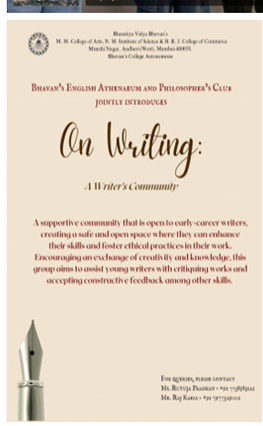
On February 4th, 2025, the department organized a presentation seminar on *Intellectual Property Rights*. Students from the FYBA Philosophy major presented their works on the topic. IPR was chosen as the theme for the department's annual *Professional Ethics Seminar*, allowing students to explore the ethical, legal, and professional aspects of intellectual property. The event provided a platform for students to engage with contemporary issues related to IPR while demonstrating their research and presentation skills.













Department of Political Science

- Students of political science participated in the session on 'Freedom, Movement, and Migration' - Celebrating Juneteenth at Dosti House, American Centre, BKC on June 17th, 2024.
- A research survey was conducted in SYBA Skill Enhancement Course on 24th July, 2024.
- Group presentation was held on '*Directive Principles of State Policy*' by students of FYBA on 13 & 14th August, 2024.
- Students visited Bhavan's College Library– an orientation on library resources was given by librarian Mr. Ramesh Paloti on 14th August, 2024
- A debate on '*Are Human Rights more important than National Sovereignty*' was conducted in the SYBA political science class on 1st February, 2025.
- Flip classroom lecture was conducted by Mr. Rishabh Gupta for students of SYBA on 3rd February & FYBA on 4th February, 2025.
- 'Career Guidance Lecture' by Professor (Dr) M. Z. Shahid, Vice Principal, Maharashtra College, Mumbai was organised for the students of Arts Faculty on 13th February, 2025.
- Two debates were held for the students of SYBA Skill Enhancement Course – '*Public Opinion and Survey Research*' on the topics of '*Reservations in India*' and '*Freedom of Speech*' on 5th & 12th March, 2025.
- 'Book Review' presentation by TYBA students on the thoughts of political thinkers on 24th April, 2025.

Personal Achievements-

1) Dr. Rutuja Holkar:

- Participated as a researcher and chaired a session at the national seminar held on 7th March, 2025, at Bhimrao Pradhan College.
- Presented a research paper at the seminar, which was jointly organized by the Department of History and Political Science and the Department of Archaeology, CEMS, University of Mumbai, in collaboration with Akhil Bhartiya Itihas Sankalan Yojana, New Delhi, and sponsored by ICSSR (Indian Council of Social Science Research).
- Attended a five-day national faculty development program on 'Research Structure & Publication Process' from 26th to 30th November, 2024.
- Conducted a research survey for SYBA SEC research survey and public opinion class on 24th July, 2024.
- Participated in the academic audit on 25th July, 2025.
- Participated in '*Mapping of Mumbai*', a musical drama performed at NCP A Library on 3rd August, 2024. The event was organized in collaboration with Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research Center, University of Mumbai, and Metamorphosis Theatre & Films.
- Awarded a certificate by the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, University of Mumbai, in collaboration with ICSSR, New Delhi, for exceptional engagement at the International Seminar on "*Indian Ocean Region: Challenges and Opportunities*" held on 24th & 25th October, 2024.

- Attended the Annual Library Exhibition on 8th January, 2025, and contributed by purchasing a wide range of books for students and faculty.

- Conducted the Board of Studies meeting for the subject of political science on 17th January, 2025.

- Atended a syllabus-setting meeting for TYBA DSC - Maritime Politics and Policy in the Indian Ocean with PSVM Shrikant Kesnur on 7th November, 2024.

- Worked as Subject Expert on the Confidential Panel of the University of Mumbai for TYBA Paper 5 & 6.

- Completed a 21-day Nyung Ney Retreat Meditation Course under *Lama Tensing Wangpo Bhutia*, Simla (Online), from January 1 to 21, 2025. The Nyung Ney retreat included powerful purification practices such as fasting, prostrations, meditation, and silence, aimed at cultivating compassion.

- Completed a 21-day Yoga Training Program under *"Yoga Everyday by Habuild"* from January 1 to 21, 2025, undertaken on the special request of PSVM Shrikant Kesnur, Naval Admiral.



Dr. Aparna Jadhav:

- Participated in the RUSA sponsored one-day workshop on *Teachers Orientation Programme for Indian Knowledge System (IKS)* held on 30th August, 2024 at Sathaye College (Autonomous), Vile Parle, Mumbai.

- As a Board of Studies (BOS) member of the Political Science Department, contributed to the formulation of the TYBA syllabus under the New Education Policy.

- Designed the Indian Knowledge System syllabus for First-Year (FY) classes.

- Successfully performed election duty for the national and state elections of 2024.

- Co-organized with the NCC Unit the session on *'Rescue Management by Using Ropes'* as part of co-curricular activities in October 2024.

- Co-organized the *'Civil Defence and Disaster Management'* course for first-year students under co-curricular activity, held in March 2025, in collaboration with the NCC Unit.

- Participated in the national workshop on *"Unlocking AI for Smarter Education: Techniques for Teachers & Students"* organized by Smt. K.L. Tiwari Degree College of Commerce & Science on 15th February, 2025.

- Invited as a guest lecturer at K. G. Somaiya College, Mumbai for a session on *'Human Rights and Fundamental Rights in India'* on 7th March, 2025.

- Her research paper titled 'India and Soft Power', presented at the Interdisciplinary National Conference on *'Indian Constitution and Politics'* (held on 27th & 28th February, 2025) is scheduled for publication.

- Presented a research paper on *'Promotion of Democracy: The United States - India Collaboration for a Democratic World'* at the international conference on *'Emerging World Order: India - USA'* held on 20th March, 2025.




Students of Political Science participated in the session on 'Freedom, Movement, and Migration' - Celebrating Juneteenth at Dosti House, American Centre, BKC on 17th June 2024





Students visited Bhavan's College Library – Orientation was given by Librarian Mr. Ramesh Paloti on 14th August 2024





Group Presentation was held on 'Directive Principles of State Policy' by students of FYBA on 13 & 14th August 2024





'Career Guidance Lecture' by Professor (Dr) M. Z. Shahid, Vice Principal, Maharashtra College, Mumbai was organised for the students of Arts Faculty on 13th February 2025



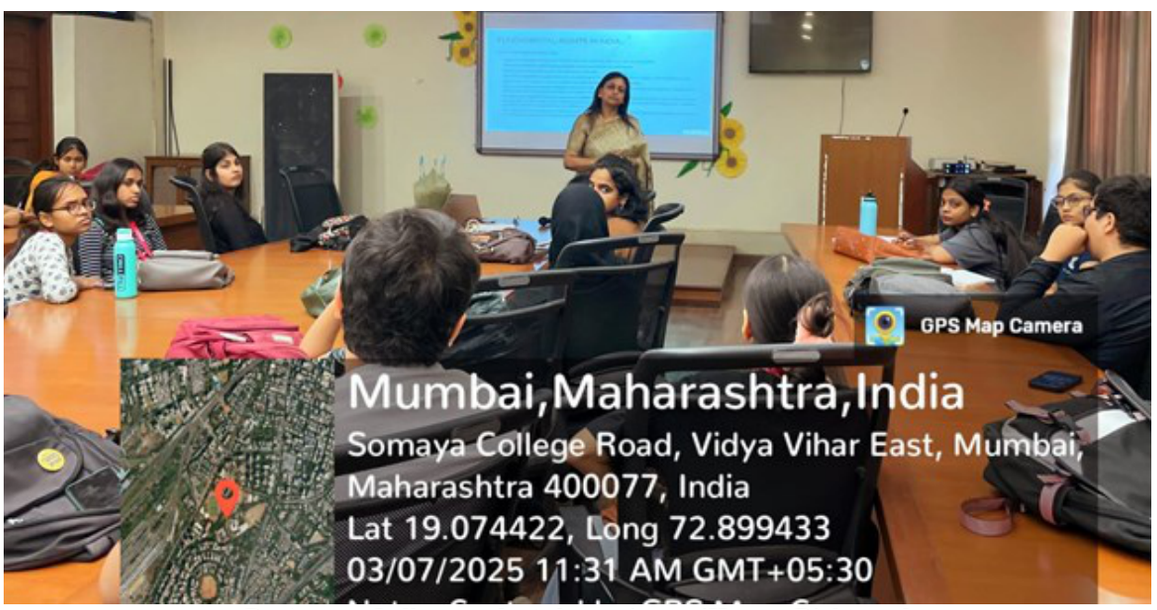


Debate on 'Are Human Rights More Important than National Sovereignty?' was conducted in the SYBA Political Science class on 1st February, 2025.









Dr. Aparna Jadhav conducted a session on 'Human Rights and Fundamental Rights in India' in K. G. Somaiya College, Mumbai on 7th March 2025

Department of Psychology

One of the highlights in the academic year was the much-cherished departmental fest, '*High Psych 25*', hosted with the exciting theme: '*Adulting 101: The Ultimate Adventure.*' The fest unfolded over two days of energetic participation, meticulous planning, and sheer enthusiasm from the student body. Day 1(January 10th, 2025) commenced with a presentation competition, judged by Prof. (Dr.) Kushal Mude, Head of the Department of Physics, and inaugurated with an address by Prof. (Dr.) Kranti Gawali, Head of the Psychology Department. Participants presented with confidence and depth, followed by constructive feedback that encouraged attention to detail. Simultaneously, the *Escape Room* event tested participants' cognitive skills, teamwork, and spontaneity. The day concluded with a workshop by representatives from M Power, Ms. Shreya and Ms. Mugdha, who offered hands-on life skills and real-world insights into adulting. Students were also introduced to the Times of India's internship initiative, reinforcing the department's networking collaboration with reputed institutions.

Day 2 (January 11th, 2025) embraced a carnival-like spirit with engaging stalls and interactive stations. The day began with the Poster Making Competition, where students creatively expressed themes related to adulting, resilience, and mental health through their artwork. These posters adorned the SFC foyer and reflected deep insights and vivid visual storytelling. From the book display desk and psychology-themed quizzes to Vibe Station and Human Bingo, each stall creatively emphasized psychological concepts while ensuring fun and collaboration. Stations like the *Release Box*, *Self-Love Letter counter*, and the *Take What You Need* table encouraged introspection and emotional expression. The highlight remained the *Open-Mic Karaoke*, buzzing with musical performances and laughter. M Power also hosted stalls with DRM-False Memory experiments, Stroop Tasks, and quizzes, adding a scientific flair to the fair. Faculty and students from various departments participated enthusiastically, making the fest a resounding and memorable success. On August 31st, 2024, the Department of Psychology collaborated with Mpower, organized a compelling mental health awareness initiative. The event featured an interactive booth, insightful sessions, and a variety of creative, hands-on activities thoughtfully designed to destigmatize mental health and promote emotional well-being. Students participated with great enthusiasm, earning prizes and gaining valuable insights along the way. The initiative succeeded in cultivating dialogue, empathy, and awareness-foundational values that lie at the heart of the department's ethos and continue to shape its academic and co-curricular endeavours.



Another deeply enriching and experiential activity furthering the kinesthetic learning experience this year was the *Art Therapy Workshop* conducted by Ms. Kritika Nemani on

September 27th, 2024. The session invited students to explore the transformative and expressive power of art as a medium for healing. Through a blend of guided meditation and reflective art-making, participants journeyed inward, navigating their emotional landscapes and creating artworks that visually articulated their thoughts and feelings.



On 28th January, 2025, the Department of Psychology joined hands with the Department of Physics for a unique interdisciplinary initiative centred around environmental awareness and scientific curiosity. As part of this collaboration, a student-produced short film by the students of the Department of Physics centred around the theme of conservation was screened. This was followed by a thought-provoking presentation and dialogue that explored the urgent need for ecological mindfulness, thereby effectively bridging the realms of science and social consciousness.

Students were also invited to participate in a stargazing and camping expedition organized by the Bhavan's Physics Society under the DBT-Star College Scheme on February 1st, 2025. Held at Sandhan Valley, Bhandardara, the event featured celestial observation through Mumbai's largest telescope, camping under the stars, and a scenic trek through nature. This unforgettable overnight





experience offered students the opportunity to marvel at the cosmos, reconnect with the natural world, and momentarily step away from academic demands, thus contributing to well-being and interdisciplinary growth.

Following this, the department collaborated with the Departments of English and History to organize a joint educational tour to Surat, Gujarat from the 17th to the 20th of January, 2025. The objective of the tour was multifaceted, offering students a dynamic blend of exposure to literature, psychiatry, and history through active participation in the Surat Literature Festival, a visit to the SIMMER Psychiatric Centre, and exploration of historical landmarks. At the Surat Literature Festival 2025, held at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, students attended engaging literary panels, thought-provoking artistic exhibitions, and a captivating live concert by the artist Rahgir. The event offered a rare opportunity to interact with eminent thinkers, observe literary culture in action, and experience a wide spectrum of artistic expression firsthand.

A significant highlight of the tour was the visit to the SIMMER Psychiatric Department on January 20th, 2025. Students were given an insightful and guided walk of the facility, including its OPDs and through wards. A particularly impactful experience for the Psychology majors was witnessing a live Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) session- an opportunity rarely experienced at the undergraduate level. Students received a comprehensive explanation of the patient's condition, the procedure, equipment used, and the standard treatment protocol. Additionally, they observed a real-time clinical interaction with a patient diagnosed with schizophrenia, facilitated by Dr.Yami. This was followed by an interactive Q&A session. The educational tour also included visits to a range of historical and cultural landmarks. Students explored Surat Castle, Dumas Beach, Swaminarayan Mandir, and the iconic Dandi Beach. At the National Salt Satyagraha Memorial, they traced the path of Mahatma Gandhi's Salt March- an immersive, experiential journey that vividly brought India's independence struggle to life.

Students of MA Part I participated in internships with the Rotaract Club, through a collaboration with Rotary International- Rotary Club of Bombay Seacoast, gaining firsthand exposure to community outreach, organizational psychology, and service-oriented initiatives. A certificate distribution ceremony was held on April 16th, 2025 to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of the students who successfully completed their internships with the Rotaract Club. As part of the program, students completed 60 hours of hands-on work, gaining practical experience in handling case studies and understanding the application of psychological concepts in community-based initiatives.



From August to September 2024, the MA Clinical Psychology students underwent training at the Regional Mental Hospital in Thane and the Department of Psychiatry at Sion Hospital. MA Counselling Psychology students interned at institutions such as Wadia School's Counselling Centre, the Home for the Blind in Andheri, and BHN Home for the Elderly. These immersive experiences enabled students to engage with real-world mental health practice, hone essential skills, and cultivate a deeper sense of clinical and professional competence.

In alignment with the department's goal of enhancing student employability and life skills, various certificate courses were offered. The certificate course in Fitness and Health Psychology, run in collaboration with G-Force Academy, provided students with rigorous theoretical and field-based training. Graduates of this course were officially licensed as fitness trainers by the Government of India. Students who completed the certificate course in *Basic Counselling Skills* Batch 5 in March 2025 and certificate course in *Advanced Counselling Skills* Batch 2 in April 2025 earned the title of 'Mental Health Ambassadors,' complete with a distinctive badge. These ambassadors act as first responders to mental health needs on campus and assist the department's Counselling Centre.

Another course offered during the academic year was the certificate course in Forensic Psychology in April/May 2025, which introduced students to the psychological dimensions of crime, criminal behaviour, and legal processes. Students engaged with real-life case studies and legal scenarios, gaining valuable insights into the role of psychologists in forensic contexts. The Counselling Centre remained actively involved throughout the year, extending vital psychological support to students and staff.

The *Mentor-Mentee Programme* encouraged both academic and emotional peer support. Advanced learners from the higher classes were offered roles of student mentors to help a diverse learners from the FYBA and created a better preparedness in them to benefit from classroom learning.



At the postgraduate level, a special guest lecture on '*Professional Ethics for Mental Health Professionals*' was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Vilas Padhye on April 1st, 2025. The lecture was both thought-provoking and informative, sensitizing students to the ethical standards vital in clinical and counselling practice. On the April 3rd, 2025, a session on UGC NET-SET preparation was conducted by Ms. Ayesha Baig. Her insights and strategic tips were warmly received, providing students with invaluable guidance for future academic and professional success.



In an effort to enhance career opportunities for students, the Psychology Department organized a series of placement-related initiatives in collaboration with reputed mental health organizations. An online orientation session was conducted on April 1st, 2025, in collaboration with ons, a renowned organization in the field of mental health, exclusively for MA Part II students. Following this, an on-campus placement drive was held on 28th and 29th April. The department collaborated with prominent organizations for campus placements.

This academic year also witnessed several noteworthy achievements by students from the Psychology Department. Bhavika Agarwal, an M.A. Part I student, successfully completed a three-month research program on Cognitive Genomics at the University of Adelaide, Australia, in partnership with the Australian Government's Australian Institute of Family Studies. The program, held between November 2024 and February 2025, offered her significant exposure to interdisciplinary research on an international scale.

Chehel Tiwari, an undergraduate student majoring in Psychology, completed an HR internship and an online internship course with Fortis Hospital, and currently serves as a mental health advocate under Fortis Hospital's National Mental Health Program. Additionally, she has pursued online certification courses from prestigious institutions such as Stanford School of Medicine, Penn School of Medicine, and Harvard University.



Keertida Kantilal Lakhani contributed significantly to academic research with the publication of two research papers in the International Journal of Indian Psychology during the previous semester. Her studies, titled '*Sleep Patterns and Alertness in Class*' and '*Local Train Commuting Impacts Students' Academic Outcomes*,' provided valuable insights into factors influencing students' academic performance and daily functioning.

Another significant contributor to student research was Mahek Purohit, whose scholarly work resulted in two impactful research publications. Her paper titled '*Study of Development in Late Adulthood*' was published in the International Journal of Indian Psychology (Volume 12, Issue 1, January-March 2024). The study explored the physical and cognitive changes associated with ageing, shedding light on a pivotal stage of human development. Additionally,

her second paper, '*The Relationship between Emotional Regulation and Academic Performance*,' appeared in the Open Access Journal of Behavioural Science & Psychology (Volume 7, Issue 2, October 2024). This paper examined how emotional regulation strategies, such as mindfulness and self-compassion, can positively influence adolescents' academic outcomes.

Faculty members designed innovative and engaging learning experiences throughout the year, which were aimed at holistic development. Film screenings, debates, reflective assignments, and various student-led initiatives were also organized.

A key highlight was the exploration of multiculturalism and systemic oppression through carefully selected film screenings. *Parched*, screened for MA students on January 21st, 2025, by Ms. Rutuja Thukarul offered a powerful lens on gender oppression, intimate partner violence, and patriarchal structures. The post-screening discussion encouraged students to critically analyze the systemic barriers to women's autonomy and reflect on the broader sociocultural context. Similarly, *Aatmapamphlet*, screened by Ms. Kritika Nemani and Ms. Rutuja Thukarul on March 25th, 2025, sensitized students to the struggles faced by marginalized communities, promoting critical discourse on privilege, inequality, and the psychological impact of systemic discrimination.

The integration of counselling techniques and therapeutic processes was a significant academic focus this year. Ms. Kritika Nemani organized screenings of *Good Will Hunting* and *Dear Zindagi* on December 24th, 2024 and July 30th, 2024 respectively to analyze therapist-client dynamics, emotional breakthroughs, and ethical considerations in counselling. Students critically examined various therapeutic approaches, reflecting on aspects such as client resistance, the pivotal role of trust, and potential improvements in intervention strategies. Ms. Aasiya Patel complemented this approach with the screening of *What About Bob?* for TYBA, MA PART 1 & MA PART 2 students on January 30th, 2025, offering valuable insights into ethical boundaries and the complexities inherent in therapist-client relationships. To gain a deeper understanding of the psychological disorders the screening of the Movie '*Shutter Island*' was done for the TYBA & MA Counseling Psychology students on July 31st, 2024, by Ms. Aasiya Patel.



At the undergraduate level, film screenings were also used to foster emotional understanding and psychological insight. Ms. Jineshi Shah screened *Inside Out* for FYBA students on February 12th, 2025, illustrating the significant role of emotions in personality development and interpersonal relationships. The discussion emphasized the importance of emotional regulation, adjustment, and social support in maintaining psychological well-being. Prof. Dr. Kranti Gawali facilitated the screening of *Run* for TYBA students on August 10th, 2024, encouraging exploration of trauma, developmental disorders, and mother-child dynamics. In another screening, she presented the documentary. In the Womb for the SYBA students on August 3rd, 2024, which provided students with a fascinating view into prenatal development, linking biology with developmental psychology concepts.

A student seminar on men's mental health by MAVA (Men Against Violence and Abuse), attended by 43 TYBA students on February 14th, 2025 by Mr. Akash Mohan, fostered dialogue around stigma, emotional vulnerability, and the societal expectations faced by men. Prof. Dr. Kranti Gawali also conducted student-led presentations on anxiety disorders on September 2nd, 2024, allowing TYBA students to research and articulate complex psychological conditions and their treatment modalities.



To enhance essential soft skills and practical application of psychological knowledge, the department incorporated role-play and experiential activities. Communication skills training sessions were conducted for SYBA SEC students by Ms. Jineshi Shah and Ms. Kritika Nemani, using role-play to practice empathy, assertiveness, and active listening. FYBSc Students also participated in role-play exercises for Psychological First Aid on January 29th, 2025, simulating crisis response and emotional support techniques for individuals experiencing trauma or distress. To further enhance communication skills MA Psychology Part 2 students conducted workshops on February 11th, 2025 related to topics like persuasion skills, negotiation skills and friendship.



The department also placed a strong emphasis on sustainability and conservation psychology. As part of their coursework, MA students developed behavioural intervention proposals for conservation, designing campaigns and behavioural nudges to promote sustainable living practices. Their research was complemented by the interdisciplinary screening of *Climate Crisis- Nature's Breaking Point* on January 28th, 2025, which encouraged discussions on the intersection of psychology and environmental activism. These activities reinforced the critical role of psychology in addressing global challenges and promoting pro-environmental behaviour. The academic year was enriched with research-driven learning and dynamic skill development. Ms. Kritika Nemani led a research paper reading and discussion activity, where students critically engaged with academic literature,



thereby strengthening their analytical thinking and deepening their understanding of research methodologies. Additionally, Ms. Aasiya Patel conducted an open-book examination in Industrial Psychology, challenging students to apply leadership theories within organizational frameworks. Prof. (Dr.) Kranti Gawali conducted an open-book examination on Psychological testing and Statistics for the TYBA students. This approach enhanced their ability to synthesize theoretical knowledge with real-world workplace scenarios.

Ms. Kritika Nemani conducted a debate on *Altruism* for TYBA students on July 16th, 2024, and for SYBA students on February 25th, 2025. Ms. Aasiya Patel conducted a debate on *Insanity As A Defense For Criminals* for TYBA on January 25th, 2025, and another on *Capital Punishment* for MA Part II students on July 15th, 2024

On February 25th, 2025, MA Part 2 students participated in a *Behavioural Intervention Proposal* activity led by Ms. Aasiya Patel to design strategies promoting conservation behaviours, thereby enhancing their understanding of applying psychological principles to real-world sustainability efforts through collaborative presentation.



Furthering engagement with contemporary psychological discourse, Ms. Kritika Nemani and Ms. Rutuja Thukarul attended the *Indian Mental Health Summit 2024*, where distinguished speakers explored a spectrum of timely issues, including: *Plastic Surgery and Body Modification*; Criminal Minds: A Deep Dive into Forensic Psychology- analyzing criminal behaviour and the psychological underpinnings of forensic investigations; and *The Future of Substance Dependence and Rehabilitation*- examining innovative approaches to addiction treatment and sustained recovery.

Faculty members also actively participated in Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) aimed at enhancing pedagogical and analytical expertise. On February 24th, 2025, they attended a specialized training session on *Power BI and Tableau*, equipping themselves with advanced data visualization tools essential for research and informed decision-making. Additionally, a workshop held on the October

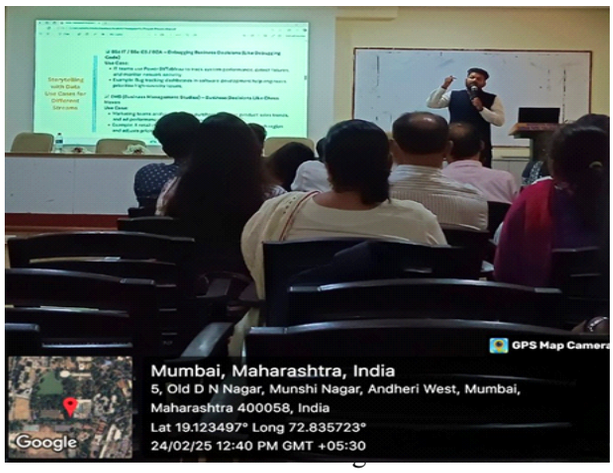




3rd, 2025, on *Framing Learning Outcomes under NEP 2020* offered valuable insights into curriculum planning, ensuring academic objectives were aligned with national educational reforms

Prof. (Dr.) Kranti Gawali, as coordinator, initiated the formation of the Rotaract Club of Bhavan's College, designed to promote overall student development through community service and skill-building initiatives. A variety of activities were held between December 2024 and March 2025. She also spearheaded the Times of India subscription and internship initiative, which aimed to foster a reading culture among students while offering valuable training and internship opportunities with a reputed national media organization. She prepared and submitted the Gender Audit Report 2020-2025 of the college, which was done with the objective to assess the level of gender equality within the institution, identify areas of imbalance, and recommend strategies for improvement.

As convener of the Women's Development Cell (WDC) at Bhavan's College, Prof. Gawali organized a series of impactful initiatives promoting women's empowerment and gender equality. The year began with a compelling ChaUrAha street play performance on February 11th, 2025 in collaboration with MAVA (Men Against Violence and Abuse). The performance addressed themes of intersectionality, gender roles, and various social issues. This was followed by a workshop on Gender Sensitisation held on February 17th, 2025, which fostered discussions on pressing societal challenges such as gender-based discrimination, bias, and restrictive social norms. Students actively engaged with resource persons, making the sessions both interactive and transformative. The WDC played a pivotal role in raising awareness and encouraging critical engagement with gender-related concerns, contributing significantly to students' personal and social development.



extracurricular activities, with special emphasis on collaborations with the Aditya Birla Group's mental health initiative, '*Mpower*'. She lent her expertise to reputed central government bodies and other institutes. In October 2024, she was invited as an examiner for the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS)- an autonomous institution under the Reserve Bank of India and other central financial bodies for the selection of banking professionals. She also served as a psychology expert during group discussions and group tasks for officer recruitment through GATE-2024 by Indian Oil Corporation Limited, a prominent public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India. Her continued contributions to national health governance include membership in the *Ethics Committee of the Family Welfare Training and Research Centre* under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and the Institutional Ethics Committee of the Raja Ramdeo



Andilal Podar Central Ayurveda Research Institute for Cancer, under the Ministry of AYUSH. Government of India. She has also been appointed as a member of the Ethics Committee (EC) at Dr. Balabhai Nanavati Hospital.

In pursuit of professional excellence, Dr. Gawali acquired recognition as a Rehabilitation Professional from the Rehabilitation Council of India (A Statutory Body of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) Government of India. She served as Vice-Chancellor Nominee and Subject Expert on the Board of Studies in Psychology for several prestigious institutions including KMC College, Vashi; Sathaye College, Vile Parle; Royal College, Mira Road; and LS Raheja College, Santacruz West. She was also invited as a subject expert for faculty selection interviews under the Career Advancement Scheme at LS Patkar College, Goregaon West, and other institutions.

Notably, she continues to serve as an elected member of the College Development Committee for the term 2023–2028. Prof. Gawali was appointed as the Vice Principal of Bhavan's College. Under her leadership, and collaboration with health and Finance related organizations, under the IQAC of the college two welfare activities were organized for the degree junior college teaching and Non - teaching staff as well as students. On 9th April 2025, a free Health check up was organized in collaboration with Nanavati Max Super Speciality Hospital during which 119 staff members availed the service along with the concessions offered for consultation at the hospital OPD. The concern to create financial literacy among the teaching and Non-teaching staff culminated in the Guest talk held on April 17th, 2025, on Financial Literacy "Financial wellness: Making Informed Decisions" with the resource person Mr.Pratyush Bhaskar, A certified SEBI SMART Financial Trainer.

Dr. Gawali successfully completed two Faculty Development Programs organized by the college's IQAC. She offered her research related acumen as a judge for research paper presentation. She was invited to evaluate research papers at the PVCRSM 2024-25 on the December 14th, 2024, at L.S.Patkar College. She was invited as a judge for the research papers for the one day multidisciplinary national level conference on 'Perspectives and Trends in Geography, Psychology and Information Technology on March 3rd, 2025, organized by the Acharya Marathe college. She delivered lectures during the course work for the PhD research scholars at the Research Centre of Psychology at the University Department of Applied Psychology University of Mumbai. She has been appointed as a University of Mumbai representative to the *Marathi Manashastra Parishad*, a state-level body of Psychologists. Her academic contributions culminated in the publication of a book chapter and research papers. She completed the a ten-day research methodology course work on '*Advanced Research Methodology'* in April 2025 organized by the Research and Development Committee of the Vidhyalankar aschool of Information Technology jointly with the Department of Commerce, University of Mumbai.





Department of Library

In the academic year 2024-25, the library significantly enhanced its collection by adding a substantial number of books, research journals, and popular magazines. These additions aim to support the curricular and co-curricular activities of the college, enriching the academic environment and providing students and faculty with updated and diverse learning resources.

A total of 320 books were added for the Degree and Junior College sections, amounting to an expenditure of Rs. 1,48,403. Additionally, 45 periodicals, including magazines and newspapers, were subscribed to at a cost of Rs. 1,74,808. For the SFC Library, 18 books were acquired for Rs. 62,693, and 13 periodicals were added with an expenditure of Rs. 22,297.

Jatin Waghela attended a one-week training program for library support staff at Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College (R.J. College), Ghatkopar. The program was designed to equip library personnel with essential skills and competencies for managing digital resources and adapting to the dynamic landscape of modern libraries. It also covered emerging areas such as library automation software, online services, rare book conservation, and professional ethics. Additionally, the training included sessions on personality development, communication skills, stress management, and anger management, ensuring a holistic approach to the professional and personal growth of library staff.

Books hold immense importance in shaping an individual's thoughts, enhancing knowledge, and fostering creativity. Recognizing this, Bhavan's College organized a book exhibition on 8th and 9th January, 2025. The event aimed to promote reading habits among students and faculty members while providing access to a wide variety of books under one roof. It received an overwhelming response from both students and faculty. Students from



various departments visited the exhibition with great enthusiasm, exploring the diverse collection on display. Faculty members appreciated the initiative, emphasizing the significance of such events in reviving the culture of reading. Many participants purchased books across genres, including literature, science, technology, self-help, and fiction.

On October 15th, the Library Department in collaboration with the Marathi Department organized an exhibition of old and rare books to mark *Vaachan Prerna Din* (Reading Inspiration Day). As a unique initiative to cultivate a reading culture among students, an innovative activity titled "Come and Take Away" was conducted. This thoughtful experiment encouraged students to freely pick books of their interest, fostering curiosity and engagement with literature. The initiative received an enthusiastic response from both students and teachers, highlighting its success in promoting the joy of reading.

Kulapati Kanhaiyalal Maneklal Munshi (1887-1971) was not only a visionary statesman and educationist but also a prolific writer whose literary legacy significantly influenced the shaping of modern Indian education. As the founder of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in 1938, Munshiji was deeply committed to reviving and preserving India's cultural and educational heritage. In tribute to his enduring contributions, the library organized a '*Theme-Based Books Display'* on February 8th, 2025, coinciding with the *Kulapati Munshi Memorial Trophy*, an inter-collegiate essay and elocution competition, to inspire students and honour his legacy.

A seminar on *Reading Habits for Lifelong Learning* was successfully conducted on January 25th, 2025, in the SFC Auditorium 406. Organized by the college library in collaboration with the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLLE), the event aimed to highlight the importance of reading as a foundation for continuous personal and intellectual growth. The guest speaker, Prof. Shramik Kharat, Head of the History Department, emphasized how consistent reading nurtures critical thinking, enhances knowledge, and shapes one's worldview. He discussed the evolving dynamics of reading in the digital age, encouraging students to strike a balance between traditional books and modern e-resources.

The session was highly interactive, with students and faculty members actively participating in discussions about their reading habits, challenges, and preferences. Prof. Kharat shared practical strategies to cultivate regular reading, including exploring diverse genres and delving into historical texts to broaden perspectives. The seminar concluded with an engaging Q&A session, where participants shared experiences and sought guidance on overcoming reading-related hurdles. The DLLE and Library organizers extended their heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Shramik Kharat and all participants for their enthusiastic involvement and contribution to the seminar's success.





Glimpses of Book Exhibition

On June 17th, 2024, students and faculty members from the Departments of English and Political Science participated in the Juneteenth Programme and an insightful session on *Freedom, Movement, and Migration* at the American Embassy, BKC, Bandra, Mumbai. A delegation comprising 27 students, along with Dr. H.L. Narayana Rao, Dr. Aparna Jadhav, and Librarian Shri Ramesh Paloti, attended the event, which provided a valuable platform for engaging with historical and contemporary themes surrounding civil rights, identity, and the global significance of Juneteenth.

