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After graduating from Wilson College, Mumbai, he joined the civil service in Gujarat.

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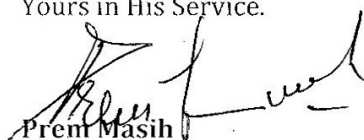
It gives me immense pleasure that the Editorial Board of Wilson College is releasing its 112th College Magazine "**The Wilsonian**". I believe that the Editorial Board always encourages the teaching staff, non-teaching staff and students for writing articles which will enable them to express their views, share their talents and develop their writing skills through this magazine. The main mission of this College is to provide education to all the sections of the society without caste, creed and colour in order to strengthen the teaching Ministry of our Living Lord. I wish and hope that the Editorial Board of Wilson College may arrange workshops and seminars for inculcating the spirit of writing in teachers and students.

We live in a world today which is so very different from the one in which we grew up, the one in which we were taught. Today's world is evolving at such a rapid pace that we, as educators, need to pause and reflect on the whole education system.

It is very big challenge for our faculty to train our students for meeting the future challenges of the young generation and equip them with skills to develop their talents for finding their place in the contemporary society. There is no doubt that the Wilson College is continuing its journey with a spirit of commitment, dedication with a vision that the Wilson College continues the Mission of Our Founder, Rev. Dr. John Wilson with love, care and dedication.

I congratulate the Editorial Board, the teaching and non-teaching staff and the Wilson College family on the release of the 112th College Magazine "**THE WILSONIAN**."

Yours in His Service.



Prem Masih

Hon. Secretary

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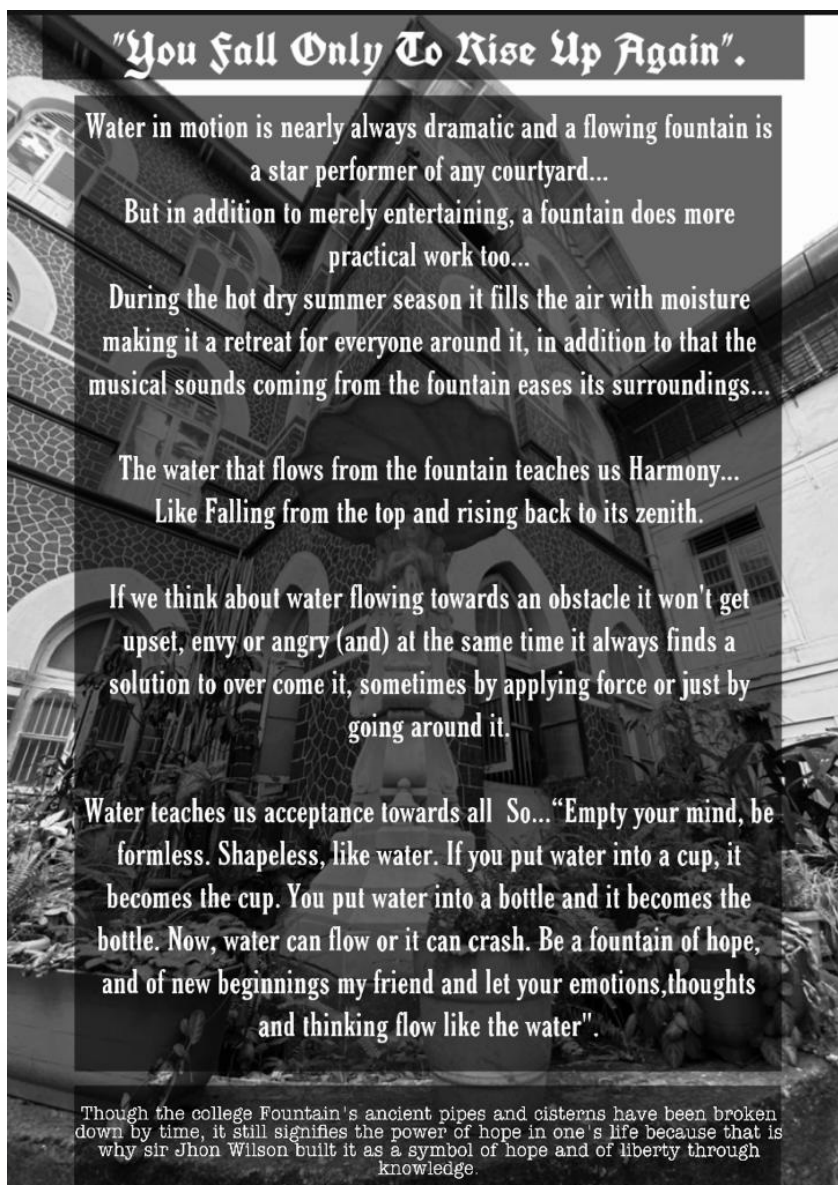
It gives me immense pleasure to know that Wilson College is releasing its 112th Volume of the college magazine - 'The Wilsonian'. Rev. Dr. John Wilson who founded this college in the year 1832, was truly an outstanding missionary, social reformer, historian and an academician who went on to become the Vice Chancellor of the Bombay University. Wilson College has made significant contributions to the growth and development of education in India. The college has maintained its rich tradition of liberalism and freedom of expression, which has motivated several of its students to become selfless and dedicated nation builders of India.

I congratulate Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje, all the teaching staff, non-teaching staff and students. I wish you all the best and God's blessings upon you as you continue to work hard and contribute to the growth and overall development of Wilson College. I am sure

Wilson College will always retain its values and ethos as reflected in its vision and mission.

With good wishes and prayers.

Bishop Prakash Patole,
Mumbai Diocese, CNI



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From the Principal's Desk

Dear staff, students, parents and all stakeholders, warm greetings in the name of the Almighty! As I review my message in last year's issue of *The Wilsonian* and recall the events of this academic year, the words of Pablo Picasso, "Action is the foundational key to all success" come to mind. Many achievements have helped us move forward as we had envisaged and most certainly we will continue to push towards bigger and more challenging goals in the future with all our energy, zeal and momentum.

This year's edition of the college magazine is an attempt to chronicle, an action-packed year, where one activity led to another and the success of one geared the momentum for the other - be it academics, sports, extracurricular, research or student and teacher achievements - we have managed to score well on all fronts.

This academic term began on a positive note with our college getting permission to start the commerce stream at the Junior College with an intake capacity of 120. Happy to share that the year 2019-2020 has placed Wilson College on the 24th National ranking and 6th in Mumbai by "Education World" Magazine. We continue to strive to upgrade our rank. As resolved, we are trying to achieve an NIRF ranking. Practicing the all-inclusive values of our vision and mission, Wilson College took a pioneering step to recruit visually challenged alumnus of Dept. of History, Ms. Payal Bhattad (Gold medallist and NET, SET qualified). The results for the academic year 2018- 2019 were excellent for the Self-Financed Courses, Arts and Science departments. Ms. Samiksha Mahajan from the Dept. of Economics was the University Topper.

We succeeded in combining academic excellence with a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom, to develop leadership skills, team building, commitment and societal approach amongst students. Various social issues and causes were taken up by the NSS, WCNC, HOPE and other departments. Our students have made us proud by winning at various intercollegiate fests and competitions. I congratulate our BMS student of 2019 batch- Ms. Adline Castelino, who was recently crowned LIVA Miss Diva Universe 2020.

Many departments conducted certificate courses for the all-round development of students. This year the College Management began SAP certificate course and four other certificate courses to enhance employability skills of students and equip them for global competency.

Another achievement in the area of research has been the continuation of affiliation for the period of eight years, received from MU to the Dept. of Microbiology for PG and Ph.D. Centre. I am happy to share that 16 teachers got their long due CAS promotions. Teachers were motivated to realise their research potential by submitting minor research proposals, which led to 16 of them being accepted by the Mumbai University. To boost the research culture among the staff, the college has sanctioned seed money in order to enable them to undertake research work. Staff and students presented research papers at national and international conferences. Another milestone in the field of research is that, one patent has been granted to Dr. Kapil Bhatt and two patents have been granted to me by the Government of India. Our staff members are publishing their research work in quality research journals (impact factor ranging from 3.8-5.1).

The College Management has time and again emphasized a 'Zero Tolerance Policy' towards harassment of any kind on campus; especially to girl students. Our IQAC team is motivated to move in the direction of Autonomy. The green initiatives by the Green Warriors (IQAC) and the Nature Club have been particularly noteworthy this year. The year 2019 ended with a grand musical Christmas celebration.

We place on record the appreciation and dedication of our superannuated staff members who have served this institution with dedication.

All glory and honour to the Lord Almighty who was, is, and will always continue to be our guide; fulfilling the Vision and Mission of Wilson College.

Looking forward to another year of action and achievement!



Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje
Principal

Editorial



With Covid-19 unrelentingly marching across the world, the month of March is proving to be an anxious time the world over. In spite of postponement of exams till further notice and life literally put on hold, my team of staff and student editors continue to silently work from home; thanks to technology.

Everywhere are public interest messages; electronic advertisements, blaring signages and hoardings alerting us to the dangers of this fast-spreading virus and reminding us to regularly wash our hands, but I believe that if we were to step a little further than this physical hygiene to safeguard ourselves, we could do better with washing our minds too and cleansing humanity.

For a majority of us, self quarantining poses quite a challenge as we are so used to using our energies outside of ourselves. The writer of 'Eat Pray Love', Elizabeth Gilbert however says that, 'How to be lonely is one of the most important things we need to learn in life.' Yes, it is essential to learn to tolerate our own company. Before we begin loving others, we must learn to love ourselves and our thoughts and for that we need 'alone time'. It is in the quietness of our single space that we will be able to listen to our inner voice and not let it drown in the cacophony of dominating voices. It is that silence which will teach us to not be silent about things that matter. It is important to learn to vigorously shut out brainless, dominating voices with boldness. Education must empower us with daring.

As I write this editorial, there is the sound of rejoicing of a mother who boldly and unceasingly demanded justice for eight long years for her daughter's brutal assault and gang-rape. This mother has taught us to hold on to emotional strength to fight injustice. Life is a battle between good and evil, and education is what teaches us to distinguish between the two.

To conclude, I express my sincere gratitude to Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje for her consistent support, my team of editors and my extremely hard working student editors for their day and night unfailing cooperation. Dr. Biraj Mehta's calm and always positive assurance besides incessant contribution was definitely no small assistance; and amidst all the noise of hurry, Ms. Iram Khwaja's (Dept. of Psychology) quiet hand kept operating in silence; often shifting from the work assigned to her, to help wherever help was needed. Also Ms. Sandra Kavarana's keen eye for errors was indeed an asset. I also wish to give special thanks to Dr. Michelle Philip for willingly pitching in long hours of work at a time when one of our team members was unable to contribute due to a personal problem; and cheerfully taking responsibility of a major section of the magazine.

To sum up and give you a glimpse into the business of making this magazine happen in a short and difficult period of time, I would quote Steve Jobs, ***"Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people."***

Ruby Malshe

Student Editorial

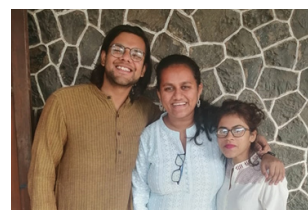
Helen Keller rightfully said "...the world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also the tiny pushes of each honest worker!" The 2020 edition of The Wilsonian is the outcome of an aggregate of the hard work invested by each of its working members.

While reflecting upon the years spent in college, we realised that we hardly noticed how precious three years were spent on Wilson College campus! But the last two months have been special indeed. As T.Y.B.A. students we are expected in the library or in the canteen (negotiating with Anna for some extra sauce over the chinese rice). But ours was different as we got the opportunity to work for the college magazine. Wilson College has imbibed in us a lot of knowledge making us intellectually trained and morally upright men and women and this was the best way to pay gratitude to the institution that gave us more than its vision and mission; it gave us friends!

The college magazine is the best concluding activity we participated in. Working as a team in the department of Philosophy that became a "Wilsonian office" (Harsha ma'am, Ashwini ma'am and Pinki ma'am, we know you will forgive us for this!), the space provided us the opportunity to express ourselves creatively.

Everything was working smooth until the nationwide lockdown due to the COVID-19. But determined as we were, we continued to "work from home". Video calling and WhatsApp conversations became the medium to communicate as we learnt greater team coordination and values of solidarity.

As student editors, we would primarily like to thank our teachers for giving us this delightful opportunity and entrusting us with this responsibility. The time invested into working for the college magazine has not only enabled us to delve into learning and creative thinking but also assisted us to widen our capabilities. With all its ups and downs and the struggle to maintain balance between academics and work, it has been an enriching experience. We are extremely grateful to our friends Hamza and Gunjal for frequently dropping in and encouraging us with their valuable suggestions. As graduating students the experience of working for the college magazine is certainly going to be a memorable one.



Ayush Srivastava, Valenir Lopes, Ruchika Singh

A Story of Evolution – Celebrating 40 years of CEP

The brainchild of Dr. Jaffer, retired Head—Dept of Biochemistry, the Cooperative Education Programme (CEP) – began in 1980 as a bridge between the world of academics and the world of work. Based on an American model, relating theory to work situations and adapting to Indian context, it began as a three-week programme for the final year students pursuing BA and BSc. The programme had a panel across faculties, conducting interviews every year with around 40 selected students from 85-110 applicants. Being a multidisciplinary programme, the interviews were rigorous and for many, a first-time exposure to a formal interview.

The first three years after the inception of the programme, a one-week residential camp was held at RCF in Chembur with visits to various departments and production units arranged during the day and group discussion training sessions in the evenings. In 1980, Ashwini Modi created a checklist of birds in the RCF which was published in the Company Magazine. This was followed by one-week career talks and a week of placements. In 1983, under the convenorship of Prof. Patet, the objectives of the CEP changed to **“Preparing students for the world of work and life”**. The camp phase now focused on self-exploration and self-esteem. The first camp was at the New Zealand hostel in Aarey Colony, Goregaon. The other two phases continued as earlier.

The years between 1986 and 1995 saw regular industry consultations. In 1986, a decision was made to shift the programme for the Second-Year students since it was observed that it was too late a learning for the Third Years. 1992 saw an addition of team building, communication skills, creative thinking, structured thinking and social sensitization. The lecture phase on careers was now extended by two weeks and sometimes even three weeks. Also, the placement phase extended to three weeks considering one week as inadequate.

Over the years, different conveners added their insights and ideas to enrich the programme. Following is the list of conveners (may not be in sequential order) 1. Dr. Jaffer (Biochemistry) 2. Prof. Patet (Sociology) 3. Dr. Dhabolkar (Chemistry) 4. Prof. Dharkar (Physics) 5. Sudhakar Solomonraj (Political Science) 6. Dr. Prabha (Chemistry) 7. Prof. Sivan (Microbiology) 8. Prof. Vinita Mathew (English) 9. A.B. Rahul Srivastav (Sociology) 10. Prof. Michel D’Souza 11. Dr. Michelle Phillip (English) 12. Sujata Patil (Physics) 13. Dr. Sanjay Suryavanshi (Zoology) 14. Keerti Sarangdar

(Botany) 15. Dr. Meera Uchil 16. Dr. Anjali Masargappi (Economics) 17. Prof. Mahesh Shetti (Physics) 18. Prof. Muneerah Kambhawala.