The Department of History, in collaboration with Bhavan's Library, introduced an add-on course in Library Science for the academic year. The course is designed to offer students a comprehensive understanding of various aspects of library management, services, and administration. It covers key areas such as different library sections, the range of services offered, effective utilization of online resources, and the overall functioning of libraries in both traditional and digital formats. A total of eight students enrolled and received practical, hands-on training. Each student was assigned specific tasks in different sections, allowing them to gain experiential knowledge and develop the skills required for efficient library operations.

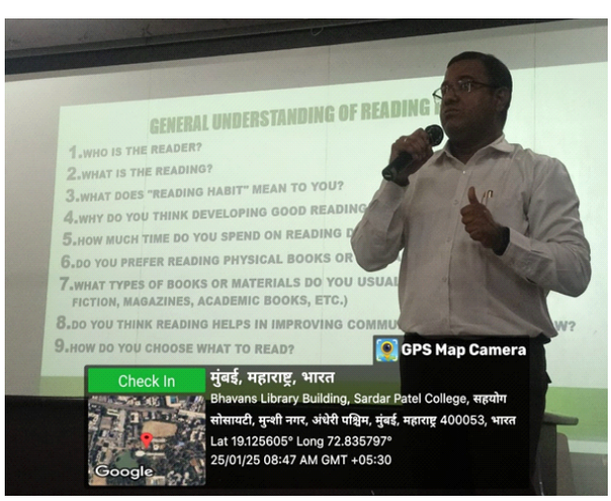


Mr. Ramesh Paloti visited American Resource Centre with Students



Library staff with Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Zarine Bhathena during the felicitation function of Mrs. Manisha Padikar who retired on 30th June, 2024



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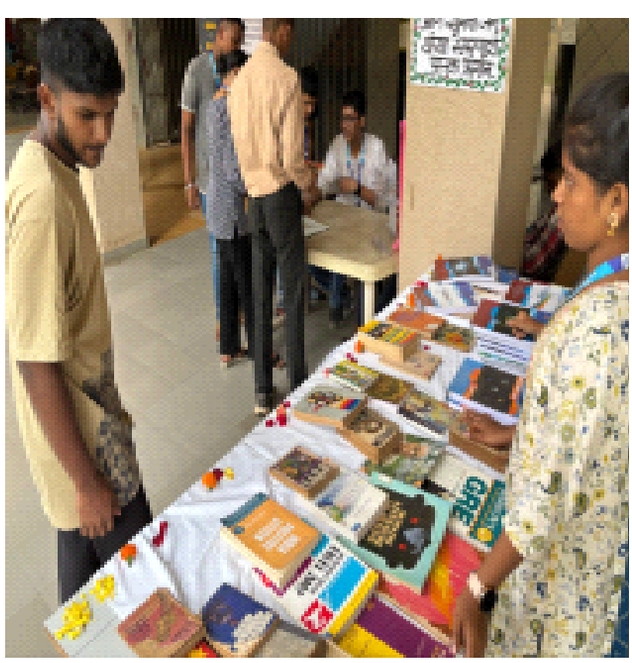




Career Guidance and Placement Cell

The Placement Cell is dedicated to supporting students in securing employment opportunities by organizing recruitment drives, internships, and career counselling sessions. Our Placement Committee comprises the following members: Ruby Parekh (Convener), Vaishali Zagade (Placement Officer), Dr. Aparna Jadhav (Coordinator for Arts Stream), Krupa Kamdar (Coordinator for SFC), Mr. Siddesh Sawant (Coordinator for Commerce Stream), and Mr. Taufeeq Shaikh (Coordinator for Science Stream).

Activities:

1) Teach For India Pre-Placement Programme (18th November, 2024): This programme was organized with the aim to raise awareness about the eligibility criteria and requirements for the Teach for India Fellowship. It also provided an overview of the application process. A total of 98 students from different streams (including 27 alumni) attended.

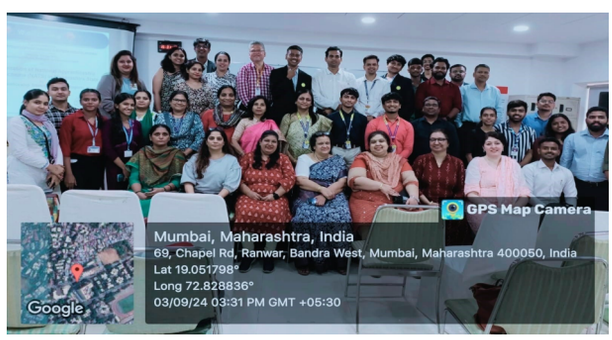


2) Interview conducted by Joyalukkas Jewellers - 12th February, 2025: An announcement was circulated among students, and more than 22 students registered for the interview through the Google Form link provided in the notice. The interview was held in the College Auditorium





3) Dr. Aparna Jadhav, Mr. Siddesh Sawant, and Mr. Taufiq Shaikh successfully participated in the workshop held at MET College of Management, Bandra, on 3rd September, 2024. The event was organized by the Board of Apprenticeship Training (Western Region) for the Mumbai District, Maharashtra.



4) Students were provided with internship and placement opportunities through coordination with SP-TBI

5) A job opportunity for the role of research analyst was offered to the students. Over sixty students registered for the interview via the Google link shared with them.

6) Upcoming Campus Interview: The Placement Committee has scheduled a campus interview at Bhavan's College.

Students' Scholarship

Scholarship Event held on March 21st, 2025 by Malabar, Charitable Trust: Malabar Group, the parent company of Malabar Gold & Diamonds, has reaffirmed its steadfast commitment to women's empowerment through education with the launch of its National Scholarship Programme. This initiative was officially introduced at a special event held at the Rashtriya Shala Compound, Saibaba Nagar, Pant Nagar, Ghatkopar (East), Mumbai.

The event was inaugurated by Mr. Sanjay Kelkar, Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Thane. The ceremony was also graced by the manager of the Malabar Gold & Diamonds Andheri Store, alongside representatives from Bhavan's College, including Mr. Yogesh Ghade (Administrator), Mr. Ravi Waghela (Lab Attendant), and Ms. Vaishali Zagade (Placement Officer).

Out of a total of 68 deserving students, a few were selected to receive the scholarship. Ishika Surendra Jaiswar, Rutuja Sachin Jadhav and Janani Shanmugh Sundaram were awarded ₹ 10,000. Shirin Amjad Khan, Doli Jhantu Das, Poola Prakash Sinde, Sabrin Shaikh, Shravani Suresh Parab, Tanvi Santosh Potle, Ridhi Ashwin Kumar Mishra, Disha Ramesh Nag, Aarya Vikas Mahadik, Tanvi Sadanand Ramane, Sanika Suresh Parab, Madhuri Suresh Parab, Gayatri Yashwant Ramani, Sharddha Subhashchandra Mishra, and Tanishka More were awarded ₹ 8000.





Department of Accountancy

Achievements of faculty members:

1) Mr. Rahul Suryawanshi participated in a seven-day online national workshop on '*Research Methods and Techniques*' organized by Ramanand Arya DAV College, in association with the University of Mumbai, held from 17th to 23rd February, 2025. He also published three research papers in various reputed journals during the academic year.

2) Ms. Dipali Gopane published two research papers in reputed journals, contributing to the academic and research excellence of the department.

3) Dr. Mumtaz Shaikh served as one of the authors and course writers for the subject *Advanced Financial Accounting* (M.Com Semester I), published by the Director, Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), University of Mumbai.

Activities Conducted:

The Department of Accountancy organized a range of activities and events during the academic year 2024–25. As part of their academic assignments, students were given the task of writing research papers. Over 90 research papers were submitted, showcasing the students' research skills and understanding of various topics.

Further, the department is currently in the process of publishing a research book, which will feature a selection of the research papers written by the students. This initiative aims to encourage a spirit of academic inquiry and provide students with an opportunity to contribute to academic publishing at an early stage.



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Department Of Commerce

Achievements Of Faculty Members:

1) Mrs. Janvi Bhatia and Ms. Nikita Dalvi

(i) Participated in an online national workshop on *'Soft Skills, Empathy, and Professional Development'* organized by Santan Dharma College, Ambala Cantt, Haryana, in collaboration with Nucleus Learning and Development, held from 24th to 29th March, 2025.

(ii) Participated in a week– long online national level faculty development program on *'Using Interviews in Qualitative Research in Social Sciences'* organized by Bal-Bharati's Maghanmal J. Pancholia College of Commerce, in collaboration with Nucleus Learning and Development, conducted from 3rd March to 8th March, 2025.

2) Mr. Siddhesh Sawant

(I) Participated in an online national workshop on 'Soft Skills, Empathy and Professional Development' organized by Santan Dharma College, Ambala Cantt, Haryana in collaboration with Nucleus Learning and Development from 24th March to 29th March, 2025.

3) Ms. Snehal Khandagale

(i) Participated in an online national workshop on '*Mastering Mutual Funds-Your Path to Wealth Creation*' organized by Sandesh College of Arts, Commerce & Science in association with 'scoreachievers.com' on January 18th, 2024.

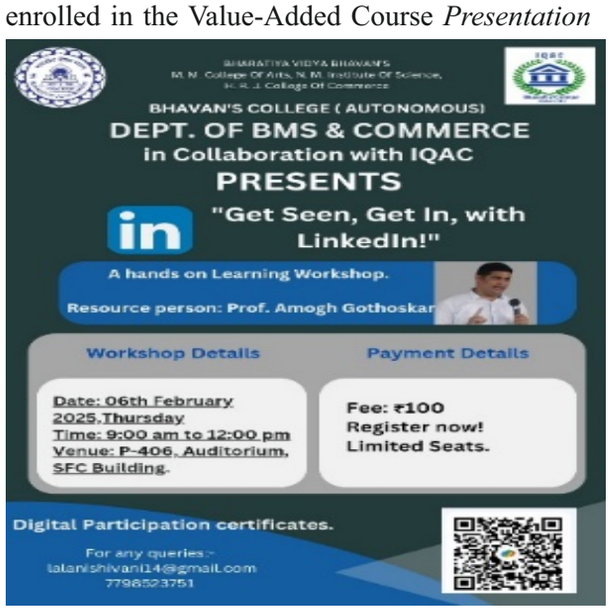
(ii) Participated in a five day online national faculty development program on '*Essentials of Research Paper Writing*' organized by Madanbhai Sura Institute of Business Management in association with 'score achievers.com' from 20th to 24th January, 2025.

Activities Conducted:

(i) The department offered a Value-Added Course on *Presentation Skills and Professional Ethics* starting from July 15th, 2024. The course, conducted by Mr. Siddhesh Sawant, was open to students of all programs, and nearly twelve students registered.

(ii) A workshop titled *Get Seen, Get In, with LinkedIn* was conducted by Prof. Amol Gothoskar on February 6th, 2025. The session focused not only on creating a LinkedIn profile but also on strategically using the platform to build a personal brand and unlock career opportunities. It was interactive, practical, and filled with actionable insights. Prof. Gothoskar simplified the complexities of LinkedIn, making it easier for students to navigate and leverage the platform. The session was open to students of all programs, with nearly 30 students from FY, SY, and TY attending.

(iii) Four students from SYBCOM participated in the Intercollegiate Group PPT Presentation at Valia College on 10th February, 2025, where they secured the second prize. These students were enrolled in the Value-Added Course *Presentation*



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The conference was organized by K.C. Law College, Churchgate, on February 12th, 2025. The details of the participants are as follows:

(i) Mr. Om Joshi- SYBCom, Division II

(ii) Ms. Archi Jadhav- SYBCom, Division II (SC 263) Title of the Research Paper: *Ethical Considerations of AI in Education: Privacy, Bias, Accountability*

(iii) Ms. Khushi Shetty- SYBCom, Division III (SC 456) Title of the Research Paper: *Bridging the Digital Divide: Ensuring Equal Access to Technology in Education*

Additionally, one student presented a research paper at the presentation event of *Trushna 2025*, organized by the Department of Philosophy, Mithibai College, on February 25th, 2025:

i) Ms. Nimisha Patil – SYBCOM, Division III (SC 422)

Title of the Research Paper: *Leisure – Choice or Need: A Philosophical Approach*

All the above-mentioned students were mentored by Mrs. Janvi Bhatia, who also served as the in-charge teacher for the Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) *Research Ethics and Plagiarism* in Semester IV.





(v) A session titled *'An Entrepreneurial Journey -Turning Dreams into Reality'* was organized on 3rd March, 2025. The speakers were current TYBCOM students who are also budding entrepreneurs:

- Mr. Kaif Khan- Exporter of Sarees and Abhyas
- Mr. Ojus Korde- Travel & Tourism
- Mr. Yash Raut- Retail Marketer

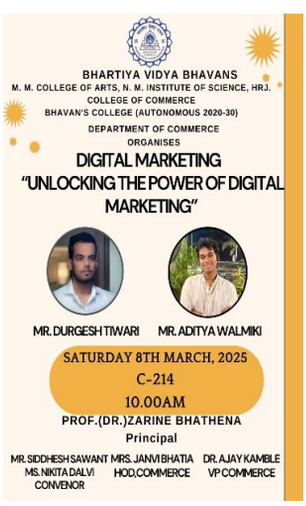
The Department of Commerce provided a platform for the student entrepreneurs to share their journeys, including their sources of inspiration, idea generation, how they took their first steps in their respective fields, the challenges and problems they faced, emotional support systems, growth trajectories, future plans, and personal messages for fellow students.





(vi) A session titled *'Unlocking the Power of Digital Marketing'* was organized on 8th March, 2025, especially for SYBA and SYBSC students who had opted for the Open Elective- *Digital Marketing*, offered by the Department of Commerce under the NEP 2020 framework. The session focused on the essential steps to establish and grow a social media marketing agency (SMMA), covering conceptualization, launching, and expanding digital marketing services.

The resource persons for the session were Mr. Durgesh Tiwari, an alumnus of the college, and Mr. Aditya Valmiki, a TYBCOM student who has launched his own digital marketing startup.



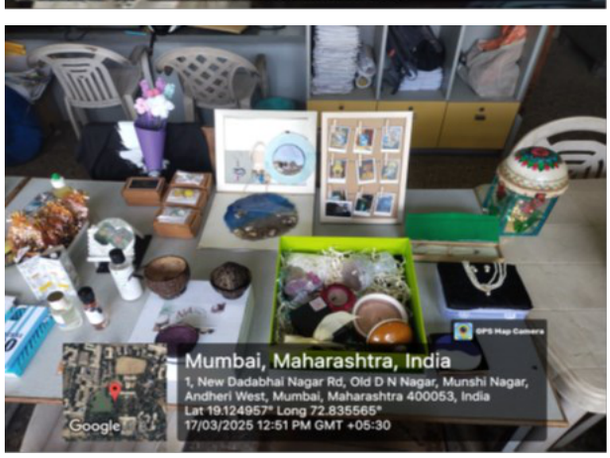




vii) A competition titled '*Young Entrepreneurs-Creative Minds'* was conducted on March 17th, 2024, based on assignment topics given to TYBCom students under the subject *Entrepreneurship and Management of Small-Scale Industries (MSSI II – Semester VI)*.

Students were required to select and create a product as part of a group assignment, with each group consisting of 10 members. The objective was to provide students an opportunity to think creatively, develop their own product, and explore the steps involved in launching a startup. As part of the competition, each group presented a three-minute PowerPoint explaining the product creation process, materials used, cost of production, marketing strategies, and advertising approaches. A total of 28 groups participated, showcasing a variety of innovative products such as handbags, greeting cards, scented candles, imitation jewellery, handmade lamps, and more.





Department of Botany

On February 22nd, 2025, the Department of Botany successfully conducted a national seminar on '*Sustainable Agriculture and Biodiversity Conservation*' to commemorate the contributions of Dr. Asmita Mestry, who served the department for 37 years, first as a lecturer and later as head, retiring on 28th February, 2025. Prof. Dr. Nitin Dongarwar (Professor and Head, PG Department of Botany, RTM Nagpur University) and Prof. Dr. Nikhil Gaikwad (Professor, PG Department of Botany, Shivaji University, Kolhapur) were the invited speakers for the seminar. The event also witnessed participation from esteemed academicians including Prof. Dr. Aparna Saraf (Professor and Head, HBS University, Mumbai), Prof. Dr. Ajit Kengar (professor and head, Kelkar College, Mumbai), along with faculty members from various universities.





Faculty Achievements:

1) Prof. Dr. Nitin Labhane

- Reappointed by the Government of India as an expert member in the functional area of biodiversity & ecology for the State Environmental Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Maharashtra. This appointment was made under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Notification dated 10th June, 2024, at New Delhi.
- Served as a judge for the 19th Avishkar Research Convention (Zonal Round) held at Viva College, Virar on 10th December, 2024. This inter-collegiate/institute/departmental research convention was conducted under the aegis of the University of Mumbai. His nomination for this role was formalized through a university communication (letter no. DSD/Aavishkar/VI/TL/10th Dec 2024).
- Conferred with the prestigious '*Best Academician Award*' during the Global Academic Excellence Awards 2024 held in Bangkok, Thailand. The award was presented by SARPS (Plant Sciences) on 28th July, 2024, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of academia and research
- Invited as the Guest of Honour for the Annual Day celebration of Billabong High International School, Andheri, held on 30th November, 2024. His presence at the event added immense value and served as an inspiration for the students and faculty alike.



- Nominated as a subject expert by the Vice-Chancellor and college management, under the University of Mumbai, for the CAS (Career Advancement Scheme) promotions of Associate Professors and Professors at institutions such as SIES College and Sophia College.
- Participated with Mr. Taufiq Shaikh in the IP Awareness/Training Program under the National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission on August 12th, 2024. This program was aimed at enhancing knowledge of intellectual property rights among academic professionals.\
- Faculty coordinator at Bhavan's College, Andheri, for the ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization) initiative, facilitating online training programs conducted by the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS) over the past two years.
- Coordinator for the IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell), the Department of Biotechnology under the Star College Scheme, and the Research and Development Cell (RDC).
- Member of the Governing Body (GB) of Bhavan's College.
- Member of the Board of Studies in Botany for Homi Bhabha State University (HBSU), as well as for Kirti College and Bajaj College of Science, Wardha.

As part of its outreach activities, the Department of Botany (Prof. Dr. Nitin Labhane, Mr. Dinesh Agre, Ms. Sharayu Raje, and Mr. Taufiq Shaikh) has been assisting The Cathedral and John Connon Senior School, Churchgate, Mumbai, in the identification of plants and the preparation of a detailed manual for academic use.

Additionally, the department (Prof. Dr. Nitin Labhane, Mr. Vishal Kamble, Mr. Dinesh Agre, Ms. Sharayu Raje, and Mr. Taufiq Shaikh) has been providing support to the Civil Engineering Department of Sardar Patel College of Engineering (SPCE)- a sister department on the same campus- by aiding in the identification and photo-imaging of algae for the past two years.

The department successfully organized an educational excursion for the students of TYBSc, SYBSc, MSc-I, and MSc-II to Mahabaleshwar from 10th to 12th February 2025. During the tour, students visited the Wheat Rust Research Center (to study plant pathogenies, control measures, and variety development), Mapro Garden and Factory (to understand fruit processing and value addition), the Biodiversity Park (to observe ecological variations and forest types), KVIC Madhusagar Honey Unit (to learn about honey production and processing), a strawberry farm (to study horticultural techniques), and the Global Hydroponics Farm in Pune.



The Department of Botany has been actively involved in publishing notable research works. S.N. More, P.U. Singare, and Nitin M. Labhane (2024) published a research article titled *'Selection Of Bioindicators For Air Pollution Based On Peroxidase Activity Of Plant Species Found In The Chembur Industrial Area Of Mumbai, India- A Primary Step To Green Zone Enrichment'* in *Rasayan Journal of Chemistry*, Volume 17, Issue 3, pages 1277–1282 (July–September 2024).

Amita Sarswal, Tanveer Yusufzai, Rohit Panchal, Harim Shaikh, Sunita Chauhan, Taufiq Shaikh, and Nitin Labhane (2024) co-authored a review paper titled *'A Review of Biological Approaches for Remediation Techniques of Vaitarna River and Its Tributaries'* published in *IJARESM*, Volume 12, Issue 8, pages 23–29 (August 2024).

Apurva Jha, Ifat Khan, Taufiq Shaikh, Asmita S. Mestry, and Nitin Labhane (2025) contributed a paper titled *'Current Trends and Future Prospects in Plant Sciences Apropos Artificial Intelligence (AI)'* published in the *IRJHIS* Special Issue in January 2025.

Saraswal Amita Jagdish, Chauhan Sunita Manik, Shaikh Taufiq, and Labhane Nitin (2025) authored a paper titled *'Phytoremediation Of Aqueous Lead Ions By Using Leaves Of Clematis terniflora,'* which is currently in press.

Gaurav Salaskar, Shaikh Taufiq, and Labhane Nitin (2025) have contributed a book chapter titled *'Green Synthesis of Zinc Nanoparticles from Cordia sebestena for Lead Remediation in Water,'* which is in press.

Labhane Nitin, Agre Dinesh, Raje Sharayu, and Shaikh Taufiq (2025) have authored a book chapter titled *'Floristic Diversity in and around The Cathedral and John Connon Senior School, Churchgate, Mumbai,'* which is currently in press.

Raje Sharayu, Agre Dinesh, Kamble Vishal, and Labhane Nitin (2025) co-authored a book chapter titled *'Exploring Allelopathic Potential of Impatiens balsamina L. and Its Application in Weed Management,'* which is in press.

Agre Dinesh, Raje Sharayu, and Kamble Vishal (2025) authored a book chapter titled *'Brachystelma malwanense as an Endemic Mycorrhizal Plant: A New Report,'* which is currently in press.

Gandhi Disha, Khan Aafreen, Labhane Nitin, and Shaikh Taufiq (2025) contributed a book chapter titled *'Phytoremediation of Lead using Citrullus lanatus L. Rind,'* which is also currently in press.

Mr. Vishal Kamble has been appointed as the Convenor of the Extra Credit Committee (ECC), contributing significantly towards the academic enrichment activities of the institution.

Ms. Sharayu S. Raje has been reappointed as the Green Club Faculty Coordinator for the second consecutive term at Bhavan's College. Under her leadership, Bhavan's College was adjudged among the top ten colleges in Mumbai for their exemplary documentation on water conservation. In recognition of this achievement, the college coordinator was selected for the Lighthouse Green Club Nurturing Workshop organized by Youth Engagement and Water Stewardship (YEWS) at Sasmira Institute of Management, Worli, on 21st February 2025.

Mr. Taufiq Shaikh has been appointed as a member of the Research and Curriculum Monitoring Committee (RCMC) of the college. He is also serving as the coordinator for the Science Department in the Placement Committee and as a member of the Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC).

At the *International Conference on Emerging Novel Research in Plant Sciences & 2nd Global Academics Excellence Awards* held in Bangkok, Thailand on 28th July, 2024, several noteworthy research presentations were made. Gaurav Salaskar presented a study on the effect of lipase-coated silver nanoparticles on the seed germination of *Cucurbita pepo L.*, while Disha Gandhi focused on phytoremediation of lead using the rind of *Citrullus lanatus L.*. Tanveer Yusufzai and his team explored the efficiency of *Ocimum basilicum* seeds in phytoremediation of lead. Another significant contribution came from Apurva Jha and collaborators, who discussed the role of Artificial Intelligence in plant sciences. Ifat Khan conducted a socio-environmental study on the carbon footprint generated by different economic classes in Mumbai. Additionally, Prof. Dr. Nitin M. Labhane collaborated internationally on a project titled 'Food crisis and Embryo-Endosperm interdependence', and was honoured with the Best Academician Award.

During the *International Symposium on Artificial Intelligence* at Mutha College, Kalyan on 21st November, 2024, Ifat Khan, alongside Apurva Jha and others, presented on the current trends and future prospects in plant sciences with respect to Artificial Intelligence.

At the *RUSA-sponsored National Level Conference* hosted by Chikitsak Samuha's Sir Sitaram and Lady Shantabai Patkar College on 18th December, 2024, Ifat Khan led a study on the phytoremediation of hydrocarbon-polluted water using dried leaves of *Carica papaya*. Apurva Jha presented a cultural-environmental study titled '*A Study on Conservation in Culture*'. Other notable presentations included Saima A. H. Desai's research on AM fungi in *Lepidium sativum* and Risha V. Kadavarath's preliminary phytochemical study on the same species, which won her the third prize in the PG category.

At the *National Seminar on Sustainable Agriculture and Biodiversity Conservation* held at Bhavan's College, Andheri on 22nd February, 2025, Gaurav Salaskar presented two studies-one on ICP-AES techniques in plant science and another on the green synthesis of zinc nanoparticles from *Cordia sebestena* for lead remediation in water. Varsha Vishwakarma examined the impact of fabric dye on the biochemical and physiological parameters of *Solanum tuberosum*, earning third prize in the seminar. Saima Khan's presentation on the allelopathic potential of *Impatiens balsamina* focused on weed management. Lourdes Baptista explored the impact of different light spectra on ascorbic acid content in *Citrus limon*. Aafreen Khan and team investigated the relevance of green nanotechnology in everyday life, while Mrunali Jejurkar presented a study on the phytoremediation potential of lead on *Vigna radiata*. Mrunali Jejurkar and Sharayu Raje conducted a comparative study on phenolic compounds in raw versus cooked spinach samples. Riya Pathak examined epigenetic regulation and biostimulant-induced stress tolerance in *Mentha piperita* under salt stress, while Jagruti Patel discussed the role of digital agriculture in promoting sustainable farming in India. Aaron D'Souza contributed a preliminary phytochemical study on *Abutilon indicum* extract.

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Furthermore, Gaurav Salaskar, along with Taufiq Shaikh and Nitin Labhane, participated in several high-level conferences. At the *Applications of Advanced Analytical Techniques in Research & Industry* conference organized by the Centre for Sophisticated Instruments and Facilities (CSIF), IIT Bombay, in collaboration with the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE), Mumbai Chapter on 18th and 19th February, 2025, Gaurav won second place (PG category) for *Best Poster Presentation*. He also presented a research paper titled '*Nitrogen Fixation: Natural-Based Solutions (NBS) Through Microbe-Iron*

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In the *RUSA Sponsored One Day National Conference on "Entrepreneurial Advances and Pursuits in Biological Sciences"* on 18th December, 2024, Gaurav presented his innovative work on *Conjugated Nanoparticles for Personalized Cancer Therapy*, while his peers also contributed: Riya Pathak and Sharayu Raje presented on *The Beneficial Effect of Tinospora cordifolia on Lead Induced*

Cytotoxicity, and Risha Kadavarath, Kunal Dhanmeher, Vishal Kamble, Sharayu Raje, and Dinesh Agre shared preliminary studies on phytochemicals in Lepidium sativum. Moreover, Gaurav Salaskar, in collaboration with his mentors, presented a paper titled '*Enhanced Drug Delivery Through Surface-Modified Nanoparticles'* at the *National Level Online Multi-Disciplinary Poster & Paper Presentation*, further emphasizing his active engagement with advanced nanotechnology applications in plant and biomedical sciences.

Mr. Dinesh G. Agre has actively engaged in various professional development activities to enhance his academic and research competencies. He completed a two-day National Level Workshop on the Isolation of Phytoconstituents, held from 23rd–24th November 2024, organized by Saraswathi Vidya Bhavan's College of Pharmacy, Dombivli, Maharashtra. He also successfully completed the MS-DEED Level 1 Faculty Development Programme titled *'Introduction to Innovative Pedagogies for College Teachers'*, conducted by IISER Pune and supported by the Maharashtra State Faculty Development Academy (MSFDA) at Ismail Yusuf College, Mumbai from 23rd to 27th September, 2024. In addition, he participated in a hands-on training on molecular docking conducted by the Centre for Advanced Training and Research, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, on 27th and 28th January, 2025. Mr. Agre has also successfully completed a 4-credit SWAYAM course on academic writing in May 2024, offered by Dr. Ajay Semalty of HNB Garhwal University. Beyond his academic engagements, he has contributed to institutional development by serving as a member of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Central Assessment Programme (CAP), and the Green Club Committee.

Ms. Sharayu Suhas Raje has actively contributed to academic, environmental, and institutional initiatives. She participated as the Green Club Faculty Coordinator at the Mumbai District Workshop held on 30th July, 2024 at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, organized by YEWS, and also attended the monthly YEWS program meeting on 28th August, 2024 at Ramnarain Ruia College, Mumbai. She successfully completed a Two-Day National Level Workshop on "Isolation of Phytoconstituents" conducted on 23rd and 24th November 2024 by Saraswathi Vidya Bhavan's College of Pharmacy, Dombivli, Maharashtra, in collaboration with Shri B. V. Patel Education Trust, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Ms. Raje further completed the online course '*Living with Climate Change and Water Management*' conducted by MYCA on 31st December, 2024. Additionally, she participated in hands-on training on molecular docking organized by the Centre for Advanced Training and Research, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh on 27th and 28th January, 2025. Beyond academics, she also contributed to institutional activities as a member of the Event Management Committee and the Environmental and Cultural Committee (ECC). The Botany and Biology Departments, along with the non-teaching staff, organized a retirement function on 26th April, 2025, for Mr. Sitaram Bolye, a non-teaching staff member set to superannuate on 31st May, 2025 after nearly 35 years of dedicated service; several retired staff members also attended this event.



Department of Chemistry

1. It is a matter of pride and gratitude that Dr. Pradyna Aashirwad have been conferred with prestigious award '**सावित्रीच्या लेकी**' for her contribution in the field of Education. This award was handed by reknown social activist Baba Adhav ji and former minister Yashomati Thakur taai.

This prestigious award was organised by Government of Maharashtra's Archeologoy & Museum Directorate, Mumbai & Assistant Director of Indian Archeological Department, Pune in association with Indian Student Council, Maharashtra held at Mahatma Phule Wada, Samata Bhoomi, Ganjpeth, Pune on 18/01/2025.



2. Chem Cruise 2025: Chemistry on the High Seas – A Pirate's Journey

Chem Cruise 2025 was a thrilling intercollegiate chemistry fest that brought students together under the adventurous theme "Chemistry on the High Seas: A Pirate's Journey."

Dr. Archana Kocharekar and Mr. Rahul Bharsat were appointed as the Coordinator of the event. The entire fest echoed the spirit of a daring voyage—where curiosity led the way, teamwork sailed the ship, and chemistry lit the path like a compass guiding pirates to hidden treasures. The first day of Chem Cruise featured a range of exciting events, including:

1. Pirate's Recycling Raid: Participants showcased their creativity by transforming recyclable materials into innovative projects.

2. Pirate Palate Fiesta: The culinary event brought together participants to showcase their cooking skills, with a focus on creative and delicious dishes.

3. Pirate Code: Participants engaged in a puzzle-solving challenge, deciphering codes and solving problems.

4. Chemical Treasure Chase: A thrilling treasure hunt that involved chemical clues and challenges, testing participants' scientific knowledge and problem-solving skills.

The second day of Chem Cruise featured:

1. Treasure Trove of Talents: A talent show where participants showcased their skills in music, dance, poetry, and other performance arts.

2. Lawnsone Dye Art: Participants created art using lawsone dye, exploring its creative potential.

3. Mosaic of the Season: A creative event where participants crafted mosaics, showcasing their artistic skills.

4. Chem Cruise Cinematics: Participants created videos or films related to chemistry or the pirate theme.

5. Pirate's Chemistry Canvas: An event where participants created art related to chemistry, with a pirate-themed twist.

With around 50–60 participants across various events, the fest was a celebration of creativity, learning, and fun. 'Best Out of Waste' allowed students to transform discarded materials into purposeful art, reflecting sustainability in the most imaginative ways. 'MasterChef' saw passionate young chefs blending science with flavor, presenting dishes worthy of a pirate banquet.

'The Quiz and Treasure Hunt' were among the most energetic events—challenging minds and

testing instincts. While the Quiz encouraged participants to dive into the depths of scientific knowledge, the 'Treasure Hunt' brought them face-to-face with clues and codes that required sharp thinking and swift movement. Mehendi became a canvas of creativity, with hands adorned in designs inspired by waves, ships, and the mysteries of the sea. Poster and Collage competitions gave participants the chance to bring the pirate chemistry theme to life through vibrant visuals and thoughtful messaging. Talent Hunt, full of song, dance, poetry, and more, uncovered the hidden gems among the participants—each performance echoing the fest's adventurous spirit.



The theme added a special charm to every event, inspiring students to view chemistry not just as a subject but as a thrilling expedition. Whether they were solving problems or performing on stage, participants embraced the pirate spirit—bold, creative, and full of curiosity. The smooth execution of the entire fest was made possible by the dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Their coordination, discipline, and enthusiasm kept the sails high and the ship steady. They were recognized with heartfelt appreciation and certificates during the closing ceremony.

The fest concluded with a joyful prize distribution ceremony where winners were celebrated and cheered. Certificates, trophies, and warm applause filled the room as the Chem Cruise 2025 voyage came to an end—leaving behind memories of laughter, learning, and a journey no one will forget.

Industrial Visit Summary Report

Duration: 2nd January – 30th January 2025

Visited Industries:

- **Sitaram Sugar Factory, Pandharpur**
- **ASTI Sugar Factory**

Purpose of Visit:

The visit aimed to give students practical exposure to the sugar industry, focusing on chemical processes, plant operations, and the journey of sugar production from raw material to export.

Key Highlights:

- Observed the complete sugar manufacturing process: sugarcane crushing, juice clarification, evaporation, crystallization, and centrifugation.
- Studied the role of chemical engineering in quality control, process optimization, and environmental compliance.
- Learned about by-products such as bagasse, molasses, and press mud, and their applications in cogeneration and ethanol production.
- Explored packaging, storage, and export logistics in modern sugar industries.
- Understood sustainability practices and the use of effluent treatment plants (ETP).
- **Outcome:**

  The visit significantly enhanced students' practical knowledge of industrial chemical processes and provided insights into the functioning of the sugar sector. It also strengthened their understanding of how theoretical concepts are applied in real industrial settings.



Department of Mathematics

1) The department conducted the mathematics festival - *'Math Matrix'* on August 29th, 2024.



2) A guest lecture was organized that explored the topic- '*The Role Of Differential Equations And Linear Algebra In Driving Innovation Across Various Fields*' by Dr. Debasmita Mukherjee, NMIMS





3) The department conducted a two- day mathematics festival '*MATHS PIRATES 3.0*' on 23rd and 24th December, 2024 in the honour of the birth anniver-











- Mr. R. Y. Chavan participated in five days faculty development program organised by Amity University Patna from 22nd to 26th July, 2024.
- Ms. Chetana Visave completed RUSA sponsored two-credit course on '*Research and Publication Ethics*' organised by University of Mumbai during November-December 2024.
- Ms. Chetana Visave presented a research paper at international conference ICRTMS held at North Maharashtra University Jalgaon on February 8th and 9th, 2025.
- Two students from SYBSc Mathematics Major participated in the football tournament organised by college and awarded by the first prize.
- Students from SYBSc and TYBSc Mathematics participated in the poster presentation and quiz competitions held at Khalsa College Matunga

- The department faculty and its students visited the book exhibition organized by the college library on 8th and 9th January, 2025.







Department of Microbiology

International Conference Dept. of Microbiology, Bhavans Research Center (BRC) & Society for Bacteriophage Research and Therapy (SBRT): The Department of Microbiology, in collaboration with Bhavan's Research Center and the Society for Bacteriophage Research and Therapy (SBRT), successfully organized the International Conference on Bacteriophage Research and Antimicrobial Resistance (ICBRAR-24) on November 8th and 9th, 2024. The conference brought together experts from various fields of bacteriophage research, allowing them to share their work and insights. In addition, a one-day hands-on workshop was held on November 7th, 2024, offering participants practical exposure to bioinformatics techniques in this field.

Guest lecture by Alumni of college on '*Scope of Microbiology*': As part of the department's ongoing efforts to connect students with global opportunities, a guest lecture was organized on June 15th, 2024, featuring Dr. Raj Raghupati, professor of immunology at Kuwait University and a distinguished alumnus of the department. He engaged with students, providing valuable guidance on career prospects and job opportunities in Microbiology.

Appointment of 2 new full time teachers (Aided) to the department: Strengthening the department's academic team, Mr. Bony Dasari and Ms. Tanvi Sawant have joined as full-time faculty members from April 1st, 2025. Their skills & expertise are expected to further enrich the department's legacy in teaching and research.

Microverse- February 15th, 2025: In an effort to foster scientific curiosity and hands-on learning, the Department of Microbiology organized '*Microverse*,' a



Prof. Ravi Mishra & Prof. Ajay Kamble , Dr. Nirmala Pawar Inauguration Function Principal

Open Day showcasing poster presentations, model displays, and agar art created by both undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) students.

In the SY Model category, Sagar Satam secured first place, followed by Kedar Upadhaya and Shaishavi Yadav. The SY Poster competition saw Aditi Patil, Ankush Sharma, and Vivek Yadav in the top three positions. For the TY Poster category, the winners were Mihika Jadhav (1st), Zara Sheikh (2nd), and Sharvari Naik (3rd).

In the creative Agar Art segment, Tanmayi Khadape, Ritika Gosh, and Iffat Shaikh from MSc I impressed with their microbial artistry, while in the MSc II category, Samidha Bane took 1st place, followed by Prerna Jadhav and Disha Vyas. Microverse Day emphasized the department's commitment to nurturing innovation, creativity, and experiential learning among its students.



Model Presentation



Poster Presentation



Agar Art

Faculty member achievements-

1) Prof. (Dr.) Zarine Bhathena continues to contribute meaningfully to the field of scientific research alongside her administrative leadership. Her recent scholarly work explores the interface of plant-derived bioactives and bacteriophage inhibition- an emerging area in microbiological and pharmaceutical sciences. She has recently co-authored 3 research papers published in reputed journals:

- "Investigating the Antiphage Activity of the Methanolic Extract of *Aegle marmelos* against Lactic Acid Bacteriophages", published in *Journal of Plant Science & Research*, Volume 12, Issue 1 (February, 2025).

- "Comprehensive Phytochemical Profiling and Antiphage Activity of Methanolic Extract of *Withania somnifera* against Lactic Acid Bacteriophages", published in *Pharmacognosy Research*, Volume 16, Issue 4 (2025).

- "Assessing the Prevalence of F-RNA Bacteriophages and Their Correlation with SARS-CoV-2 RNA in the Wastewater of Mumbai City", published in the *Journal of Water and Health*, Volume 22, Issue 7.

Prof. (Dr.) S. V. Raut:

Prof. (Dr.) S. V. Raut, Head of the Department of Microbiology, continues to make remarkable strides in the field of microbiological research. A dedicated academician and researcher, Dr. Raut has recently published 5 research papers in reputed journals, reflecting his commitment to advancing scientific knowledge and mentoring young researchers. His publications include:

1) Isolation and Characterization of Lactic Acid Bacteria as Probiotic from Dairy and Fermented Food Samples, *Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences*, Vol. 14, Issue o-authored with Ms. Sayali Pathare, published in *World* 2, pp. 608–621, ISSN: 2278–4357 (January 2025).

2) Production, Characterization and Optimization of Microbial Flocculant Producing Medium for *Bacillus smithii* and Its Applications, co-authored with Ms. Aishwarya Mohanan, published in *World Journal of Pharmaceutical Research. Vol 14 issue 7,* ISSN: 2277–7105 (March 2025).

3) Development of a Probiotic-Based Health Supplement: Screening, Characterization, and Stability Assessment, co-authored with Ms. Supriya Yadav, published in the *International Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences* (March 2025) Vol.3, Issue 3. 2658-2677 , ISSN: 0975-4725.

4) Preparation of Colour- Changing

Packaging Material for Monitoring the Freshness of Carica papaya in Real-Time co-authored with Ms, Tanaya Mondal was published in the World Journal of Pharmaceutical Research, Volume 14, Issue 1, pages 940–970, , ISSN: 2277–7105 on December 2024.

5) Study of Organism Producing Beta-Glucan and Looking for Its Prebiotic Potential, in collaboration with Ms. Rutuja P. Gore. This work was published in the World Journal of Pharmaceutical Research, Volume 13, Issue 16, pages 729–753, ISSN: 2277–7105 in (August 2024).

Academic Appointments and Contributions (2024–25):

- Appointed as Chairperson of the Paper Setter Panel for the PET Examination (October 2024), University of Mumbai.
- Nominated as Vice Chancellor's Nominee – Subject Expert for the Board of Studies (BOS) in Microbiology at Royal College, Mira Road.
- Served as VC Nominee- Subject Expert on the interview panel for the post of Assistant Professor at Sathaye College on 17th February 2024.
- Served as University Subject Expert on the interview panel for CAS Promotion to Professor Grade at Wilson College on 20th September 2024.
- Appointed as Subject Expert on the Scrutiny Panel for CAS Promotion of Assistant Professor (Stage 2) at Somaiya College on 25th February, 2025.
- Attended the Board of Studies (BOS) Meeting of HSNC University for T.Y. B.Sc. Microbiology syllabus revision on 15th March 2025.
- Appointed as Subject Expert on the RAC Committee at Khalsa College on 13th January 2025.
- Appointed as Paper Setter for T.Y. B.Sc., M.Sc. Part I & II examinations of HSNC University (KC College).
- Appointed as Examiner for T.Y. B.Sc. Practical Examinations at Sathaye College (September 2024).
- Appointed as Examiner for M.Sc. Practical Examinations at Khalsa College on 3rd and 4th December 2024.
- Appointed as member of BOS for (MLT) in 2025.
- Convener of Admission committee
- Convener of Grievance redressal committee
- Convener of CAS Committee of Bhavans College (Autonomous), Andheri (West)
- Successfully guided 19 M.Sc. students in their dissertation research

2) Mr. Bony Dasari continues to contribute actively to research and academic development. He has recently published 2 research papers in the *International Journal of Current Microbiology and Applied Sciences*, further strengthening his scholarly profile. His publications include:

- "Bacopa monnieri L 'Brahmi': An Ayurvedic Herb with Promising Antibacterial Properties and its Future Application in Oral Hygiene", co-authored with Mr. Anil Prajapati, *Volume 13, Number 8* (June 2024), ISSN: 2319-7706.

- "Unveiling the Phytochemicals in Ashwagandharishta: A Review of its Bioactive Properties and Health Benefits", co-authored with Mr. Vinay Naik, *Volume 14, Number 2* (February 2025), ISSN: 2319-7706.

- In addition to his research contributions, Mr. Bony Dasari, faculty member of the Department of Microbiology, has actively participated in various faculty development programs aimed at enriching academic delivery and embracing digital pedagogies. His professional development activities include:

- Participation in an FDP on PSO-PO-CO Mapping, organized by the IQAC of Bhavan's College, Andheri on 3rd October 2024.

- Participation in an FDP on opportunities with Power BI and Tableau, conducted by the Department of Computer Science in collaboration with IQAC Bhavan's College (Autonomous) and CDPL on 24th February, 2025.

- Attended a one-day workshop on the Integration of AI Tools in Academics, organized by the Science Departments and IQAC of Royal College in collaboration with Acumen Foundation and Seva Academy on 15th February, 2025.

- Appointed as a member of the Board of Studies (BoS) for Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) and Microbiology in 2025.Contributed to institutional development through active involvement in several college committees, including the CAP Committee, Admission Committee, Event Management Team, and the Green Club.

3) Ms. Tanaya Mondal has consistently demonstrated excellence in both academics and research. She successfully qualified the MH-SET exam in 2024 and also cleared GATE XL (2024), IISc Bengaluru, and Mumbai University-PET (2024). Her recent research paper, titled "Preparation of Colour-Changing Packaging Material for Monitoring the Freshness of *Carica papaya* in Real-Time," was published in the *World Journal of Pharmaceutical Research* (Volume 14, Issue 1, pages 940–970, December 2024), co-authored with Prof. (Dr.) S. V. Raut and Mrs. Madhavi Bhise.Committed to continuous professional development, Ms. Mondal attended a Faculty Development Program (FDP) on PSO-PO-CO mapping, organized by the IQAC of Bhavan's College, Andheri, on October 3rd, 2024. Additionally, she participated in an FDP on opportunities with PowerBI and Tableau, organized by the Department of Computer Science in collaboration with the IQAC of Bhavan's College (Autonomous) & CDPL, on February 24th, 2025. These programs have further honed her skills in data analytics and curriculum development, contributing significantly to her academic growth.

- She also played an integral role as a core member of the organizing committee for ICBRAR-24. She was honoured with a Certificate of Academic Excellence from Bhavan's College for securing 1st rank in MSc Microbiology.
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4) Ms. Lavina A Pinto has been actively engaged in both academic development and scientific research. She recently participated in a Faculty Development Program (FDP) on PSO-PO-CO mapping, organized by the IQAC of Bhavan's College, Andheri, on October 3rd, 2024. Additionally, she attended an FDP on opportunities with PowerBI and Tableau,

organized by the Department of Computer Science in collaboration with the IQAC of Bhavan's College (Autonomous) & CDPL, on February 24th, 2025. These programs have enhanced her expertise in curriculum mapping and data-driven decision-making in academics. She has made significant contributions to scientific research. She co-authored two book chapters that explore the application of microbial surfactants in the pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries, emphasizing the growing role of biosurfactants as eco-friendly alternatives in industrial formulations. These contributions, co-authored with Dr. S. Mujumdar, were published by CRC Press in February 2025 and include:

- Chapter 6: "Bioemulsifiers (BE) and Biosurfactants (BS): Green Solutions for Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Industries"
- Chapter 7: "Bio-emulsions Used in Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Industries"

These chapters highlight the sustainable potential of microbial bioactives, particularly in replacing synthetic surfactants with biologically derived compounds, aligning with current trends in green chemistry and biotechnology. Her dedication to both research and faculty development continues to strengthen the academic and research culture at the institution.

5) Ms. Nazia Shaikh was a member of the organizing committee for ICBRAR-24. Additionally, she attended a Faculty Development Program (FDP) on PSO-PO-CO mapping, organized by the IQAC of Bhavan's College, Andheri, on October 3rd, 2024. She further enhanced her skills by participating in an FDP on opportunities with PowerBI and Tableau, organized by the Department of Computer Science in collaboration with the IQAC of Bhavan's College (Autonomous) & CDPL, on February 24th, 2025. These programs have significantly boosted her expertise in curriculum mapping and data-driven decision-making in academics.

6) Mrs. Madhavi Bhise was also a member of the organizing committee for ICBRAR-24. In addition, she attended a Faculty Development Program (FDP) on PSO-PO-CO mapping, organized by the IQAC of Bhavan's College, Andheri, on October 3rd, 2024. She also participated in an FDP on opportunities with PowerBI and Tableau, organized by the Department of Computer Science in collaboration with the IQAC of Bhavan's College (Autonomous) & CDPL, on February 24th, 2025. These programs have further enhanced her expertise in curriculum mapping and data-driven decision-making in academics.

Her research paper, titled "Preparation of Color-Changing Packaging Material for Monitoring the Freshness of *Carica papaya* in Real-Time," was published in the *World Journal of Pharmaceutical Research* (Volume 14, Issue 1, pages 940–970) in December 2024. The paper was co-authored with Prof. (Dr.) S. V. Raut and Ms. Tanaya Mondal.

7) Mrs. Priyanka Jire attended a Faculty Development Program (FDP) on PSO-PO-CO mapping, organized by the IQAC of Bhavan's College, Andheri, on October 3rd, 2024. She also participated in an FDP on opportunities with PowerBI and Tableau, organized by the Department of Computer Science in collaboration with the IQAC of Bhavan's College (Autonomous) & CDPL, on February 24th, 2025. These programs have significantly enhanced her expertise in curriculum mapping and data-driven decision-making in academics.

8) Ms. Ankita Patole was a member of the organizing committee for ICBRAR-24. She attended a Faculty Development Program (FDP) on PSO-PO-CO mapping, organized by the IQAC of Bhavan's College, Andheri, on October 3rd, 2024. Additionally, she participated in an FDP on opportunities with PowerBI and Tableau, organized by the Department of Computer Science in collaboration with the IQAC of Bhavan's College (Autonomous) & CDPL, on February 24th, 2025. These programs have further enhanced her expertise in curriculum mapping and data-driven decision-making in academics.

Department of Physics

Staff Achievements:

1) Prof. (Dr.) Kushal M. Mude: He served as a jury member for oral presentations at the *International Conference on Material Physics and Electronics for Sustainable Development (ICMPE-2024)*, held on 1st July, 2024 at Government Vidarbha Institute of Science and Humanities, Amravati. During the academic year 2024-2025, Dr. Mude co-authored multiple research papers published in *Journal of Electrical Systems* (Scopus Indexed and UGC CARE-listed), Volume and Issue: 2024:1–12. His contributions include the following publications: *'NH_3 Gas Sensing Applications of PPy Doped SnO_2 Sensor to Study Sensitivity'*, *'Coupling Reactions of Active Methylene Group for the Synthesis of 3(P-Methylphenyl)-1-Phenylprop-2-en-1-one [Chalcone] Using a Nanocomposite of Ceria Embedded on Zeolite'*, *'Enhancement in the Efficacy of Gas Sensors by Doping Metal Oxide with Conducting Polymer'*, *'Impact of Laser Irradiation on Seed Germination, Seed Vigour, and Electric Conductivity in Groundnut Seeds'*, and *'Enhanced Ammonia Sensing Performance of NiO–WO_3 Metal Oxide Composite Gas Sensors'*.

2) Mr. Rajesh P. Mudaliyar co-authored a research paper titled *"Theoretical Calculations for the Reaction Producing Lithium-6 in Standard Big Bang Nucleosynthesis"*, which was selected for presentation at the *International Conference of Nuclear Physics and Applications (ICNPA-2024)*. The conference was organized by the University of Delhi and held from 21st to 25th October 2024. The paper was co-authored with Reuben Dalvi, Sahil Dhuri, Atul Chaturvedi, Harsh Rai, and Shreyas Shinde.

3) Mrs. Varsha P. Patil: She contributed significantly to curriculum development by designing a comprehensive laboratory manual for the SYBSc Physics major and minor practical courses. This manual was developed in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) and has been implemented for the academic year 2024–2025, aiming to enhance practical learning outcomes for undergraduate students.

4) Dr. Rounak R. Atram: He made significant contributions to the field of materials science through his recent publications and academic mentorship. He co-authored two chapters published by Springer Nature in the volume '*Advanced Functional Materials for Sustainable Environments (2024)'*. The first chapter, titled '*Hydrothermally Prepared $NiCo_2O_4$/Biocarbon Composite Nanoparticles: Application in Energy Storage Devices'* (pp. 253–266), explores the development of nanocomposites for sustainable energy applications. The second chapter, *'Biomass-Derived Carbon Coupled with $NiCo_2O_4$ as an Effective Electrode Material for High-Performance Supercapacitor'* (pp. 238–252), investigates the use of biomass-derived materials for advanced energy storage systems.

In addition to his research, Dr. Atram also guided students in presenting their work at the '*Advanced Functional Materials and Devices' (AFMD-2025)* conference held on 4th March, 2025. Mr. Giriraj Dandekar and Mr. Omkar R. Salvi presented a poster titled *'Electrochemical Comparison of CNF and Polyaniline: Advancing Supercapacitor Performance,'* while Ms. Sampada N. Rahate presented a poster titled *'Electrochemical and Gravimetric Study of Carbon Derived from Citrus Fruit.'* These presentations reflect the department's emphasis on hands-on research and innovation in sustainable energy materials.

5) Mr. Brijeshkumar S. Yadav co-authored two significant research chapters published by Springer Nature in the edited volume '*Advanced Functional Materials for Sustainable Environments (2024)'*. The first chapter, titled *'Hydrothermally Prepared*

$NiCo_2O_4$/Biocarbon Composite Nanoparticles: Application of Energy Storage Devices' (pp. 253–266), explores the potential of nanocomposite materials for enhancing energy storage systems. The second chapter, *"Biomass-Derived Carbon Coupled with $NiCo_2O_4$ as an Effective Electrode Material for High-Performance Supercapacitor"* (pp. 238–252), presents innovative research on the use of biomass-based materials for sustainable and high-efficiency supercapacitor applications. These publications underscore Mr. Yadav's contributions to cutting-edge research in the field of functional materials and energy technology.

6) Mrs. Aruna D. Thaker has contributed significantly to academic resources by designing a comprehensive *Lab Manual for SYBSc Physics Major and Minor Practical Courses* under the guidelines of the National Education Policy (NEP) for the academic year 2024-25.

7) Mr. Siddharth N. Meshram played a key role in designing a *Lab Manual for FYBSc VSEC Physics Practical Courses* for students under the NEP for the same academic year, ensuring a robust and standardized curriculum for the next generation of physicists.

8) Mr. Omkar R. Salvi and Mr. Giriraj Dandekar both achieved notable recognition at the *Advanced Functional Materials and Devices (AFMD-2025)* conference held on March 4th, 2025. They each presented a poster entitled *'Electrochemical Comparison of CNF and Polyaniline: Advancing Supercapacitor Performance,'* and were awarded the prestigious *Best Poster Presentation* for their groundbreaking work in advancing supercapacitor technology.

La.Physique Fest 5.0 was successfully organized by the department on the 23rd and 24th of January, 2025. Held under the aegis of the DBT Star College Scheme, the event drew enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and visitors. Themed **'***Green Energy***',** this fifth edition of the annual scientific festival aimed to foster scientific curiosity, promote interactive and experiential learning, and spotlight the practical applications of physics in solving real-world environmental challenges.

The primary objectives of La.Physique Fest 5.0 were to ignite a deeper interest in physics among students, provide a platform for them to showcase scientific creativity, and promote hands-on learning through interactive exhibits. In addition, the event aimed to raise awareness about sustainable energy sources and their relevance in daily life while encouraging collaboration and a sense of community among science enthusiasts.

The two-day fest featured a diverse lineup of activities that included student-led interactive exhibits, insightful guest lectures, and a variety of competitions. Students presented a wide array of engaging exhibits, which included models and demonstrations highlighting solar energy, wind energy, hydro energy, the use of green energy in space exploration, and other sustainable technological innovations. These exhibits not only emphasized the importance of clean energy but also encouraged attendees to explore scientific principles through experimentation and dialogue.

The opening ceremony was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Y. S. Rao, Vice Principal of Sardar Patel Institute of Technology, who delivered an insightful keynote address on *'Green Technologies for Green Energy'*. Dr. Rao stressed upon the urgent need for sustainable energy solutions and spoke about India's ongoing efforts to scale up electric vehicle (EV) adoption, green hydrogen production, and energy storage technologies. He pointed out the crucial issue that charging stations are not utilizing green energy, thus limiting the potential reduction in carbon emissions. In his address, he called for

the establishment of solar charging stations as a step toward significantly cutting down on carbon emissions. Additionally, he highlighted the growing importance of semiconductor technologies, forecasting their prominence in the future. Con-



cluding his talk, he emphasized that basic science disciplines such as physics, chemistry, and biology must be strengthened, as they form the foundation for technological innovation. His parting words, *"Innovation happens rarely, technologies can be frequently updated,"* underscored the importance of persistence and patience in driving meaningful advancements.

Prof. (Dr.) Nitin M. Labhane, Dean of Research and Development at Bhavan's College, addressed the students, highlighting the importance of scientific fests in fostering a scientific temper, which is essential for nurturing innovation in young, aspiring minds. He emphasized that such events provide an excellent platform for students to explore and expand their scientific curiosity. Prof. (Dr.) Kushal M. Mude, Head of the Department of Physics, discussed various funding opportunities provided by the Government of India to support innovative projects. He highlighted programs such as *NIDHI-PRAYAS* (National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations), which provides grants for selected and genuine prototype proposals. He pointed out that this initiative promotes and accelerates young innovators and aspiring startups. He also mentioned that such funding opportunities are available at institutions like SPIT and Bhavan's College, where Dr. Y. S. Rao serves as an excellent mentor to guide students in prototype development. He encouraged the students to think about prototype creation alongside their academic pursuits, urging them to explore both theoretical and practical applications of their knowledge.

Dr. Rounak R. Atram, Coordinator of Bhavan's Physics Society, played a pivotal role in mentoring and motivating students throughout the event. He provided valuable guidance in the preparation of scientific models showcased during the intercollegiate fest, encouraging students to think innovatively and apply their academic learning in practical, impactful ways.

A vibrant array of competitions was organized across both days, designed to engage students creatively and intellectually. On Day 1, events such as *Pictionary*, *Sach Ka Saamna*, *Quiz*, *Suno Meri Shayari*, *Paint Your Spirit*, and *Photography* set an energetic tone, inviting students to explore scientific and artistic expressions in fun and innovative ways. On Day 2, the momentum continued with competitions including *Char Shabdon Ka Khel*, *Typing Ninja*, *PPT Competition*, *Poster Competition*, *Circuit Making*, *Photography*, and a *Talent Show*. These contests not only allowed participants to demonstrate their scientific knowledge and creative flair but also encouraged collaboration, critical thinking, and communication skills.

A major highlight of the festival was the guest lecture delivered by the esteemed Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Y.S. Rao, Vice Principal of Sardar Patel Institute of Technology. His insightful and thought-provoking talk on *'Green Technologies for Green Energy'* captivated the audience, shedding light on the urgent need for sustainable technological development. Dr. Rao discussed the increasing adoption of electric vehicles, green hydrogen production, and energy storage innovations in India. He also

emphasized the gap between green energy production and its real-world applications, noting that many charging stations still rely on non-renewable sources. His advocacy for solar-powered infrastructure and the strengthening of basic science education underscored the importance of innovation built on strong academic foundations. With the key message that 'Innovation happens rarely, but technologies can be frequently updated,' Dr. Rao inspired students to persist in their scientific pursuits with passion and patience. La.Physique Fest 5.0 witnessed an overwhelming response, with enthusiastic participation from students across various departments and institutions, along with visitors from the general public. The diversity and energy of the attendees reflected the wide appeal of the event. Participants expressed high levels of engagement and appreciation for the well-organized competitions, creative exhibitions, and thought-provoking lectures. The positive feedback received served as a strong testament to the event's success in promoting scientific thinking, interdisciplinary collaboration, and a deeper understanding of sustainable technologies.

In conclusion, La.Physique Fest 5.0 was a resounding success, reaffirming the Department of Physics' unwavering commitment to fostering innovation and academic excellence. Encouraged by the outstanding response, the department remains committed to organizing more such enriching events in the future to inspire the next generation of physicists and innovators.

The Department of Physics expresses heartfelt gratitude to all the students, faculty members, guests, and organizing teams whose dedication and collective efforts made the fest a grand and memorable success.





Dr. Rounak R. Atram, Coordinator, Bhavan's Physics Society, encouraged and guided students for the overall scientific models prepared by the students for this intercollegiate fest. Prof. (Dr.) Z. P. Bhathena, Principal, Bhavan's College, Andheri (west) encouraged and guided for the event.

The Astro Camp, organized by the Department of Physics at Bhavans College, Andheri (W), Mumbai, took place on January 25, 2025, in Kelwa, Maharashtra. This exciting and educational event was conducted in collaboration with the Gram Panchayat of Kelwa, with the goal of offering local civilians and students from Adarsh Vidyalaya, Kelwa, a unique opportunity to learn about astronomy and witness celestial phenomena.

The camp attracted over 250 students, 50 parents, and more than 100 local community members, all of whom participated in an unforgettable experience of sky observation. The event was executed under the expert guidance of Dr. Rounak R. Atram, Assistant Professor at Bhavans College, and Mr. Rajesh P. Mudliyar, senior Assistant Professor, both of whom were instrumental in ensuring its success.

Key Participants and Support:

- Dr. Rounak R. Atram: Assisted with the preparation of telescopes for planetary and star observations, ensuring optimal views of the sky for all participants.
- Mr. Rajesh P. Mudliyar: Delivered an insightful lecture on the alignment of six planets and key constellations, a major highlight of the event.
- Mr. Omkar Salvi: Supported Dr. Atram and captured numerous images of both celestial bodies and social moments.
- Mr. Giriraj Dandekar: Assisted Mr. Mudliyar during the presentation and shared engaging mythological stories about the stars and constellations with the attendees.
- Ms. Sanskriti Gupta and Mr. Nitin Singh: Along with Dr. Atram, they conducted the preliminary investigation and coordinated communication with the Shitladevi Mandir Trust, Gram Panchayat Kelwa, and Adarsh Vidyalaya, facilitating the smooth execution of the camp.
- 40 Volunteers: Students from Bhavans College volunteered to assist with the setup, operations, and participant guidance throughout the event.
- Principal of Adarsh Vidyalaya and Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat, Kelwa: Their support and active participation were vital to the event's success, enhancing its significance within the community.
- **Mr. Vijay Save:** Vice President of the Shitlamata Mandir Trust and a former alumnus of Bhavans College (1989 batch), assisted with accommodation arrangements at the Shitladevi Bhavan's College (1989 batch), assisted with accommodation arrangements at the Shitladevi Temple.

Event Highlights:

1) Lecture on planetary alignment: One of the event's key attractions was the rare alignment of six planets- Saturn, Venus, Jupiter, Uranus, Mars, and Earth. This alignment occurs only once every 144 years, coinciding with Jupiter's full orbit around the Sun. Mr. Mudliyar expertly explained this phenomenon, making the complex subject accessible to participants and sparking curiosity and engagement.
2) Telescope setup and sky observation: Dr. Rounak R. Atram, with the help of Bhavans College volunteers, meticulously set up telescopes for observing planets and stars. Participants had the opportunity to view celestial bodies, including Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars, providing a hands-on, educational experience that many had never encountered before.
3) Constellation storytelling: During the sky observation session, Mr. Mudliyar and Mr. Dandekar shared captivating myths about prominent constellations such as Andromeda, Cassiopeia, Orion, Taurus, and Betelgeuse. These stories not only added cultural depth to the event but also enriched the participants' understanding of the constellations.
4) Community Impact: The participation of over 100 civilians, including the Sarpanch and his team, significantly raised awareness about astronomy in the local area. Their involvement was crucial to the success of the event and strengthened the bond between the local community and educational institutions like Bhavans College. The students of Adarsh Vidyalaya, many of whom were participating in sky observation for the first time, showed immense excitement and curiosity. This event offered them a rare opportunity to learn about astronomy outside the traditional classroom setting. The collaboration between the Principal of Adarsh Vidyalaya, the Sarpanch of Kelwa, and

the event organizers was instrumental in ensuring the event's success. Their encouragement and active involvement were key to bringing together students, parents, and local civilians, highlighting the importance of such educational initiatives in rural areas.

Acknowledgments:

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following individuals for their invaluable support:

- Mr. Sandip Kini (Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Kelwa) for facilitating all the local legal permissions required for the camp.
- Mrs. Nutan Raut (Principal of Adarsha Mahavidyalaya) for encouraging her students and their parents to actively participate in the camp.
- Mr. Vijay Save (Vice President of Shitladevi Temple Trust), for graciously providing free accommodation for our volunteers and staff within the temple premises.
- Prof. (Dr.) Zarine P. Bhathena (Principal of Bhavans College), for her unwavering support and encouragement in motivating the staff and students to organize the Astro Camp at Kelwa. Her leadership and guidance were crucial to the event's success.



Stargazing Astro Camp: The Stargazing Astro Camp, organized by Arc Educator in collaboration with the Physics Society of Bhavan's College, was held on the 1st and 2nd of February 2025 at Sandhan Valley, Bhandardara.

In a commendable display of interdisciplinary participation, students from the Arts and Commerce streams also joined the camp, accompanied by esteemed faculty members from their respective departments. The participating faculty included:

- Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Kamble, Vice Principal and Head, Department of Geography
- Prof. (Dr.) Kranti Gawali, Head, Department of Psychology
- Dr. Nirmala Pawar, Head, Department of Economics
- Dr. Aparna Jadhav, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science



On the morning of February 1st, 2025, a group of 35 students, accompanied by seven faculty members and five volunteers from the Department of Physics, set off on an exciting journey to explore the night sky. Traveling in a 40-seater bus and two cars, the group made several stops for refreshments and lunch before reaching the destination at 8:00 p.m. Upon arrival, they had dinner and proceeded to a beautifully arranged campsite by a serene lake. The site was well-equipped with six telescopes, each tailored for unique celestial observations.

Lecture on planetary alignment: The event began with an introductory session on astrophysics, where participants learned about planets, stars, and other celestial bodies. Guided by the Arc Educator team, we identified various constellations and explored their astronomical significance.

Constellation Storytelling: One of the most engaging segments of the night was the constellation storytelling session. The Arc Educator team presented constellations from both mythological and scientific perspectives, emphasizing the convergence of astrology and astrophysics, and providing scientific explanations for the perceived influences of celestial bodies.

Sky Observation: The midnight sky observation was a truly mesmerizing experience. Participants observed a range of celestial objects, including:

- Planets: Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, and the Moon
- Galaxies: Cigar Galaxy, Omega Centauri, Andromeda Galaxy
- Zodiac Constellations: Leo, Scorpio, Orion's Belt, Gemini
- Nebulae & Star Clusters: Pleiades, NGC 869 & NGC 884 (H and Chi), NGC 2264 (Christmas Tree Cluster), Orion Nebula
- Phenomena: Shooting stars and sodium vapor trails

Telescopes and Their Features: The campsite featured six advanced telescopes, including one of Mumbai's largest- a 16-inch (400mm) Dobsonian telescope with an 1800mm focal length. The complete setup included:

- Two 8-inch Dobsonian telescopes
- Two 6-inch EQ mount telescopes
- One 8-inch Cassegrain telescope

These high-precision instruments offered an exceptional viewing experience, significantly enhancing our understanding of astrophysics.

Trekking at Sandhan Valley: On the second day, the group embarked on a trek through the breathtaking

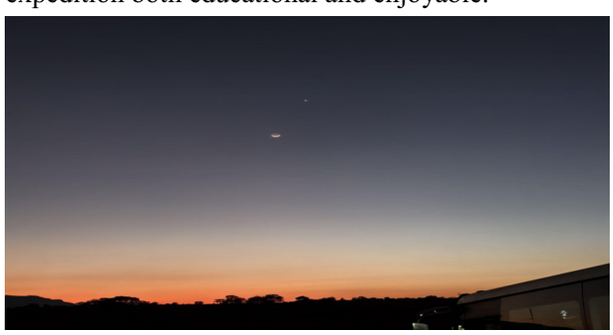
Sandhan Valley, adding a thrilling adventure to the stargazing expedition. They began the trek at 8:00 a.m., reaching the starting point after a 15-minute walk. The journey featured dramatic rock formations, mesmerizing waterfalls, and a challenging 90-degree slope. The final stretch of the trek involved traversing neck-deep water, adding to the excitement and making the experience truly unforgettable. Following the trek, a meal was enjoyed before departing at 2:00 p.m.