Camps have included student competitions in collage making and cultural activities as instruments of skill building. Sessions on public speaking are followed by competitions. Certain sessions have had a long life. Mr. Adi Pocha an alumnus has been doing sessions on creative thinking almost every year since 1993. Between 1992 and 2014 Joe Rodrigues did two-day workshops on a variety of topics. His activity of ‘walking on broken glass’ has had the greatest impact. George Menezes-HR Director of Hoechst did sessions between 1987 and 1994. Late. Hemant Karkare - IPS Officer did a session on careers in Civil Services in 2006. Since the last few years Harish Iyer has been doing remarkable sessions and Dr. Jahangir Mistry has been doing extensive training on presentation skills.

Since 2010, field visits have been organized as a part of the workshop phase to broaden horizons. They include visits to forensic labs, radio stations, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Nehru Centre and other places.

Between the years 1982-1990, the programme was subsidized by the college; however since then the committee has had to raise resources. The alumni of the CEP have been a huge help here. Former staff members like Renna Agrawal have been a great source of help. The programme has also helped students from weaker economic backgrounds, offering them part subsidy or complete freeships.

The expenditure of the programmes often are more than the fees, given the cost of the honorariums for guest speakers, cost of the camps, daily refreshments, field visits, prizes and other expenses.

The programme received inputs from the counselling Centre with counsellors like Sarah Kovoov, Charmayne D’Souza (student counsellor at Wilson) and Doris Rao (alumnus), who helped us with the camp in 2003.

The CEP conveners and committee have always put in a lot of work in networking, fund raising, administrative work, four- day camps and sessions for three weeks, and all teachers deserve a big round of applause and appreciation. Prof. Sunithi Pethe deserves special mention. In 1992 and 1993 she came for camps which were then for six days

with her then two-year-old daughter, Manasi to St. Mary's Villa and St. Xaviers Villa, Khandala. St. Mary's Villa then had no attached toilets. She contributed actively while taking care of her baby; remarkable efforts. Many staff members have regularly been taking sessions; Prof. Mahesh Shetti has been doing group discussion training, multiple intelligence and astronomy sessions since the past six years. Former counsellor, Savita Tilak participated in two camps and conducted sessions as well. Dr. Michelle Phillip conducted theatre workshops, exercises like trust fall and other sessions. Dr. Anand Burange has been conducting theatre sessions for the last three years. This year he will be doing a session on research. I have been associated with CEP programme since 1980. In 1981, I was an associate taking care of the camp at RCF as Prof. Ganesh Pawar was handling the execution on the ground. In 1983 and 1984, I assisted with the camps and in 1995 conducted my first set of sessions. 1989 to 1994 I conducted sessions at the camp with Charmayne and from 1995 till today except in 2003 have been conducting sessions on self- esteem and self- exploration. Prof. Ashok Patet's legacy in shaping CEP is extremely important. He networked extremely well with the alumni, resource persons and laid the foundation for a sustainable programme.

The Wilson College alumni have been a huge support for the programme. Mr. Adi Pocha (1983 batch) has never refused to take any session; for many years Mr. Sriharsh Kaushik (1991 batch) also conducted sessions. Dhiren Talpade (2004 batch) has been organizing outdoor activities since 2010 till date. Noumen Quereshi (1999 batch) has been conducting sessions and also providing financial and material support for the programme. He also once made customized leather files for all participants. Ajit Kawade (1994 batch- currently Under- Secretary Government of Maharashtra) conducted sessions and was a chief guest in two functions. He has also been helping with placements at the Mantralaya. Asiya Memon (2001 batch) has been helping with placement

at Saifee Hospital in their pathology lab for the past ten years. Rajesh Singh (1995 batch) has been helping with placements in event management since last 15 years. K. Sridhar, professor at TIFR has conducted sessions as well as helped with placements at TIFR. Rakhi Khanna, Yogita Jadhav (1999 batch), John VC (1995 batch) and Sanjay Joshi (1998 batch) regularly help with financial support. Niranjan Sanzgiri (2015 batch) sponsors one student yearly, since the last few years. Prof. Sivan (ex- staff -Dept. of Microbiology), conducts an interesting session on 'Careers in Research and Science' every year.

Since 1984, the CEP camps have been to interesting places such as the Spicer college in Khadki near Pune, Punthamba in Sangli district, St. Xavier Villa and St. Mary's Villa, Convent of Jesus and Mary, Yusuf Meherally camping Centre at Kure Mission, the university settlement guest house in Bordi and the YMCA camp side at Nishi. It has inspired similar programmes and in 1996 members of the committee did a similar programme for the Aga Khan foundation at Talegaon, especially the camp and workshop phase.

The alumni of the 2018-19 batch came as Chief Guests to mark 25 years since their CEP involvement to acknowledge the contribution of the programme towards their growth, stating that it was more of a holistic educational and developmental programme in line with the vision of the institute.

The programme which began under the principalship of A.J. Borde, has had consistent support from the then Principals. Dr. T.M. Joseph, Dr. Sirwaiya, Dr. Sam Skariah and Dr. Michelle as in-charge Principal had their own vision of effectiveness for the programme. Dr. Anna Pratima Nikalje as the present Principal continues the tradition of supporting the programme.

*Sudhakar Solomonraj,
HOD, Dept. of Political Science*



Meraki – A Cultural Extravagance

'Olé' plunged into the expression of creativity and art with Meraki. The festival was held on the 23rd and 24th of January, 2020 and was attended by around 2000 students from all across Mumbai.

The theme- Meraki was about the essence an artist puts into his artwork to make it immortal. This 'kala' by the 'kalakaars' is what gives 'akaar' to our tomorrow. We believe that art is the highest form of individualism and artists shape our tomorrow. Artists are creators who are fuelled by their passion and relentless determination.

The Joint Commissioner of Police (EOW), Shri Rajvardhan, inaugurated the fest with lighting the lamp and this was followed by vibrant and lively student performances along with the 'Jab bolo, Sab bolo, Saare bolo ek saath - Olé Olé'

reverberation. There was jubilant cheering for the celebrity judges like Vaibhav Ghuge, Sushmita Singh, Loka, Sameep Dhakane, Tushar Shetty, Oxana Khukarenok, Shez as they walked down the red carpet.

The food stalls with pizzas, shawarmas, burgers, juices were the bustling crowd spots.

Principal Dr. Prof. Anna Nikalje addressed the closing ceremony with encouraging words and thanked everyone for the success of the festival. The winners were then felicitated with trophies and certificates. The DJ night with upbeat music and dancing crowd was a perfect end to the festival.

*Mr. Jai Knox,
Dept. of Botany*



Tribute to Rev. Narayana Vaman Tilak – 22nd June, 2019.

The renowned Marathi poet Rev. Narayan Vaman Tilak, introduced Christ to the Marathi speaking community of Maharashtra. His more than 2000 literary works make him a pioneer in Marathi hymns and Abhangas.

A tribute to this noble soul was the initiative of Dr. M.D.David, former professor and Head of Department of History, University of Mumbai, in association with The HERAS Institute of St. Xavier's College, CHAI and Diocese of Mumbai.

A core committee consisting of Bishop Prakash Patole, Prof. Dr. AnnaPratima Nikalje, Dr. M D David, Dr. Ashish Uzgare, Mr. Vinod Raj, Mr. Pradeep Abhyankar, Ms. Ages_Desa, Ms. Joan Dias, Mr. Anil Ahaley, Dr. Zuleika Homavazir and Rev. Arpana Rangayya was formed who chalked out the entire program and looked into its minute details. The venue, logistics and snack partner was Wilson College, the Diocese of Mumbai sponsored the food and mementoes, CHAI bore the honorarium of the speakers, and HERAS Institute looked into the hospitality of the Chief Guest, Dr. Malcom Nazareth.

On the occasion, Rev. Benjamin spoke about the Gospel of Matthew, Bishop Patole addressed the gathering going through the life of Rev. N.V.Tilak emphasizing his conversion to Christianity.

The second session was conducted in the A.V. Room followed by the service at the Chapel.

The principal of Wilson College Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje welcomed the gathering and shared her childhood experiences of being raised in a Christian family, singing hymns of Rev. Tilak. Dr. M.D.David, spoke on Rev. N.V.Tilak as a 'Leading Light of the Community'. The chief guest Dr. Malcolm Nazareth, a Scholar and writer from USA having his Doctoral Degree on the work of Rev. N. V. Tilak, spoke on - Rev. N.V. Tilak's Contribution towards Samanvay (Harmonious Blending). Rev. Dr. Tony George S.J. (Scholar) spoke on Aalo Krist Maulikade who was also influenced by Rev. N. V. Tilak. It was indeed a privilege to have His Grace Dr. Felix Machado (Diocese of Vasai) speak about Rev. N.V. Tilak- A Gift of God to Church. Dr. Tony George spoke about Understanding God through Rev. Tilak's work. Dr. Mrs. Anupama Uzgare (Scholar and Literary person) presented her paper on Tuka Nirmith Sethu Varun and re-released her book.

Rev. Fr. Francis Correa (Associate Editor, Suvarta, Vasai) spoke on the Impact of Tilak's Abhangas and Kirtans. The grand finale of the session was Rev.Francis Correa and his team who enthralled the audience by singing melodious hymns and Abhangas composed by Rev. Tilak. The entire session was chaired by bishop of Diocese of Mumbai Rt. Rev. Prakash Patole. The guests were felicitated with beautiful mementoes. The session was compered by Dr Ashish Uzgare. The vote of thanks was proposed by the Registrar, Mr. Pradeep Abhyankar.

Dr. Ashish Uzgare,



Certificate Course in Introduction to Documentary and Experimental Film

Initiated by the Department of Philosophy, Wilson College, the course raised the questions like, 'Why do we watch films?', 'How can cinema be regarded as an art form?', 'Does it have ethical, socio-political, or philosophical relevance?', 'What cinematic conventions are used to convey certain images and messages?', engaging students in film history, different film forms, film production and exhibition methods.

But the true purpose of this course was to introduce students to the aesthetic and political potential of cinema and to encourage them to develop personal personal philosophies of cinema. The course aimed at benefitting those interested in social work, public policy, philosophy, studies in psychology, social environmentalists, administrators, activists and students of media studies and social sciences.

Screenings included screening of Experimental Film- Placebo, 'From Romance to Ritual' by Peggy Ahwesh, 'The House is Black' by Forough Farrokhzad, 'I am Micro' by Shumona Goel. screening of documentary films 'Reminiscences of a Journey to Luthania' by Jonas Mekas and 'Shoach' by Claude Lanzmann, screening and discussion of film- 'Pathar Panchali' by Satyajit Ray, discussion of propaganda film, 'Triumph of the will' by Leni Riefenstahl. Discussion on films like Adolfo Mekas' film, "Lost, Lost, Lost," an unconventional and dynamic experiment in film from the American avant garde and radical, emancipatory films such as Touki Bouki by Djibril Diop Mambety, "The House is Black" by Forough Farrokhzad, "Sans Soleil" by Chris Marker, "Kummatty" by G. Arvindan, encouraged students to question the medium's normal association with narrative fiction and topical, issue based documentary. It help students understand how the film form is closely tied to poetry, painting, music, and photography.

Discussion of the text 'In the Praise of Shadows' by Junichiro Tanizaki framed the learning of the cinematic texts. Supplementary reading by filmmakers and artists themselves reinforced themes of the films and inspired participants to respond to their own social, political, and economic realities with innovative ways to change culture and take cultural expression forward. Through an introduction to the analysis

of film, participants gained a more critical eye for the world around them and were more inclined to question and reflect on events and occurrences. Sessions included discussions on philosophical theories of author spectatorship as well as philosophy of Giles Deleuze and Andre Bazin.

The course is designed by Shumona Goel. She has studied Film at Bard College (BA, 1997), Sociology at Jawaharlal Nehru University (Visiting Student 1994-1995), and Anthropology at the School of Oriental and African Studies (MA, 1999). Ms. Goel has taught cinema at Xaviers Institute of Communication (XIC). She works with non-government organizations and makes documentary and experimental films. Mrs. Shumona Goel, Mrs. Jeroo Mulla and Prof. Kanchana Mahadevan were the resource persons at the course.

The course was 34 hour course that began on 13th August, 2019 and was completed on 29th November, 2019 over a span of 17 sessions (2 hours each). 26 students from different city colleges that include Wilson College, St Xaviers, SIES College as well as two cultural theorists enrolled and successfully completed the course.

We put on record the timely and unconditional contribution of Prof Kanchana Mahadevan for contributing to the course in a way beyond the call of duty. We also thank Harsh, Rubaiya and Valenie for their hardwork and strong support in ensuring smooth functioning of the course.

*Dr. Harsha Badkar, Dr. Biraj Mehta Hamza and Mitali Bhasin
Head, Course Co ordinator, Student Co ordinators*



Wilson Celebrates Women's Day with 'RETHINKING EQUALITY'

"When the woman is happy, the home is happy. When the home is happy, the society is happy and when the society is happy, the state is happy and when the state is happy there will be peace in the country and it will develop at greater pace."

- Dr. Abdul Kalam on the issue of women empowerment.

"RETHINKING EQUALITY" was organized on the 6th of March, 2020 to celebrate the International Women's Day. The theme being, ***"I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights"*** seeking to drive actions that would create a gender-equal world; irrespective of age, ethnicity, race, religion or country.

The efforts of the Department of Sociology bore fruit with enlightening discussions and deliberations on gender equality and gender sensitization.

This programme was truly a students' initiative and the outline of the programme was proposed by our first year student, Ms. Vidhi Sharma. Along with the intellectual discussions, there were also dances and poetry recitations which made the event creatively attractive for the student audience. The student performances were thought provoking and mesmerizing.

Ms. Muneerah Khambhawala's idea to incorporate a Gender Audit of the college campus was designed by Ms. Ayesha Dutta; its objective being to look at the institutionalized

patterns of gender differentiation in accessing various spaces and facilities in the college. The First, Second and Third year students were divided into four groups who explored the three college buildings, the library, the laboratories, the basket-ball court, the quadrangle and the refreshment rooms of both the boys and the girls. This activity was appreciated since it gave insights to investigate other spaces, both public as well as private.

An interesting activity was held to drive home the issue of women's muffled voices in both public and private spheres. This was done by asking a set of questions to the male students but deliberately ignoring their answers.

Other highlighting features of the event were a short video and a survey. The video addressed issues of gender equality and law. The areas inquired upon were the various abortion bills passed in the USA, Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 and Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 in India. The survey results of our north-east students reflected feelings of equality and inclusiveness in our college. Wilson College has always responded with care and concern to the needs of the minorities and the differently abled.