Acknowledgments

Prof. Dr. Rounak Atram: He managed the entire trip with exceptional efficiency, ensuring smooth coordination from departure to return. His guidance was invaluable during night sky observations, where he shared critical insights into astronomical study techniques. He also ensured the safety and well-being of all participants throughout the trekking activity.

Volunteers from Bhavan's Physics Society: The success of the trip was greatly supported by the dedicated volunteers: Sanskriti Gupta, Sampada Rahate, Bhumika Jathar, Ayan Khan, and Zeel Rathod. Under the guidance of Dr. Atram, they handled logistics efficiently and ensured seamless coordination throughout the event.

Arc Educators and Their Team: Special thanks to Adib Sir, Sammer Sir, and their dedicated team of volunteers from Arc Educator, whose passion, knowledge, and enthusiasm significantly enriched the learning experience. Their efforts made the entire expedition both educational and enjoyable.







Department of Statistics

The Department of Statistics celebrated Sankhyiki Diwas on 29th June 2024 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, the visionary founder of the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, and a pioneer in the field of statistics in India.

As part of the celebration, the students of TYBSc statistics Parth Chavan, Vaishnavi Gaikwad and presented an informative PowerPoint presentation highlighting the remarkable contributions of P. C. Mahalanobis in various domains of statistics.

The event also featured an engaging quiz ,led by Sneha Vishwakarma and activity session conducted by Durvanjali Dalvi and Kkhushi kinger, which tested students' knowledge and fostered enthusiasm for the subject. Prizes were awarded to students for their active participation.





Stat-O-Verse is the annual departmental festival celebrating the fusion of innovation, data, and creativity. The 2024 edition was held on **17th and 18th December**, led by Ms. Rakhi N. Kamble and Ms. Priya Yadav. This year's theme, AgroVision, centered around leveraging Statistics to address agricultural challenges and promote sustainable growth.

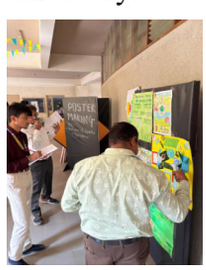
For the first time, the festival was organized as an interdepartmental competition, bringing together students from various disciplines. The highlight of this year's event was its collaborative and competitive spirit, which encouraged knowledge-sharing and creativity across departments.

The primary objective of Stat-O-Verse was to raise awareness about the power of statistics through engaging, funfair-style games and hands-on activities, making learning both enjoyable and impactful.

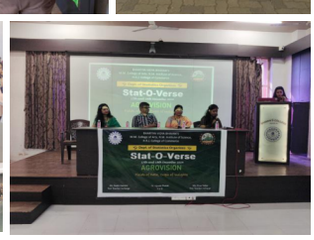
Key activities included:

- Rangoli Making
- Essay Writing
- Quiz Competition
- Funfair with Statistical Games
- Data Storytelling Using Dashboards
- Questionnaire Framing
- Debate

These activities were designed to showcase the vital role of statistics in solving real-world problems, particularly in the field of agriculture, and to inspire students to apply statistical thinking in innovative ways.





The Department of Statistics organized an industrial and educational visit for the tybsc Statistics students from 9th to 11th February 2024 to Kudal MIDC and Krushi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Sindhudurg, Maharashtra. The visit was led by head of department Ms. Rakhi N. Kamble and assistant professor Priya Yadav with the participation of 22 students.

At Kudal MIDC, students observed industrial operations and gained insights into quality control, production planning, and the role of statistical tools in manufacturing and process optimization.

The visit to Krushi Vigyan Kendra, Sindhudurg which functions under the guidance of Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli, focused on agricultural research and innovation. Students were introduced to how Statistics is applied in agriculture, including experimental design, field trials, soil and crop data analysis, and yield prediction. The hands-on demonstrations and expert interactions helped

students understand the critical role of data in agricultural development.

The main objective of the visit was to develop curiosity among students regarding the innovative use of Statistics in real-world contexts, especially in the agricultural sector. It also aimed to bridge the gap between theoretical learning and practical application, fostering a research-oriented mindset.





Workshops, Webinars attended by teaching staff

Dr. Ujjvala A. Phatak, participated in one week online workshop on 'Advanced statistical data analysis using SPSS' organized by Resilient Foundation for Academic Innovation & Scientific Research, New Delhi between 22nd to 28th June 2024.

All the teaching staff of department, including the head, Dr. Ujjvala A. Phatak, attended one week online international workshop on 'Biostatistics' organized by Resilient Foundation for Academic Innovation & Scientific Research, New Delhi in collaboration with Biostatistics Consortium, INDIA between 22nd to 28th August 2024.

Outstanding participation and achievements of our undergraduate students

1. Workshops and Training Programs

- TYBSc students *Kkhushi Kinger* and *Anaida D'mello* attended a three-day hands-on workshop on Power BI, conducted from 12th to 14th September 2024.
- A group of students successfully completed a 40-hour certification course in *Data Science and Generative AI App Development* organized by Sardar Patel Institute of Technology in March 2025. Participants included:
  - TYBSc: *Shreya Gurav*, *Nupur Rasalkar*, *Khushi Kinger*
  - SYBSc: *Janvi Warang*, *Honey Bula*
  - FYBSc (Major): *Mrunali Babale*, *Jagravi Shedekar*

2. Intra- and Inter-Collegiate Competitions

- Mahek Dhar (TYBSc Statistics) actively participated in several events and secured positions as follows:
  - 2nd place in *Math Quiz* at *Math Matrix* fest, Department of Mathematics, Bhavan's College – *28th August 2024*
  - 3rd place in *Debate* at *Vanijyam* inter-collegiate fest, Bhavan's College – *30th January 2025*
  - 2nd place in *Antakshari* at *Vanijyam*, Bhavan's College – *30th January 2025*

- Durvanjali Dalvi (TYBSc) showcased exceptional performance across multiple events:
  - 3rd place in *Fingers on Fire* (Typing), Intercollegiate Competition held in *January 2025*
  - 2nd place in *Mock Interview*, *Vanijyam* fest , *30th January 2025*

- 2nd place in *Typing Ninja*, *La Physique* fest , *February 2025*

- Two teams from the department actively participated in the *Visual Storytelling – PowerPoint Presentation* competition on the theme *'Digital Dependency'*, organized by the Department of Statistics, R.J. College on 18th January,2025. Team 1,comprising Durvanjali Dalvi, Sneha Vishwakarma and Smit Kurkute. Team 2, comprising Shreya Gurav, Vaishnavi Gaikwad, and Divyansh Sahu.



3. Other Achievements

- Sneha Vishwakarma (TYBSc) brought great pride to the department by securing an All India Rank (AIR) 108 in the IIT JAM 2025 (Mathematical Statistics) examination.

- Mahesh Kasbe, a TYBSc Statistics student, has been appointed as a Consultant at Immersive Engineering Limited, effective 25th November 2024.



Department of Zoology

The department conducted a field visit to the fish landing centre and ice factories at Madh Island. During the visit, students observed various types of fresh fish, crustaceans, and mollusks. They also studied preservation techniques used for species such as Bombay duck, tarli, and prawns. Additionally, students had the opportunity to observe various intertidal animals in their natural habitat.

As part of the department's best practices, students collected data for developing a faunal map of the college campus.

The department organized its annual fest, *Coenozoo 2025*, on 1st February 2025. The event included a guest lecture by professors from Hinduja Hospital on the topic "Career Opportunities in Paramedical Fields after Graduation." The fest also featured several student competitions such as *Hennaissance* (Mehendi-making), *Maskmania* (Mask-making), *Bitecraft* (Snack-making), and *Frost Quest* (Escape Room).

Under the aegis of *Paleozoo*, a departmental initiative for alumni engagement, a guest lecture was organized on the topic "Introduction to Mangrove International Ecology and Mangrove Crab Case Study from the Andaman Islands," delivered by Mr. Mayur Fulmali.

Mr. Aamir Shaikh, a TYBSC student, secured third place in a poster presentation at the National Conference organized by the Department of Botany, Bhavan's College. Additionally, four research papers were presented at the same conference by students of the department.

Dr. Balkrishna Gore participated and presented a paper at the National Conference held at Bhavan's College on 22nd February 2025, and also at a three-day International Conference titled *An International Conference on Advancement and Emerging Trends in Science (ICAETS-2025)* held at Dahiwadi College, District Satara, Maharashtra from 8th to 10th January 2025. Dr. Gore has also published six research papers in Web of Science-indexed journals in collaboration with students, and two book chapters in international publications.

Research Papers Published in Web of Science Journal (Uttar Pradesh Journal of Zoology; ISSN: 0256-971X):

- Dr. B.M. Gore, Ruchi Pujari, Prof. S.P. Jumale: *Length-Weight Relationship and Relative Condition Factor of Paratrypauchen microcephalus (Bleeker) along the Mumbai Coast*
- Dr. B.M. Gore, Vaishnavi Ghadage: *Enhancing Vigna aconitifolia Growth with Sustainable Chicken Waste Manure Fertilizer*
- Dr. B.M. Gore, Shaikh Ummae: *Fish Feeding: Utilization of Rice Washing Water (RWW) and Fermented Citrus Peel (FCP) as Culture*
- Dr. B.M. Gore, Jyoti Mishra: *Comparison of Efficacy of Different Bio-Enzymes on Acidic Soil*
- Dr. B.M. Gore, Shivani Maurya: *Comparative Account of Biochemical Analysis of Katelysia*
- Dr. B.M. Gore, Rutuja Dhuri: *Role of Freshwater Mussels Lamellidens marginalis (Lamarck, 1819) in Pond Water Quality Maintenance*
- Dr. B.M. Gore, Jyoti Mishra: *A Comparative Study of the Effectiveness of Different Bio-Enzymes on Acidic Soil*

Book Chapters Published in International

Books (BP International):

- Dr. B.M. Gore, Vaishnavi Ghadage: *Effect of Sustainable Chicken Waste Manure/Fertilizer on the Growth of Vigna aconitifolia*

1 Dr. B.M. Gore, Jyoti Mishra: *A Comparative Study of the Effectiveness of Different Bio-Enzymes on Acidic Soil*

2 Dr. Swati Bande has published research paper with students during academic year 2024-2025.

1) Dr. Swati Bande, Joel Massey. Evaluation of Noise Pollution Level in the Metro Construction Site in Mumbai, India. *Uttar Pradesh Journal of Zoology (web of science);* ISSN: 0256-971X.
2) Dr. Swati Bande, Manasi V. Pednekar. Protein and Carbohydrate Profiling of Fermented Ambali (Pithecellobium dulce) and Ginger Beer (Zingiber officinale): Exploring Nutritional Parameters through Probiotic Microflora. *Uttar Pradesh Journal of Zoology (web of science);* ISSN: 0256-971X.
3) Dr. Swati Bande, Jagruti P. Patel, Misba J. Shaikh. Effect of Disrupted Sleep-Wake Cycle on Mental Intelligence due to Screen Time at Night. International Journal of Scientific Development and Research.
4) Dr. Swati Bande, Ms. Shamal Keni. Hazardous Effects of Industrial Waste Near Residential Area, Navi Mumbai: A Case Study. International Journal for Multidisciplinary Research.

Ms.Vaishnavi Ghadage completed FDP on MS-DEED Level -1 workshop on Introduction to Innovative Pedagogies. From 23rd to 27th September, 2024 at Government of Maharashtra's Ismail Yusuf College, Mumbai.

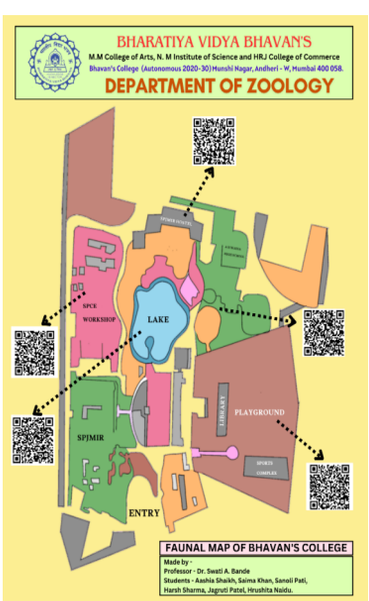
Ms. Shweta Giri completed hands-on training workshop on techniques in molecular biology from 19th to 22nd March, 2025 at Mordern College (Autonomous) GANESHKHIND Pune.



Field Visit To Fish Landing Centre



Field Visit To Ice Factory At Madh Island

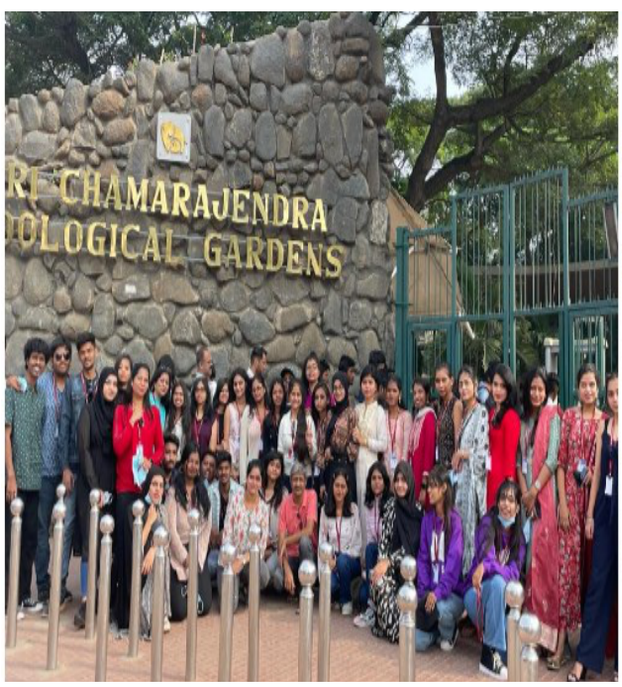


Faunal map of Bhavan's campus





Annual Departmental Fest, Coenozoo





Excursion/ Study Tour organized by Zoology Department

Department of Accounting and Finance

The department organized a one-day seminar on '*Importance of Effective Listening Skills*' by ICFAI Business School (IBS) on July 5th, 2024. It also conducted a two-day fest '*Financia'* on 23rd and 24th August, 2024, which included events such as *Trade Bazaar*, *Business Tank*, *Number Safari*, *Kaun Banega Financia*, *House of Fortune*, etc. The department organized a guest lecture on '*Decoding the Budget*' on July 31st, 2025, providing students with valuable insights. Mr. Chirag Jakhodia, the guest speaker, delivered an engaging session, effectively explaining key changes in the budget and their implications.

Another seminar- '*Career Counselling- Study Abroad',* conducted by Dr. Shobha Menon on August 11th, 2024 encouraged students to decide their future academic and professional paths with greater clarity and confidence, by exploring global education opportunities and understanding the application process, career prospects, and cultural adaptability.

The students of SYBAF performed commendably in the essay competition on the Bureau of Indian Standards, organized by the Entrepreneurship Development Committee on 7th March, 2025. Fleur Cotta secured the first prize, and Shraddha Pawar was awarded second place.

Our students have excelled in various sports and cultural events, showcasing their talent and determination. Megana Kotian (TYBAF) made a remarkable impact in multiple sports, securing top positions in ball-badminton, softball, squash, lawn tennis, and baseball. In cricket, Manav Rane, Aditya Susne, Aditya Kadam, and several FYBAF students demonstrated their team spirit by securing third place in the Intra Mural Cricket Tournament.

Our students showcased their brilliance in intercollegiate fests, bringing home numerous accolades. Dishita Shetty (SYBAF) emerged victorious in Treasure Hunt at Ubuntu Fest and Best Fine Arts at Ignite Fest, while also securing top positions at Mirage, Ignite, and Jallosh Fests. Likewise, Tanvi Waingankar (SYBAF) displayed exceptional talent, winning first place in *Treasure Hunt*, *Intellectual ACL* at *MD Fest*, and *Event Management* at *NIEM.*

In academic and scientific competitions, Atharv Bhimjiyani and Tanuj Bane (SYBAF) secured first place in the *Chemical Treasure Chase* at *Chemcruise Fest*. Maahi Singh and Laiba Merchant (SYBAF) won the *Reserve Race* at *NM Insight Fest*. Three of the department's students were recognized as toppers under the Commerce Department for their outstanding academic achievements:

- Dishita Shetty (FYBAF) was declared the first year commerce department topper.
- Ayesha Patel (SYBAF) secured the position of second year commerce department topper.

Janvi Gupta (TYBAF) was awarded the title of third year commerce department topper. Dishita Shetty and Ayesha Patel were recipients of prestigious scholarships in acknowledgment of their remarkable academic performance. TYBAF student Priya Salvi was awarded the Kulpati award in the Prize Distribution Ceremony on 17th March, 2025. She has been a member of NCC for all the three years.

Faculty Achievements:

Ms. Mariam Masani

1) Overcoming Obstacles: Understanding and Addressing the Hurdles Faced by Women Entrepreneurs in Rural India (ISSN: 2394-5990)
2) A Study of the Driving Motives, Success Rate, and Barriers Among Young Entrepreneurs in Mumbai Start-ups (ISBN: 978-93-91773-26-7)
3) From Screen to Shelf: The Impact of Celebrity Endorsements on FMCG Brand Perception and Purchase Intentions in Mumbai (ISBN: 978-81-971286-8-4)
4) Impact of Gig Work on College Students' Finances and Academics in Mumbai (ISBN: 978-81-946614-7-4)

Ms. Bharvi Parmar

Role of Online Platforms in the Retail Sector (ISBN: 978-81-946614-7-4)

Our faculty actively participated in FDPs, workshops, and research programs, enhancing their academic expertise. CA Ruby Parekh, Ms. Mariam Masani, and Ms. Bharvi Parmar attended the Global Economic and Geo-Political Dynamics program, while Ms. Mariam Masani engaged in Effective Literature Review & AI in Education FDPs. CA Ruby Parekh and Ms. Mariam Masani also attended an Online Research Methodology Workshop, and CA Ruby Parekh explored AI tools in research. These initiatives were guided by our faculty coordinator, fostering continuous learning and excellence.



One day seminar on career counselling – study abroad by Dr. Shobha Menon on 11th August, 2024.



Guest lecture on Decoding The Budget on 31st July, 2024.



Departmental fest 'Financia' on 23rd and 24th August, 2024.



Tanvi Waingankar - SYBAF, Event Manager of the Year award



Priya Salvi TYBAF- recipient of Kulpati award for Commerce



Janvi Gupta (TYBAF) Commerce Topper



Atharv Bhimjiyani and Tanuj Bane (SYBAF) secured first place in the Chemical Treasure Chase



Dishita Shetty (FYBAF) Commerce Topper



Ayesha Patel (SYBAF) Commerce Topper

Department of Biotechnology

The academic year 2024–2025 was marked by numerous achievements by both faculty and students. Several students participated in internship programs with organizations such as VRX Wipro, Health Care Pvt. Ltd., AIM4U Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Career Scopes Labs, and Rapture Biotech. They also attended workshops on a wide range of advanced topics, including cancer biology, chromatography and spectroscopy, vaccine technology, stem cell research, biological data analysis and visualization using R, and clinical research extension work organized by the University of Mumbai. Additionally, first-year and second-year Biotechnology students successfully completed NPTEL Online Certification Courses through SWAYAM in areas such as neurobiology, experimental biotechnology, cell culture technology, genetic engineering theory, marine biotechnology and its applications, and good clinical practices.

Numerous students brought laurels to the department by winning prizes at various inter- and intra-collegiate events. Miss Tanvi Jaid and Miss Aditi Kini secured second place in a quiz competition. Mr. Tausif Shaikh was recognized as the most dedicated departmental representative. Ms. Sushmita Kanojia won second prize in a poster presentation. Ms. Vanshika Mehta secured third place in the powerlifting competition held at the University of Mumbai. Ms. Purva Khot won third prize in an intercollegiate squash competition, and Nitya Warrier secured first place in a chess tournament organized by Mumbai University. Padmaja Haldankar and Masuk Nayan won first and second prizes, respectively, in the 'Best Out of Waste' competition. Sweekriti Sharma earned third place in the IQAC-HACSE state-level intercollegiate e-essay writing competition. Shaikh Abdullah won first prize in a debate competition, while Shravani Kapote secured second prize in a solo dance competition. Manaswi Sandeep Nikam achieved first prize in 'Best Out of Waste' at Bio-Fusion. Neha Kharat earned first prize in singing competitions at both Sydenham College and SIES College, second prize in street play at Sathaye College and NM College, third prize in street play at Valia College, and third prize in the Mime Act at SIES College.

Dr. Veena Maheshwari published a review article titled '*Helicobacter pylori: Gastric Carcinoma and Other Gastrointestinal Neoplasm'* in collaboration with Dr. Arjun Aravindh, Dr. Debananda Sahoo, Sarika Baburajan Pillai, Dr. John Abraham, Dr. V. Bharathi, and Dr. T.S. Durga Prasad. The article was published in *International Journal of Trend in OncoSci* (2024), Volume 2(4), pages 7-12. Dr. Maheshwari also completed a five-day online Faculty Development Program on '*Research Structuring and Publication Process*' organized by CRT, NFED, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Additionally, she attended a one-day Faculty Development Program focused on the National Education Policy, organized by Chetana College in collaboration with the University of Mumbai.

Mr. Akshay Rane attended a three-day international online workshop on *Academic Writing: Ethical Issues* conducted by ISAR, Chennai. He also participated in a five-day Faculty Development Program on *Introduction to Pedagogies for College Teachers* organized by the Government of Maharashtra's Ismail Yusuf College, Mumbai, and conducted by

IISER Pune, supported by MSFDA.

The department successfully completed the *Bio-Fusion* fest, conducted for the first time this academic year. As part of the fest, the department also organized adulteration testing sessions for school students and the local community under the Community Extension Program (CEP). Additionally, a guest lecture on *Food for a Healthy Planet* was conducted by Dr. Surinder Chauhan from the University of Melbourne. A visit to the Advanced Sewage Treatment Plant at Powai was also organized for the students.



Biofusion Fest



Visit To Sewage Treatment Plant



CEP, Adulteration Testing



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Department of Computer Science

Advancing Frontiers: A Year of Innovation and Excellence in (2024-25)

Introduction

In an era of rapid technological advancements, the Department of Computer Science at Bhavan's College [Autonomous], Andheri West, has remained at the forefront of innovation and excellence. Over the past year, the department has achieved remarkable milestones in research, student accomplishments, and community outreach. This report highlights our progress, showcasing the dedication of our faculty, students, and alumni in shaping the future of computing.

Research Breakthroughs

The department has made significant strides in artificial intelligence, data science, and cybersecurity. Researchers have contributed to cutting-edge projects in deep learning, image recognition, and ethical AI, earning accolades at prestigious conferences. Students have actively participated in research, publishing papers in reputed journals and presenting their findings at national and international symposiums.

Additionally, our students excelled in coding competitions and hackathons, demonstrating their technical proficiency and problem-solving abilities. These achievements underscore our commitment to fostering innovation and critical thinking.

Alumni Success Stories

Our alumni continue to make an impact across the tech industry, holding influential positions in software development, research, and technology management. Many have founded startups, led breakthrough projects, and contributed to leading technology firms worldwide. Their journeys serve as a source of inspiration for current students, reinforcing the department's role in nurturing future leaders in computer science.

Outreach and Community Engagement

The department has actively engaged in initiatives to promote technology education beyond the classroom. Faculty and students have led workshops, coding boot camps, and mentorship programs for aspiring young learners in the community.

Special emphasis has been placed on fostering diversity in STEM, with targeted efforts to support underrepresented groups and create an inclusive learning environment. Through these initiatives, the department continues to bridge the gap between academia and society, ensuring that knowledge and opportunities reach a wider audience.

Events: 2024-25

How To Build A High Paying Career In Industry 4.q [11/07/2024]

Organised By: Six Ladders
Venue: Bhavans College, SFC Building, 4th Floor, Auditorium.
Objective Of The Event: Making students employable and aware of Cyber & Network Security.
Speakers: Mr. Satvik Thakkar [CEO of Six Ladders] & Mr. Devendra Rara [CGO of Six Ladders]

The orientation session began with Mr. Devendra Sir interacting with students about their future goals, leading to the introduction of Six Ladders, an initiative to boost student employability. Mr. Satvik Sir then took over, using a story to introduce the topic of Cyber and Network Security. He explained its importance in areas like IoT, phishing protection, and ethical hacking. He also discussed the rising risks of Generative AI and how Cyber Security can counter them. Addressing placement challenges, he advised students to focus on fundamentals, soft skills, and practical experiences. Tips included working on projects, mock interviews, and group discussions. A specialized Cyber Security course was announced, featuring industry experts, live sessions, and site visits.

included working on projects, mock interviews, and group discussions. A specialized Cyber Security course was announced, featuring industry experts, live sessions, and site visits. The course would run for 3–6 months, offering hands-on learning opportunities. Free career counseling sessions were also introduced for students needing guidance. The session ended on an inspiring note, leaving students motivated and better informed.







World Wide Web Day [01/08/2024]

Organised By : Ms. Namisha Solanki Ma'am along with the volunteers from SYCS.
Venue: Bhavans College, SFC Building, 4th Floor, Auditorium.
Objective Of The Event : To enlighten the students about the World Wide Web on the occasion of World Wide Web Day which is commemorated on 1st August every year.

In order to introduce the topic of the event, there was a skit performed by the students of SYCS : "Life Before vs After Tech". The skit covered how deeply influenced today's generation is by technologies and advancement. It made an important revelation about spending more family time whilst taking proper advantage of the technologies.

Following this, a quiz was conducted amongst all the students present. The quiz was based on the various concepts under the World Wide Web. Further on, the students of SYCS explained all the topics covered in the quiz explicitly. This ensured that students learned new concepts about the World Wide Web.

In all, the event proved to be fruitful for all the students of the BSc.CS Department. It was an interactive event which was reciprocated by the audience very well. The students gained knowledge about the World Wide Web and its concepts. This event was a different experience all together as the students learnt new concepts via quiz, which made it interesting and easy to remember.

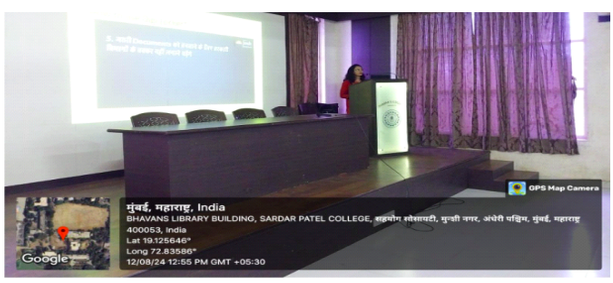




Digital Awareness Drive Digi Locker [12/08/2024]

Organised By: Department of Computer Science
Venue: Bhavans College, SFC Building, 4th Floor, Auditorium.
Objective Of The Event: Insight on the Digi Locker platform and its features.
Speaker: Prof.Sonia Madaan

The session began with an introduction to Digi Locker, where Sonia ma'am explained its benefits, features, and the types of documents it can store. She then conducted a live installation and setup of the Digi Locker app using videos and screenshots. Students were guided step-by-step on how to use the application effectively. The session also covered Digi Locker's security features and ease of accessibility. Sonia ma'am presented hypothetical scenarios to demonstrate practical uses of the app. Real-life case studies and success stories highlighted its impact and convenience. Students gained a clear understanding of how digital document storage works. The workshop emphasized the importance of secure and accessible digital records. It was an informative experience that helped students appreciate the relevance of Digi Locker in daily life. Overall, the session proved to be insightful and practical for all attendees.





Design Thinking Workshop [27/09/2025]

Organised By: Times of India in association with Ideal Craft Entertainment
Venue: Bhavans College, SFC Building, 4th Floor, Auditorium.
Objective Of The Event: Fostering creativity, innovation, and effective problem-solving skills
Speakers: Ms. Gauri and Ms. Shweta

Students participated in an engaging Design Thinking Workshop that combined theoretical concepts with practical applications. The session introduced Design Thinking as a structured method for solving complex problems. The five stages—empathize; Define, Ideate, Prototype, and Test—were explained with real-life examples to highlight their relevance across industries. A strong emphasis was placed on deeply understanding and defining problems before proposing solutions. The workshop encouraged students to think innovatively and question traditional assumptions. Visualization and prototyping were introduced as key tools for bringing ideas to life. Students explored how design could be used to tackle real-world challenges effectively. The interactive nature of the workshop kept participants actively involved. By the end, students had developed a mindset geared toward innovation and effective problem-solving. This experience is expected to benefit them in both academic and professional settings.





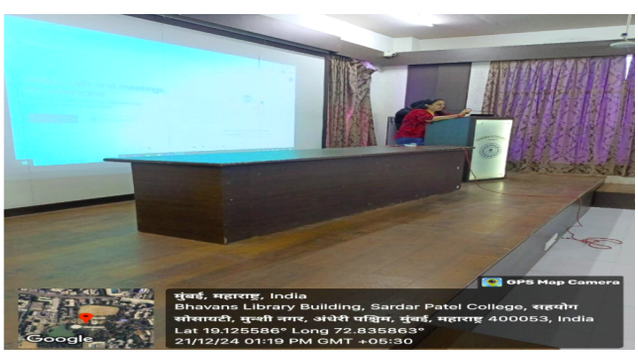


White Code Trainning Sessions For Cep [21/12/2024 & 11/01/2025 & 15/02/2025]

Organised By: White Code Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
Venue: Bhavans College, SFC Building, 4th Floor, Auditorium.
Objective Of The Event: Introductory session about White Code and glimpse of its working
Speaker: Mr. Pramod sir from White Code Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

The introductory session of White Code Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd. provided an overview of the company's core technological frameworks and workflows. It aimed to familiarize attendees with the software development life cycle (SDLC), application architectures, and the process of hosting websites.

The session successfully enhanced the students understanding of White Code's technology stack and processes. These insights have inspired the SYCS students to explore more in the field of Web Application Development.





Organised By: White Code Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd
Venue: Lab 102, SFC Building
Objective Of The Event: Demonstration of CEP Work
Speaker: Mr. Pratik Sir

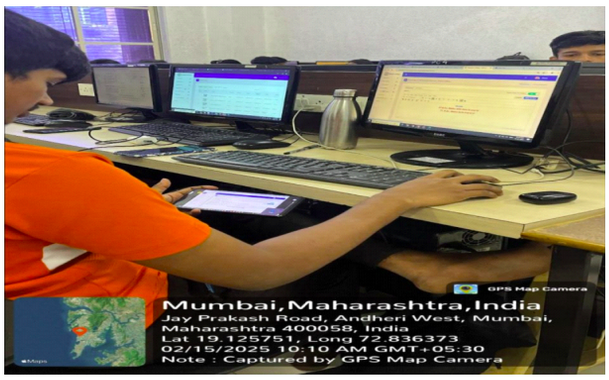
The session aimed to familiarize the students with essential tools and platforms for managing Web Hosting and creating functional websites. Students gained practical knowledge about using cPanel and Hostinger for website Development. The session provided insights into real-world applications of web hosting and website Management tools. Feedback from students indicated enhanced confidence in understanding website deployment processes.





Organised By: White Code Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
Venue: Lab 102, SFC Building
Objective Of The Event: Demonstration of CEP work on live Bhavan's College Website
Speaker: Ms. Aarti Palave

Students gained practical experience by learning how to update the live Bhavan's College website. During a scheduled Google Meet session, they applied their knowledge in real-time under the guidance of the speaker. The session focused on updating departmental data as per its categories. The speaker demonstrated key website sections, starting with how to create, update, and style tables. Students also learned to upload departmental photos in the photo gallery. The process of updating faculty details was shown, followed by how to display simple text for objectives. The speaker explained how to insert hyperlinks in the study material section that open in a new tab. Each demonstration was clear and actionable. A Q&A session concluded the event, allowing students to clarify their doubts and engage with the speaker.



6 Days AR/VR Developer Workshop [06,07,08/01/2025]

Organised By: The Institute of Futuristic Technology [IOFT]
Venue: Lab 102, SFC Building
Objective Of The Event: Explore AR & VR, Hands-On training in Unity, Game Development Basics &
Real-World Applications
Resource Person: Mr. Rahul Gupta & Mr. Sagar Patkar

The three-day AR/VR workshop provided an in-depth introduction to augmented and virtual reality, covering key concepts, technologies, and industry applications. Day 1 featured live demonstrations across gaming, healthcare, education, and entertainment, along with setting up Unity for development. On Day 2, participants received hands-on training in Unity, learning to build basic AR/VR environments using 3D models, textures, and animations. Interaction design and immersive experience creation were also emphasized. Day 3 focused on game development fundamentals, where students created simple AR/VR projects and explored career opportunities. The workshop balanced theory with practical sessions, ensuring active engagement. Participants gained a solid understanding of AR/VR technologies and their real-world applications. Technical skills in Unity were strengthened through direct experience. Students also explored creative approaches to problem-solving using AR/VR. Overall, the workshop was impactful, inspiring future innovations and projects in this growing field.