The success of the programme stands as a testimony of the efforts put in by the students and the teachers to develop critical thinking and soft skills amongst the students.

*Ms Muneerah Khambhawala,
HOD, Dept. of Sociology*



National Conference- “NEW DIMENSIONS OF CHEMISTRY” (NDC-2020)

A National Conference on “**New Dimensions of Chemistry**” was organized by the Department of Chemistry in collaboration with Association of Chemistry Teachers and University of Mumbai on 1st February, 2020. Prof. Sheshanath Bhosale from Goa University delivered the key note. Eminent experts like Dr.S.Majumdar from TIFR, Dr. Alfred Lawrence from IT College, Lucknow and Dr.Vishwanath Patil from Mumbai University were the invited speakers. **88 delegates** participated in this conference from various parts of the country. The most heartening feature of the conference was the participation of a large number of postgraduate and research students. 18 oral presentations and 15 poster presentation were held. Three prizes, one for poster and two for oral presentations were awarded by the Association of Chemistry Teachers. Dr.Ravindra Deshmukh, Chairman of Board of studies in Chemistry also participated in the later sessions. Prof. S.S.Garje, Associate Dean, University of Mumbai was a speaker at the valedictory function. We express immense gratitude to Hon’ble Prof. Suhas Pednekar, Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University and Prof C.N.R.Rao., Linus Pauling Research Professor, Mr. Prem Masih, Hon. Secretary, John Wilson Education Society, Rt. Rev. Prakash Patole, Chairman, Board of Management, Wilson College, Dr. T. A. Shivare, Director of Education, John Wilson Education Society, Dr. D.V.Prabhu, General Secretary of Association of Chemistry Teachers and Adjunct Professor of Chemistry, Wilson College, for their valuable message and guidance.

The Department of Chemistry is grateful to Prof. Anna Pratima G. Nikalje, Principal and Convener of NDC-2020

for her valuable guidance, encouragement and support to make this conference a memorable one. The efforts of all the eminent speakers who shared their research experiences and scientific knowledge with the delegates have contributed to the excellence of this event. Thanks are also due to our National Advisory committees for their valuable suggestions.

I must acknowledge the strong and active support of Coordinator Prof. S. S. Borde, Organizing Secretaries Dr. S. D. Mhaske, Dr. H. A. Parbat, Dr. A. S. Uzgare and Dr. Jamson Masih. This event would not have been possible without relentless efforts of all my colleagues, teaching staff, researchers, students and non-teaching staff of the Chemistry Department.

As a coordinator, I know that the success of the conference depends ultimately on people who have worked with us in planning and organizing both the program and making arrangements. In particular, I thank Dr. D. V. Prabhu for his advice and brilliant suggestions in organizing the program. Recognition should go to the members of organizing Committee, Dr. Hina Shaikh, Mr. Kailas Shinde, Dr. Anand Burange, Dr. Thomson Fernandes and also our young and vibrant staff Mr. Sachin Gupta, Ms. Shreya Shirke and Ms. Perna Jain, who have all worked extremely hard to make the conference a grand success.

*Dr. Sakina Bootwala,
HOD, Dept. of Chemistry*



Hope for Kolhapur - Flood Relief Project

A relief activity to raise a truck load of essentials for the flood relief victims at Bastua Tal Kurundwad – Kolhapur, was arranged in the College hall on the 5th of August, 2019.

Students from 23 colleges across the city participated in a special drive to collect food, clothing and medicines. The estimated worth of the collected items was ₹25 lakhs. The material was scheduled to be transported to the flood affected regions and was distributed by a team

of teachers and students with the help of local official authorities.

This event was led by the Association of Non- Governmental Colleges (ANGC) which appealed to city colleges to collect household items. The trucks laden with relief items were flagged off from Wilson College by Hon. Vice Chancellor of University of Mumbai Shri Suhas Pednekar. The event was also featured in The Hindustan Times.

Dr. Zuleika Homavazir



Its' Been 50 Years since Man Stepped on the Moon

On 20th July, 1969 the world celebrated man's first step on alien land in the history of mankind. The Golden Jubilee of this historic moment was celebrated all over the world and Wilson College too commemorated this 50th Anniversary with the famous words of Neil Armstrong, ***"That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind"***.

This sparked off a collaborative day-long initiative between the Physics and Sociology departments on 20th July 2019. The programme addressed the influence of this astronomical body, on poets, philosophers, lovers, psychotics, children and scientists alike. Reference was made to the myths regarding the same over generations.

Going to the moon brought about a complete change in technology. In J.F. Kennedy's words, "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things – not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

Special guests, Dr. Rita Pujari who is presently working on NASA grant at Nevada State University and Dr. Vinita

Navalkar, astrophysicist who helped design X-Ray telescope that was sent on-board Astrosat, India's dedicated satellite for multi-wavelength astronomy, gave interesting views for the students to ponder on.

"The Legacy of Lunar Missions: T -50 and Counting" by Dr. Navalkar threw light on the mammoth task of sending humans to the moon and bringing them back safely to earth. Rare and beautiful videos made the lecture a memorable event for enthusiastic learners.

The day also saw the release of the booklet, **"Exploring Moon-Human Interactions"**, perspectives of the Moon- in science and in society, published by Ms. Smruti Bhujbal (Dept. of Physics alumnus – 2017 batch).

The joint effort of many student volunteers of the departments of Physics and Sociology brought in a corridor exhibition of colourful posters exploring the socio-cultural and scientific aspects of the Moon. The display covered posters regarding the Moon in Greek, Hindu and Mayan culture, significance of

the crescent moon in Islamic culture, Festivals related to the moon among North-eastern tribes, Galileo's observations of the moon, Russian-US-Chinese missions, Chandrayan mission, Moon in English literature, in Hindi and Marathi songs, tips for moon observations, Apollo heroes, interesting facts about moon trajectory and so on.

The programme was sponsored with donation of ₹5,000/- by the **Kashelkar family** (alumni of Dept. of Physics, Wilson College).

*Ms. Muneerah Khambhawala,
HOD , Dept of Sociology
Mr. Mahesh Shetti,
Dept. of Physics,*



An Earthy Tribute in Honour of Martyrs of Pulwama Attack

To honour the brave hearts of the Pulwama terror attack, Umesh Gopinath Jadhav, a Bengaluru-based singer, travelled to the homes of each of the 40 CRPF personnel who had lost their lives in the terror attack in Lethora in Pulwama district last year, to collect the soil in urns from there and use in the construction of their memorial in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district.

The 61,000-km long journey saw him mapping the homes of the slain security personnel and even travelling to the interiors to find some of these homes. He visited the families, talked to them, shared and absorbed their emotions, and collected a fistful of soil on his way out. Most of this travel happened when the nation was grieving the loss along with the families of the slain men.

He reached Wilson College carrying urns on 24th July 2019 after travelling for more than 61,000 kilometres, telling us that he had not got any donation or sponsorship for collecting

the soil. His only purpose was to pay respect and homage to the jawans who had lost their lives in the attack.

Principal Dr. Anna Pratima Nikalje, Vice Principals Dr. Harsha Badhkar, Dr. Ashish Uzgare, SFC Coordinator Dr. Zuleika Homavazir and the entire SFC faculty team and the students witnessed the purpose and first-hand experience shared by Mr. Umesh Jadhav.

The layout of the urns in the college hall was a moment of emotional awareness regarding the sacrifices of the armed forces and a glimpse into a chapter of history.

Mr. Jadhav's initiative of building a 'smriti kalash' - an urn of living memories - all by himself, was assisted through BMS Initiative - HOPE with a sum of ₹15,000/- to take care of his expenses as he threaded on his way carrying the ashes to Pulwama.

Dr. Zuleika Homavazir



Chapel Exhibition

The Wilson College Chapel displayed, for the first time ever, an exhibition depicting the precious words of The Lord Jesus Christ when he called his friends atop a mountain and shared practical truths for living; popularly known as “The Sermon On the Mount”. The Exhibition was inaugurated by Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje on Founders Day on the 1st December, 2019. This exhibition brought the Scriptures alive in the form of models, displays, charts, artefacts, slogans, cartoons and creative projects. Artistic and aesthetic ideas of our students depicted the famous chapters from the gospel of St Matthew, Chapters 3, 4 & 5. A couple of days before the inauguration a Mascot dressed like a Bee went about encouraging all to visit the exhibition, as the initial verses talk about being blessed, being kind and being happy. A Mascot called “Bee Blessed” was designed by the students. An added attraction was the sale of posters, calendars, original honey, key chains and stationary. Visitors from all over the city arrived to witness the creative works of

our students. Some highlights of the exhibition were models of ‘A city on a hill which shines in the dark’, ‘The Wise Man’s house built on the rock’ like the foundation of the Word of God and ‘The treasure case’ depicting treasures in heaven. The exhibition successfully and attractively presented The Word of God and touched many souls.

‘The Sermon on the Mount’ was a favourite reading of our founder Rev. Dr John Wilson who believed in the words of Christ, ‘You are the light of the world! Like a city on top of a hill, you can’t be hidden. If you light a candle, you don’t put it under a basket. No! You put it in a candle holder to light the house. By shining your light, you are shining the light of God into the lives of others. Shine brightly!’

To conclude, we could say that the exhibition was itself a bright beacon of light, presenting the light of God’s transforming word to shine in all hearts.

Rev. Arpana Rangaya & Ms. Kshama Jayaraj



A Long Journey – 40 Years of Nature Club

Nature Club was the initiative of Farhan Thakur, a final year student of chemistry and Shubda Kalyani, a first-year student of BA, who used their persuasive skills on Prof. Vakharia (Dept. of Botany) to begin the Club. With only 15 members to begin with, the club saw limited activities in the form of nature films sourced from consulates. The years 1980-1981 saw a spurt in activities with lots of trails, an exhibition of photographs and the first ever camp to a farm at Loni near Pune, followed with great trails and visits to places like Arthropoda Museum.

The Wilson College Nature Club (WCNC) was also associated with WWF- India from 1980 to 2003 as a part of the Nature

Clubs of India. Chandrakant Wakankar an alumnus of Wilson College was the Education Officer. WWF- India organized subsidized camps across India where Wilson College participants built their basic fund of knowledge.

From 1983 to 1993 Ranjan Biswas (an alumnus of Dept. of Zoology), Education Officer for Maharashtra and Goa, invited Nature Club members to be volunteers and instructors. Nature Club borrowed large canvas tents from WWF for their various camps from 1984 to 1996.

Sudhakar Solomonraj was selected to represent Western India at the 25th anniversary celebration of WWF at Asissi in Italy in 1986.

Staff members who played a major role from 1980-1986 in addition to Prof. Vakharia, were Dr. Nuthe, Prof. Parkar, Dr. Dange, and Dr. Athavale from the Dept. of Zoology. Dr. Anantani from the Dept. of Botany. Sudhakar Solomonraj has been the staff advisors of the Nature Club from 1983 to 2020, except for 2004- 2005 when Prof. Parkar was the staff advisor.

WCNC saw its first active phase between the years 1979-1983. A lull followed but was soon picked up again in 1986. The first phase active participants were, Farhan Thakur, Navroz Behrafrani, Sudhakar Solomonraj, Neil Sadwelkar, Lalita Rao, Nandita Kumta, Nachiket Mor. Rajendra Apte, Kaizad Bhaya and Rajeev Prakash organized Nature Club activities between 1984-1986. Manisha Sonchhtra, Sindhu Koshy, Asha Mhatre, Priya Bhagwadkar along with Vivek Kulkarni, Reena Mehta, Sandeep Sharma, Naval Mistry, Nrupal Gharat added a lot of energy to the club in the years 1986-1990. A great value to exhibitions was added by Ameysa Gokarn, Gopal Vaideshwara and Nitin Srivasta in the years 1990-1991.

The first Nature Club exhibition using photographs was in 1980 and 1981. The first major exhibition where students created models and sections was in 1982 as a part of sesquicentennial celebrations of the college on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. More than 5000 students and visitors were present for the exhibition. Dr. H.J Taylor, physicists and Morarji Desai, former Prime Minister and Wilson College alumnus were the eminent visitors present.

Exhibition as an annual feature of WCNC began in 1988 and continued till 2008. More than 150 volunteers worked on these exhibitions. Every year had a different theme and saw 5,000-10,000 visitors. In 1995 in an exhibition on Biodiversity, the students engineered a rope bridge over a recreation of a Rainforest. In 1997 the theme was Marine Biodiversity; here the college hall stage became a massive coral reef with over 200 clay models and a transparent tunnel for people to walk through. There was a separate section on deep sea biodiversity. More than 10,000 visitors enjoyed this exhibition. Many of the clay models were later given to BNHS and other NGO'S. BNHS preserved them till the year 2010. Through 1996-2008, Rajesh Singh an alumnus of 1995, working with Shobiz- an event management company, provided materials and expertise. The exhibition in 2002 dealt with National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries of India. Over 80 students from the North-East created a great section of the wilderness areas of 7 States. This exhibition

attracted more than 9,000 visitors. In 1999 the exhibitions had a lot of interactive models. Some exhibitions also had slide shows. Every exhibition tapped the creative energies of students and was a great tool of conservation education. Environmental films were a part of the Nature Club activities in the years 1979-1996. In the years 1995-2003, Nature Club set up its film library. Prof. Shehernaz Nalwalla played a major role in the 1990's in helping build a sustainable Nature Club library.

In 1979-1981 the club operated from Prof. Vakharia's cabin in the Botany department. In 1982, it was shifted to the ground floor to what was then the Photography Centre Room and continues to be there till date. In 1982-1998, display cases from Botany department were used to display artefacts, before they were returned. Nature Club members in 1986-2013 regularly took on the responsibility of painting the Nature Club room.

In 2002-2017, WCNC ran five different magazines and Newsletter. The first was the Lark (1982) and the last was the Footprint (2017), the Footprint had three lives.

Tree planting has been an integral part of the Club since 1982. Bhargav, of Yusuf Meherally Centre credits WCNC for having created a Mini-Forest near Tara Village in Raigad district. In the 1990's, Vivek Kulkarni helped organize many tree plantings in Godrej industries and Trust properties. In 2015-2019, Kshitij Naikade helped organize many tree planting drives with the Forest Department in Pune. In 2015-2017, Siddhi Lad helped organize tree planting near Aurangabad, Jawahar as part of CSR of DHFL. The Club has planted more than 50,000 saplings with over 60% survival on an average.

Desilting and building bunds in the Sanjay Gandhi National Park and Matheran were part of the Club's contribution to soil and water conservation in the years 2000-2005. Desilting of a village tank in Malavli was undertaken in 2004. There were also cleanliness campaigns in Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Karnala Fort and many wildlife sanctuaries and National Parks across India.