Visit To Library Book Exhibition [08 & 09/01/2025]

Venue: Library Building

The event was organized to promote a reading culture among students and encourage exploration beyond academic texts. It featured a wide collection of books, including course materials, technical manuals, novels, self-help books, and creative literature. This variety allowed students to discover topics outside their usual academic focus. Participants enthusiastically browsed the collection, shared recommendations, and engaged in meaningful

discussions. Many found books that complemented their studies while also introducing them to fields like psychology, philosophy, and entrepreneurship. The event sparked curiosity and broadened intellectual horizons. Practical resources like technical guides and self-help books were particularly appreciated. Students felt these would make valuable additions to the college library. The exhibition was well-organized and offered a space for academic and personal growth. Overall, it successfully inspired students to read more and explore diverse sources of knowledge.



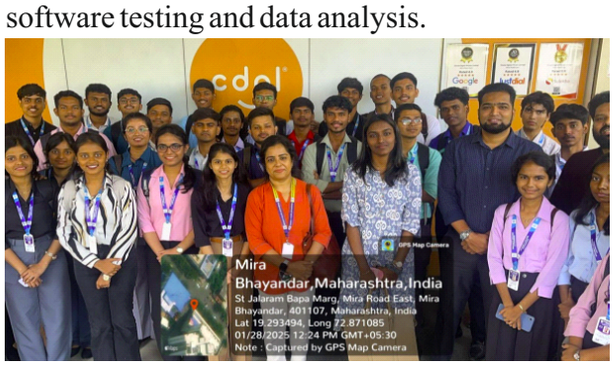


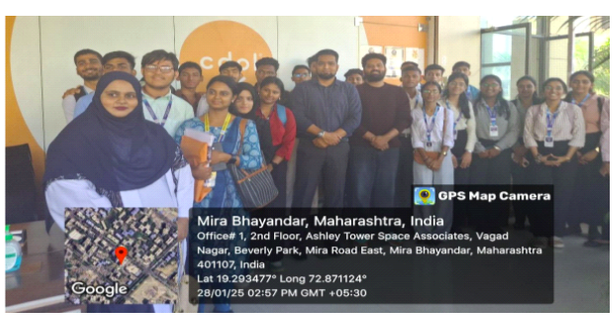
Sycs Industrial Visit [28/01/2025]

Organized By: Cinute Digital Pvt. Ltd
Venue: Cinute Digital Pvt. Ltd
Objective Of The Event: It aimed to expose students to industry practices, guide them on career
paths and salary expectations, highlight essential skills for software testing and data analysis, and offer networking opportunities with professionals at Testriq QA.

Resource Person: Mr. Shoeb Shaikh, Head, CDPL Learning & Development.

The industrial visit to Testriq QA began with an introduction by senior staff, highlighting the company's expertise in quality assurance and software testing services. Students learned about the importance of delivering reliable, bug-free software to enhance customer satisfaction. The team emphasized skill-based employment and discussed the increasing demand for software testers along with essential skills for the role. A detailed roadmap was shared for becoming a successful Software Test Engineer. Additionally, a career path in Data Analysis was presented for interested students. A Q&A session followed, where students asked about programming languages, internships, and job opportunities. The session encouraged practical learning and skill development to stay relevant in the IT industry. The visit offered valuable insights into real-world QA practices and career planning. Students left with a clearer understanding of industry expectations and future opportunities in software testing and data analysis.





Personality & Portfolio Development Workshop [07/02/2025]

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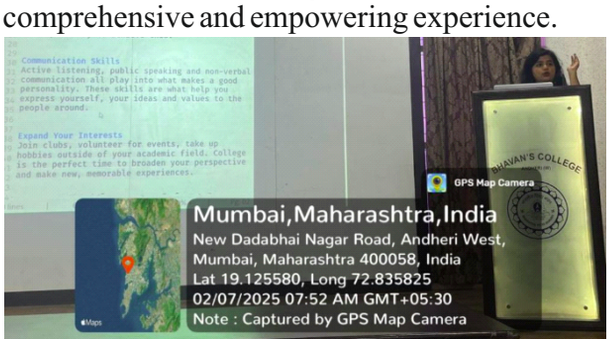
VENUE: Bhavans College, SFC Building, 4th Floor, Auditorium.
Objective of the event: The workshop aimed to equip students with essential soft skills, personality development strategies, and portfolio-building techniques that are vital for their academic and professional growth.

Speaker: Ms. Charmi Chaggani, Coordinator of Bachelor of Arts in Multimedia and Mass Communication.

The workshop focused on key areas essential for student growth, beginning with personality development. Students explored self-awareness by identifying their strengths and weaknesses and learned effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills. The next segment covered portfolio development, where students were guided on building a professional portfolio with work samples, certifications, and achievements. Emphasis was also placed on maintaining a strong digital presence, especially on LinkedIn. Tips for writing impactful resumes and cover letters were shared. Team building and networking were encouraged through group discussions and collaborative activities. Students learned practical networking techniques for both in-person and online settings. The workshop promoted professional confidence and readiness for the job market. It equipped students with tools to present themselves effectively. Overall, it was a comprehensive and empowering experience.





Sustainability [15/02/2025]

Organised By: Department of Information Technology
Venue: Foyer, SFC Buiding

Objective Of The Event: The exhibition aimed to highlight innovative technologies, research, and solutions related to sustainability, emphasizing how the field of Information Technology can contribute to environmental conservation.

The Exhibition on Environmental Sustainability raised awareness among students about key environmental issues and the role of technology in addressing them. Topics such as renewable energy, sustainable coding, and energy-efficient computing were explored. Students engaged in interactive learning through exhibits and presentations showcasing eco-friendly tech solutions. Demonstrations included energy-efficient hardware and software designed to lower environmental impact. The event emphasized how IT can support environmental preservation. Students were encouraged to integrate sustainable practices into their future tech projects. It also highlighted the importance of conscious innovation in the tech industry. The event sparked meaningful discussions about sustainability in IT. It provided a platform for both learning and inspiration. Overall, the exhibition successfully promoted a greener mindset among future tech professionals.

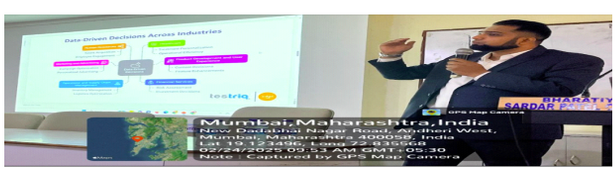


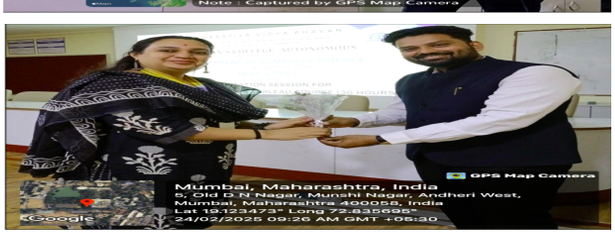
PowerBI & Tableau Course [24/02/2025]

Organized By: Cinute Digital Pvt. Ltd.
Venue: Spit Auditorium
Time: 9-10.30am
Objective of the event: The objective of the orientation session was to introduce students to the Significance of data analytics in today's world and provide insights into mastering tools like PowerBI and Tableau.

Speaker: Mr. Shoeb Sir & Mr. Ashish Sir

The session emphasized the vital role of data in shaping business strategies and informed decision-making. Students learned how data helps organizations understand market trends, customer behavior, and improve efficiency. The importance of collecting accurate and relevant data was highlighted as a foundation for actionable insights. The speaker stressed the value of data-driven decisions, which reduce risks and increase objectivity. Real-world examples showed how successful businesses leverage data for growth. Participants were introduced to tools like Tableau and Power BI for data analysis and visualization. A live demo demonstrated how these tools turn raw data into interactive dashboards. This hands-on experience made the concepts more practical and engaging. The session provided clarity on the career opportunities in data analytics. Overall, students left inspired and motivated to pursue further learning in the field.







Future-ready Careers: Unlocking Opportunities Withpowerbi & Tableau [24/02/2025]

Organized By: Cinute Digital Pvt. Ltd.
Venue: Spit Auditorium
Time: 11AM onwards
Objective of the event: The primary objective of this Faculty Development Program (FDP) was to familiarize faculty members with modern data visualization tools—Power BI and Tableau—to enable them to effectively harness the power of data in their academic and research activities.

Speaker: Mr. Shoeb Sir & Mr. Ashish Sir

The session, focused on the transformative impact of data in modern times, introducing faculty to big data, analytics, and extracting actionable insights. It highlighted the relevance of Power BI and Tableau as leading tools in data visualization due to their ease of use and versatility. Trainers demonstrated how these tools can turn raw data into compelling visual stories, enhancing teaching and research. The session showcased how storytelling through visuals improves classroom engagement and understanding. Real-world use cases such as academic performance analysis and administrative decision-making were presented. Faculty gained practical exposure to both tools through hands-on training. The FDP emphasized how data storytelling can enrich education and research. Participants explored interdisciplinary uses of data visualization. The event successfully boosted confidence in using analytics tools. It encouraged faculty to integrate data-driven methods into their academic practices.







Ot Exhibition [01/03/2025]

Organized by: Second year students of Computer Science Dept.

VENUE: Bhavans College, SFC Building, 4th Floor, Auditorium.

Time: 10am onwards

Objective of the event: The objective of the event was to provide students of all departments an instance on how technology can be a thing of intelligence when performed practically which was very uniquely demonstrated by SY's Computer Science department.

Resource Person: Mrs. Smitha Renny

The IoT project exhibition showcased innovative models created by student teams, reflecting "technology in motion." Using miniature setups and computer programming, students presented functional models like Motion Detection Alarm System, Smart Plant Watering System, Smart Waste Management System, and more. Collaboration among teams played a key role in achieving impressive results. The models demonstrated real-time output and practical applications of IoT. Students from various departments visited the exhibition and were amazed by the creativity and technical skills on display. The event was graced by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Z. P. Bhathena and Governing Council Chairman Adv. Asif Mulla, who were highly impressed by the students' ingenuity. They praised the use of affordable hardware and practical implementations. The exhibition provided hands-on exposure to IoT concepts, enhancing learning beyond the classroom. Overall, it inspired innovation and deepened the understanding of practical technology among all participants.







Guest Lecture On Research Methodology [13/03/2025]

Organized by: Department of Computer Science

VENUE: Bhavans College, SFC Building, 4th Floor, Auditorium.

Objective of the event: Orientation on research and its implementation.

Speaker: Dr. Ambuja Salgaonkar

Dr. Ambuja, a well-known researcher, gave the students a brief on how a search on a particular topic could be conducted and the dedication we are expected to overview in terms of curiosity.

She mentioned that research and implementation were a hobby for her. Dr. also had a great interest in interacting with the students asking them on the basis of things we can look out for in a research, asking multiple questions on why, where, when, how things are to be answered through our critical thinking and vice versa. She explained 'consistent recipe generated in a research problem' while at the process of a particular search done. Induced questions and answers on when and where a researcher comes into action. Prioritized 'data generation' in an extraordinary way possible. She explained how

one should stay strong and put with the particular keeping students interested in moving further with a bright thought on receiving answers on untold questions and vice versa. She motivated students on creating a questionnaire as the prime start of a particular start of research.

The outcome of the event focused on leading students to a brighter scope of experience on research thesis, data generation, and implementation.





Code Crafters 2024-it was a fun, energetic, and very successful event held across three exciting days from **2nd to 4th September 2024** in the **SFC Building (Palanji Sadan), Bhavans College**.

About the Fest

Code Crafters was more than just a tech fest, it was a vibrant showcase of creativity, coding skills, teamwork, and positive competitive spirit. It was designed by students, for students, with full support from the department, and it really brought the whole CS community together.

Events Overview:

1. Scripting Realities – 2nd September, (Foyer) The fest began with an event where 12 teams performed skits blending coding concepts with real-life scenarios. From funny bugs to tech-driven dystopias, students went all out! The judges appreciated the creativity and presentation. The event ended with some great feedback and the much-awaited results.



2. Guest Lectures – 3rd September - 09:00 to 11:00 (Room 202)

We hosted a guest lecture that was both informative and inspiring for the Third Year and Second Year students. Students got a chance to hear from experienced voices in the tech industry, and the session everyone a new perspective to think with. We got amazing insights from the lectures and got to know our field even better.

3. Debugging Challenge - 3rd September, 11:30 to 12:30 (Room 202)

Participants' debugging skills were given a challenge in this tough event of finding and fixing bugs from given codes in a given time limit. There were three rounds in total and with each round the difficulty was increased, and only a limited number of participants were able to advance to the next rounds.



4. BGMI eSports – 3rd September - 11:30 to 12:30 (Room 201)

This event added a fun twist to the tech fest, and the excitement was off the charts. BGMI enthusiasts got to show off skills and have a competitive battle with their friends from all the departments of the college.

5. Code Heist – 3rd September - 12:30 to 14:30 (Room 202)

One of the most engaging events—teams spun a digital wheel and got challenges that they had to solve by developing a mini web applications using HTML, CSS and JavaScript. After the development of the web applications, the teams had to give a Presentation on their work. The judges decided the winners based on their creative coding skills and presentation skills.

6. Knowledge Knockouts – 4th Sept., 10:00 to 12:00 (Auditorium 406)

A high-energy quiz that got participants was organized. With multiple knockouts and tech trivia, it had the crowd thoroughly engaged. The quiz consisted of questions on diverse fields from coding to geography and history.

7. Codeventure - 4th Sept., 12:30 onwards. (Auditorium 406)

We wrapped up the fest with a unique coding treasure hunt. It was a treasure hunt with clues spread across the campus each leading the teams closer to the treasure. This event was all about quick thinking and riddle solving skills. Two teams of five played together and the one to reach the treasure first were the winners. The event was viewed live by the non-participants through a Google Meet in the auditorium.





Teams & Coordination: The volunteers of the Code Crafters event were divided into teams so that each and every aspect of the event was successful and the event was like a working

system thanks to everyone's co-ordination.

Tech & Logs Team: They made sure that everything required for the event to be successful was available for the other teams to use and made sure that there were no technical errors during the event and helped with the set-up of speakers, mics, chairs, podiums etc.

Publicity Team: The Publicity Team were the ones who helped other departments come to know about the Code Crafters Event, they made many videos, did Flashmobs and ensured that there were participants from all the departments of the college and the event becomes popular and looked forward to.

PR and Hospitality Team: The team handled guest coordination and made everyone feel welcome. They helped participants during the event and also helped the guest feel welcomed and comfortable.

Admin Team: The Admin Team took care of all logistics, documentation, and reports. They were the means of communication between the students and the faculties and staff of the college.

Creatives Team: This team was split in two teams, 1) Physical Décor and 2) Digital Décor. The Physical Décor Team dealt with the work of actual decoration of the premises where the events of the Code Crafters took place. The Digital Décor team made many attractive posters and banners and helped the Code Crafters Event become the most popular College Event in Bhavans.

Events Team: The Event Team ensured that everything was done with proper planning and co-ordination. They ensured that there were no last-minute errors and also made sure that any mishap or error is solved without causing disruption and chaos during the event.

We had over 100+ active participants, and the overall response—from students, judges, and guests—was really encouraging. There was a strong sense of collaboration and community, and the atmosphere throughout was really welcoming and appreciated. Thanks to your guidance and the support of all our staff members, *Code Crafters 2024* turned out to be everything we had hoped for and more. We're already looking forward to making next year's edition even bigger and better!

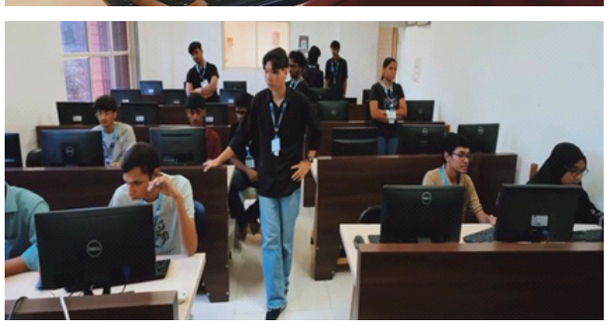
Department of Information Technology

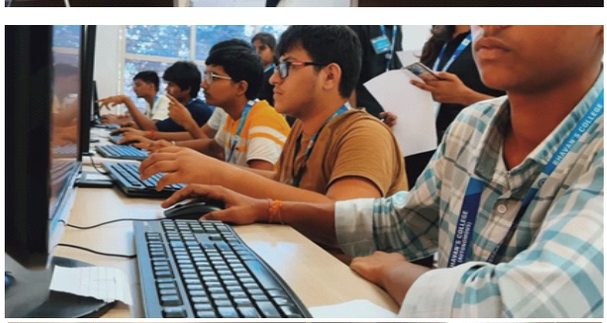
A standout event of the year was *Techmania 2.0*, the department's flagship technical fest, which showcased the innovative spirit and dynamic participation of our students. Held on 28th and 29th August, 2024, it served as a vibrant platform that encouraged innovation, facilitated knowledge exchange, and strengthened connections between academia and industry. Over the course of two engaging days, students demonstrated their technical prowess through a variety of activities, including coding challenges, project exhibitions, and competitive events. The fest also featured expert talks, interactive hackathons, and insightful panel discussions, providing valuable industry perspectives and networking opportunities.

Techmania 2.0 played a significant role in enhancing problem-solving abilities, teamwork, and leadership skills among students, while fostering a culture of collaborative learning. The event's seamless coordination, enthusiastic participation, and shared passion for technology were key contributors to its resounding success. Beyond celebrating technical excellence, *Techmania 2.0* reinforced a spirit of innovation and collaboration- laying the foundation for many more inspiring initiatives in the years to come.

On August 29th, 2024, the department organized an insightful seminar on *cloud computing*, featuring Mr. Ravikant Tiwari, founder and director of Operisoft. A respected industry expert, Mr. Tiwari shared his expertise on cloud adoption, cost optimization, and high-performance cloud solutions. The session provided valuable insights into AWS Cloud technologies and effective software strategies, bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world applications. Attendees gained practical knowledge about cloud infrastructure and its business impact through an engaging presentation, an interactive Q&A session, and networking opportunities. With over 100 students and faculty members in attendance, the seminar proved to be a highly interactive and enriching experience.









be a highly interactive and enriching experience. Mr. Tiwari emphasized strategies to reduce the total cost of ownership through cloud-based solutions. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging Operisoft's significant contribution to the learning experience.

On January 11th, 2025, the department collaborated with the Boston Institute of Analytics to conduct a guest lecture on cybersecurity. The session was attended by over 50 students and faculty members and aimed to raise awareness about the growing importance of cybersecurity in today's digital landscape. Experts covered key cybersecurity concepts, including its benefits, challenges, and various types such as network, information, application, and endpoint security. The increasing demand for cybersecurity professionals and the wide range of career opportunities in the field was also addressed. Students were introduced to exclusive training programs offered by the institute for further learning. The session was highly interactive, allowing students to ask questions and clarify their doubts. It was well-received for its practical insights and industry relevance, inspiring many students to explore cybersecurity as a potential career path.

On January 11th, 2025, the department collaborated with SORT (Society of Robotics Technology) to conduct a seminar on internship opportunities. The event, attended by over 150 students, aimed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical experience. Experts highlighted the significance of internships in acquiring real-world skills, building professional networks, and enhancing overall employability. A wide range of internship opportunities in fields such as Software Development, Data Analytics, Cybersecurity, and Web Development were elucidated upon. An interactive Q&A session allowed students to engage directly with industry professionals, gaining insights into current industry trends, internship application processes, and career prospects.

On February 15th, 2025, the Department of Information Technology organized a Project-Based Learning Exhibition focused on environmental sustainability. Held in the SFC Foyer from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and environmental advocates.

The exhibition showcased eleven innovative prototypes aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), addressing key topics such as water purification, rainwater harvesting, energy conservation, smart cities, waste management, and climate action. Highlights included technological solutions such as automated drip irrigation systems, smart street lighting, sustainable data centers, and a carbon footprint tracking website. Students presented creative, eco-friendly solutions to real-world environmental challenges by integrating renewable energy, automation, and recycling technologies.

On March 4th, 2025, the department collaborated with the SFC Library to organize a *Book Review Competition*. Held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the event saw enthusiastic participation from over 60 students, promoting a love for reading and critical discussion. The competition aimed to revive the habit of reading physical books and encouraged students to collaborate in teams of five, selecting titles from any genre of their choice. Each group read, analyzed, and presented their insights, fostering

teamwork and intellectual engagement. Through interactive discussions and thoughtful reviews, students explored literary themes and shared interpretations, thereby enhancing their analytical thinking and communication skills. The event successfully rekindled interest in reading, offering an educational yet enjoyable experience that highlighted the enduring value of books in the digital age.

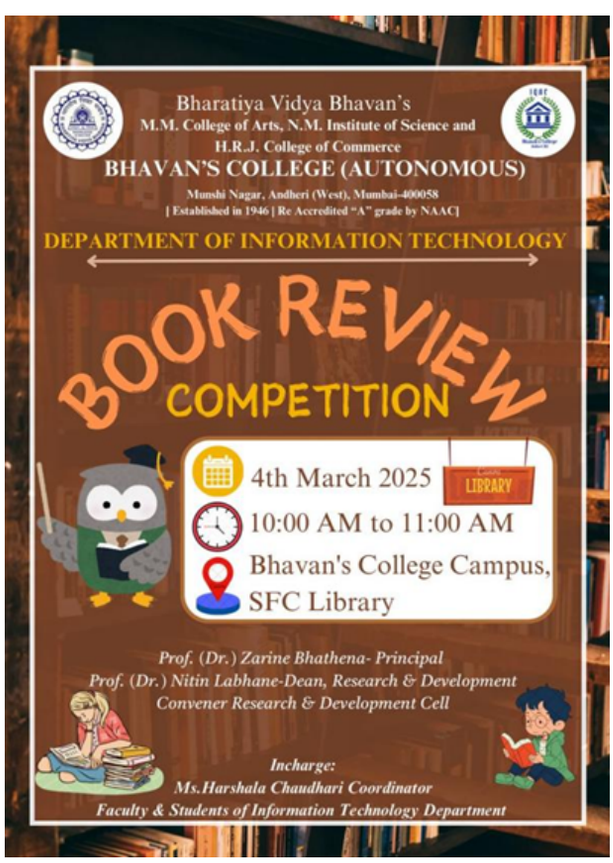
To raise awareness about energy consumption, conservation, and sustainable practices, the department organized a seminar on *Eco-Friendly Energy Conservation* on March 12th, 2025. The guest speaker, Mr. Rohit Mishra- Founder and Director of *YouthOnTheMove*, an NGO- delivered an engaging session that offered valuable insights into energy efficiency, sustainable living, and the broader environmental impact of energy usage.

The seminar was highly interactive, with students actively participating in discussions and posing thought-provoking questions. Following the session, a three-round quiz competition on environmental conservation was conducted, assessing students' knowledge of conservation strategies and global sustainability efforts. conservation strategies and global sustainability efforts. The quiz was both educational and enjoyable, drawing enthusiastic participation. Winners were felicitated by their faculty, recognizing their awareness and commitment to sustainability. The event effectively promoted environmental consciousness and inspired students to adopt eco-friendly practices in their daily lives.

On March 13th, 2025, the Department of Information Technology and the Department of Computer Science at Bhavan's College, Andheri, jointly organized a guest lecture on *Research Methodology* by Dr. Ambuja Salgaonkar. The session, held from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., attracted over 60 students and fostered an engaging, interactive learning environment.

Dr. Salgaonkar transformed the complexities of research methodology into an engaging and relatable experience. Through the use of storytelling, humour, and real-world examples, she simplified core concepts and made them accessible to students. Key topics such as problem identification and formulating research questions were covered in a manner that encouraged participation and reflection.

Students actively engaged throughout the session, asking insightful questions and contributing to the discussion. By the end of the lecture, research felt less daunting and more like an exciting intellectual pursuit.



To foster social responsibility and empathy among students, the Department of Information Technology organized a Community Engagement Program focused on energy conservation. The primary aim was to provide practical learning experiences beyond the classroom, promoting leadership, collaboration, and problem-solving skills. Such initiatives empower students to address real community issues through awareness and action.

As part of this program, students took a significant step towards building a sustainable future by launching an energy conservation awareness campaign. Through one-on-one interactions, seminars, quizzes, and simple demonstrations, they shared practical tips on reducing energy consumption, utilizing renewable resources, and adopting energy-efficient appliances.

This initiative not only educated the community but also helped students develop leadership qualities and a deeper understanding of their role in promoting sustainable living. Their mission-to raise awareness about energy conservation-led to a powerful campaign that sparked learning, inspired leadership, and created a lasting impact.

The department proudly celebrates the remarkable achievements of its students in various intercollegiate and national-level competitions in the academic year 2024-25

1) Darshan Bharat Jain (TYBScIT):

2nd Prize- Quiz Competition at *Maths Pirates Fest*, Mathematics Department, Bhavan's College

2nd Prize- 24-Hour Hackathon *Technova 2025*, Xavier Institute of Engineering (XIE)

1st Prize- *Code Blackout* and *Site Replica*, Thakur Ramnarayan College

1st Prize- *Debugging* and 2nd Prize- *Web Design*, Smt. Parmeshwaridevi Durgadutt Tibrewala College

1st Prize- *Syntax Sprint* at *FIESTRON Fest*, Kishinchand Chellaram College

1st Prize- *Hunter Hustle* and *Hackathon* at *TECH KSHETRA*, St. Rock's College

2nd Prize- *Code Clash* at *TECHSTORM Fest*, S.P. Mandali's Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College

2) Sachin Suresh Sutar (TYBScIT):

1st Prize- *Reel Making* at *EARTHMANTRA Fest*, Economics and Geography Departments, Bhavan's College

2nd Prize- *Cinesprint Challenge* at *TECHSTORM Fest*, Ruia College

2nd Prize- *Short Film* event at *Echo*, BAMMC Department, Bhavan's College

1st Runner-Up- *IPL Auction*, *SPHINX 2025*, Sardar Patel College of Engineering (with Vinit Ghanekar)

2nd Prize- *IPL Auction*, *TATVA Fest*, Chetana's College (with Vinit Ghanekar)

National Finalist- *IPL Auction* at *OJAS XVII*, Nandlaskar

3) Dhruv Temkar:

1st Prize- *Smack-D-Bug* at *ZETTABYTE 3.0*, Thakur Ramnarayan College

2nd Prize- 24-Hour Hackathon *Technova 2025*, XIE

2nd Prize- Quiz at *Maths Pirates Fest*, Bhavan's College

1st Prize- *Hunter Hustle* at *TECH KSHETRA*, St. Rock's College

4) Kishan Srivastav, Suvitkumar Vishwakarma & Vishal Ramashankar Yadav:
1st Prize- *Code Venture – Code Crafters*, Computer Science Department, Bhavan's College

5) Jay Anil Mhatre:
1st Prize- *Mystery Hunt* at *Techmania 2.0*, IT Department, Bhavan's College

6) Priya Kishor Thasal (SYBScIT):
1st Prize- *Intercollegiate Softball Tournament*, University of Mumbai (Mumbai Suburban Zone-II)

7) Sonu Chandrakant Haryan & Daksh Lokhande (SYBScIT):
2nd Prize- *BGMI Event* at *Techmania 2.0*, Bhavan's College

8) Abhinav Yadav & Suraj Singh Rajput Yadav (SYBScIT):
1st Prize- *Code Venture – Code Crafters*, Computer Science Department, Bhavan's College

9) Abhinav Yadav:
2nd Prize- *Dummy Trading* event, IT Department, Bhavan's College
1st Prize- *Bear and Bull Rush* at *FIESTRON*, KC College

10) Suraj Singh Rajput Yadav:
2nd Prize- *Bear and Bull Rush* at *FIESTRON*, KC College

11) Shreya Deepak Umbarje (FYBScIT):
1st Prize- *Intercollegiate Chess Tournament*, University of Mumbai (Mumbai Suburban Zone)

12) Harshada Sunil Kamble (FYBScIT):
2nd Prize- *Brain Busters* at *FIESTRON Fest*, KC College

13) Ayaan Patel (FYBScIT):
1st Prize- *400m Relay Race* at *Annual Sports Meet*, Bhavan's College







Department of Management Studies

On June 25th, 2024, a workshop on digital marketing was organized for the SYBMS students. The session was conducted by an industry professional and provided insightful knowledge on various aspects of the digital marketing domain. Key topics included website creation, search engine optimization (SEO), and content creation, offering students a practical and up-to-date understanding of the evolving digital landscape.

On July 5th, 2024, a workshop was arranged in collaboration with IBS Mumbai on the topic of *Effective Listening*. The session was delivered by Mr. Vivek Mani, an expert in the field, who provided valuable insights into the importance of active listening in both personal and professional settings. The workshop aimed to enhance students' communication skills by focusing on techniques that can improve listening, comprehension, and response during conversations, thereby fostering better interpersonal relationships and decision-making skills.

On July 18th, 2024, a wealth management seminar by Mr. Vishwanathan Pai. It provided insightful knowledge on various aspects of financial planning, investment management, risk management, and financial security. Mr. Pai shared expert guidance on how individuals can effectively manage their finances to secure their future, make informed investment choices, and minimize financial risks. The session was highly informative and aimed at equipping students with the necessary skills for personal financial management and planning.

On August 1st, 2024, a practical session was conducted for TYBMS students on the website designing process, as part of the e-commerce and digital marketing curriculum. It aimed to provide hands-on experience in creating a website, covering key elements such as design, functionality, and user experience. This practical exposure allowed students to apply theoretical concepts from the course to real-world scenarios, enhancing their understanding of website development in the context of e-commerce and digital marketing.





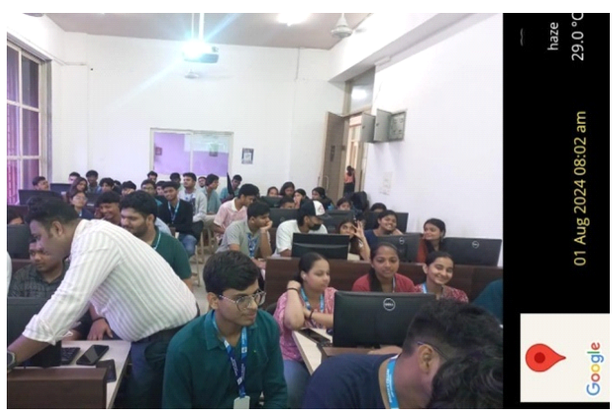


On August 1st, 2024, IBS Mumbai organized a Faculty Development Program (FDP) on the topic '*IT in Education*', focusing on the integration of technology to enhance teaching and learning processes. It explored the use of digital tools, software, and innovative strategies designed to improve student engagement, foster interactive learning environments, and streamline educational management. This initiative aimed to equip faculty members with the necessary skills to leverage technology effectively, thus enhancing the overall quality of education and making learning more interactive and accessible for students.

On August 10th, 2024, a seminar titled '*Empowering Young Minds: Guide to International Education*' was organized for TY students. It provided valuable insights into global learning trends, student exchange programs, and the opportunities that digital learning offers across borders. Experts discussed the challenges and opportunities in the international educational environment, highlighting the importance of global exposure in shaping students' academic and professional futures. This event aimed to broaden students' perspectives on international education and help them navigate the evolving landscape of global learning.

On August 29th, 2024, TYBMS students organized an event titled '*Kasakaay Bhavans*' aimed at providing in-depth knowledge on strategic marketing management and customer relationship management (CRM). Students actively marketed and sold their products, while managing customer interactions and data through the CRM app Zoho and other media platforms. This hands-on experience allowed them to apply theoretical concepts in real-world scenarios, enhancing their understanding of marketing strategies, customer engagement, and data management.







On September 21st, 2024, an innovative event titled '*Zayka Junction- Desi me Videsi Swaad*' was organized as part of the SYBMS project on *Qualitative Innovation Management*. During the event, students showcased their creativity by creating innovative food products using raw materials that were not yet available in the market. This project allowed students to explore the intersection of food innovation and market needs, emphasizing creativity and the application of qualitative management techniques in product development.



On January 20th, 2025, the BSE Forum was held as part of an educational initiative by the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) to enhance financial literacy among students. A wide range of topics including stock markets, investment strategies, financial planning, and economic trends were covered. It provided insights into how stock exchanges operate, explored career opportunities in finance, and discussed critical areas like trading, investments, and economic decision-making, thereby equipping students with valuable knowledge for navigating the financial landscape.



On February 6th, 2025, the department organized a highly effective workshop titled '*Get Seen, Get In with LinkedIn*' in collaboration with the IQAC, with the aim to assist students in optimizing their LinkedIn profiles to better leverage the platform for networking, career growth, and job opportunities. The session was delivered by Prof. Amogh Gothoskar, who shared valuable insights on how individuals can maximize their presence on LinkedIn to enhance professional opportunities.





On March 1st, 2025, the department hosted *RESCON 4.0*, a highly anticipated research conference, which provided a platform for students from various departments to present and discuss their latest research findings on specific topics. It facilitated knowledge exchange, networking, and collaboration among students, faculty, and industry professionals. Industry experts were invited as guests and judges for the paper presentation competition, making the event a significant academic gathering. The conference was widely appreciated by both students and industry experts for its academic rigour and collaborative spirit.

On March 6th, 2025, an industrial visit was organized for the FYBCom MS students to Nasik. During the visit, students had the opportunity to explore various industries, including *VIP Bags* and *Sahyadri Farms*, gaining valuable insights into product manufacturing, processes, packaging, and more. This visit provided practical exposure, enriching the students' academic learning with real-world industry experiences.