A nursery of Forest Plants was set up in 1991 in the land near the basketball court which couldn't be sustained and the plants were later shifted to Yusuf Meherally Centre in 1992.

Nature Trails, Camps and Overnight Treks to Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Karnala Bird Sanctuary, forts in Pune and Raigad district, Phansad Wildlife Sanctuary, Tungreshwar

and many other places have been the enduring activities of the club.

The first Nature Camp was to a farm in Loni near Pune in 1980. In 1984-1988, many nature camps were organized to Sukdar Village with Prof. Parkar's help. The first long distance camp was to Radhanagri and Malvan Marine Sanctuary. The first out of Maharashtra camp was to Dandeli in 1992. The first Himalayan trek was to Sikkim in 1997. The first trek to North East was to Namdapha National Park in Arunachal Pradesh. The first camp to many National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in Southern- Western Ghats was in 1998, from Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary near Coimbatore to Kalakad near Kanyakumari. The Club has had camps in most states of India; 15 in Maharashtra, 3 in Gujrat, 6 in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, 3 in Madhya Pradesh, 2 in Rajasthan, 4 in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, 3 in Uttarakhand, 9 in Himachal Pradesh, 2 in Sikkim, 2 in Assam, 2 in Arunachala Pradesh, 2 in Bengal, 2 in Meghalaya, 2 in Nagaland, one each in Mizoram and Manipur, two to Karnataka, one to Goa, one to Lakshadweep islands, and one international camp to Bhutan.

Faculty members, Prof. Sivan(1995-2005), Prof. Vinita Mathew (1998-2002), Prof. Mahesh Shetti (2008), Prof. Deepika Todankar, Prof. Joyline Mascarenhas (in the early 2000s), have been a part of the Nature Camps.

WCNC has also had its unfortunate share of tragedies. Mehul Pabari died in a nature camp to Nagzira in 1993. The Club visited the place again after 25 years in 2018. We have had our share of disasters too. In October, 2005 we were on a mountain top at 12,000 feet after a descent from 14,000 feet, when the mules along with tents didn't arrive, we survived at minus zero temperatures with no food, water or shelter with very real possibility of altitude sickness. In 2010 and 2014, coming back from Ladakh we missed trains because of landslides. In 2015, during a road block, we experienced amazing hospitality from the locals in the Spiti Valley, who refused to take money even though 15 girls had stayed in their homes and enjoyed their food. Divine providence has been there with us through every situation.

WCNC won the best Nature Club award in 2001. In 2010 we released our first coffee table book documenting our thirty years journey. The book was edited by Disha Pinge, a second-year student and Sudhakar Solomonraj. In 2010 Sudhakar Solomonraj won the Green Teacher award from Sanctuary Asia.

The Club has often used music and dance to spread the conservation message. The first such musical play was held in 1989 at college, later at Sophia Baba auditorium in 1994 (In the 1990's Nature Club organized activities for Sophia Nature Club and in December 2019 released a book on Biodiversity of India.) and then at Sahitya Mandir - Girgaum in 1998. As a part of the 40th anniversary celebrations, the crowning glory was the first ever Nature Concert on February 25th 2019 at St. Andrew's auditorium in Bandra where our students from different classes, Andrews Vision Center, North-East Collective, former students Keegan Pareira and Reinhardt, both now professional artists, and Deepak Peace, a renowned poet-singer-song writer from Pune performed.

Our second year BA students, Krutik Mehta and Sambhav Singh were the heart of the event and its coordinators. Shruti Sinha helped raise ₹50,000 through sponsorships. The concert was a huge hit with exceptional performances.

The alumni of WCNC and associates raised over ₹15 Lakhs to fit more than 1400 LED tubes to replace tube lights, more than 15 exhaust fans in Chemistry lab and Microbiology lab, sun block films on west facing windows in Junior College IT lab and Microbiology lab.

WCNC since 2010 has been undertaking Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR) with Yusuf Meherally Centre. WCNC has been providing books, bags and stationary for over 800 tribal children every year, helped renovate and built a large toilet block, paid for 36 bunk beds or sleeping facilities for 72 people in three dorms, provided fans in dorms and Sabagriha, paid for repair of roof, repairing bore wells, providing water purifiers, water tanks, paid for computers in newly set up computer training facility for tribal youth and others, paid for 25 chairs in the Sabagriha of Corel Village-a tribal hamlet, have undertaken five tree plantings on campus and given financial help for health issues.

In 1999 and 2019, the Club sponsored more than 200 children from shelter homes for a full day nature trail with two meals and merchandise including caps, bags, stationary, etc. We have also assisted IQAC initiatives like Green warriors and provided assistance for the IQAC festival on Climate Change in February 2020.

In 1981, Naturalia Wilsonica was created as a nature Club for ex- students. However, it has not been needed as Club alumni have participated in activities, trails, and camps as part of a single community. In many camps we have had participants from two generations of the same family. In fact

there were three generations from one family at a camp to Nandur Madhmeshwar and Gujrat, in 2019. Farhan Thakur, Mahmoud Kadri, Vivek Kulkarni, Manish Moghe, have helped the Nature Club across three to four decades. Associates like Farida Anajwala have also been very helpful. In 2015-2020, Sandesh Lad helped organize every single outing and from 2018, Tejaswi Lohia has been assisting him. Fatima Arsiwala coordinator from 2019- 2020 has done a phenomenal job. Poornima Kadam of 2019 batch conceptualized and helped produce a wide range of merchandise.

The Nature Club room has been the Centre of relief work since 1991 Raigad floods, 1992 Latur earthquake, 1993 communal riots, 2002 Bhuj earthquake and many other calamities. The last two years relief work efforts have been very well directed, materials are brought and sent directly to those in need.

Members of staff, Vinita Mathew, Naseer Jahagirdar, Mahesh Shetti, Bandu Konde, Joyline Mascarenhas, and Shushant Mane have been a part of the committee in the first two decades of the 21st century. Dr. Shushant Mane has been an active part of the Nature Club activities, helping in organizational work since the last two years. Vinita Mathew helped make the Nature concert happen by ensuring

practices, coordinating and always being there for Sambhav and Krutik, the student volunteers.

The Nature Club has had consistent support of three former Principals, two Acting- Principals and the current Principal.

*Sudhakar Solomonraj,
Head, Dept. of Political Science*



The Student Training and Empowerment Program for Undergraduate Pupils (STEP-UP)

The Student Training and Empowerment Program for Undergraduate Pupils (STEP-UP), the newest program administered by Wilson College - Self Financing Courses aims to train students how to be competitive in the job market and offers them vital work experience through internships with prospective employers in the City.

The program consists of series of sessions and workshops, social initiatives, internships with local businesses, corporate mentorship by corporate mentors. The Program is designed to help students to acquire skills to improve communication, confidence, motivation levels, and

interpersonal relationships to reach their greatest potential.

*Dr. Zuleika Homavazir,
Head- BMS, BMM, IT, BAF Courses*



SAP Launch at Wilson College

Wilson College along with SAP India and Orion SAP Education together in partnership will deliver quality SAP education. SAP is an globally acclaimed certification provided for students leading to better understanding and knowledge of SAP solutions.

The Launching of SAP was led by Dr. Zuleika Homavazir on 4th February 2020 in the presence of Hon. Secretary, JWES Mr. Prem Masih, Director of Education, Dr. T. Shiware, Principal, Dr. Anna Pratima Nikalje, SFC Co-ordinator Dr. Zuleika Homavazir, Treasurer, Dr. Jamson Masih, Mr. Amul Chauhan, Owner of Orion, Mr Fabian Ferreira, SAP consultant, Mr. Samarth Sawan, SAP Student Academy, Mr. Phillip Babu -Head, Education -SAP Student Academy, Ms Hetal Das, Centre Manager, Orion.

Hon. Secretary, JWES Mr. Prem Masih shared the vision and mission of the John Wilson Education Society in providing affordable professional courses on College campus and also emphasised its sheer relevance in the competitive economic environment of the times.

Dr. Anna Pratima Nikalje emphasised on gaining new skills and on the job experience. She shared her desire to learn this course and motivated students to enroll for the course as also take advantage of training being provided on campus.

Mr. Fabian Ferreira provided an overview of SAP & Related Modules with Market Trends. Mr. Amul Chauhan shared his vision for SAP Education at Wilson College, reiterating its scope ; that virtually covers every aspect of corporate business functions.

The brochure was unveiled by all dignitaries with zest and zeal. Mr. Phillip Babu Head addressed the student's Q&A & spoke about the career opportunities with SAP.

Wilson College has become the first and only undergraduate College to have collaborated with SAP India, the world's foremost Technology Solutions Provider.

This course will provide an immense opportunity for our students to skill themselves on the most sought after platform by Corporates across the world and thus giving them a distinct advantage while embarking on their Corporate journey.



Dr. Jamson welcomes Mrs. Chauhan

Dr. Nikalje felicitates Mr. Phillip Babu

Dr. Shiware felicitates Mr. Samarth Sawan



Dr. Zuleika addresses the audience

Dr. Zuleika welcomes Mrs. Masih

Mr. Fabian Ferreira gives an overview of SAP



Mr. Prem Masih felicitates Mr. Amul Chauhan

Mr. Prem Masih shares vision of JWES

Unveiling of the SAP brochure

Staff Achievements

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We are proud to say that Mrs. Smita A. Masih has served as the Vice Principal of Junior College since August 2018.

We are proud to have Dr. Harsha Badkar and Dr. Ashish Uzgaré as Vice Principals of Senior College 2019-2020

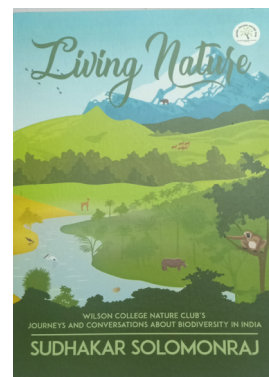
We congratulate them for the same !!!



WELCOME!!!



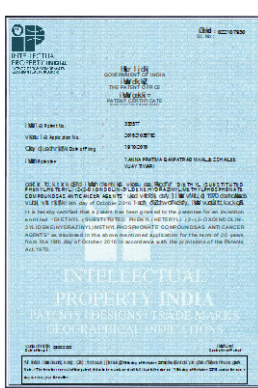
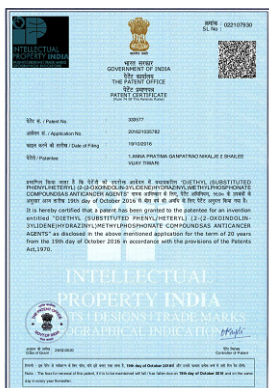
We welcome Sister Chhaya Mokshaveer Patil as the medical centre in charge (from 15th October 2019). She has offered services in Ruby Hall Clinic Pune (1994-2004), Cumballa Hill Hospital, Mumbai (2007-2008), Saifee Hospital, Mumbai (2008-2009). We wish her the very best !!!



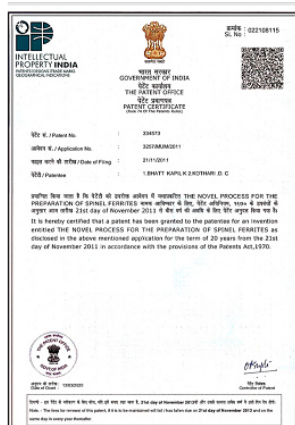
Congratulations to Mr. Sudhakar Solomonraj for his book: "Living Nature: Wilson College Nature Club's Journeys and Conversations about Biodiversity in India."

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS 2019-2020 (Several to boast about !!!)

We are inspired by Prof Dr Anna Pratima Nikalje and Dr. Kapil Bhatt for securing patents for their research!!!



Prof. Dr. Anna Pratima Nikalje was awarded the first patent granted by Government of India on February 2019. It is a process patent for innovative synthesis of novel anti convulsant drugs (treatment of epilepsy), open for licensing, assignment. The second patent was granted by government of India on 28th February 2020 for novel cancer drug effective against 08 types of cancer cells. It is both product patent and process patent. Open for licensing, assignment.



A 'Novel Oxalate-Ceramic method for synthesis of spinel ferrites' was developed by Kapil Bhatt, Yogesh S. Niwate, Shivram S. Garje and D. C. Kothari.

The features of the method are as follows:

Compared to standard method of synthesis of ferrites in industry, this method is simple, takes few steps. Less temperature and time required. So, energy efficient. Particle size is 28 -32 nanometer. Can be extended to synthesize nanosized oxides from higher particle size. Benefits: It will save about 55% energy and time. It will not impact directly on society but the products will become cheaper. This patent is open for licencing.

Congratulations to the following staff members of being awarded Ph.D!!!



Dr. Anuradha Pendse

Ph.D Topic: Optimization and Characterization of Biosurfactant produced by an Isolate from Oil Contaminated Soil.



Dr. Joyline Mascarenhas

Phd Topic: ' Optimization of Polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHA) accumulation by bacterium isolated from oil contaminated soil and characterization of the biopolymer'



Special wishes to Dr. Zuleikha Homavazir

- She was felicitated by Mr. Ajay Deshmukh, Registrar – Mumbai University on 15th Feb 2020 as part of the College's Annual Prize Distribution Function for the prestigious Citation for Social Initiatives & Service to Student Community bestowed by the Mumbai University.
- She also won the "Woman in Education" Award at The Indian Business Women Conference and Awards, 2020 on the occasion of International Women's Month held on 13th March 2020.

Congratulations to the following staff members for being awarded the prestigious UGC Minor Research Grant !!! Total of 16 faculty members will receive the grant worth Rs 6,45,000/-!!!

Dr. Biraj Mehta Rathi: 40,000
Mrs. Radhika Birmole: 35,000
Dr. Anuradha Pendse: 50,000
Dr. Sakina Bootwala: 30,000
Dr. Parbat: 40,000
Dr. Devdatta Lad: 50,000

Dr. Kapil Bhatt: 60,000
Ms. Swamini Patade: 35,000
Ms. Meghana Gore: 25,000
Dr. Hina Shaikh: 35,000
Dr. Satyawati Choube: 30,000

Dr. Mahesh Shetti: 70,000
Dr. Joyline Mascarenhas: 25,000
Dr. Ashish Uzgaré: 45,000
Ms. Kailas Shinde: 40,000
Dr. Jai Knox: 35,000

Congratulations to the following staff members for qualifying at the NET/ SET examination!!! In all, 7 staff members have qualified for lectureship/ research !!!

- Ms. VandanaDaki from BMS department qualified for UGC NET December 2019 in subject of Commerce.
- Mr TejasviKhatry from BAMMC department qualified for UGC NET December 2019 in subject of Journalism and Mass Communication.
- Mr RajendraPatil from BAF department qualified for UGC NET June 2019 in subject of Commerce.
- Mr Ashwin Kataria from BMS department qualified for UGC NET June 2019 in subject of Commerce.
- Mr JitendraShedge from Zoology department qualified for UGC NET JRF June 2019 in subject of Zoology.
- Ms. SwaminiPatade from Microbiology department qualified for UGC NET June 2019 in subject of life science.
- Ms Adittee R Adkar (Junior College) from Biology department qualified for UGC SET June 2019 in subject of life sciences.