Department of Multimedia and Mass Communicaiton

The academic year 2024-25 was a significant milestone for the Bachelor of Arts in Multimedia and Mass Communication (BAMMC) department of Bhavan's College. Under the dynamic leadership of the faculty and the enthusiastic participation of the students, the department successfully organized a series of impactful events and initiatives that fostered creativity, skill development, and professional growth. These events were designed to offer students the opportunity to hone their talents and explore various facets of media and communication.

ECHO 2024: The department's flagship media festival, ECHO, held in September 2024, showcased the diversity of skills possessed by the students and created a platform for them to display their talents in multiple domains. This year's event featured an exciting lineup of activities, including advertisement making, acting, singing, painting, and impromptu events. The students were given the freedom to experiment, collaborate, and express themselves creatively. The spirit of healthy competition and artistic expression brought together participants, faculty, and guests, establishing ECHO as one of the most awaited events in the college's cultural calendar.

Short Film Festival: In January 2025, the BAMMC department took yet another step towards enriching the academic and creative experience for its students by organizing its first short film festival. Students were encouraged to demonstrate their skills in various areas of film production, including acting, direction, cinematography, scriptwriting, and more. The event provided an invaluable opportunity for students to engage in the process of filmmaking from start to finish, while also allowing them to interact with industry professionals and gain insights into the evolving trends of cinema.

Workshop on Design Thinking: In an era where technology and creativity intersect, the BAMMC department organized a highly informative *Workshop on Design Thinking* in late 2024, with the aim of equipping students with a deeper understanding of the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in design. Through this workshop, students explored the practical applications of AI in creative fields, and how it is transforming industries like graphic design, advertising, and digital media. The interactive sessions helped them recognize the significance of design thinking as a structured approach to problem-solving and creative innovation, which is vital in the modern digital landscape.

Seminar on Careers in Event Management: Insights from Industry Experts: In addition to fostering creative expression, the department also recognized the importance of career-oriented learning. As part of this initiative, a seminar on '*Careers in Event Management'* was organized in collaboration with MSEED (Management school of Event, Entertainment and Design). It provided students with insights into the dynamic and fast-paced world of event management, an essential field within the media and entertainment industry. Industry experts shared their experiences and advice on how students can build successful careers in event management, covering everything from planning and logistics to creative conceptualization and execution.

A Year of Growth and Achievement: Our students are also the proud winners of cultural achievements, NCC achievements and Kulapati award winners. Overall, the 2024-25 academic year was an incredibly fruitful period for the department.




ECHO









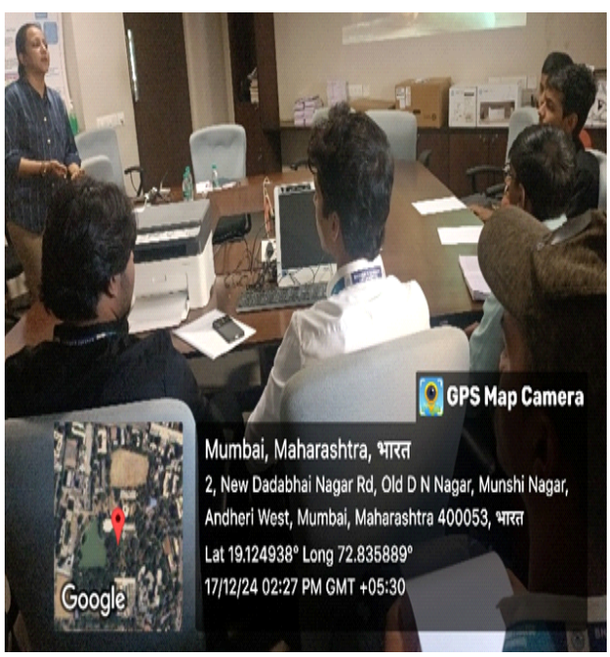
Department of Retail Management

The BCom in Retail Management (BRM) is a unique course introduced by the college, which offers an internship opportunity to provide students with practical knowledge of the retail industry. This vocational-based course aims to equip students with the necessary skills to compete in the workforce after graduation. The Retail Skill Sector Council of India (RASCI) partners with various retail companies for internship placements. BRM students attend lectures for three days a week, while the remaining three days are dedicated to internships in retail companies, where students receive stipends. Upon completing the three-year degree program, students are typically placed at supervisory levels in the same organizations where they interned.

The first batch of BRM students has successfully completed the course, with several students placed as Trainee Department Managers at Reliance Trends, while others have pursued MBA programs. This exposure provides students with hands-on experience in stores, allowing them to learn directly from managers. The SYBRM students have partnered with Zudio for their internships, with managers tasked with evaluating their performance based on specific criteria. FYBRM students associated with Metro Brand and Zudio, working on assigned objectives each semester. These assignments cover various aspects of retail operations, including selling, merchandising planning, visual merchandising, customer handling, cashier duties, point of sale, incentives, and coupons. Students enthusiastically participated in their internships, gaining valuable marketing and selling skills from their colleagues.

In addition to vocational training, the department emphasized active and participative learning through various activities such as project assignments, surveys, and presentations. The course also includes a Data Analytics subject, taught with the help of computer labs, ensuring students gain practical skills in data analysis, further enhancing their learning experience.





Cultural Activities

The Bhavan's College Contingent Committee had a remarkable academic year in 2024–2025, marked by passion, dedication, and numerous achievements. By participating in over 15+ intercollegiate festivals and competitions, our team showcased exceptional talent and brought home multiple college and individual awards.

This success was made possible under the guidance of our Vice-Principal Dr. Ajay Kamble, Dr. Nirmala Pawar – Cultural Convener, and the unwavering support of the entire Cultural Committee. We are especially grateful to committee members Dr. Neha Sawant, Mr. Siddhesh Sawant, Mr. Akshay Rane, Ms. Supriya Sabnis, Ms. Pooja Choudhary, Ms. Jagruti Parab, and Ms. Vinaya Kolte for their invaluable contributions throughout the year.

Their mentorship, combined with the team's hard work, helped solidify Bhavan's College's reputation as a cultural powerhouse. From vibrant cultural performances to intellectually stimulating contests, our contingent consistently displayed excellence, unity, and creativity - making 2024–2025 a truly unforgettable year.

This year, the Bhavan's College Contingent added several prestigious accolades to its name through consistent and commendable performances across Mumbai's esteemed intercollegiate festivals. We were crowned Best College at Crescendo, the cultural extravaganza of Ritumbara College, where we also bagged the Best Live Event Trophy for an electrifying performance. Continuing our winning streak, we secured the Second Runner-Up position and the Best FA Departmental Trophy at Ignite, hosted by Lala Lajpat Rai College. At Mirage, the flagship fest of NL Dalmia College, we once again emerged as Second Runner-Up, showcasing our ability to maintain high standards across multiple platforms. Our intellectual prowess shone through at Mumbai Dreams, the cultural fest of R.D. National College, where we proudly won the Best Intellect Trophy. Adding to our list of accolades, we were declared Best College at Wilson College's vibrant cultural celebration, Hope Fest. Furthermore, our team's organizational excellence was recognized at Nirvaan, the annual fest of Nirmala College, where we were awarded the Best Management Event Trophy. These collective achievements are a true reflection of our team's dedication, versatility, and creative brilliance, firmly establishing Bhavan's College as a leading force in the intercollegiate cultural circuit. Additionally, our contingent secured multiple podiums finish in the highly competitive Mumbai University Youth Festival, proving our versatility and excellence across various artistic and cultural domains. The Mumbai University Youth Festival was a significant platform where Bhavan's College proudly showcased its artistic depth and cultural versatility. Competing against some of the finest talent from across the city, our contingent achieved remarkable success.

This year, we proudly secured the 1st podium in Marathi Skit, 2nd in Clay Modelling, and 3rd in Marathi One Act Play, Marathi Mono Acting, Hindi Mono Acting, Western Instrumental Solo, and Indian Light Vocal Solo at the Zonal level. Additionally, we achieved 2nd and 3rd prizes in Hindi Mono Acting and Western Instrumental Solo respectively.

Needless to say, Bhavan's College has a keen talent in dramatics, and it's all under its Natyasparsh wing, which continues to display remarkable dramatic brilliance. Our dramatics team, Natyasparsh, has produced emotionally charged and socially relevant works that have won praise at various competitions such as सुवर्णकलश, अहिल्यानगर महा करंडक, and more—further solidifying our reputation in the performing arts.

A heartfelt mention and immense credit go to Gaurav Dada, whose guidance and dedication played a pivotal role in all drama events, contributing immensely to our continued success.

We also extend our sincere thanks to our talented dance choreographer, Vivek Sawant, whose creativity and dedication brought life and energy to our stage performances throughout the year.

Bhavan's College also made a notable appearance at the esteemed NIEM (National Institute of Event Management) Annual Award Show this year, where eight students from our college were proudly recognized with the "Event Manager of the Year" award. Congratulations to Sanskar Sonawane, Tanvi Pansare, Mudra Vartak, Naman Soni, Tanvi Waingankar, Rahul Jha, Akil Pathan, and Akshiti Gada for this outstanding achievement. In addition, Dr. Nirmala Pawar was honoured with a Teacher's Recognition Award, highlighting her exceptional contribution to student development and mentorship.

Our participation in NIEM reflected Bhavan's dedication to nurturing talent beyond conventional academic boundaries. We also took part in prestigious industry-level competitions such as the "HT Centennial Debate" organized by Hindustan Times, where Herall Dubey and Harsh Sharma represented Bhavan's College with eloquence and intellect—further showcasing our students' capabilities beyond the college stage.

Intercollegiate Festival - O2 The Fest

One of the biggest highlights of the year was the successful organization of our very own intercollegiate festival, "O2 The Fest," held from 12th–14th December. This three-day extravaganza was a grand celebration of talent, culture, and creativity, attracting participation from over 50+ colleges and drawing an enthusiastic crowd of more than 8,000 people. The fest featured an impressive lineup of 25 diverse events, spanning dance, music, drama, fashion, and intellectual competitions—creating a vibrant and inclusive platform for students to showcase their talents. The excitement began well in advance with O2 Week, setting the perfect tone for the main event. Themed days like Traditional Day, Mismatched Day, Cap and Glares Day, and more transformed the campus into a colourful hub of enthusiasm and anticipation.

The fest was further elevated by the presence of renowned celebrities who graced the stage and added to the vibrant atmosphere. Siddhesh Bhosle, known for his incredible musical mimicry and talent, delivered an electrifying performance. Mihir Lifts, a rising star in the fitness and entertainment industry, inspired students with his engaging presence. Shahid Maliya's soulful live performance left the crowd mesmerized, creating a truly unforgettable experience. O2 The Fest also attracted widespread media attention, with coverage in the Maharashtra Times, which highlighted the event's scale, passion, and unmatched energy.

A special thanks goes to Mr. Chirag Shah, the visionary who conceptualized O2 The Fest and continues to support and guide students year after year with his experience and passion. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the dedicated team of 5 HODs whose leadership made this fest a grand success: Tanvi Pansare (Chairperson), Sanskar Sonawane (Vice - Chairperson), Harsh Sharma, Maheshraj Swami, and Shubham Pawar. The overwhelming participation, energetic ambiance, and top-tier performances truly made O_2 The Fest one of the most talked-about cultural festivals on the intercollegiate circuit—firmly cementing Bhavan's College as a cultural powerhouse.

The Bhavan's College Contingent Committee's performance in 2024–25 was nothing short of exceptional. With unwavering determination and passion, we have carved a niche for ourselves in the cultural circuit, making Bhavan's College a recognized and celebrated name in intercollegiate festivals. Through sheer dedication, teamwork, and creative brilliance, our contingent has not only brought home numerous trophies but also fostered a spirit of unity and excellence among students. As we reflect on this successful year, we look forward to continuing our legacy and achieving even greater milestones in the future.

Department of Life-Long Learning and Extension

The Department of Life-Long Learning & Extension was established in the academic year 2020–2021 and is affiliated with the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLLE), University of Mumbai. The department undertakes various social and educational activities aimed at enhancing and improving the quality of life of marginalized groups, with the central objective of 'reaching the unreached.' These activities are vocational, career-oriented, and community-focused, encompassing areas such as social and environmental awareness, population education, career guidance, and personality development. The department also plays a vital role in helping students develop their skills and overall personality.

A total of 256 students from both aided and unaided streams successfully enrolled in the extension work activities for the academic year 2024–2025. Of these, 120 students registered for the Population Education Club (PEC), with 108 completing the project. The Industry Orientation Project (IOP) saw 92 student enrollments, out of which 70 students successfully completed the project. For the Consumer Guidance Project (CGP), 44 students enrolled and 38 completed the project. In total, 216 students completed their respective extension projects during the academic year.

Participation, Achievements, and Organisation of Programmes:

1) First Term Training Programme: In collaboration with the DLLE, University of Mumbai, the First Term Training Programme was conducted on 8th August, 2024 for 75 colleges. The programme witnessed the participation of 75 extension work teachers and 150 student managers from various educational institutions. Prof. (Dr.) Kunal Jadhav from the University of Mumbai was the Chief Guest, while Field Coordinators from other zones served as resource persons for the event. Representing the college were Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Kamble (Vice Principal) and Prof. Ravi Mishra (Vice Principal). Registered volunteers also actively participated in the programme.







Awareness Rally for Voter Registration Drive: According to the instructions/circular obtained from the University of Mumbai's Department of Lifelong and Extension, Bhavan's College (Autonomous) Andheri (West) DLLE unit conducted a 'Voters Awareness Rally in 165- Andheri (West) constituency' on October 21, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. There were 95 students present for the gathering. The rally began with encouraging comments from Prof.(Dr.) Ajay Kamble, Vice-Principal for Commerce, and Prof. Ravi Mishra, Vice-Principal of Science. At the outset, Prof. Rakhi Kamble, Extension Teacher, provided directions and a brief overview of the program. Other Extension Teachers, Miss Rutuja Pradhan and Mr. Kevin M. Salve, also took part in the event. Students also created posters to increase the impact of the event on the public. During the rally, students sang a few phrases.

Second Term Training Programme: On behalf of the college DLLE Unit, Prof. Kevin Salve, Extension Teacher and Armaan Vasaya, Student Manager, attended the Second Term Training Programme at the Cowasjee Jehangir Convocation Hall, University of Mumbai, Fort, Mumbai-400032 on 9th December 2024. This training programme was conducted for all registered volunteers on 14th December, 2024.







University UDAAN Festival 2024: The DLLE Unit of Bhavan's College successfully participated in its annual festival UDAAN: the Flight of Extension: 2024-2025 organised at Shri L. R. Tiwari College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Mira Road (East), Dist - Thane on 7th February 2025. The DLLE volunteers presented a skit on the theme of "Corruption". Apart from this event, the Unit successfully participated in Elocution, Creative Writing and Poster Making Competitions. Ms. Archi Vishwakarma (TYBA) and Ms. Kritika Chauhan (TYBA) won the First Prize in Poster Making Competition.

Elysium Festival 2024-25: A team of DLLE volunteers participated in the Elysium Festival conducted by B.L. Amlani College, Juhu, Mumbai on February 2, 2025. The Unit successfully participated in various events such as Essay Writing, Short Story Writing, Elocution, Quilling, Poster Making, Fireless Cooking, Mehendi, Tattoo Making, Sketching, Rangoli, and Solo Dance competitions. Ms. Sahaya Rebinsha Nadar (TYBA) won Second Prize in Fireless Cooking and Consolation Prize Essay Writing competitions.





Organization of Intra-collegiate Competitions:

The Department conducted Intra-collegiate Poster Making and Essay Writing Competitions on 9th January 2025 and Creative Writing and Elocution competitions on 5th January 2025 for the registered vilunteers.











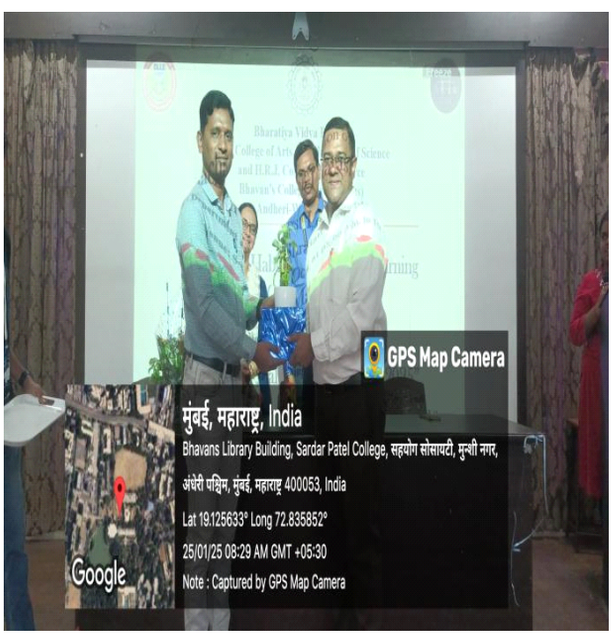


Best Female Student Manager), Mr. Armaan Vasaya (Best Male Student Manager), Ms. Archi Vishwakarma (TYBA) and Ms. Kritika Chauhan (TYBA) for winning prize in Udaan Festival and Ms. Rebinsha Nadar for winning prize in Elysium Festival.

Workshop on Reading Habits for Lifelong Learning: A workshop on the theme of "Reading Habits for Lifelong Learning" was conducted on for all DLLE volunteers on 25th January 2025 in association with the College Library. Prof. Shramik Kharat, Head, Department of History was the chief guest for this workshop. Mr. Ramesh Paloti, Librarian and Dr, Sunil Gondhali were the conveners of this workshop.

The Reading of the Preamble of the Constitution of India: The Reading of the Preamble of Indian Constitution was conducted for DLLE volunteers on 26th November 2024. The oath was also given to students for behaving like responsible citizens. Prof. Kevin Salve, Extension Work Teacher convened this programme for students.









Voter Awareness Rally: A Voter Awareness Rally was organised on 16th November, 2024 under SWEEP for State Assembly Election. IAS Shri. Narindar Singh Bali, Central Chief Observer for 164-Versova Constituency and 165-Andheri Constituency, was the Chief Guest for this Programme. On this ocassion, Tree Plantation and Cleanliness Drive were also organised. This activity was conducted in association with NSS, NCC, Cultural Committee and Sports Department of the college. Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Kamble (Vice Principal) and Prof. Ravi Mishra (Vice Principal), Dr. Nirmala Pawar, Prof. Shramik Kharat, Prof. Akshay Rane, Maj. Malini Sharma, and other college faculties were present for this event. 166 students were present for this event.













Conduct of Training and Guidance Sessions at Various Colleges: Dr. Sunil Gondhali conducted several First and Second Term Training Sessions and guidance sessions a a Field Coordinator at Tolani College, Andheri (East), MVM College, Andheri (West), Thakur College, Kandivli, and MVLU College, Andheri (East).

Extension Work Teachers : Dr. Sunil Gondhali (Convener), Ms. Chetana Visave, Mr. Rahul Bharsat, Ms. Rakhi Ogale, Ms. Rutuja Pradhan & Mr. Kevin Salve.









Green Club

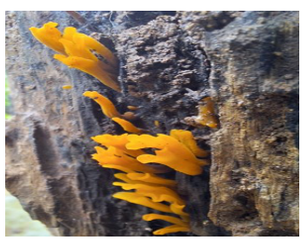
Campus Visit to Study Fungal Diversity: On 22nd June, 2024, 25 members of the Green Club participated in a guided campus visit aimed at exploring the rich floristic diversity and seasonal fungal entities present within the college premises. The visit was facilitated by Mr. Dinesh Agre, faculty member of the Green Club, and Ms. Sharayu Raje, faculty coordinator. During the walk, students were introduced to the life cycles, structural features, and ecological roles of various fungal species found on campus. The interactive session provided members with hands-on learning about biodiversity and environmental observation.

Ms. Sharayu Raje, the faculty coordinator of the Green Club attended a one day workshop at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, on 30th July, 2024











First-Year Orientation Programme for Green Club Members: The Green Club conducted its First-Year Orientation Programme for newly enrolled members on 7th August, 2024. Mr. Vijay Sapkal, District Coordinator of the Mumbai region, was invited as the Chief Guest for the event. The orientation aimed to introduce students to the club's mission, activities, and future goals. The session witnessed the enthusiastic participation of around seventy Green Club members. The programme was held in the gracious presence of Vice Principal Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Kamble, Faculty Coordinator Ms. Sharayu Raje, Co-Faculty Coordinator Prof. (Dr.) Kushal Mude, and faculty members Dr. Veena Maheshwari, Mr. Dinesh Agre, Ms. Vinaya Kolte, and Mr. Bony Dasari. The orientation served as a meaningful platform to inspire student involvement in environmental initiatives. .





Each One, Plant One-A Collective Green Effort: On 23rd August, 2024, the Green Club organized a meeting to discuss plantation-related initiatives and promote sustainable practices among its members. As a follow-up to the discussion, members enthusiastically participated in the '*Each One, Plant One*' campaign by planting saplings, seedlings, and propagating cuttings or grafts they had prepared themselves. The activity extended over the span of a week, during which approximately thirty members planted one to two plants each- either on campus or at home. This initiative not only fostered environmental consciousness but also encouraged hands-on learning about plant propagation techniques.

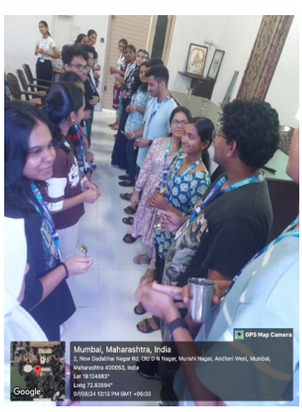






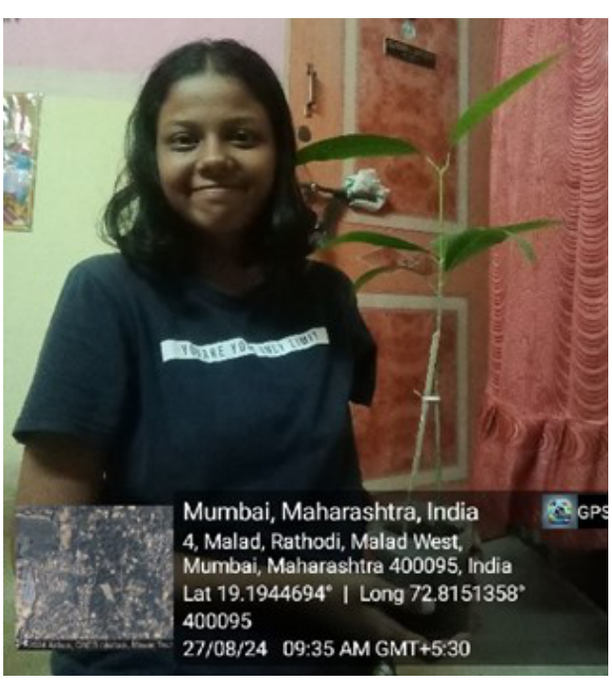














Eco-Awareness Initiative During Ganesh Festival

During the Ganesh festival, Green Club volunteers actively visited various Ganesh pandals in their localities to observe and assess the materials used in decorations. Through these visits, members gained valuable insights into the nature and sustainability of the decorative items employed- predominantly cloth and plastic flowers. Upon interacting with decoration contractors, it was noted that many of the cloth and floral materials were reused throughout the year, indicating an encouraging move towards resourcefulness. However, in pandals where plastic-based items were used extensively, Green Club members engaged with pandal owners to raise awareness and suggest more eco-friendly alternatives for future celebrations. This initiative reflected the Club's commitment to promoting sustainable practices within cultural festivities.

Nirmalya Collection and Composting Initiative:

During the Ganesh Festival, devotees traditionally offer flowers, leaves, and garlands- collectively known as *Nirmalya*- as a part of religious worship. Unfortunately, these offerings are often discarded into water bodies in plastic bags, leading to significant environmental concerns such as water pollution.

To address this issue and promote sustainable practices, the Green Club organized a *Nirmalya Collection and Composting* activity to raise awareness about responsible disposal and recycling. Members were encouraged to collect Nirmalya from their homes, residential societies, and nearby pandals and bring it to college for eco-friendly disposal.

The activity took place on 19th September, 2024, during which approximately ten kilograms of Nirmalya were collected. This organic material was then deposited in the compost bins available on campus. Once decomposed, the compost will be used as manure to nourish plants within the college premises- completing a sustainable cycle of waste-to-resource conversion.

This initiative not only promoted environmental responsibility but also encouraged members to reflect on the ecological impact of cultural practices.

Plastic and E-waste Collection Drive

The Green Club of Bhavan's College, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organized a Plastic and E-waste Collection Drive on 23rd September 2024. This initiative aimed to create awareness about responsible waste management and promote sustainable environmental practices on campus.

Around 25 dedicated volunteers actively participated in the drive, where they learned about the different









types of plastics, their environmental impact, and the correct methods of segregation. The collected plastic waste was sorted for appropriate recycling, while E-waste items were set aside for disposal through authorized recycling channels.

This green initiative marks the beginning of a sustained effort to reduce the environmental footprint of the college. Moving forward, such collection drives will be integrated as a regular practice to ensure a plastic-free and e-waste-responsible campus

Certificate Course on Environmental Management System Audit:

Two dedicated members of the Green Club, Ms. Jagruti Patel and Ms. Lourdes Baptista, successfully completed a 60-hour Certificate Course on Environmental Management System Audit, conducted by the HJCE Green Club under the aegis of RUSA at Hansraj Jivandas College of Education (Autonomous), Khar, Mumbai.





The course was held from 25th September 2024 to 25th October 2024 and provided participants with in-depth knowledge and practical exposure to auditing practices within environmental management systems. This achievement reflects the commitment of Green Club members toward sustainable environmental governance and capacity-building in eco-conscious practices.

Outreach Activity- Creating Awareness on Plastic and E-Waste: On 26th October 2024, the Green Club of Bhavan's College organized an impactful outreach activity aimed at spreading awareness about the proper disposal of plastic and electronic waste (e-waste). As the environmental consequences of plastic and e-waste mismanagement continue to escalate, the activity sought to educate students on the importance of responsible waste disposal and the need to adopt sustainable practices.

A team of four Green Club volunteers took the initiative to engage with first-year students, reaching out to a total of 512 participants. The session emphasized the environmental and health hazards posed by improper disposal methods and encouraged students to actively contribute to reducing waste by adopting eco-friendly habits. The activity successfully fostered a sense of environmental responsibility among the youth and promoted the importance of mindful consumption and waste management.











November 2024 – Water Sample Microbiological Analysis
December 2024 – Water Usage Awareness

Intra-collegiate Competition: On 28th January, 2025, the Green Club of Bhavan's College organized an intra-collegiate competition featuring poster making, reel making, and best out of waste activities. Held at the SFC Foyer from 10:00 a.m. onwards, the event saw the participation of 38 enthusiastic students from both undergraduate and postgraduate courses. The competition aimed to promote awareness around pressing environmental concerns through creativity and innovation.

The themes included waste management, water conservation, biodiversity conservation, and energy management. For the poster making and reel making competitions, students focused on themes such as water conservation and sustainable practices. Participants exhibited their talent and concern for the environment by creating impactful posters, imaginative models using discarded materials, and engaging reels that addressed ecological issues.

The entries powerfully conveyed messages about conserving water, protecting biodiversity, reducing pollution, and adopting sustainable lifestyles. Many of the works depicted the current environmental challenges and envisioned future consequences, thereby encouraging viewers to reflect on their role in creating a greener planet. Among the numerous thoughtful contributions, select posters, models, and reels that best captured the essence of the theme were chosen as winners. The results were announced on the official Instagram handle of the Green Club.













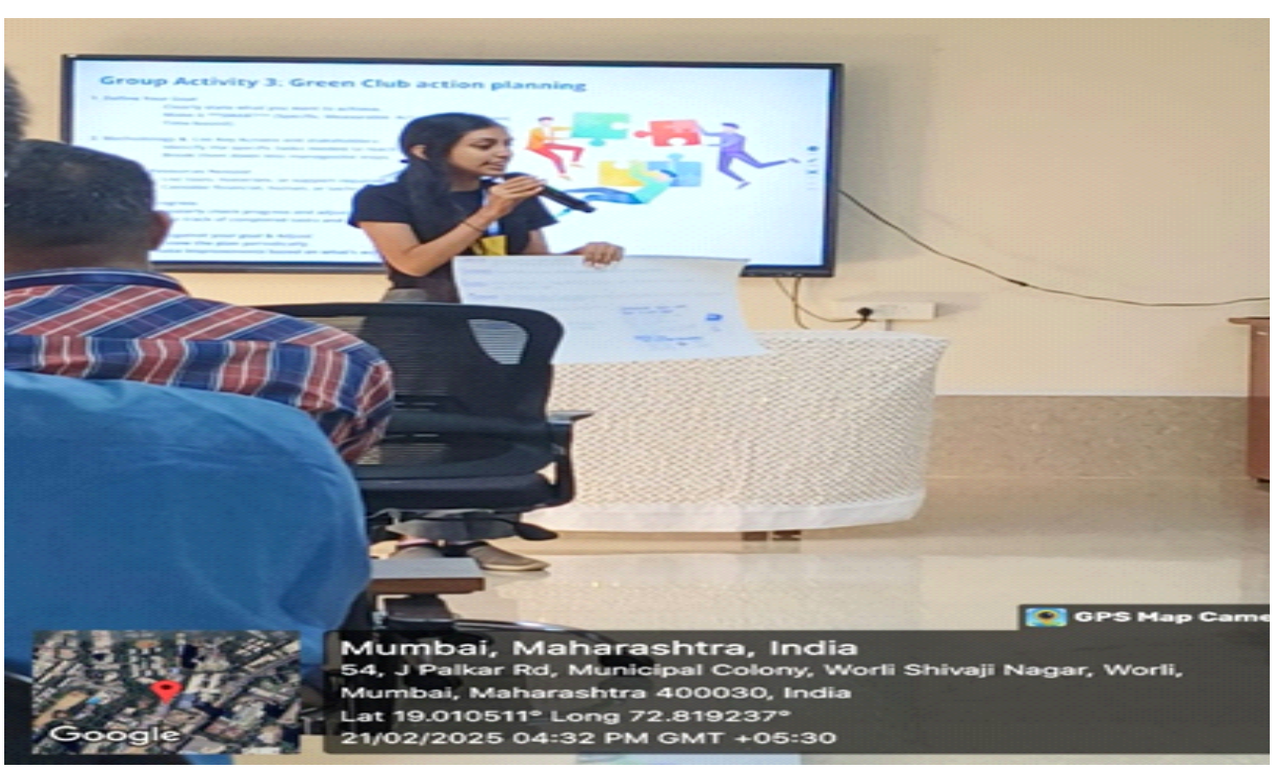


Participation in Lighthouse Green Clubs Nurturing Workshop :

The Green Club of Bhavan's College was selected to participate in the prestigious Lighthouse Green Clubs Nurturing Workshop, organized under the Youth Engagement and Water Stewardship (YEWS) program. The workshop was held at Sasmira's Institute of Management Studies and Research on Friday, 21st February, 2025. This recognition was a result of the club's consistent commitment to water conservation and its remarkable performance in saving significant amounts of water as recorded on the *Why Waste Dashboard*. Representing Bhavan's College at the event were two dedicated Green Club members- Ms. Jagruti Patel and Ms. Aditi Sankhe, who proudly showcased the college's efforts and achievements among 22 other selected colleges from the Mumbai region.







Munshi Memorial Trophy

On 8th February, 2025, Bhavan's College organised the K.M. Munshi Trophy Elocution and Essay Competition. With a rich history of 26 years, this prestigious competition is held in the memory of the founder of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Shri K. M. Munshi on the occasion of his death anniversary to reflect on his noble thoughts.

The program was inaugurated by the Principal, Prof. Dr Zarine Bhathena with the lighting of the lamp and saraswati vandana. The event was graced by the Vice Principal of Science and Committee mentor, Prof Ravi Mishra, the Vice Principal of Commerce, Prof. Dr Ajay Kamble, and a panel of judges. The Convener, Dr Medini Anjanikar started the event with an introduction and an overview of the competition. The Principal addressed the gathering and enlightened with her insights. Committee member, Prof Asha Padalkar also shared her insightful thoughts on K. M Munshi's life and work. The faculty members from various departments graced the occasion, adding to its grandeur and prestige.

The competition started at 11 am with an enthusiastic participation of around 20 colleges from Mumbai and the suburbs. Around 40 students participated in the Elocution competition and 40 students participated in the Essay writing competition. The participants succinctly expressed their thoughts on topics related to India's economy, science, society, religion, culture, and environment and their issues.

The judges- Prof Taramani Vishwakarma, Dr Vinod Jhalte, and Prof Tanvi Ingle played a vital role in evaluating the participants. In the Elocution competition, the first prize and the trophy was awarded to KES Shroff College, Kandivali. In the Essay writing competition, Bhavan's College won the first prize and the trophy. The prize distribution ceremony took place in the presence of the Principal.

The program was hosted by Prof Raj Karia. Student representatives, Soham and Kajal managed the competition related work. All volunteers worked hard from start to finish, helping in making the event a success. The program concluded with Prof Shramik Kharat's vote of success at around 5 pm.

The committee members for this competition-Dr. Neha Sawant, Dr. Pravin Singare, Dr. Aparna Jadhav, Dr. Charuchandra Patil, Prof. Shramik Kharat, Prof. Raj Karia, Junior College Convener Prof. Anuprita Trimbakkar, Prof. Asha Padalkar, Prof. Surekha Kulkarni, Prof. Varsha Kendre, and Prof. Chandrakala Yadav-were present throughout and offered invaluable support and assistance. Special assistance was provided by Prof. Komal Pandey.