We are proud of our Junior college faculty Ms Ashwini Bapat for writing XI and XII Psychology texts books and MsPinkhi Gala for writing XI and XII Logic text books.



Dr. Satyawati Chaubey awarded First prize in Critics Writing 'Nand Dulare Bajpayee Award Swarn Purskaar' and Rs. 35,000 by Maharastra Rajya Hindi Sahitya Academy, Mumbai.

Student's Achievements

Abdul BasitSaboowala

is a TYBsc Physics student of Wilson College. Well achieved, he is the Founder & Chief Executive Officer of a Multi-Award Winning Venture HoloShiksha, an Indian educational arm of Holo Abdul Co., a revolutionary 3D Holographic Learning Technology to Reinvent Learning and has been nominated for Forbes India list of India's Great People Managers (CEOs)

Other Achievements:

- ☐ Inventor - patent holder in Holographic Simulation Technology
- ☐ One of India's Youngest Physics Lecturer as a Visiting Faculty - Applied Physics Professor at ARMIET Engineering Institute and Visiting Faculty - IIT JEE & NEET Physics Lecturer at Coaching Institutes.

- Mumbai's Leading Speed Painter Artist - Made painting canvas in 7 min - MTV & Maruti Suzuki organized Colors of Youth Mumbai Winner Awarded by Shakti Mohan & Benny Dayal
- Founder - Youtube Channel Holo Abdul – 2.6+ Lacs views all over the world
- Judge - Think Young Academy
- Speaker
- Self Learned VFX Artist
- ISM Certified 'Professional Mind Coach'



Awards received during the year 2019 - 2020

1. Forbes India - Great People Managers (CEOs) Nominee
2. All India Finalist – Eureka, IIT Bombay for the venture HoloShiksha, an Indian educational arm of Holo Abdul Co.
3. India Google Techstar Winner & selected to represent in Global Google Techstar Summit, Singapore
4. Selected among 15 ventures all over India to be a part of Startup Expo during E Summit, IIT Bombay
5. Avishkar Research Convention Award for presenting the research project titled 'Reinventing Learning' organized by Mumbai University
6. 'Entrepreneur of the year' - DICErupt Winner organized by ISME (Indian School of Management and Entrepreneurship)



Adline Castello, awarded the LIVA Miss Diva Universe 2020, BMS Alumni Batch 2019 will be representing India at the Miss Universe Challenge 2020!!! We are proud of you and wish you ALL THE BEST !!!



Heartiest Congratulations to the F.Y.B.A. students of department of Philosophy for winning the "Best Team Trophy" at the inter collegiate paper presentation competition held at R.J. College on 5th March 2020!!! Congratulations to Mr. Ayush Srivastava 2nd prize (TYBA) and Christie and Pooja 3rd prize (SYBA), from department of Philosophy for winning at the national level paper presentation competition held at S.P.College, Pune on 5th February 2020.

Obituary

Dr. Kalpana S Manerikar



It is with conflicting feelings of pain and pleasure that I attempt to write this eulogy for Dr. Kalpana Manerikar of the Botany Department of Wilson College, who passed away on 16th November, 2019; pain, because she is no more, and pleasure because I am privileged to be entrusted with the honour of writing about this endearing lady, one who has impacted several lives, mine included.

Dr. Kalpana Manerikar joined the Wilson Junior College in 1977 and subsequently moved to the senior college 1979. She completed her Ph.D. in Plant Physiology in 1989, was head of the Botany Department for three years, steering us through N.A.A.C. 2003 and eventually retired in 2006.

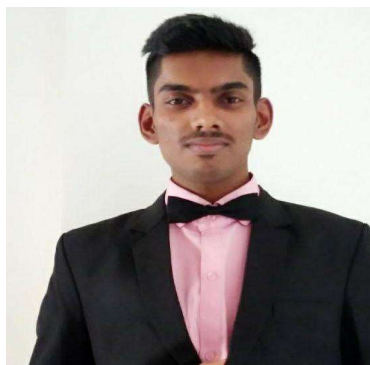
Dr. Manerikar always led by example. An outwardly strict disciplinarian, this veneer masked her soft spoken, altruistic, benevolent and compassionate personality. Very dedicated and driven as a teacher, she conducted field excursions with great passion and enthusiasm. She sometimes donned the teacher-mentor cap, and sometimes, that of the nurturing mother for her students and colleagues too. Her high-octane energy levels were very infectious. A veteran in the art of flower arrangement, she was a much sought-after resource person to other colleges for demonstrations. Under her tutelage, students of the Botany Department aced almost every inter-collegiate flower arrangement competition in which they participated. She was emphatic about laying the fundamentals of the subject and in clearing any misconceptions of the same.

A superlative cook and an equally good hostess, students and colleagues spent many an afternoon enjoying tete-a-tetes at her residence. She was generous and charitable to a fault. Although she was the granddaughter of the renowned late Dadasaheb Phalke, father of Indian Cinema, she was a simple, humble and unpretentious lady.

They make teachers like her no more: dedicated, selfless, punctual, and methodical, who worked tirelessly for student welfare. They are an endangered, if not extinct species. 'Manerikar ma'am', as staff and students lovingly addressed her, has left an irreplaceable void. Ma'am, foster mother, mentor, teacher, may your soul rest in peace. R.I.P. Your memory has left behind a lingering fragrance.

Sandra Kavarana
Associate Professor, Botany Department

Mr. Peter Kshirsagar



Mr. Peter Kshirsagar, T.Y.B.Sc. Chemistry student passed away on 31st July, 2019. Peter was an academically good and very well behaved student. He participated in various co-curricular activities as well. The department mourns the loss of a good student and prays that the departed soul rests in peace.

Dr. S. Z. Bootwala
HOD, Department of Chemistry

Farewell 2019-2020

Dr. Swati Mahendrekar



Dr. Swati Mahendrekar, a dynamic personality with scholarly clarity in thoughts and ideas, was always a quiet and calm person and yet very particular to fulfil all responsibilities given to her meticulously. An affectionate person, she was willing to help her colleagues and give her honest-opinions in all matters. A committed and dedicated teacher all along, she managed good rapport with her students and diligently helped them as much as she could. A silent worker, she carried out every task assigned to her in perfection. We wish her all success in her future endeavours, may God bless her with a long happy, healthy retired life.

Dr. Poonam Patwa, Department of Hindi

Ms. Ashwini Bapat



An accomplished poet, writer and teacher and avid reader, Ms. Bapat was a mentor and friend to all her students and fellow colleagues. Fearless and always honest, she instilled values of discipline and rigour not only in her teaching but also in all academic endeavours. Committed to her role as a teacher and counsellor, she often guided young students not only in their studies but also in their personal life. Her dedication and contribution to philosophy and psychology leaves behind a legacy of intellectual debate that will be much missed in classrooms and department rooms. We wish this friendly, compassionate and passionate lady all the very best in all her endeavours. May God bless her with abundant happiness, love and health today and forever.

Dr. Biraj Mehta, Department of Philosophy

Sister Caroline Baretto



It was always a joy to be in the company of sister Baretto. She took charge of the Medical Aid centre of Wilson College on 1st September 2017 and worked till 30th September 2019, and spent two memorable and eventful years with the Wilson family. Sister Baretto has not only been a medical nurse to our students, giving them timely medical aid and saving lives, but has also been a friend, a mentor and a mother. Her willingness to go that extra mile has made her a confidante to many young lives. She was instrumental in organising many health camps, medical checkups, blood donation drives and other health related workshops and seminars for staff and students. We wish her all the peace, health and blessings.

Ms. Kshama Jayaraj, Department of English



Mr. Bihag Mehta

Mr. Bihag Mehta, fondly addressed as "guru" joined Wilson college in the year 1979-1980 as a student of SYBSc. He graduated in the year 1981 and completed the master degree in Physics (Electronics) from the Institute of Science. In 1984, he returned to Wilson College as a junior college staff member to share his knowledge. Having been a member of the Wilson family for 40 years, he is surely going to be missed by all staff and students who greatly benefited from his subject expertise. His joyful presence brought smiles to many faces and we wish him all the best forever. He was always very

popular among his colleagues, and often treated everyone with tasty Gujarati dishes. He used to sing a popular song which defines him 'Main zindgi kasaath nibhata chalagaya harfikirko dhuenme udata chalagaya'

Harsha Vijaywargi, Department of Physics

Dr. Sujata Patil



Dr. Sujata Patil superannuated from Wilson College on 29th February 2020. She completed 20 years of service in Wilson College. After completing Ph.D. from IIT Mumbai in the area of Magnetic materials, she gained Post-doctoral experience in Germany and at TIFR and then entered the teaching profession. She first taught at the Siddarth College in the junior and senior sections, before joining Wilson College in the year 2000. Here, she devotedly conducted all lectures and practicals assigned to her; putting in great efforts to ensure that all students in the class understood the subject. She conducted remedial coaching for weaker students and helped many students successfully complete the courses. She mentored many students and motivated them to do well in academics. She was not only active in teaching, but also continued to do research in her area of expertise, regularly writing papers in reputed journals and attending National and International conferences. With her presence in College activities, she contributed to various committees, such as the CEP, admission committee and documentation committee for NAAC where she had a major contribution. She was very active in departmental activities and contributed to them in a big way. With her help we could get many guest speakers for delivering interesting and informative lectures to our students and staff. Many students were able to get internships with her help. A very frank and forthright lady, she put forward her views on various issues pertaining to the subject and academic life in the college. She was a key contributor to the department. We will certainly feel her absence in a big way. We wish her a healthy and peaceful retired life.

Dr. Shekhar Deodhar

Ms. Varsha Ajgaonkar



Mrs. Varsha Ajgaonkar joined Economics department in June 1983 as a lecturer in junior college and superannuated in June 2018. As an excellent teacher and a mentor she moulded many young minds who vouched for her teaching even after they graduated. Her contribution to college is remarkable as she worked in various capacities on many important committees like admission, examination, time-table, vacation activity centre, staffroom, seminar and bazaar day, just to name a few. She was a junior college representative on Staff Council for many years. Varsha has always been forthright about issues and problems arising in the functioning of the college. A warm and friendly colleague to young and old alike is definitely being missed. Wish her very best in future life! A long inning well

played, Varsha!

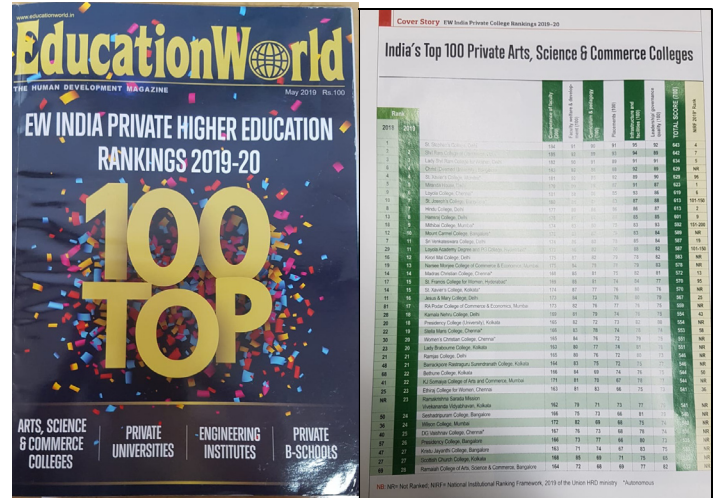
Dr. Anjali Masarguppi, Department of Economics

College Milestones!!! Yippee !!!

Wilson College got awarded 24th National ranking, 6th in Mumbai!!!
Ranking received by Wilson College by the Education World forum.

Education World which is India's most comprehensive education portal for educators, parents and student communities releases a list of top educational institutions in India every year. As per EW India Private Higher Education Ranking list for the year 2019-2020, Wilson college was ranked 24th pan India and 6th in Mumbai among the private institutions offering UG and PG courses. This list was published in the EducationWorld, The Human Development Magazine issue of May 2019. The National ranking received by Wilson College was a great motivational factor and a recognition to the staff and students of Wilson College. This recognition was also the stepping stone to apply for the NIRF ranking, which the college did apply for and is a dream of the current principal to feature in their national ranking list.

The Management and Principal take this opportunity to declare this to all the stake holders and ensures that Wilson College will always strive to achieve for excellence in the field of education which is a legacy of more than 180 years.



Wilson College is One of the Few Colleges to go Healthy !!!

Congratulations to the Management, Principal and Canteen Team and Committee to be awarded the certificate for making necessary changes in the canteen menu to make life on Wilson campus more healthy, safe and nutritious!!! Well responded team to the campaign initiated by the Food and Drugs Authority, Maharashtra.



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PHOTO GALLERY (2019-2020)



TYBA English team-1st Runners-up
at Futsal2019 by NEC.
(English Department)



Study trip to the Jaipur Literature
Festival- January 2020.
(English Department)



Kanha National Park, MadhyaPradesh
(Zoology Department)



Newspaper Article – AVC



AVC members performing Malakhamba on
Independence Day



Fish-O-Fest (Zoology department)



Certificate course on Astronomy



Certificate course on Indian
Numismatics and Scripts



Hindi Parishad



Cultural Committee



Maya Kirpalani at Wilson College (ICC)





Library



Library Activities 2019-20



Library Prize Distribution Function



Lawmawma Chawte- Best Student,
Mackichan Hostel



WCNC 40th year Celebration and Sudhakar Sir's
Book Launch



Nature Club donated waste bins
to Wilson College



Harishchandragadh Trek (Nature Club)



North East Collective T-shirts



Independence Day (North East Collective)



Konyak Dance at Cultural Evening (North East Collective)



NSS (Beach Clean Drive)



NSS (Tree Plantation)



NSS (Excellence Performance Award)



Science Circle



150th Year of the Periodic Table (Science Circle)



Mr. Mogglan Shrivasthi from J.J School of arts. (Literary Society)



Mr. Sameer Khasnis from T.P. Bhatia College. (Literary Society)



Men's Individual Champion- Salman Siddique, XII Science. (Gymkhana)



Women's Individual Champions- Cristal Gomes (FYBMS), Nidhi Kadam (XIISc)



Chapel



Research Committee



MUN 2020 (Rotaract Club)

Book Swap (Rotaract Club)

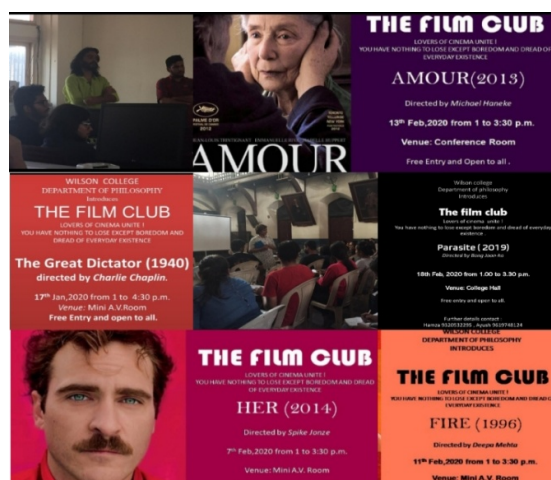
Beach clean up (Rotaract Club)



Political Science Association 2019-20

Youth Parliament 2019-20 (PSA)

Political Science Association Session



The Film Club (Philosophy Department)

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

A Wonderful Christmas get together was organized by the John Wilson Education Society on Wednesday 18th December, 2019. All the JWES Institutions in Mumbai came as one big family. Our Honorary Secretary Mr. Prem Masih graciously involved all staff and students to celebrate the Lord's birth in a well organised programme, managed by the Wilson College Team and the JWES Core Committee.