Due to the active participation of the participants from all over Mumbai and the suburbs, the invaluable inputs of the judges, the vibrant presence of the audience, the support of the College, and the collaboration and efforts of the Committee members, this year's K.M. Munshi Trophy Elocution and Essay Competition proved to be a grand success.



NCC Boys Unit
3 MAH. BN NCC, Mumbai - 'A'

Jan Aarogyan

Event: Jan Aarogyan for NCC

Date: 2nd March 2024

Venue: Churchgate

3 MAH BN NCC UNIT, Bhavan's College NCC cadets attended the event " JAN AROGYAM for NCC" in Churchgate. All cadets were present in Yashwantrao Chavan Auditorium at 1400 hours. The Chief Guest of the event was Karnataka's Governor, Thawar Chand Gehlot. The Jan Arogyam Event for NCC refers to the active participation of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) in public health awareness, community service, and mobilization drives aligned with the government's Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB – PMJAY) initiatives.NCC cadets from different Colleges step forward to support local health administrations as part of their Social Service and Community Development (SSCD) curriculum



Defense Exhibition

Event: Defense Exhibition

Date: 6th April, 2024

Venue: Vile Parle

3 MAH BN NCC, Bhavan's College, attended the event named as 'Defence Exhibition" held at Vile Parle on 6th April 2024. All NCC Cadets were present in Veer Senani Foundations, Parle Tilak Vidyalaya Association at 1500 hours. A Defence Exhibition for NCC cadets is an immersive educational and motivational experience. It typically consists of displays of advanced weaponry, military technology prototypes, career guidance, and interactive demonstrations like obstacle courses and firing drills. Defence Exhibition is organised to inspire youth, build scientific temperament, and showcase pathways to careers in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.



Convocation Ceremony

Event: Convocation Ceremony.
Date: 3rd April 2024
Venue: Andheri (W)

3 MAH BN NCC, Bhavan's College NCC Unit cadets performed Slow March on the occasion of Convocation Ceremony held at SPJIMR Auditorium on 3rd April 2024 at 1100 hours. Slow March performed by the cadets of 3 MAH BN NCC, Bhavan's NCC Unit, 8 MAH BN NCC Girls Unit and NSS students. In this Convocation Ceremony, college officially confers degrees and certificates upon its graduating students. Special recognition and gold medals were given to top ranking academic performers.



Additional Director General Meet Event

Event: Additional Director General Meet Event
Date: 25th June 2024
Venue: Kandivali , Mumbai

3 MAH BN NCC, Bhavan's College NCC Unit cadets attended the ADG meet event on 25th June 2024 at Thakur College of Engineering and Technology. The event was scheduled at 8.00 a.m. The Chief Guest was the ADG of NCC, Major General Yogender Singh who provided information about NCC and his experience.



International Yoga Day

Event: International Yoga Day
Date:21st June 2024
Venue: Nerul, Navi Mumbai.

3 MAH BN NCC Unit of Bhavan's College cadets attended the "International Yoga Day" event held on 21st June 2024 at D.Y.Patil Stadium, Nerul, Navi Mumbai. NCC cadets and students from different colleges attended this event. Various Asanas such as Bhujangasana, Tadasana, and Padmasasna etc were taught to all NCC cadets. The motto of 2024 'International Yoga Day' was "Yoga for Self and Society". As one of the largest uniformed youth organisations in the world, the NCC uses this day to promote physical fitness, mental resilience, and the core military virtue of discipline. The NCC cadets and students were given refreshments along with T-Shirt, Cap and Yoga Mat to promote and encourage Yoga among the youth.



Election Duty

Event: Election Duty

Date: 18th May 2024

Venue: Santacruz, Mumbai.

3 MAH BN NCC Unit of Bhavan's College cadets attended the volunteer training session for Loksabha General Elections 2024 held on 20th May 2024 by the Election Commission of India at SNDT Women's University, Juhu Tara Road, Santacruz (W), Mumbai-49. Election officers, Zonal heads and BLOs were present in this training session. They gave instructions about the "Code of Conduct "that has to be maintained during the Election Day. They distributed T-Shirt and Caps among the NCC cadets and students to acknowledge their participation. Cadets are deployed to help the civil administration with administrative and crowd management tasks. Guiding voters, checking the names on electoral lists, helping senior citizens or persons with disabilities, maintaining order, separating lines, and providing basic medical assistance etc were some of the tasks performed by the NCC cadets.



Independence Day 2024

Date: 15th August 2024

Venue: Bhavan's College, Andheri (West)

On 15th August, 2024 3 MAH BN NCC Unit of Bhavan's College proudly represented their drill on the occasion of India's 78th Independence Day. The event was filled with enthusiasm and patriotism, showcasing the cadets dedication to the nation. The Principal, Vice Principals, and other staff members were present to witness the drill and appreciated the cadets performance. They praised the NCC Unit for their exceptional display of patriotism and discipline. The Cultural committee and NSS Unit of Bhavan's College supported and encouraged us, making the event a grand success. The cadets performed their drill with precision and pride, reflecting their hard work and commitment to the NCC. We remembered the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and the importances of national unity. We are proud to be a part of this great nation and look forward to serving it with dedication and commitment.

RPF lecture on women's safety and cyber security

The lecture on Safety and Fire was conducted by RPF team and the Speaker and Chief Guest of this event was Sub Inspector Trupti Mane Madam. Different types of FIR such as Zero FIR and How to register FIR digitally were explained in this session. Cadets gained knowledge regarding women's safety and Cyber Security. The RPF conducts dynamic public lectures and structural field programs to protect citizens from physical and digital threats.



Guest Lecture by Col. Kaushal Kashyap, Shaurya Chakra- Leadership and Special Forces.

Event: Guest Lecture

Date: 18th October 2024

Venue: VJTI, Matunga (E), Mumbai.

Colonel Kaushal Kashyap, Shaurya Chakra, is a highly decorated former Indian Army Special officer who regularly serves as a premier guest lecturer on high-stakes leadership, resilience, and tactical execution. Meeting Colonel Kaushal Kashyap, a renowned Shaurya Chakra awardee, was a profoundly inspiring experience for all the NCC cadets. His stories of valour, resilience, and leadership not only showcased his exceptional character but also highlighted the challenges and triumphs of a soldier's life. His dedication to the nation and unwavering commitment to protecting its citizens left me in awe. His words of wisdom on perseverance, teamwork, and decision making resonated deeply among the cadets. His legacy inspires all the cadets to strive for excellence, cultivate leadership skills, and embody the spirit of service that defines our great nation.



Women Empowerment through NCC

Date: 30th November 2024

Venue: KC College, Churchgate.

MAH BN NCC UNIT, Bhavan's College Senior Wing girls attended an event based on 'Women's Empowerment through NCC" in KC College, Churchgate. All cadets from various colleges were present in KC College Auditorium at 8.00am. The Chief Guest of the event were DG N CC Lieutenant General Gurubirpal Singh, ADG Major General Yogendra Singh and Governor of Maharashtra R.C. Radhakrishnan. A lecture on "Women's Empowerment through NCC" taken by Major Anita Jethi. All the girls cadets were taught some moves of self-defence which were very useful in case of emergency. This event made a positive effect on everyone's mindset.



Election Duty Event

Date: 20th November 2024

Venue: Andheri (West) & Jogeshwari

The 3 MAH BN NCC UNIT, Bhavan's College NCC cadets attended the Election Duty Event on 20th November 2024 at Andheri (West) and Jogeshwari. The event was scheduled at 7.00am. In this event cadets assisted voters by guiding them through the use of 'voter help line app' and provide wheel chair assistance to senior citizens to reach the polling booths. We guided voters and helped t maintain the queue. Cadets allotted different centres for their duty at Andheri (West) & Jogeshwari. All the cadets were dispersed at 18.00pm from polling booth after end of the elections.





Inter-College Volleyball Tournament

Date: 20th December 2024

Venue: Bhavan's College,

Andheri (West), Mumbai - 58.

3 MAH BN NCC UNIT, Bhavan's College NCC cadets organized a Inter- College Volleyball Tournament on 20th December 2024 at Bhavan's College Volleyball Court. The Vice Principal of Bhavan's College Mr. Ajay Kamble and the Head of the Cultural Department, Mrs. Nirmala Pawar, inaugurated the event. The Chief Guest of this event was Havaldar Sheshnath Singh. All the matches were played between teams. Thakur Engineering College, won the Inter- College Volleyball Tournament and the runner up tem Patkar Varde College. After the matches, the winner and runner-up teams were awarded trophies.





O2 The Fest

Date: 12th, 13th and 14th December 2024.

Venue: Bhavan's College,

Andheri (West), Mumbai-58.

3 MAH BN NCC UNIT, Bhavan's College NCC cadets attended an event on O2 The Fest in Bhavan's College, Andheri (West). All NCC cadets were done duties from 2.00pm to 10.00pm. Different programs were organized in the O2 The Fest were such as dance, singing and fashion show etc. O2 The Fest was very well organized and it was full of entertainment. Every performance was outstanding and amazing.

All NCC Cadets managed the crowd very well.





Indian Army Day 2025

Date: 15th January 2025

Venue: Cariappa Auditorium, Mumbai.

On 15th January 2025, Bhavan's College NCC Unit cadets attended the 'Indian Army Day' celebration at Cariappa Auditorium, Navy Nagar, Colaba. Later on, cadets from various NCC companies and battalions under the NCC Directorate, Maharashtra joined the event. The event commenced with a captivating classical dance performed by girl cadets, showcasing India's rich cultural heritage and spiritual traditions. The highlight of the event was addressed by the Central Minister, Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth. His inspiring words filled with enthusiasm and motivation, emphasizing the significance of India Army Day. He honoured the bravery, sacrifices and dedication of our soldiers, reminding us of the Army's pivotal role in national security and its ethos of service before self. The event concluded with a sense of pride and gratitude, and we returned home with a deeper appreciation for the Indian Army's unwavering commitment to our nation. Indian Army Day was an enriching experience, fostering a sense of patriotism and admiration for our esteemed armed forces.



Republic Day Parade

Date: 26th January, 2025.

Venue: Bhavan's College, Andheri (West), Mumbai-58.

On 26th January, the NCC Unit of Bhavan's College proudly celebrated Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotism. The event began with a salute to India's National Flag, showcasing the cadet's respect and dedication to the nation. The highlight of the event was the Atari-Wagha Border Parade,which was performed by CPL Nitin Tiwari, Cdt Mandeep, Cdt Harsh Ambekar, Cdt Anuja Gorival, Cdt Aditi Bhate and Cdt Omkar Mandhare with pride and a positive attitude. The cadets marched with precision and discipline, reflecting their hard work and commitment to the NCC. The Nishan Toli, a symbol of national pride, was on the ground, with the NCC flag banner soaring high. The guards entered and performed their duties with exceptional skill, demonstrating their expertise in rifle handling and drill movements.

The Rifle show was a thrilling demonstration of the cadets skills, with sequences performed with precision and accuracy. The event was attended by the college Principal and other staff members, who appreciated the patriotism and dedication of the cadets. The Cultural Committee and NSS unit supported and encouraged the cadets making the event grand success.

The Republic Day Celebration was a memorable experience for all the cadets. We are proud to be a part of this great nation and look forward to serving it with dedication and commitment.



Senior Under Officer Akhilesh Pal



Republic Day Parade



Demonstration of Wagha Border



Contingent of Republic Day Parade



Junior Under Officer Parvez Shaikh

Camps

Cadets of 3 MAH BN NCC, Bhavan's College NCC Unit, Andheri (West) attended various camps conducted by NCC, Mumbai "A" Group.

The camps were as follows:

- Mountaineering, Jammu and Kashmir
- Girls Trekking, Tamil Nadu (Ooty)
- TSC (403), Kalyan
- CATC (406), Palghar
- IGC-TSC
- Pre Thal Sena Camp (Pre TSC)
- AITSC
- Hospital Attachment

During the period of camps, cadets learnt many valuable life lessons, and wonderful experiences. Cadets came back with lots of amazing memories.





Golden JUO Vinayak Kanojia

Role of Honour

CSM Kalpesh Jagtap, Bhavan's College NCC cadet selected in Indian Navy as "Agniveer" for serving the nation.

JUO Vinayak Kanojiya from Bhavan's College achieved 1st Place in All India Thal Sainik Camp (AITSC) among 17 Directorates in India in HEALTH & HYGIENE competition.
He was the first Bhavan's College NCC cadet to attend AITSC.



CSM Kalpesh Jagtap

NCC Girls
8 MAH. GIRLS BN, Mumbai - 'A'

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) stands as one of the most prestigious uniformed youth organizations in India, and the Bhavan's NCC Girls Unit is recognized as one of its most esteemed contingents. The NCC fosters discipline, leadership, and a profound sense of national responsibility, transforming students into confident cadets and, eventually, proud ex-cadets. True to its motto- '*Unity and Discipline*,' each member upholds these values with dedication and integrity.

The academic year 2024-25 was marked by a series of impactful events, rigorous training sessions, and noteworthy accomplishments. The year commenced with the Republic Day parade on January 26th, where the synchronized marching of the cadets resonated with patriotism. The Independence Day celebration was equally significant, reflecting the cadets' unwavering spirit and commitment.

Throughout the year, cadets participated in various camps, competitions, and leadership-building activities, earning accolades and recognition across multiple platforms, thus contributing to the continued legacy of excellence of Bhavan's NCC Girls Unit.



The Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC–401), organized by the 8 MAH Girls Battalion NCC, was held at Dr. N. P. Shah School, Agashi (Virar), from 2nd to 11th May, 2024. The camp provided cadets with rigorous training in drill parade and TSC-oriented sessions, including lectures on army layout, CPR, weapon training, and map reading. A series of insightful guest lectures were conducted, including a session on cyber security by a senior police inspector, a talk on Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj by Hitesh Pimple Sir from K.J. School, a career-oriented session on joining the Armed Forces, and a motivational address by Brigadier Ashwini Nair on balancing NCC responsibilities with academic commitments.

Cadets from Bhavan's College showcased outstanding performance across multiple events. They secured first prize in Kho-Kho, second prizes in group dance and volleyball, and a gold medal in slogan writing won by CDT Laxmi Chaurasiya. CDT Nirvi Naik and CDT Priya Salvi were awarded Best Photographer medals, while CDT Aditi Mahamuni was honoured with the Camp Senior title. Additionally, CDT Nirvi Naik received special recognition for her dedicated management of water distribution during the camp. The camp concluded with a festive Badakhana, featuring prize distribution and cultural performances. Overall, CATC-401 proved to be a well-rounded and enriching experience that celebrated discipline, talent, and teamwork, while fostering a strong sense of unity among cadets.



The Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC–412), organized by the 8 MAH Girls Battalion NCC, took place from 5th to 14th November, 2024 at Dr. N. P. Shah School, Agashi, Virar. The camp provided cadets with an immersive training experience through daily lectures held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., covering subjects such as map reading, weapon training, and communication skills. A series of guest sessions added to the enrichment of the camp, including a lecture on 6th November by ex-Senior Under Officer Arshia Rashid, a visit by Group Commander Brigadier Aswani Nair on 7th November, and an insightful session on '*Good Touch and Bad Touch*' conducted by Kriti Ma'am on 8th November, 2024.

In addition to training, the camp featured a variety of competitions, including kho-kho, solo and group singing, solo and group dance, and lecturettes. Cadets from Bhavan's College performed exceptionally well, winning the first prize in both group dance and drill competition, and securing third place in solo singing by CDT Vaishnavi Gawale. CDT Nirvi Naik was once again recognized for her creative excellence, winning the Best Photography medal. The camp concluded with a valedictory function that celebrated the achievements, discipline, and dedication of the participating cadets, making it a memorable and fruitful experience.





The ATC–402 Camp, organized by the 5 MAH Girls Battalion NCC, was held from 13th to 23rd May, 2024 at Tarapur, Boisar, with a special focus on the selection of TSC cadets. The camp began with an inaugural address by Commanding Officer Col. Abhinav Kumar, setting the tone for an intensive and enriching training experience. Daily routines were meticulously planned, beginning with physical training (PT) at 5:45 AM. Cadets participated in both theoretical and practical sessions covering topics like JDFS, health & hygiene, map reading,





rifle training, and outdoor judging distance exercises. Separate sessions and evaluations were conducted for CATC and TSC cadets, ensuring personalized attention and development. Additionally, the camp featured drill parades, leadership lectures, and discussions on laws protecting women and safety practices, contributing to the overall skill-building and academic enrichment of the cadets.





The Pre-IGC TSC–404 Camp, organized by the 5 MAH Girls Battalion NCC, took place from 7th to 16th June 2024 at Tarapur, Boisar. The camp was specifically designed as a selection camp for the Intergroup TSC competition to be held in Kolhapur. Each day involved intensive physical activities, including sprint and long-distance running, tent-pitching drills, and evening conditioning exercises, which aimed at building stamina and teamwork. Brigadier Ashwini Nair visited the camp during the training, offering valuable insights and motivation to the cadets. By the final day, 20 cadets were selected to represent the unit at the IGSC camp. The camp provided a rigorous yet enriching experience, focusing on skill development and preparation for the competition.





The Inter Group Competition (IGC) TSC Camp 2024 was held from 20th to 29th July in Kolhapur, organized by the 5 MAH Battalion NCC. Twenty cadets from Mumbai 'A' group participated, including SGT Somayya Kumbhare from Bhavan's College, 8 MAH Girls Battalion, who represented the group in the Obstacle Training (OT) event. The camp commenced with documentation and swiftly progressed into rigorous daily routines that included running, physical endurance training, obstacle practice, drill parades, tent-pitching sessions, and inter-group games. Timed individual obstacle rounds began early in the camp, while group competitions commenced on 24th July. A special moment was the celebration of Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26th July, marked by a commemorative speech delivered by the Commanding Officer. Mumbai 'A' group secured seventh place in the obstacle competition. The camp concluded on 29th July with a cultural visit to the Mahalaxmi Temple followed by a prize distribution ceremony, bringing an enriching and memorable experience to an end.





The Special National Integration Camp (SNIC) 2024 was held in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir from 19th to 30th June, organized by the 1 J&K Girls Battalion NCC. A total of 308 cadets from across India participated, including SGT Sakshi Kamble from 8 MAH Girls BN, Bhavan's College. The camp was inaugurated with an address by Brigadier Deepak Sajjanhar, who emphasized the importance of safety, national unity, and the objectives of the integration programme. Throughout the camp, cadets engaged in a wide range of activities including lectures on national integration, leadership, and the rich cultural heritage of Jammu & Kashmir. Competitions in volleyball, tug-of-war, quiz, dance, and storytelling were also held, showcasing the diverse talents of cadets. The Maharashtra team secured first place in the quiz competition. Additionally, participants visited significant sites such as Gulmarg, the Haws Museum, Dal Lake, and Nishad Garden, deepening their cultural exposure. The camp concluded with a vibrant cultural event in Nagrota, graced by the presence of the Lieutenant Governor. The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB1) Camp was held from 29th October to 1st November, 2024 in Manglam, Ettumanoor, Kerala, under the aegis of the 16 Kerala Battalion NCC. As part of this vibrant cultural exchange initiative, 150 cadets from Maharashtra participated, including SGT Prajakta Kamble from the 8 MAH Girls BN. The camp commenced with an inaugural address by





Col. P. Srinivasan and featured a diverse schedule that included sessions on Kerala's rich cultural and tourism landscape, debates, quizzes, and sports events such as volleyball and tug of war. Evenings were dedicated to cultural performances and rehearsals for the National Integration Awareness Programme (NIAP). Notable field visits included trips to Kumarakom Lake and Waterscapes on 24th October and to the Alphonsa Shrine Church and Ettumanoor Temple on 25th October, offering cadets a firsthand experience of Kerala's heritage. Guest lectures were delivered by Lt. Col. Rishi Rajlaxmi and Brig. A. Ragesh, with an inspection visit by Group Commander Brig. G.B.S. Reddy. Maharashtra cadets excelled in competitions, winning 1st place in throwball and 2nd in debate. The camp proved to be a

successful platform for fostering cultural exchange, national integration, and mutual respect among youth from different states.





The Para Basic Course 2024-25 was held at the Air Adventure Training School (AATS) in Agra, organized by the 1 UP Air Squadron NCC. CDT Tejal Manmohan Mule from Bhavan's College, representing the 8 MAH Girls BN, Mumbai 'A' Group, was among the participants. The course began on 2nd September with early morning fall-ins at 5:00 a.m. and daily physical fitness sessions at the Para Training School (PTS). Cadets underwent intensive training in basic parachute jumping techniques, safety protocols, and parachute packing, gradually progressing from jumps at 3 feet to 30 feet in preparation for actual aircraft jumps.

On the ninth day, cadets experienced their first air sortie aboard an AN-2 aircraft, with live demonstrations by instructors boosting morale. Cultural sessions and drill practices continued in parallel with training. A field visit to the historic Agra Fort and the Taj Mahal on 15th September offered a refreshing cultural break. By the sixteenth day, cadets had completed tests on equipment handling, ring trainers, and aircraft drills. The highlight came on the twentieth day when cadets successfully executed their first parachute jump from an AN-32 aircraft at 1,250 feet, followed by a second jump on the twenty second day.

The course concluded with a celebratory badakhana and a wing ceremony. Group Commander Brigadier N. S. Charakh awarded para wings to the successful cadets, marking the end of a rigorous yet deeply fulfilling adventure training experience.

The White Water Rafting (WWR) Camp 2024 was held in Dandeli, Karnataka, organized by the 28 BN Karnataka Regiment NCC, exclusively for cadets from the Maharashtra Directorate. Among the 24 selected participants was SGT Shravya Potti from Bhavan's College, representing the 8 MAH Girls BN. The camp began with a swimming test to ensure physical readiness, followed by a structured routine that included morning PT, lectures on rafting techniques and safety conducted by Hav. Santosh P. L. Sir, and interactive sessions such as games and public speaking led by Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Jasdeep Singh.

Inaugurated on 10th December by AO Lt. Commander Akshay Antony Sir, the camp progressed with hands-on training, including raft handling demonstrations, a 15 km trek to Ganesh Gudi on 12th December, and practical rafting sessions on the Kali River on 13th and 14th December. The cultural and spiritual aspects of the camp were marked by a visit to Kaleshwar Mandir and a cultural evening

featuring group dances by SW cadets and musical performances by SD cadets.



The highlight of the camp was an inspiring address by Subedar Jabir Khan SM Sir, who shared his wartime experiences from Kashmir (2006), leaving a lasting impact on the cadets. The camp concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony and farewell at Belgaum Railway Station on 15th December, with cadets departing with enriched confidence, teamwork, and cherished memories.

The Advanced Leadership Camp 2024 was conducted in Alwar, Rajasthan, by the 3 Raj Armed Squadron NCC, with active participation from Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Rajasthan Directorates. JUO Priya Salvi from Bhavan's College represented the 8 MAH Girls BN, Mumbai 'A' Group. The camp commenced





with biometric registration and documentation, followed by a rigorous and enriching schedule that included daily PT and drill sessions.

Cadets attended a series of insightful guest lectures on diverse topics such as Smart Investment Awareness by Dr. R.R. Soni, the POCSO Act by Father Abraham, and Career Foundation by Dr. Neelam Verma. To develop communication and leadership skills, cadets took part in extempore speeches, debates, public speaking sessions, and PowerPoint presentations.

On 15th November, a cultural visit to Mossi Maharani Ki Chatri Palace and Alwar Museum offered cadets exposure to Rajasthan's heritage. A certified EXPA (Experiential Learning) Program conducted by ex-NCC cadets on 16th and 17th November focused on communication,





SWOT analysis, time management, gender sensitivity, and leadership development. Highlights of the camp included a motivational address by Col. Sudhanshu Shekhar, sports competitions where the Maharashtra Directorate secured first place in kho-kho and tug of war, and a vibrant cultural night on 20th November showcasing traditional performances.



attended an SSB orientation session that emphasized leadership and selection procedures. The camp concluded on 22nd November, leaving cadets with enhanced leadership skills, cultural appreciation, and enduring memories.

A Road Safety Awareness Program was conducted at Bhavan's College on 15th January 2025, jointly organized by the NCC (8 MAH Girls BN), NSS Unit, DLLE, and participating college students. A total of 38 cadets actively represented the NCC and NSS in the initiative. The program aimed to educate students about traffic rules, safe commuting practices, and responsible road behaviour.

The event featured esteemed guests from the Traffic Division, including Police Inspector Mr. Ganesh Andhe, PSI Mr. Sanjaykumar Sisale, Mr. Sadanand Agase, and Constable Mr. Nilesh Patil. IQAC convenor Dr. Nitin Labhane felicitated the guests, while ANO Maj. Malini Sharma welcomed them with an opening address and tokens of appreciation. The session emphasized the importance of wearing helmets and seatbelts, possessing valid driving licenses, and following traffic regulations. A short video on road safety and traffic signs was screened for added impact. The program concluded with a group photograph at 1:00 PM, instilling greater awareness and responsibility among the participants.





commenced with a fall-in at 5:30 a.m. The parade officially began at 8:00 a.m., led by the Boys Unit and commanded by Parade Commander SUO Shahnaj Khan of the 8 MAH Girls BN. CQMS Vrindpriya Pathak and JUO Keertida Lakhani served as the Baaya and Dahina Darshaks, respectively. Maj. Malini Sharma issued the marching orders, with SGT Komal Mhatre initiating the parade with a powerful 'Shiv Garjana.' The NCC flag was carried with pride by JUO Yashashri Zende.

Following the girls unit, the boys unit continued the parade. Subhedar Major Hoshiar Singh of the 8 MAH Girls BN graced the event as the Chief Guest. Principal Zarine Bathena Ma'am and Vice Principal Deepa Nadkarni Ma'am hoisted the national flag in the presence of college staff, NSS Unit members, and volunteers. Both units saluted the flag and sang the National Anthem in unison, embodying patriotic spirit. The parade concluded with a formal visarjan (dismissal) ordered by ANO Maj. Malini Sharma.

From 29th January to 2nd February, 2024, the 8 MAH Girls BN NCC organized a cadet camp at Bhavan's College, Andheri West, to prepare cadets for the upcoming 'B' and 'C' Certificate examinations. The sessions were conducted daily from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and included a balanced mix of theoretical lectures and practical training. Cadets were trained in essential topics such as map reading, rifle positions, field craft, and battle craft. Drill practice and rifle handling were also a major focus, led by the PI staff and ANO Maj. Malini Sharma. A key moment of the camp was the visit of Commanding Officer Col. Navin Sharma on 30th January, whose presence greatly encouraged the cadets. The camp proved instrumental in strengthening the cadets' conceptual understanding while also providing them with hands-on experience, thereby boosting their confidence for the upcoming exams. Refreshments were provided at the end of each session, contributing to a supportive and motivating training atmosphere.

On 10th March, 2025, the 8 MAH Girls BN NCC Unit organized a Disaster Management session at Bhavan's College, Andheri, in collaboration with the 5 BN National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). The session began at 10:30 a.m. with an introductory speech by ANO Maj. Malini Sharma ma'am. Inspector Arun Kumar from the NDRF led the session, introducing students to various types of disasters and emphasizing the importance of disaster preparedness. The session included vital life-saving techniques such as CPR for adults and infants, methods for relieving Foreign Body Airway Obstruction (FBAO), treatment for open and closed wounds, pre-hospital care (including bleeding control, bandaging, and stretcher techniques), and rescue methods for drowning victims. Students participated in practical hands-on sessions to reinforce the techniques they had learned. The session concluded with a closing speech by Maj. Malini Sharma. The event ended with group photos, leaving participants feeling empowered and better equipped to handle disaster situations.

NSS Unit

The NSS Unit of Bhavan's College (Degree College) actively engaged in a wide range of impactful activities during the academic year 2024–2025, with a continued focus on promoting social responsibility, environmental sustainability, and cultural awareness. The unit regularly participates in creative initiatives such as festivals, street plays, dance events, and intercollegiate collaborations, contributing significantly to the college's vibrant cultural life while fostering strong connections with surrounding communities. Among the key highlights of the year were beach and mangrove cleanup drives, undertaken as part of the unit's ongoing commitment to environmental conservation. These cleanups not only involved hands-on participation but also served as awareness-building efforts to emphasize the importance of protecting fragile ecosystems such as coastal areas and mangrove forests. Through such initiatives, the NSS unit has built a strong reputation for excellence, purpose-driven engagement, and meaningful community outreach.



The NSS Unit of Bhavan's College has actively engaged in raising awareness on crucial social issues such as voter education and anti-war advocacy through impactful initiatives like poster-making competitions and rallies. These activities are designed to foster a sense of civic responsibility among students and the larger community, emphasizing the importance of democratic participation and promoting a culture of peace and non-violence. By involving



the youth in these expressive and educational platforms, the unit contributes meaningfully to shaping informed and socially conscious citizens.

The NSS unit of Bhavan's College also played an important role in crowd management and public safety during the Ganpati and Devi Visarjan processions. By participating in patrolling duties, the volunteers helped ensure the smooth and orderly conduct of these large-scale religious events. Their presence not only contributed to maintaining discipline but also reflected a strong commitment to community service during culturally significant festivities.



The NSS unit of Bhavan's College actively participated in a blood donation drive, encouraging students and staff to contribute to this noble cause. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the critical importance of blood donation and to support local hospitals in meeting the ongoing demand for blood, thereby promoting a spirit of compassion and social responsibility within the college community.

The seven-day rural camp focused on working closely with villagers to address local needs and enhance living conditions. Participants assisted in tackling community challenges, made donations to support local initiatives, and organized village clean-up drives. The camp fostered a strong sense of unity, with volunteers and villagers collaborating to improve the environment and uplift the overall quality of life in the community.

The NSS unit of Bhavan's College actively participated in street plays, dance performances, and reel-making events at various intercollegiate festivals. Their outstanding creativity and performances earned them widespread recognition, culminating in the prestigious "Best College Award." This achievement showcased the unit's dedication, teamwork, and artistic talent, further strengthening their reputation within the collegiate community.







Physical Education and Sports

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Cross-Country Tournament was held on 1st September, 2024, at the Kalina Campus, Santacruz, and was organized by M.L. Dahanukar College. Bhavan's College proudly participated in both the boys and girls categories and secured an impressive fourth place overall. The team comprised students from various streams and years, showcasing their athletic dedication and college spirit. The participating students were: Vikrant Kamble (SYBA), Nitin Tiwari (SYBA) , Rohit Patel (SYBA), Calabe Bhandoo (TYBA), Kalpesh Jagtap (SYBSC), Akhilesh Ashok Pal (SYCS), Prajakta Kamble (TYBA), Tanisha Tawade (SYBSC), Monika Ganjve (SYBA), Priya Salvi (TYBAF), Vedika Sakpal (FYBA), and Vaishnavi Pawar (FYBSC). Their collective performance brought pride to the college and highlighted their commitment to sports and physical fitness.

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Squash Tournament was organized by N.M. College and held at the Andheri Sports Complex. Bhavan's College actively participated in both the girls and boys categories and proudly secured third place overall in the tournament. The players representing Bhavan's College included Khushi Kinger (TS213), Aayushree Sanap (TA313), Khot Purva (TYBT12), Kamble Prajakta (TA332), Disha Kanojia (TS503), Kotian Megana (TYBAF26), Manav Bagade (TC609), Chavan Bhargav (SC224), Shaikh Asrar (SC448), Walia Mayank (TC524), Gad Kiran (SS104), and Pandey Ashish (SS323). Their excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship contributed to the college's remarkable achievement in the tournament.

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Chess Tournament was held on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of August, 2024 at Yashwantrao Chaphekar College of Arts and Commerce, Palghar, and was organized by Yashwantrao Chaphekar Vidyasankul. Bhavan's College participated enthusiastically in both the boys and girls categories. The girls team brought immense pride by securing the first position, while the boys team gave a commendable performance and secured seventh place. Participants who represented Bhavan's College included Vaishnavi Chutke (TYGEO), Nithya Warrior (FYBT), Shalaka Pagya (MSCBIOD), Tanisha Tawde (SYBSC), Shreya Umbaye (FYIT), Hita Thokale (SYBA), Abhishek A.P. (SYCS), Khalid Shaikh (TYBCOM), Nitin Singh, Aditya Tele (SY), Madan Yadav (SYCS), and Atharva Mhatre (SYBCOM).







The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Lawn Tennis Tournament was held on 28th October, 2024, at the Olympic Sports Center, Dombivli (East). Bhavan's College demonstrated exceptional athletic prowess, with the girls' team clinching **first place** and the boys' team securing **second place** in the competition. The college was represented by a talented group of students: Pandey Ashish (SS), Bagade Manav (TC), Shaikh Asrar (SC), Walia Mayank (TC), Singh Nishchay (FA), and Aacharya Shlok (FYIT) in the boys' category, while Kinger Khushi (TS), Kanojia Disha (TS), Kotian Megana (TYBAF), Jaulaskar Iqra (FA), and Pagay Shalaka (MSBIO) showcased their skill in the girls' team.