Bishop Rt. Rev. V.N. Malviyya, Honorary Secretary of the UCNITA and Trustee of JWES began the evening with a word of prayer thanking the Lord for His Blessings and protection on all the Institutions. Principal of Wilson College Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje welcomed all and expressed her desire for every student to excel in every capacity through the opportunities during their years of education.

Honorary Secretary Mr. Prem Masih in his opening remarks, encouraged the staff of all the institutions to work together with the one vision of our founder Dr. John Wilson, to produce intellectually well trained, morally upright, socially conscious and spiritually oriented men and women.

The Dignitaries that graced the occasion with their august presence were:

Bishop Rt. Rev. V. N. Malviyya : Honorary Secretary of UCNITA and Trustee of JWES

Bishop Rt. Rev. M.U. Kasab : Bishop of Marathwada Diocese

Dr. Lal Bahadur Khamble : General Secretary of Christian Democratic Front from the Marathwada Diocese

Mr. James Ambildige: Retd. DYSP, Secretary of Christ Church and recipient of the Presidents award for Excellence in Service

Mr. Johnson Thakar : Vice Chairman of Gujarat Christian Service Society

Mrs. Prabhyajot Masih : Co-ordinator of JWES Schools and an inspiration for many.

We had eminent dignitaries from the University of Mumbai as well.

The above dignitaries were felicitated by the management representative of the John Wilson Education Society. Other special guests were Mrs. Mhankale from Pune, a Trustee of the Society, Mrs. Shere Head Mistress of St. Andrews, Pune and Mrs. Salvi Head Mistress of Ethel Garden D.Ed College, Pune.

With dance performances by the students and staff of St. Columba and Wilson High School and melodious carols by the Wilson College Chapel Choir, Pandita Ramabai Girls Hostel and the Mackichan Hall Boys Hostel under the guidance of Prof Pratik Joseph, the evening was a delightful togetherness time.

Rev. Arpana Rangayya, the Chaplain of the Wilson College Chapel shared a spirit filled exhortation on the theme of Christmas and Lord Jesus Christ being the greatest gift to mankind and the reason behind this season of celebration.

Mrs. Smita Masih Vice-Principal of Wilson Junior College and Mrs. Beulah Paul Pimenta Head Mistress of Wilson High School read the scripture readings from Isaiah and the Gospel of Luke respectively.

A thought provoking Christmas message was shared by Bishop Rt. Rev. V.N. Malviyya on the power of God's unfailing love exhibited in the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. He also spoke about the commitment and labour of our Founder Rev. Dr. John Wilson who tirelessly served our nation for the cause of education and built these institutions with a mission and a vision.

On 16th December the Management had conducted a Bible Quiz based on Mathew chapters 5,6,7 (The Sermon on the Mount) and the Gospel of John; the results of which were declared during the celebration and medals and trophies were given to the winners.

A traditional Christmas cake was cut by our Hon. Secretary Mr. Prem Masih and all the dignitaries and Representatives of the Institutions. This was followed by the Vote of Thanks given by Mrs. Shubada Kedari Head Mistress of St. Columba School.

The Highlight of this evening was the stellar performance by International Gospel singer Mr. Ajay Chavan who graciously accepted our invitation to sing songs to uplift every heart. Mr. Ajay Chavan is globally known for his 6000 poems, 2000 shairees and his 15 songs albums. His personal life story is heartwarming, and many were blessed with his singing and message. He is also a social activist who has been involved in prison ministry and has fought against human trafficking.

The program was a grand success because of the initiative and efforts the JWES Management, the Core Committee and staff and students of Wilson College.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Economics

The Department of Economics flagged off its co-curricular activities with the mandatory yet absolutely crucial visit to the library, with a walk around the enviable collection of treasures that our Wilson College Library houses, exposing our students to the wealth that lies therein, urging that they should start tapping into its resources.

We inaugurated our Guest Lecture Series (29th June) with a session on “Careers in Management” by Prof Zubin Mulla from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, followed by our very own Sameeksha Mahajan, in mid-July, who interacted with our graduating students, sharing with them her own experiences as a recently graduated student from Wilson. She emphasised, in particular, the importance of focusing on Financial Economics and understanding the dynamics therein, in a global world. We, in the department, are especially proud of Sameeksha, who was declared the topper in Economics across 711 colleges affiliated to the University of Mumbai and was conferred with the Dr. Lakshminarayan K. Mudra Bhartiya Memorial prize by the University for the same.

A Session on *Mutual Funds* by Krutika Mehta (July 2019), another one by Omkar Dange (July 2019) on *Options, Futures and the Share Market* and a wonderfully inspiring session for our young, final-year students of Financial Economics by Shyamantak Mondal (Oct 2019) on the *Knotty Areas of Derivatives*, were all wonderfully and ably organised by Chaitali Shah.

Prof. R. Ramkumar from TISS (31 July 2019) exposed our students to the very contemporary topic *Agrarian Distress in India*, pondering over whether or not loan waivers were a solution to it. This was an *Arthiki* initiative.

Students and staff attended two public lectures in the first week in August, organised by the University Department of Economics (MSEPP). The first was the M.L. Dantwala Memorial lecture, in which Kaushik Basu of Cornell University, spoke about the *Dynamics of Law, Economics and the Control of Corruption*. The second, the D.T. Lakdawala Memorial lecture, delivered by Prof. Maitreesh Ghatak from the London school of Economics, was on *The Role of Income Transfer in India's Anti-poverty strategy: An inclusive Growth Dividend*.

Students also attended lectures held outside the Wilson campus. About 30 students attended a talk on *The Environment* (J. Jasani), the D.R. Gadgil Memorial lecture, witnessing Sudhir Mungantiwar opine on issues of Finance,

and a very interesting interaction with Abijit Banerjee and Duflo (January 2020) on *Good Economics for Hard Times*.

Our dynamic department, continued this year again with a gap, under the agile leadership of Dr. Masarguppi, a course to be conducted every Saturday, beginning 10 Aug 2019 to be carried through till the 22nd of Feb 2020. The course *Quantitative Analysis for Social Science* was a joint venture of *Arthiki* (the ECONOMICS FORUM of the Department of Economics) and IQAC.

Arthiki, in collaboration with the Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work, was also instrumental in organising a one-day crash course in Research Methodology (25 AUG 2019). The session was conducted by Dr. Manasi Bawdekar of C.S.W.N.N.

Arthiki and the Dean of Students helped in the conduct of the A.D. Shroff Memorial Elocution competition (21 Sept 2019). The topics slated for the competition were 1) *Quest towards inclusive growth in India* 2) *Health for all: reforming national health policy* and

3) *Role of modern citizen in Indian democracy*. The judges, Prof. V. Mathew (English dept), Prof. (Dr.) Biraj Mehta (Philosophy dept) and Gayatri Nayak (Economic Times) declared Shashank Yadav of TYBA Economics, as the best speaker.

The Department organised two visits during the course of this academic year. First was the visit to Jawar (Jhaap pada) on 7 Dec 2019 with the intent of sensitising our students to the socio-economic conditions and the way of life of tribal communities. This was organised by *Arthiki* in tandem with the RAAH foundation, the inspiring force behind this activity being Dr. Masarguppi. The second was an overnight educational excursion with 40 of our final-year graduating students to Phansu, a village in the Ratnagiri district in Maharashtra. Gaurav Ghadi and Suniti Pethe accompanied the class on this tour.

Reporting on faculty-related activities: Dr. Anjali Masarguppi (at the behest of Raheja College) was involved in an Academic Collaboration Activity, providing guidance to the TYBA Economics students of L.S. Raheja college of Arts and Commerce, for Mathematical Economics and Econometrics.

Awaiting publication (March 2020) is an article sent by Dr. Masarguppi to the MEDC digest, entitled *Why Vocational Training is so Significant in India Given that India has the Largest Young Population in the World*.

Gaurav Ghadi and Suniti Pethe attended a two-day Seminar on *The State of Maharashtra's Economy* on the 5 and 6 of March 2020.

Ms. Parunya Victor was welcomed as our latest addition to the teaching faculty of the department.

Suniti Pethe, Head, Department of Economics, with considerable inputs from Arthiki'-Hardik Sen, Preksha Jain, Shashank Yadav, and Krutik Mehta

English

The number of students enrolling for the third-year degree course in Literature crossed the half century with 54 students registering with the Department of English. We, as the faculty of the department were encouraged to rise to the constant challenges of inspiring students to rediscover the joy of reading in today's digital world and guide such a large class to hone their writing skills. Shruti Vanjare who stood first in class for the TYBA University Examination has opted to study further by enrolling with St Paul's Institute of Communication Education for a post graduate diploma in Journalism. Nayanika Bose stood first in English at the second year and Shaikh Amaan topped the first year. Fatima Arsiwala was found to fulfil all the criteria for the award of The Vimla Joshi Award for the year 2019-20 for the Most Deserving Female Student in the Third Year English Literature Class. We congratulate them for their success.

Meenakshi Paul was welcomed as our latest addition to the teaching faculty of the English Department. Ruby Malshe, one of our faculty members, a published novelist, poet and short-story writer continues to be an avid blogger, regularly posting inspirational blogs at entitled *thoughtfulwhispers @ anindianwriter.blogspot.com*. She has been appointed as the editor of the Wilsonian

We at the department make every attempt to inspire students to go beyond the demands of the syllabus: to read further and apply the theories learned to real life situations. We make every attempt to deliver our lectures using innovative teaching methodology like music, maps, class presentations and film screenings. The Master class series lecture on Representation and Documentation of Bodies in Performance vis-a-vis Mainstream Cinema in collaboration with K C. College has been held without a break for the past decade. Although thoroughly planned for the current Academic year, the same had to be put on hold as the resource person Michaela Nocker from Hanoi University was under travel restrictions. As part of the Peer Mentoring Session, Ms Mathew invited four second-year

students, Mitali Bhasin, Amaan Shaikh, Sakina Tarwadi and Priyanjana Deora, to conduct a session on how to prepare for the examination for the First Year Literature students on 11th February 2020.

Syllabus-related films were screened for students of all classes. Class presentations, role play, poetry writing, performance and preparation of short videos by students formed part of the teaching methodology that we continue to use at the department.

Student Activities:

Educational Tour to the Jaipur Literature Festival:

The highlight of this academic year was the study tour to the Jaipur Literature Festival for which a group of 22 students travelled to Jaipur between the 22nd and 28th of January 2020. Braving the cold, the students excitedly planned and attended as many sessions as they could with panellists consisting of well-known authors: the clear favourites were Jeet Thayil, Shashi Tharoor, Shoba De, Abhinav Chandrachud and Varun Thomas, among others. The programme comprised of parallel sessions often causing an overlap of chosen authors, forcing us to unfortunately have to choose from among the many equally exciting authors/sessions.

The students also found time to do a bit of sightseeing, visiting Hawa Mahal, the Sound and Light Show at Amer Fort, Albert Hall Museum, Nahargarh Zoological Park and Jantar Mantar.

We were happy to have had a short session on planning a career in Photography conducted by well-known photographer and alumnus of Wilson College, Dhruv Malhotra.

We place on record Vedika Mane's contribution to facilitation of the arrangements for the trip, the entire team of TY for retaining the camaraderie and ensuring everybody's safety and making sure a good time was had by all and, in particular, we are grateful to Maitreyi Banerji for using her good offices

for the confirmation of return tickets. Dr Philip was the staff coordinator for the trip.

Student Achievements:

The batch of 2019-20 stands out as the most proactive having participated in a large number of activities both within and outside college. The students proved their mettle in academics by presenting research papers, on the sports field, and in the cultural arena. Although this list is by no means comprehensive, a mention of the most outstanding follows. Priscilla Darngawn held the position of Secretary in the North East Collective, organizing many activities and programmes. Tryphene Fonsecapresented a poem titled *Clumsy Tales* at Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Conference held at Hyatt Regency on 28th August 2019. Vanshika Sawhney participated in Youth Parliament organized by the Political Science Association in the month of October 2019. Tryphene Fonseca and Mahima Kumar participated in the Model United Nations (MUN) organized by the Rotract Club in March 2020. Diandra Barretto, Tryphene Fonseca and Bijoy Shetty successfully completed the certificate course on documentary filmmaking organized by Department of Philosophy. Celine Rouse and Esther Pullanthara performed Beethoven's symphony No. 9 and choral fantasy for opening of the Opera House.

Awards Won by Students

Jayalaxmi Nair was adjudged one of five winners in The Stride of My Step Poetry Tournament 2019 organized by Dosti House- You American Space, U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai and Rochelle Potkar's Creative Collection, August 2019. Her poem "Women and Wonders" and a "Rose in the Graveyard" by Femy Charles were subsequently published in the anthology the "Stride Of My Step". Jayalaxmi's presentation of her poem was filmed and is currently available on the US Consulate's YouTube Channel, web-linked: <https://youtu.be/JDLkmiMArzg>

Conferences Attended by Students:

Maitreyi Banerji and Vanshika Sawhney actively participated in the RUSA-supported National Conference titled "Celebrating Indigenous Literature(s) in India", held on the 8th and 9th of January, 2020 organised by the Department of English, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai. Fatema Arsiwala was awarded the best volunteer award for her active contribution to the Nature Club as its Student Coordinator. The Team of the English Department named "Lit Gang" participated in the Inter class Futsal Tournament organized by the North-East Collective on the 3rd and 4th of December 2019. They secured

2nd position in the tournament and won a trophy along with a certificate and cash prize. Esther Pullanthara from the team was awarded the prize for the "Best Female Player". Several Students from the department participated in events held at the annual college sports day. Our relay team, comprising of Ritisha Davis, Esther Pullanthara, Mahima Kumar and Diandra Barretto secured 2nd position.

Papers Presented by Students: We are grateful to the Research Committee of Wilson College for having facilitated the student research papers through the academic year.