The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Mallakhamb Tournament was held on 3rd December, 2024, at L.S. Raheja College. Demonstrating strength, balance, and agility, both the boys and girls teams from Bhavan's College delivered a commendable performance and secured **third place** in the tournament. The participants from the college included Kamble Prajapati (TA), Bhate Aditi (SYBSC), Kanojia Disha (TS), Tawade Janisha (SYBSC), Pawar Vaishnavi (FYMITI), and Sakpal Vedika (FA) in the girls category, and Tiwari Nitin (FA), Mandhare Omkar (FA), Kamble Vikrant (SA), Shukla Avneesh (FA), Kanojia Vinayak (SYBA), and Kasare Prathamesh (TYCS) in the boys' category.



The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Kabaddi Tournament was held on 7th October, 2024, at Chetna College. Bhavan's College proudly participated in both the boys' and girls' categories, showcasing excellent teamwork and athletic skill. The girls' team included Pandey Siddhi (SYBSC), Naik Nirvi (SYCS), Chaudhary Sneha (SC), Dalvi Saylee (FA), Bange Shraddha (TC), Patil Akansha (TC), Suware Bhavika (FYBA), Karkera Tanisha (FA), Maske Pranali (FS), Yadav Sapna (FCMS), Kamble Prajakta (TA), and Kalash Pathkar (FS). The boys' team comprised Gurav Sumit (FYBA505), Sanas Ganesh (FC217), Sahajirao Nikhil (TC), Tambe Yash (FYMMC), Benbansi Nilesh (FYBCOM), Tambe Omkar (TYBSC), Thombare Nikhil (TYBS), Zad Amey (FYMIT), Sonavane Vitthal (FS), Ambekar Nikhil (FYIT), Aher Deepesh (TC), and Lokhande Ritesh (SC).

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Weightlifting Tournament was held at R.D. National College, Bandra, on 12th November, 2024. Students from Bhavan's College enthusiastically took part in this rigorous display of strength and determination. The participants representing the college were Kalashi Ananya (SYBA), Maccha Siddhi (SYBA), Kamat Priyanka (TS), Shaikh Asrar (SC), Rudani Devansh (TYCS), and Gad Kiran (SYBSC). The event provided an opportunity for students to showcase their athleticism and discipline in competitive weightlifting.



On 7th and 8th December, 2024, the University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Powerlifting Tournament was held at ISSP College, Goveli. Bhavan's College was represented by Mehta Vanshika (TYBT), who demonstrated exceptional strength and determination. Her outstanding performance led to the college securing second place in the tournament, marking a proud achievement for the institution in the field of powerlifting.

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Football Tournament for girls was hosted at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's, Andheri (West), on 16th and 17th January, 2024. The girls football team put up a spirited performance and secured fourth place. The participating players included Choudhary Sneha (SC), Dalvi Saylee (FA), Bhange Shraddha (TC), Patil Akansha (TC), Kamble Prajakta (TA), Tawde Tanisha (SYBSC), Singh Khushi (TA), Potti Shravya (FYIT), Kanojia Disha (TS), Pandey Siddhi (SYBSC), Kamat Priyanka (TS), Naik Nirvi (SYCS), Shaikh Bushra (SYMM), Sneha Ram (SYBT), and Machha Siddhi (SYBA).

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Football Tournament for boys was held at Viva College of Arts, Commerce, and Science, Virar, on 27th and 28th January, 2025. The players who represented the college were Santra Shubham (FC), Acharya Shlok (FYIT), Patel Aryan (FYIT), Shaikh Anas (TC), Solanki Narendra (FC), Saini Robin (FA), Yangad Amos (ME), Korui Pankay (TC), Kotian Vidit (FYBAF), Kaulekar Shashank (SYIT), Naik Arya (FYIT), Yadav Rohit (SYBSC), Joshi Om (SC), Yhadawle Aryan (FC), Khan Abdul (TC), and Yash Mestry (FC).

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Swimming Tournament took place at Kalina University on 1st November, 2024. Bhavan's College swimmers delivered an exceptional performance, securing second place overall. Aditya Shah (SC) won two silver medals in the 100m backstroke and 200m butterfly categories. He also secured two bronze medals in the 400m individual medley and 100m butterfly. Varad Pathre (TYMS) added to the medal tally by winning a bronze in the 200m backstroke. Additionally, the Bhavan's College relay team demonstrated outstanding coordination and endurance by winning three silver medals in the 4x100 freestyle relay, 4x100 medley relay, and 4x200 freestyle relay. Other notable participants included Srikrishna Pawar (SS111), Vishesh Kumar (FY311), and Aayman Nayyar (FYIT65).



The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Taekwondo Tournament was held at G.N. Khalsa College on the 4th, 11th, and 12th of October, 2024. Representing Bhavan's College in the girls category were Karkera Tanisha (FA), Pandey Siddhi (SYBSC), and Sneha Ram (SYBT).

On the 9th and 10th of October 2024, the University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Taekwondo Tournament for boys was also conducted at G.N. Khalsa College. Bhavan's College was represented by Mowrya Hrithik (SYBSC), Dave Tatsat (FA), Rudani Devansh (TYCS), and Walia Mayank (TYC). Among them, Rudani Devansh secured third place, marking a notable individual achievement for the college.

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Athletics Tournament took place at the Marine Lines Sports Pavilion on 18th and19th of October, 2024. The girls' contingent from Bhavan's College participated actively in various track and field events. The participating students included Kamble Prajakta (TA), Tawde Tanisha (SYBSC), Pawar Vaishnavi (FYMIT), Sakpal Vedika (FA), Pathak Kalash (FS), Singh Khushi (TA), and Maske Pranali (FS).

At the same University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Athletics Tournament held at Marine Lines Sports Pavilion, the boys' relay team from Bhavan's College delivered an outstanding performance, securing third place. The team comprised Rudani Devansh (TYCS), Bhandoo Caleb (SA), Kamble Vikrant (SYBA), Patel Rohit (FA), Kanojiya Vinayak (SYBA), and Shaikh Anas (TC). Their coordinated efforts and speed on the track earned them a spot on the podium.

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Diving Tournament was held at KDMC Swimming Pool, Dombivli, on the 28th November, 2024. Representing Bhavan's College, Paras Bendre (SC) delivered an exceptional performance and was selected for the National level as well as the All India Inter-University Diving Championship. His achievement is a matter of great pride for the college.



The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Shooting Tournament was held at Tolani College of Commerce from the 20th to the 22nd of September 2024. Bhavan's College proudly participated in this prestigious event, with both boys and girls competing in various shooting categories. The students representing the college were Kamble Vikrant (SYBA413), Patel Rohit (SYBA225), Tiwari Nitin (SA720), Pal Akhilesh (SYCS), Shaikh Asrar (SC), and Pacharne Siddhi (SYBA).

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Boxing Tournament took place at Rizvi College, Bandra, on the 12th and 16th of November, 2024. Bhavan's College girls' boxing team delivered a remarkable performance, securing third place in the tournament. The participating

students were Karkera Tanisha (FA), Maccha Siddhi (SYBA), Pandey Siddhi (SYBSC), and Kalashi Ananya (SYBC).



Their dedication, resilience, and strength were on full display, bringing pride and recognition to the college.

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Ball Badminton Tournament was successfully hosted by Bhavan's College (Autonomous) on November 23rd, 2024. Demonstrating exceptional teamwork and skill, both the girls and boys teams from Bhavan's College secured first place in the tournament. The girls who represented the college were Kandanatt Niya (TYPS), Kanojia Disha (TS), Kotian Megana (TYBAF), Kinger Khushi (TS), Kamble Prajakta (TA), Sanap Aayushree (SYBA), Naik Nirvi (SYCS), Yadav Sapna (FCMS), Dudhade Shraddha (FS), and Shaikh Shenaaz (SYBA). The boys team comprised Chavan Bhargav (SC), Pandey Ashish (SS), Bagade Manav (TC), Shaikh Asrar (SC), Walia Mayank (TC), Bendre Paras (SC), Saini Robin (FA), Gad Kiran (SYBSC), Ghorpade Rahul (SC), and Raut Tanmay (SYBAF). Their collective effort and sportsmanship brought home a well-deserved victory for the college.



The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Men's Hockey Tournament Zone 2 was held at BHA Churchgate on October 6th, 2024. A talented group of male athletes participated from various colleges, showcasing skill and determination throughout the event. The boys who represented their respective colleges in the tournament were Asrar Shaikh (SC), Prathamesh Kasare (TYCS), Aryan Kamble (TA), Aniket Gawade (TYCS), Nachiket Naik (TYCS), Jeevan Gaikwad (SC), Tatsat Dave (FA), Pranit Patil (SMMC), Vinayak Kanojia (SA), Rohit (FA), Ignatius Calderia (FC), Akshay Parab (FYIT), Kalpesh Jagtap (SC), Vedant Kesarkar (SC), and Manav Bagade (TC).

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Women's Hockey Tournament was held at Guru Nanak Khalsa College of Arts, Science & Commerce on 17th October, 2024. A skilled group of female athletes participated, demonstrating exceptional team spirit and athleticism. The participants were Machha Siddhi (SA), Kanojia Disha (TS), Mhaskar Anamika (TYBMS), Medhekar Vedanti (SYBA), Kamat Priyanka (TS), Sanap Aayushree (SA), Kalashi Ananya (SA), Kalgutkar Mahee (TYBMS), Maske Pranali

(FS), Giri Saniya (TYMS), Pathak Kalash (FS), Nar Nirjara (SA), Pal Aachal (TC), Naik Nirvi (SYCS), Potti Shravya (FYIT72), and Shaikh Shehnaaz (SA830).



The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament was held at the Kalina Sports Complex, organized by Bhavan's College, on 5th and 6th October, 2024. The boys who participated in this intense competition displayed excellent teamwork and skill. The participants from various colleges included Pandey Ashish (SS), Rudani Devansh (TYCS), Chavan Parth (TS), Walia Mayank (TC), Raj Ansh (SYMMC), Dutt Aryan (FYMS), Bhati Aozan (FC), Himjal Sattnik (SC), Shaikh Mohd. Shoib (FC), Bendre Paras (SC), Shaikh Asrar (SC), and Bagade Manav (TC).



The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Badminton Tournament was held at the Andheri Sports Complex on 13th September, 2024. The competition saw both boys and girls showcasing their skills. The participants included Shoaib Soorya (FA), Raeed Rais (FC), Harsh Pawar (FAPSY), Ashish Pandey (SS), Manav Bagade (TC), Asrar Shaikh (SC), Lavanya Kishor Jamsutkar (FC), Aayushree Sanap (SA), Iqra Tausalkar (FA), Purva Khot (TYBT), and Niya Kandanatt (TYPS).



The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Kho-Kho Tournament took place at Viva College on 20th October, 2024. The girls who participated in this dynamic event demonstrated exceptional skill and teamwork. The participants from various colleges included Sakpal Vedika (FA), Pawar Vaishnavi (FYMIT), Mukne Tirtha (FYBT), Kanojia Disha (TY), Naik Nirvi (SYCS), Mule Tejal (SYCS), Niwate Neha (SYBA), Priyanka Kamat (TS), Thokale Hota (SYBA), Pal Aachal (TC), Nar Nirjara (SYBA), Mhaskar Anamika (FYMS), Suryavanshi Rasika (FC), Salvi Priya (TYBAF), and Yadav Sapna (FYMS).

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Table Tennis Tournament was held at the Marine Lines Sports Pavilion on 19th and 20th September, 2024, hosted by Sathaye College. The boys who participated in this thrilling tournament were Narayan Gupta (TA), Prajwal Rohekar (SC), Mohammad Jaiswal (SYMMC), and Vedant Kumar (TC)

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Archery Tournament was held at the Dr. Sindhutai Sakpal Archery Training Centre on

25th November, 2024. Students from both boys and girls participated, demonstrating precision and skill in this challenging competition. The participants were Kotian Megana (TYBAF), Disha Kanojia (TS), Maccha Siddhi (SYBA), Naik Nirvi (SYC), Kalgutkar Mahee (TYM), Sanap Aayushree (SA), Kalari Ananya (SA), Shaikh Shehnaaz (SA), Manav Bagade (TC), Asrar Shaikh (SC), Ashish Pandey (SS), Rahul Ghorpade (SC), Devansh Rudani (SYC), and Ritesh Lokhande (SC).



The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Judo Tournament took place at the Marine Lines Sports Pavilion on 1st October, 2024. The boys team secured the third place in the tournament, with Rudani Devansh (TYCS) contributing to the team's success.

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Wrestling Tournament was held at S.H. Mutha College, Kalyan, on 12th November, 2025. The boys team participated with notable performances from the following students: Rudani Devansh (TYCS41), Panhelekar Asad (FA234), Pawar Srikrishna (SS111), Shaikh Asrar (SC448), and Gad Kiran (SYBSC104).

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Softball Tournament was hosted by Prakash College at the S.A.I Ground, Kandivali, from 10th-12th February, 2025. The boys team secured third place in the competition. The participating students were Manav Bagade (TC), Asrar Shaikh (SC), Ashish Pandey (SS), Ayan Mulani (FC), Atharva Mhatre (SC), Walia Mayank (TC), Yash Samhankar (FC), Amaan Saudagar (SYBA), More Aryan (FC), Om Pandey (FA), Karan Chand (FYC), Ghorpade Rahul (SC), Rane Manav (FYBAF), Susne Aditya (FYBAF), and Patil Ayush (TC).





Three players, Asrar Shaikh (SC), Ashish Pandey (SS), and Ayan Mulani (FC), were selected for the Mumbai Suburban Team in the inter-zonal matches.

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Softball Tournament was held at the S.A.I Ground, Kandivali, hosted by Prakash College, from 10th-12th February, 2025. The girls team

secured first place in the competition. The students who participated were: Sonal Mali (SC), Prachiti Narkar (TC), Disha Kanojia (TS), Parinita Patil (FA), Sapna Yadav (FCMS), Megana Kotian (TYBAF), Thasal Priya (SYIT), Sanap Ayushree (SA), Dhakan Pari (FC), Naik Nirvi (SYC), Kamble Prajakta (TA), Ghanekar Harshali (SC), Pardeshi Mayuri (SC), Potti Shravya (FYIT), Singh Prachi (FA), and Pandey Siddhi (SS). Additionally, five players were selected for the Mumbai Suburban Team in the inter-zonal matches: Sonal Mali (SC), Prachiti Narkar (TC), Disha Kanojia (TS), Parinita Patil (FA), and Singh Prachi (FA)

The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Baseball Tournament was held at Kalina University, Santacruz, by Dhanukar College on 16th January, 2025. The boys team participated with the following students: Manav Bagade (TC), Asrar Shaikh (SC), Ashish Pandey (SS), Ayan Mulani (FC), Atharva Mhatre (SC), Walia Mayank (TC), Yash Samhankar (FC), Amaan Saudagar (SYBA), Joshi Om (SC), Om Pandey (FA), Karan Chand (FYC), Ghorpade Rahul (SC), Rane Manav (FYBAF), Susne Aditya (FYBAF), and Patil Ayush (TC). Two players- Asrar Shaikh (SC) and Ashish Pandey (SS), were selected for the Mumbai Suburban Team in the inter-zonal matches.



The University of Mumbai Intercollegiate Baseball Tournament was held at Kalina University, Santacruz, by Dhanukar College on 17th January, 2025. The girls team secured second place in the competition. The students who participated were:



Sonal Mali (SC), Prachiti Narkar (TC), Disha Kanojia (TS), Parinita Patil (FA), Sapna Yadav (FCMS), Megana Kotian (TYBAF), Sanap Ayushree (SA), Dhakan Pari (FC), Naik Nirvi (SYC), Singh Prachi (FA), Pandey Siddhi (SS), Bharti Khushi (FA), Gupta Pranjal (SC), Punneliparambil Carolyn (SC), Harshali Ghanekar (SC), and Pacharne Sidhhi (FS). Additionally, Sonal Mali (SC), Prachiti Narkar (TC), and Parinita Patil (FA) were selected for the Mumbai Suburban Team in the inter-zonal matches.The University of Mumbai Inter-Zonal Swimming Tournament was held at Lodha Palava, Dombivli East, by Pragati College on 13th and 14th September, 2024. Bhavan's College secured the runner-up position in the competition. The team consisted of Aditya Shah (SYBCOM), Varad Pathre (TYMS), Srikrishna Pawar (SS), Vishesh Kumar (FYBA), and Paras Bendre (SC). Aditya Shah made an outstanding contribution by winning two silver medals in the 100m backstroke and 200m butterfly events. He also claimed two bronze medals in the 400m individual medley and 100m butterfly events.

Varad Pathre from TYBMS earned a bronze medal in the 200m





backstroke contest. In addition, the relay team excelled, securing three silver medals in the 4x100m freestyle relay, 4x100m medley relay, and 4x200m freestyle relay events.

The University of Mumbai Inter-Zonal Softball Tournament was held at C.K.T College, Panvel, on 9th March (girls) and 10th March (boys) in 2025. Both the teams secured first place in the competition. The students who participated in the tournament include Prachiti Narkar (TC), Sonal Mali (SC), Parinita Patil (FA), Disha Kanojia (TS), Prachi Singh (SA), Ayan Mulani (FC), Asrar Shaikh (SC), and Ashish Pandey (SC).

The University of Mumbai Inter-Zonal Baseball Tournament was held at MPF Sports Club, Ambarnath West, on 23rd January (boys) and 24th January (girls), 2025. Both the teams secured second placeThe students who participated were Ashish Pandey (SS), Asrar Shaikh (SC), Prachiti Narkar (TC), Sonal Mali (SC), and Parinita Patil (FA).





The University of Mumbai Inter-Zonal Athletics Tournament was held at the University Sports Pavilion, Marine Lines, on 21st October, 2024. Students who represented the college in this event included Rudani Devansh (TYCS), Maske Pranali (FS), Kamble Prajakta (TA), Tawde Tanisha (SYBSC), Pawar Vaishnavi (FYMIT), Sakpal Vedika (FA), Pathak Kalash (FS), and Singh Khushi (FY).



The University of Mumbai Inter-Zonal Squash Tournament was held at the Olympics Sports Centre, Dombivali East, on 24th September, 2024. The girls' team secured first place, with participants Kanojia Disha (TS) and Sanap Ayushree (SYBA313) representing the college.



The University of Mumbai Inter-Zonal Ball-Badminton Tournament was held at Kankavli College, Kankavli, from 27th to 30th November, 2024. Students who represented Bhavan's College in the tournament included both boys and girls: Kandanatt Niya (TYPS), Kanojia Disha (TS), Sanap Ayushree (SYBA), Naik Nirvi (SYCS), Kamble Prajakta (TA), Bagade Manav (TC), Pandey Ashish (SS), Shaikh Asrar (SC), Walia Mayank (TC), and Ghorpade Rahul (SC).

The All India Inter-University Ball Badminton Tournament was held at Bengaluru North University, Tamaka Kolar- 563 103 (Karnataka), from 14th to 17th March, 2025. Mayank Walia (TC) from Bhavan's College was selected to represent the University of Mumbai in this prestigious tournament.



The All India Inter-University Lawn Tennis Tournament was held at Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University, Patan, from 25th to 27th November, 2024. Two students from Bhavan's College, Pagay Shalaka (MSBIO) and Kinger Khushi (TS), were selected to participate in this esteemed tournament.

Additionally, the West-Zone All India Inter-University Lawn Tennis Tournament was conducted at the School of Sports Education, ITM University, Gwalior. Asrar Shaikh (SC) was selected to represent the university in this zonal-level competition.



The West-Zone All India Inter-University Football Tournament was held at Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota, from 7th to 11th December, 2024. Shaikh Bushra (SYMM) from Bhavan's College was selected to represent the University of Mumbai in this esteemed tournament.



The South West-Zone Inter-University Diving Tournament was held at SRM Institute of Science & Technology, Kattankulathur, from 21st to 23rd December, 2024, followed by the All India Inter-University Diving Tournament from 25th to 27th December, 2024. Paras Bendre (SC) from Bhavan's College was selected to participate in both prestigious tournaments, representing the University of Mumbai.

The All India Inter-University Rugby Tournament was held at Kalinga Institute of Social Science, Bhubaneswar, from 19th to 22nd January 2025. The team secured 2nd place in the tournament. Mansi Mahajan was selected to represent the University of Mumbai and played a key role in achieving this remarkable feat.





Junior College Reports

The Commerce Department organized a poster competition on January 9th, 2025 for students on the theme of patriotism. The event aimed to inspire students to creatively express their love for the country through visual art. A large number of enthusiastic participants submitted posters that reflected various patriotic themes such as national symbols, freedom fighters, and India's rich cultural heritage. The competition provided a platform for students to showcase their artistic skills, creative thinking, and emotional connection to the nation, making it a vibrant and meaningful event.

The academic year 2024–25 was a remarkable journey for the Bhavan's College Contingent Committee, marked by boundless enthusiasm, dedication, and outstanding achievements. Throughout the year, the committee actively participated in over 15 college festivals, events, and competitions, consistently showcasing immense talent and securing numerous individual victories as well as prestigious college trophies. Beyond individual success, what stood out was the team's deep-rooted sense of teamwork, perseverance, and commitment to excellence. Whether it was a cultural performance, an intellectual competition, or a live event, the contingent carried forward the rich legacy of Bhavan's College with pride and distinction.

Our contingent's accomplishments this year spanned multiple high-profile college fests. At Ignite, hosted by Lala Lajpat Rai College from 6th to 8th February, we earned the second runner-up position and were honored with the Best FA Departmental Trophy. At Mirage, the cultural fest of NL Dalmia College held on 28th and 29th February, we again emerged as the second runner-up. Earlier, at R.D. National College on 28th and 29th January, we were awarded the *Best Intellect Trophy* in recognition of our team's academic and logical prowess. At Crescendo, the cultural extravaganza hosted by Ritumbara College from 6th to 8th January, we bagged the *Best College Trophy* and the *Best Live Event Trophy* for an electrifying stage performance. Our success streak continued at Wilson College's Hope Fest on 23rd September, where we were crowned *Best College*. Furthermore, our contingent also delivered stellar performances at the Mumbai University Youth Festival, securing multiple podium finishes and once again proving our versatility in the intercollegiate circuit.

A major highlight of the year was the grand success of '*O2 The Fest*', Bhavan's College's very own intercollegiate festival, held from 12th to 14th December. The three-day cultural extravaganza was a vibrant celebration of talent, creativity, and community, drawing participation from over 50 colleges and a footfall of 8,000+ attendees. With 25 diverse events ranging from dance, music, drama, fashion, and quiz competitions, the fest offered a dynamic platform for participants to display their skills and enthusiasm. The festival wasn't just about competitions- it was an experience.

What made it truly unforgettable was the presence of celebrated personalities who elevated the atmosphere with their performances and interactions. The crowd was mesmerized by Suddhesh Bhosle's electrifying musical act, while Mihir Lifts inspired students with his dynamic presence. The evening reached its emotional peak with the soulful voice of Shahid Maliya, whose performance left the audience spellbound. The combination of stellar participation, celebrity appearances, and flawless organization made O2 one of the most talked-about college festivals in Mumbai, reaffirming Bhavan's College's reputation as a cultural powerhouse.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An essay writing competition was organized by the Commerce Department of Bhavan's College on January 8th, 2025, to commemorate the spirit of Republic Day. The objective of the competition was to reignite a sense of patriotism and civic awareness among students by encouraging them to reflect upon the foundational aspects of the Indian Constitution and its democratic institutions. Participants were given a choice between two thought-provoking topics: '*Discuss the role of the Indian Constitution in promoting social justice and equality*" or '*Discuss the role of the Parliament in the Indian Constitution*." These topics were selected to stimulate critical thinking and to help students engage deeply with the ideals enshrined in the Constitution of India. A total of 34 students from various academic backgrounds enthusiastically participated in the competition. Each student was given 80 minutes to complete their essay. They were free to choose any one of the two topics and present their perspectives and arguments based on their understanding, research, and interpretation. The event successfully created an atmosphere of intellectual engagement and patriotic reflection, as students delved into topics that form the backbone of the Republic. Their essays highlighted not only their academic abilities but also their awareness of the responsibilities that come with being citizens of a democratic nation.Under the guidance and instructions of Vice Principal Jagdish Prajapati, the Physics Department of Bhavan's College conducted a series of engaging and insightful experimental demonstrations aimed at enhancing conceptual understanding among students. These included a plethora of topics, ranging from *polarization* to the *Melde's Experiment* and *logic gates*, These demonstrations proved to be highly interactive and educational, offering students a dynamic platform to connect theory with experimentation.

To support students in their preparation for the upcoming HSC examinations, the Physics department conducted a series of Google Form-based MCQ tests covering various chapters in the syllabus. These online assessments were designed to reinforce conceptual clarity, improve time management, and familiarize students with objective question patterns commonly encountered in board exams.

On 28th November, 2024, the Physics department of Bhavan's College organized a warm and heartfelt farewell function to honor Mrs. Manthana Desai, who officially retired as the Physics Junior College faculty on 30th November, 2024.





Heartfelt speeches, fond memories, and tokens of appreciation marked the occasion, creating an atmosphere of gratitude and respect. The department expressed deep admiration for her teaching legacy and extended best wishes for a joyful and enriching post-retirement life.

To support academically weaker students and NSS volunteers, the Physics department initiated a remedial lecture programme during the first term of the academic year 2024-25. The programme aimed at strengthening foundational concepts and improving overall academic performance. It was spearheaded by Mr. Sushant Rade, with Mr. Amit G. Jadhav, Mr. Omkar S. Zagade, and Ms. Shital D. Pawar playing a crucial role in its successful execution. Through their dedicated efforts, the lectures provided targeted academic support and instilled renewed confidence in the students.

The *Physics Competency Focused Test (PCFT)* was a strategic initiative designed to prepare students for national-level competitive examinations such as *JEE, MHT-CET, and BITSAT*. The programme included a well-structured ten-part chapter-wise MCQ test series conducted via Google Forms, with supplementary study materials in PDF format, and detailed solutions and explanations for self-evaluation. The final test was conducted offline on an OMR sheet and included a negative marking scheme to simulate real exam conditions. This impactful programme was made possible due to the collaborative efforts of the Physics team, including S.B. Pawar, Sushant Rade, Rupali Budgujar, D.R. Badgujar, Amit Jadhav, Omkar Zagade, and Sheetal Pawar. Their unwavering commitment to student success resulted in exceptional student engagement and performance. The top five performers showcased outstanding academic excellence and dedication. Securing the first position was Dhruvyan Kantharia from Division II with a perfect 100 percentile, earning him a cash prize of ₹1001/- along with an e-certificate. Akash Yadav from Division IX ranked second with a 97.14 percentile, receiving ₹701/- and an e-certificate. In third place, Vinayak Gupta from Division I scored a 94.28 percentile and was awarded ₹501/- and an e-certificate. Suraj Sonar, also from Division II, achieved a 91.42 percentile, while Gayatri Rawat, again from Division II, scored 88.57 percentile; both were awarded e-certificates for their commendable performance. These results reflect the effectiveness of the PCFT initiative and the students' commitment to their academic growth.

The Physics department conducted special guidance lectures for SYJC students in preparation for the upcoming HSC examinations. These sessions focused on familiarizing students with the question paper pattern, clarifying key concepts, and offering strategic tips to tackle the exam effectively. The initiative aimed to boost students' confidence and ensure they are well-prepared for the board examinations.

The Physics department organized an engaging poster competition on December 11th, 2024, in the Physics laboratory. The competition aimed to encourage students to visually express their understanding of key physics concepts. Participants showcased posters on three selected topics: *Newton's Laws of Motion*, *Dual Nature of Light*, and *Modes of Transfer of Heat*.

The event was evaluated by a panel of esteemed judges, including Dr. Sandesh B. Jugnake, Mr. S. B. Pawar, and Mr. Rajendra Desai, who appreciated the creativity and scientific

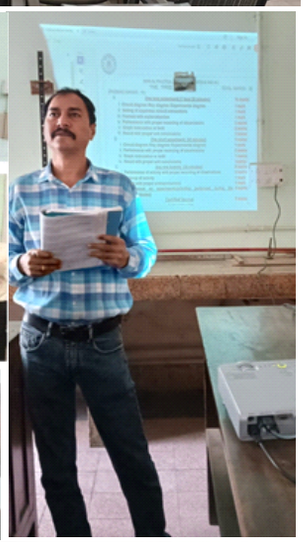
judges, including Dr. Sandesh B. Jugnake, Mr. S. B. Pawar, and Mr. Rajendra Desai, who appreciated the creativity and scientific knowledge reflected in the students' work. The session was eloquently anchored by Miss Shital Pawar, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Mrs. Ashwini Shiwalkar, expressing gratitude to all participants and contributors. The competition provided a platform for students to creatively integrate scientific principles into visual formats, thereby enhancing both their understanding and presentation skills.

The Physics Department of Bhavan's College (Junior College) organized a heartfelt retirement function in honor of Mr. Bharat Solanki, a valued non-teaching staff member, who retired on 31st January, 2025.

The event was a tribute to Mr. Solanki's years of dedicated service, unwavering commitment, and invaluable contribution to the smooth functioning of the department. Faculty members, staff, and students came together to express their appreciation and extend their warm wishes for his future. The function was marked by nostalgic moments, words of gratitude, and heartfelt gestures celebrating his journey and legacy.

















Physical Education and Sports (Jr. College)

Individual Games:

1. Mansi Tigote from XI Science participated at the national level in netball.
2. Sushil Kumar V. from XII Science won a bronze medal in wrestling at the state level competition held on 14th and 15th October, 2024, at Balaji Avahad College, Pathardi, District: Ahilya Nagar.
3. Aditya B. Chavan from XII Commerce won a bronze medal in Judo at the state level from 19th to 21st October, 2024, at Shiv Chhatrapati Krida Sankul, Balewadi, Pune.
4. Atharva M. Vunkude from XI Science won a gold medal in Judo at the district and zonal levels and participated at the state level from 9th to 11th November, 2024, at Shiv Chhatrapati Krida Sankul, Balewadi, Pune.
5. Sagar G. Lahe from XII Science, Roll No. 1110, won a bronze medal in the 3000m Race from 9th to 11th November, 2024 at S.V.J.C.T College, Dervan, Chiplun.
6. Arnav P. Sawant from XI Commerce won a gold medal in archery at the district and zonal Levels, and participated at the state level from 18th to 21st November, 2024 at Guru Govind Singh Stadium, Nanded.
7. Aryan N. Ambodkar from XI Science won a gold medal in Mallakhamb at the district and zonal levels, and participated at the state level from 28th to 29th November, 2024 at Beema Nagar Society School, LIC Colony, Borivali (W).
8. Sarah D. Khadye from XII Science won a gold medal in karate at the district and zonal levels, and participated at the state level from 28th to 30th November, 2024 at District Kreeda Sankul, Devpur, Dhule.
9. Anjali D. Gaikwad from XI Commerce won a gold medal in Wushu at the district and zonal Levels, and participated at the state Level from 14th to 17th November, 2024 at Vidyavihar Sankul, Selu, District Parbhani.
10. Ekalvya S. Lambat from XI Science won a gold medal in High Jump at the district level, and a silver medal at the division level from 5th to 7th November, 2024 at Reliance Jio Centre, Ulwe.
11. Manthan M. Pawar from XII Science won a gold medal in Taekwondo at the taluka and district levels on 23rd October, 2024 at M.G. Cross Road BMC School, Kandivali (W).
12. Tanoosh Laxman Shetty from XII Commerce won a gold medal in Karate at the district level and a silver medal at the division level from 24th to 25th November, 2024 at District Sports Sankul, Palghar.
13. Arisha Habibur Rahman Shaikh from XII Commerce won a gold medal in Taekwondo at the taluka level and a bronze medal at the district level from 21st to 25th October, 2024 at M.G. Cross Road BMC School, Kandivali (W).
14. Kunal Rupesh Sawant from XII Commerce won a gold medal in the Wushu Championship 2024 at the district and zonal levels, and a bronze medal at the state level from 14th to 17th November, 2024 at Shri Ram Pratishthan Vidyavihar Sankul, Tal. Selu, District Parbhani.

Team Events:

Netball girls team: Secured first place at both district and division levels and participated at the state level from 22nd to 24th October, 2024 at Division Kreeda Sankul, Amravati.

Team Members:

Shreya A. Thora – XII Science
Mansi S. Tigote – XII Science
Heti S. Lad – XII Commerce
Sheetal S. Wakade – XI Science
Janvi M. Bharti – XI Science
Trisha M. Shriyan – XI Science
Disha Wankhede – XII Arts
Pearly Sutar – XI Arts

The throwball boys team secured first place at both the district and division levels, and participated at the state level.

Team members:

- Atharva Bhave – SYJC Science
- Vaibhav Singh – SYJC Commerce
- Aishwary Kalbate – SYJC Commerce
- Shlok Ajgaonkar – SYJC Science
- Smith Jagtap – SYJC Commerce
- Soumya Sharma – SYJC Arts
- Shatadhi Dey – FYJC Arts
- Nehal Shetty – FYJC Science
- Jash Rajkule – FYJC Science
- Dev Powar – FYJC Science
- Harsh Sawant – FYJC Commerce
- Smit Sankhe – FYJC Science

The throwball girls team secured second place at the district level in October 2024 at Sheth M.A. High School, Andheri (W).

Team Members:

Disha Wankhede – XII Arts
Bhoomi Choukekar – XI Science
Siddhi Ambavale – XII Science
Aditi Sharma – XI Commerce
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Pearly Sutar – XI Arts
Samiksha Patil – XII Commerce
Maaha Mir – XI Arts
Durva Angane – XII Commerce
Kavya Oza – XI Commerce

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Statesman, Member of the Drafting Committee
of the Constitution of India,

Founder of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

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