Maitreyi Banerji presented a research paper on *Wars and Women* and Diandra Barretto presented a paper on *Popular Culture and Gender Norms* in the *Genderlogue: Gender and Expression: Viewing varied Art Forms Through A Gender Lens* organised by Sophia Centre for Women's Studies and Development in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Delhi, on 31st July 2019 at Sophia College, Mumbai.

Vanshika Sawhney presented a research paper; *Engagement of Bhagavad Gita: Through the lens of Rabindranath Tagore*, at state level seminar organized by Department of Philosophy, S.P. College, and the late principal Somopant Dandekar Adhyasan S.P. Mandali, Pune which was held on 4th and 5th February 2020.

Poems performed by Students

Tryphene Fonseca a student from TYBA English Literature participated in a poetry reading competition organised as part of *Genderlogue: Gender and Expression: Viewing varied Art Forms Through A Gender Lens* held at Sophia College on 31st July, 2019. She presented the poem called *Entourage of We*, written in free verse portraying the slow and steady acceptance of gender fluidity and the battle for rights by the youth of today.

Programmes and Workshops Arranged by the Department:

On 18th November 2019, in collaboration with Tata Literaturelive@Campus and the Department of Political Science students had the opportunity to interact with international authors. Ukrainian novelist Andrey Kurkov, Hungarian poet Istavan Voros and International, Best Selling author, David Vann, whose works have been translated into 23 languages read extracts from their novels and poems.

Shantanu Anand of *Kommune* conducted a poetry writing workshop on 7th January 2020 followed by an Open Mic Session, tapping into the creative potential of the students and helping them to overcome stage fear.

In collaboration with Tata Literaturelive@Campus, we also had Professor Scott Higgins, current chair in the Film Studies Department at the Wesleyan University and curator of the Wesleyan Cinema Archives in conversation with Matthew Weiner, director, writer and executive producer of *Mad Men* and addressing the students on the *Power of Liberal Arts in Story-telling and Film-making*.

The department organised a one-day certificate course on *Speed Reading And Memory Building, the Race to Success*, conducted by Jyotsana Sawant, experiential-education trainer.

Since Short Story Writing is part of the first-year syllabus for Communication Skills, Ms Lee Krishnan, of Diamond Jubilee High School was invited to share her expertise in creative writing with a group of 42 first-year students on 13th February 2020, culminating in an impressive output of short poems composed by them. We are grateful to her Principal, Ms Nutanlyer for readily agreeing to grant Ms Lee permission to conduct this workshop and alumnus of our department Shahid Shaik for recommending Ms Lee. The workshop was fascinating and many students drew inspiration from it. Vinita was the teacher who coordinated the session.

Dr Michelle Philip: Activities facilitated and Personal Achievements

Dr Philip was appointed as the external PhD examiner by the University of Hyderabad for judging and conducting a PhD Viva Voce.

She designed and taught a course on *Visual Culture and the Art of Making Meaning* for SPICE, Bandra.

Career Oriented Talks:

Alumnus Jeffrey D'Silva the author of *Love Me Tender* addressed the third-year students on 2nd January, 2020, sharing his experiences as a first-time novelist and giving them tips on how to translate their dreams of becoming writers into a reality.

Paper Presentation/Conferences Attended

Dr Michelle Philip attended the International Conference on Gender and Women's Studies on 16th and 17th June, 2019 at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia and presented a paper entitled *Disability and Desire: Research into the Portrayal of Sexuality among the Female Disabled in Mainstream Cinema*. She chaired a session on *Studies on Women and Culture* and was a member of the panel and resource person for the Students' Circle.

Dr Philip presented her paper on Lady Macbeth at the Queen's University Belfast Conference on *Women and Indian Shakespeares* and attended the conference held between 30th October and 1st November 2019 at Ireland. The title of her paper was *Indianising Lady Macbeth: A Study of Shakespeare's Greatest Female Villain as the Archetype of the Terrible Mother*.

Keynote Speaker:

The Strength of a Woman delivered as a sermon at Taylor Memorial Church, Byculga on 1st December, 2019 on the occasion of Women's Fellowship Sunday.

Chief Guest and Resource Person for two-day *Film Festival and Workshop* at D.B.J. College, Chiplun, 17th and 18th February, 2020. Keynote address delivered on *The Adaptation of Literature to Cinema*. Films screened were *The Hours* adapted from Michael Cunningham's novel of the same name, *Maqbool*, from Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and *My Fair Lady*, adapted from G.B. Shaw's Play, *Pygmalion*. All screenings were preceded by an introduction on the adaptation of the form and followed by a lecture and discussion on the nuances of the films conducted by Dr Philip.

Invitation to Judge:

Dr Philip was invited to judge the Elocution Competition of the Bandra Gymkhana held on 24th August, 2019, Organoleptic Evaluation of Preserved Food conducted by the Department of Botany on 14th January 2020 and the Poetry Writing Competition for Department of Botany festival, *Cornucopia* held on 30th January, 2020.

Courses Completed: As part of the attempt for life-long learning Dr Philip has successfully completed the following Certificate Courses with BICAR Institute:

- What is Contemporary-20 hours
- Psychoanalysis 20 hours
- Feminism 20 hours

Workshops Conducted:

Training of Teachers (T.O.T.) for the Student Induction Program (S.I.P.) on The Creative Use of Film for Student Mentoring held on 21st June, 2019.

Academic and Report Writing for the Cooperative Education Program held on 15th June 2019.

Wilson Junior College Arts' Circle, lecture on *Introducing Shakespeare and A Mid-Summer Night's Dream* to the Junior College Students.

Community and Academic Outreach Activities

Dr Philip was elected to the Board of Directors of the Bombay YMCA in September 2019. The YMCA is the oldest existing NGO in the world that provides yeoman service to local communities. She is currently the Chairperson of the Bandra Branch and the KharDanda Centre of the YMCA and continues to serve as a member of several committees of the YMCA, including Sharan, a shelter for destitute women and children. The Syrian Orthodox Church of Mumbai invited her to be a member of the core committee for setting up a new University called the Orthodox University. Dr Philip is coordinator for setting up courses in Languages and Media

Vinita Mathew

Workshops/Conference Attended:

Ms Mathew attended workshops on 'Assessment Methodology Under Revised Norms by NAAC at R.S. Raheja College on 22nd June 2019, on 'Graphic Narratives' organized by Avid Learning at Essar House on 24th August 2019, and on 'The Making of Bombay' organized by the Asiatic Society of Mumbai on 7th December 2019. She attended the National Conference on 'Celebrating Indigenous Literatures' at St. Xavier's College. 8th and 9th January 2020.

Invited to Judge:

Ms Mathew was invited to judge the CEP Presentations in June 2019, she was a member of the jury for Poetry at the Tata Literature Live! 360@Campus in October 2019. She also judged the A.D. Shroff Elocution Contest on 21st November 2019

Miscellaneous:

Facilitated scholarships for five deserving girl students from an Organisation through the good offices of an alumnus, mobilized students to volunteer for the TATA Literature Live event and at the Asiatic Society. Vinita Mathew facilitated collection of food and clothing as flood relief for the victims of the Assam Flood.

Veronica Bhosle

Ms. Veronica Bhosle continues to be the Dean of Women Students and serves as a member of Internal Complaints Committee. She stepped aside as Editor of the Wilsonian for personal reasons.

Activities of the Junior College:

The teachers of the Junior College carried out the following activities. A Medical Camp was organised on the 17th of

July 2019 along with the Medical Aid Dept, the IQAC and the NSS unit in collaboration with Mr Vir Choksi and his team from the HealthSpring (Kemps Corner Unit). More than two hundred staff members benefitted from the camp along with students. Another talk on Health Education was organised on 21st August 2019 with experts from The Jaslok Hospital exclusively for students.

On 26th August 2019, a talk was organised in collaboration with the IQAC entitled 'CLIMATE CHANGE, WHAT I CAN DO' conducted by C.E.R.E. INDIA (Centre for Environmental Research and Education). The speaker was Ms Janjiri Jasani Head of Sustainability Services. In August Junior College students participated in the district elocution competition at Andhra College Wadala, organised by the 'jillakrida Adhikari karyalay' called YUVAJAGAR with topics relating to Maharashtra having the tagline "Maharashtravar bolo kahi". It was a good experience for our students. On 31st August, the Junior College Students were given a brief understanding of Disaster Management and how to handle fire extinguishers. This was done in collaboration with the Disaster Management Committee of our college.

Ms Ruby Malshe was invited to judge and evaluate the organoleptic parameters of preserved food presented by the TYBSc students of horticulture and gardening. She was also invited to be the Chief Guest for the Library Annual prize distribution function. She has been the convenor of the Junior college exam committee, one of the Deputy Conductors of the HSC Examinations and on the library and the Cultural Committee. She has also been Appointed as the Editor of the college magazine for this academic year.

Ms Kshama Jayaraj was invited to judge the poster Painting competition organised by the Arts circle and was invited to judge the essay writing competition organised for the Final Year students of the Hotel Management Institutions in Mumbai as part of an event for the Kitchen Hygiene and Sanitation Pavilion 2020. She is also appointed as the Board Member of the Mumbai YMCA. She has conducted a workshop on 'Creativity in Education' for the staff of St Columba School as well as the staff of Wilson High School and has conducted a collaborative online interaction between Wilson High School, and Wilson College students along with students from the Ramat Yitzhak Nesher school in Israel. She has been the Chief Guest for the Annual function at the Nav Jeevan Balwadi Annual program at Raigad, Pen. She was also invited to talk on 'women empowerment and the future of India' to the staff of Saifee Hospital on 9th March 2020.

Dr. Michelle Philip, Head, Dept. of English

History

The activities of the department for this year are as follows:

Bridge and Guest Lectures

The following lectures were held during the academic year, 2019-2020.

- 13th July 2019 –Dr.Konde, from the Botany department, on Botany and Archaeology.
- 17th September 2019 – Mr. Mahesh Shetty from Physics department on Carbon Dating.
- 1st January, 2020, Mr.Sudhakar Solomonraj of the Political Science Department, on Bio-diversity of Sahyadri range
- 13th August, 2019 a guest lecture by Mr.Hardik Vora was conducted on careers in tourism for students of the Applied Component, Travel and Tourism and for TYBA students.
- 18th September, 2019, a team from the travel agency, Thomas Cook, conducted a session on careers in Tourism for students of Travel and Tourism and the TYBA students.

Field Visits

- 13th July, 2019 – National Museum of Indian Cinema for TYBA students.
- 20th August 2019 – RBI Monetary Museum for the SYBA students.
- 21st December, 2019- one day visit to historical places in Mumbai, for FYBA and TYBA students.

Outreach

- On 14th December, 2019, about 80 students and the teachers of the department with chapel volunteers and Chaplain Revd Arpana Rangaiyya visited Aasha Daan, a Home for the Destitute. While students and chapel volunteers entertained the residents, the chaplain prayed for them. The students also handed over items of daily necessities like tea, soap, liquid disinfectants, clothes, biscuits, sweets etc to the Institute. It was a very moving experience for many students.

Institution of Late Hemkant Mishra Award for Excellence.

On 23rd November, 2019, the family of the Late Hemkant Mishra, who was an alumnus of the department of History,

batch of 1983-84, instituted an award in his memory for the topper of TYBA in the subject of History. A get-together and felicitation was organized by the Department. This was attended by the family members and friends of Mr. Mishra as well as former heads of the department of History, Dr. David and Dr. Malhotra, parents of Bushra Shaikh, faculty from other departments and Principal Dr. Nikalje.

Ms. Bushra Shaikh was the proud recipient of the very first award comprising a certificate, a trophy and a cash prize of Rs.51,000/-. Mrs. Vidya Mishra briefed students about studying in America at the function.

Workshops, Seminars attended by Faculty and Students

The students and teachers of the department attended the following seminars:

- On 29th November, 2019, Ms. Aarati Manerikar and Ms. Rita Chettiar, TYBA and FYBA students attended an International Symposium on Intangible Cultural Heritage at the Asiatic Society.
- On 7th December Ms. Aarati Manerikar, Ms. Rita Chettiar, Ms. Payal Bhattad, TYBA, SYBA and FYBA students attended the very first Tikekar Memorial Lecture organized by Asiatic Society at Wilson College. Dr. Kurush Dalal and Mr. Rajan Jayakar were the speakers.
- On 10th January 2020 Ms. Aarati Manerikar, Ms. Rita Chettiar and Ms. Payal Bhattad attended a workshop on 'Constructing objectives, Competencies and Assessment Rubrics' organized by IQAC Wilson College.
- On 18th January, 2020 Ms. Aarati Manerikar and Ms. Rita Chettiar attended a workshop on the new CAS Guidelines organized by Wilson College in collaboration with University of Mumbai.
- On 29th January, 2020, TYBA students attended a workshop on Warli Painting organized by Lala Lajpat Rai College.
- On 1st February, 2020, TYBA students attended a seminar on Textile History and a workshop on Tie and Dye technique at Guru Nanak College.

Paper presentations and Guest Lectures by Faculty

- On 15th February, 2020, Ms. Rita Chettiar presented a paper on 'Assistive Technologies' at Tipnis College, Neral.

- On 23rd December, 2020, Ms. Payal Bhattad delivered a lecture on 'Learning to Fly' at Thakur College of Commerce, Kandivali.

Winners of Inter-Collegiate Paper Presentation Competition and Festivals

The teachers of the department encourage and guide students to participate in various Inter-Collegiate competitions. This year our students won the following competitions.

- On 3rd January, the following students won 2nd position in a skit competition at the Ruia College History Festival. The students were asked to present a historical event with a different ending.

The winning participants were-

Pratiksha Sawant TYBA
Prasenjit Gaikwad TYBA
Vibhuti Sawant SYBA
Mukund Palyekar FYBA
Shrutayu Ghadge FYBA

- On 16th January, two teams of FY and SY students won the second prize for Paper Presentations at Jhunjhunwala College. Their theme was Paintings.

- Anamika Gupta (SYBA), Rohit Gupta (FYBA), Atharva Kanthi (FYBA) presented a paper on 'Gond Painting'
- Divya Joshi and Shrutika Wadkar of SYBA presented a paper on 'Chitrakathi'.

Screenings

The following films and documentaries were screened for students:

Korea in Cold War, American Occupation of Japan, Tashkent Files, Bajirao Mastani, Panipat, Rabbit Proof Fence etc.

Certificate Course

The department, in collaboration with the Asiatic Society of Mumbai, conducted a course on **Indian Numismatics and Scripts** for the students of TYBA and SYBA between 8th February to 3rd March 2020. Eighteen students participated in the course this year. Participants visited CSMVS and Kuda caves to learn more about Brahmi inscriptions and to enable them to read the same.

Ms. Aarati Manerikar
Head, Dept. of History

Hindi

Sr. No.	DATE	NAME OF PROGRAM
1	14-9-2019	PPT Presentation on Career & Hindi, i.e. on <i>Hindi me Ujjawal Bhavishya Ki Sambhawanaayen</i>
2	30-8-2019	Radio Jockey Anurag Pandey Ka Sakshatkaar (Interview)
3	16-9-2019	1) Extempore Competition 2) Rap Song Competition
4	17-9-2019	Essay Writing Competition
5	18-9-2019	Debate Competition on <i>Kya Vartman Sarkar Ki Nitiyan Hindutva vaadi Hain?</i>
6	19-9-2019	1) Poetry Recitation Competition 2) Speech Competition on - (a) <i>Dhara 370 Hatane Ki Anivaryataa</i> (b) <i>Rajniti Me Mahilaon Ka Aarakshan Kitna Aavashyak</i>
7	12-12-2019	<i>Dastangoion Nazir-Benazi</i> Collaborated with Urdu Carvan
8	14-12-2019	Visited <i>Ashadaan</i> with FYBA & SYBA Hindi Students with History Department

9	17-12-2019	Special Guest Lecture on <i>Jammu Kashmir: Sach To Yahi Hai</i> Resource Person: Ex-Vice Principal & HOD of St. Xavier's College Dr. Asha Naithani Dayma
10	8-1-2020	Group Discussion at <i>Aakashwani</i> (All India Radio) on Generation Gap, Title- <i>Nokia Se One Plus Tak</i>
11	21-1-2020	National Level <i>Qawwalion Kabir</i> in collaboration with Urdu Carvan

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HINDI (2019-20)

The Department of Hindi conducted various educational and literary activities and competitions to generate interest among students towards Hindi language and literature. The Department successfully achieved these goals by organizing the following activities and competitions:

- Students Ms. Varsha Singh & Mr. Rahul Singh won 2nd prize at the Intercollegiate Quiz Competition organized by State Bank of India with a cash prize of Rs.40,000/-
- Students won many prizes in different literary competitions held at Inter-collegiate levels organized by

B. M. Ruia Girls College , R.N. Ruia College, K.J. Somaiya College, SIES College, Jhunjhunwala College, Bhawan's College, and K. C. College.

- Ms. Neha Sexenawon first prize at various singing competitions held at many colleges in Mumbai.
- Our students of F.Y.B.A. and S.Y.B.A. participated in National Seminars at Hindustani Prachar Sabha, K.C. College and R.N. Ruia College.

Faculty Activities

Dr. Satyawati Chaubey

- Dr. Satyawati Chaubey was awarded First prize in Critics Writing 'Nand Dulare Bajpayee Award Swarn Purskaar' by Maharashtra Rajya Hindi Sahitya Academy, Mumbai.
- She was invited as a Chief Guest in Akbar Peerbhoy College of Commerce & Economics, Grant Road on the occasion of Hindi Diwas Celebration on 21st September, 2019.
- She judged a debate and poetry recitation competition on the occasion of 'Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Festival' in Kendriya Vidyalaya-3 on 29th August 2019.

- She was granted recognition by the University of Mumbai to teach post-graduate courses.
- She prepared S.Y.B.A. study material for the IDOL, University of Mumbai.
- On 21st January, 2020, she organized a Qawwali Programme on the occasion of 'Kabir Fest', was highly appreciated by the guest of honour and around 200 students who attended the event.
- She organized 'Nazir-Benazeer' Poetic-Dramatic Program on 12th December, 2020 in which around 150 students participated.
- She organized a Special Guest Lecture on *Jammu Kashmir: Sach To Yahi Hai* by Dr. Asha Naithani Dayma, the resource person, Former Vice Principal and Hindi H.O.D. of St. Xavier's College.
- She motivated and prepared the students to participate in different literary competitions held at Inter-Collegiate levels organized by B. M. Ruia Girls College, R.N. Ruia College, Jai-Hind College, K.J. Somaiya College, SIES College, Jhunjhunwala College, Bhawan's College and K. C. College etc.

Research Articles published in Books-9

Sr. No	Name of The Book/ Magazine	Title of The Articles	Publisher & Place	Year of Publication	ISBN/ISSN No.
1	<i>Adhunik Hindi Sahitya Ki Vaicharik Prishthabhumii</i>	<i>Navjagaran Ke Agradoot: Bharatendu</i>	Naman Prakashan New Delhi	2019	978-81-942507-1-5
2	<i>Suryabala Ka Katha Sahitya</i>	<i>Prawasi Jeevan Ki Sangharsh Gatha 'Kaun Desh Ko Wasi</i>	Aman Prakaashan	2019	In Process (ISBN Awaited)
3	<i>Kavitambara Varanasi Oct-Dec, 2019</i>	<i>Nayee Sadi Ke Swar : Naye Pratimaan</i>	Swami, Prakashak, Heeralal Madhukar, Vanarashi	2019	2457-0613 RNI Reference No-1327490 UPHIN/2017/73712
4	<i>Kavitambara Varanasi</i>	<i>Dushyant Kumar Ki Gazalon Ki Vaividhyta</i>	Swami, Prakashak, Heeralal Madhukar, Vanarashi	2019	Swami, Prakashak, Heeralal Madhukar, Vanarashi
5	<i>Anbhai</i>	<i>Ikkisavin Sadi Ke Bharat Me Gandhivaad Ki Upyogita</i>		2019	On Process (ISSN Awaited)
6	<i>Jan-Bhasha</i>	<i>Bhaavviihval Hindi</i>	Paridrishya Prakashan, Mumbai	2019	Local

7	Sameechin	Kamlesh BakshiKrit 'Neel Gagan Tale' Ka Sameekshatmak Adhyayan	National Magazine Published from Mumbai Region	2019	ISSN No. - 2250-2335
8	Abhideshak	VaigyanikVishyon Par AadhaaritKavitayen	Sultaanpur, UP	2019	RNI Reference No-1327490 RUPHIN48662,
9	Sameechin	Prahasan Aur Dr. Shrawan Kumar Goswami	National Magazine Published from Mumbai Region	2019	ISSN No. – 2250-2335

Paper Presented in Seminars

Sr. No	Name of The Seminar	Title of The Paper	Level	Date	Organized By
1	Ishwar Allah Tero Naam	Vartmaandaur me Ishwar Allah Tero Naam Ki Mahatta	One-day National Seminar	14 th March, 2020	Hindustani Prachar Sabha Churni Road
2	Ikkisavin Sadi Ki Chunautiyaan Aur Gandhi Tatha Hindi Sahitya	Bazaar Kendrit Samaaj Ke Daur Me Gandhi Chintan Ki Prasangikta	Two-day National Seminar	2-3 March,2020	Jhunjunwala College
3	Jaishankar Prasad Ka Sahitya: VividhAayaam	Jaishankar Prasad Ka Geeti Kavya	One-day National Seminar	30 th January 2020	M.R.H.S.A. & K.C.College
4	Ahindi Bhashi Kshetro Men Hindi Adhyayan Aur Adhyapan Ki Sthiti	Ahindi Bhashi Kshetro Men Hindi Adhyayan Aur Adhyapan	One- day National Seminar	11 th January 2020	Hindustani Prachar Sabha Churni Road
5	Ahimsha Ka SthanAajKeSamay Me	AhimshaAur Mahatma Gandhi	Two-day International Seminar	9 th September 2019	Hindustani Prachar Sabha Churni Road
6	Samkaleen Katha SaahityaAur Kamlesh Bakhshi	Neel Gagan Tale Yatravritant Ka Awlokan	One-day National Seminar	22 nd August 2019	R.N.Ruia College Mumbai
7	Rachanakaar Premchand	Upanyaas Samrat Premchand	One-day National Seminar	31 st July 2019	M.R.H.S.A. & Jai Hind College

Junior College: Dr Poonam Patwa

Was appointed as subject expert to the Board of Studies by the S.N.D.T. University.

Served as a resource person at J.S.M. College Alibagon 27th September, 2019, for the F.Y.J.C. revised Hindi question paper.

Invited as coordinator for various competitions of Mumbai PrantiyaRashrabhashaPrachar Sabha of St. Xavier's College on 30th September, 2019.

Invited to judge Elocution Competitions at Maharashtra College on 15th July, 2019, Nitin Godiwala Junior College of Commerce on 11th Dec 2019, and at Rizvi College on 18th January, 2020.

Presented book reviews of Shree Ram Naik's, *Charaivati Charaivati*, on 9th Oct 2019 and *Haste Dard* by Vasudev Tiwari, on 7th March, 2020.

Presented a research paper at the state-level seminar entitled, *Chalchitraaur Hindi Sahitya*, at Sindhudurg

JilhaShikshanPrsarak Mandal, Sawantwadi 's Pancham Khemraj Mahavidyalaya on 10th Jan 2020

Dr Patwa has published the story, *Nafarat*, for Gulmohar (ISBN

978 - 93- 89914-04-7)and the novel, *SmeekshakiDeeshaye*, for Hindi Sahitya.

Dr. Satyawati Chaubey
Head, Dept. of Hindi

Marathi

Student Activities

The Marathi Department organized The Dr. M. M. Altekar Memorial Essay Writing Competition on 13th August. The topics were as follows:

- 1) *BhakriAani Chandra*
- 2) *PaniAaniBarachKahi*
- 3) *'Ek Gypsy Aahhe Mazya Khol Manat Dadun...'*
- 4) *Asa/Ashi mi, Kasa/Kashi mi?*

The prize winners were:

The Department organized The Dr. M. M. Altekar Memorial debate competition on 7th January, on the topic *Marathi Bhasheche Bhavitavya: Ujjawalki Andhakarmay?* The team, which argued in favour of *Ujjawal* won.

The following students won prizes at the debate:

1st Prize	Ms. Pratiksha Sawant	T.Y.B.A.
2nd Prize	Mr. Chaitanya Parte	F.Y.B.A.
3rd Prize	Mr. Sakshay Pradhan	F.Y.B.A.

Enrichment Lecture

The Department organized an enrichment lecture on *Partition of India: Causes and Effects* based on the syllabus of F.Y.B.A. Marathi ANC-Paper I, *Kumpanapalikadala Desh : Pakistan, Pravasvarnan*, by Ms. Manisha Tikekar) Sem II on 5th February. The lecture was delivered by Mrs. Payal Bhattad, History Dept., Wilson College. The lecture was very informative and helped the students understand the historical and socio-political aspects of the topic in great depth.

Screening

The Department screened the Marathi film *Bhai: VyaktiAani Valli*, based on the life journey of renowned Marathi writer Mr. P. L. Deshpande, on 10th August. Students enjoyed the film a lot. It also helped them to understand the different aspects of life of Mr. P. L. Deshpande.

Educational Visit

The Department arranged an Educational Visit to *Mumbai Marathi GranthaSangrahalaya*, Dadar E. Mumbai, one of the oldest libraries of Marathi books in Maharashtra, on 2019.

Marathi Bhasha Pandhravda

Marathi Bhasha Pandhravda was celebrated by the department as per the State Government guidelines, in the first half of January, 2020.

- On 13th January, students of F.Y.B.A. and S.Y.B.A. Marathi, presented information about different forms of literature in Marathi. Akanksha Puradkar (F.Y.B.A.)- Poetry, Sakshi Kale (F.Y.B.A.)- Pravasvarnan, Hritika Pashte (S.Y.B.A.)- Novel, Ashwini Bhund (S.Y.B.A.)- Atmakathan. It was followed by the presentation of each literary form from different books.
- The Department also conducted a screening of a famous Malvani Drama *Pandgoilo re bailo* on 15th January. Malvani is one of the main dialects of Marathi. This was a step to inculcate love for dialects of Marathi in students.

International Mother Language Day

The Department celebrated International Mother Language Day which was supposed to be celebrated as 'MATRUBHASHA DIVAS' (as per UGC guideline) on 24th February, 2020. A group of North-Eastern students of F.Y.B.A. was invited to give a short speech in their mother tongue. Julee Tingnamei, Lungthui Chawang, and Demngam Mawon participated. It was a great privilege to hear languages like Manipuri, Tangkhul, Liangmai from the North-Eastern region. Hyun Cheol (F.Y.B.A.) delivered a speech in his mother tongue, Korean, Sanket Muzumdar (F.Y.B.A.) in Bengali and in Assamese and Joel from F.Y.B.A. , in Tamil. All these students presented information about themselves and about the culture of the language they spoke. It was a great pleasure to listen to such beautiful languages. I acknowledge the help and support of Prof. Ms. Ayeshna Datta of the Sociology Department, which made this session possible.

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

Ms. Swati Mahindrakar was welcomed as our latest addition to the teaching faculty of the department.

Ms. Rashmi Satpute
In-charge Dept. of Marathi

Philosophy

The department activities for the academic year 2019-2020 began with Yoga Day celebrations on 21st June, 2019. Dr. Apoorva ShenoI conducted a session on 'Yoga and its Benefits, and Yogic Diet'.

On 31st July, 2019, Dr. Sai Bhatawadekar conducted a session with reference to her work 'A Midnight Bollywood's Dream: Project, Process and Performance'. The lecture focussed on the films that have been inspired by Shakespeare's plays. The speaker analysed how art forms influence each other and introduced the participants to the birth of different interactive theatre art forms.

Seven students from Wilson College participated in an intercollegiate seminar titled *Genderlogue 2019*, a one-day seminar organized by the Gender Cell of Sophia College, Mumbai, on 31st July, 2019, where students from different colleges participated in varied events. Six students presented research papers on gender issues and 1 student participated in photography. Alan Johnson from TYBA won the 1st prize for photography and Mitali Bhasin and Hamza Shaikh from SYBA won the 1st prize for research paper presentation.

Mr. Vinay Dabholkar, discussed J. Krishnamurthy's views on Freedom at a session conducted on 16th August, 2019.

Ambedkar's *The Annihilation of Caste* was the topic of interaction in Prof. Anantakumar Giri's session conducted on 29th August, 2019, highlighting the need and relevance of this important work. In *The Annihilation of Caste*, Ambedkar had raised many profound questions with respect to caste.

Ms. Hasina Khan, associated with the Bebaak Collective, conducted a two-day workshop entitled 'Women and Law' on 3rd and 25th August, 2019. It was an interactive session with discussion about various gender laws through case studies and examples. Hasina Khan shared her own experiences, making the session more comprehensible for the students.

The students of TYBA organised a Fresher's party on 22nd August, 2019. They conducted ice-breaking sessions, prepared games and quizzes and shared their personal journey into Philosophy.

The Department of Philosophy initiated a certificate course on 'Introduction to Documentary and Experimental Films' which was directed by Mrs. Shumona Goel, Mrs. Jeroo Mulla and Prof. Kanchana Mahadevan. The course began on

13th August, 2019 and was completed on 29th November, 2019, comprising of 17 sessions. The content of the film course were as follows:

- Discussion of the text 'In the Praise of Shadows' by Junichiro Tanizaki.
- Screening of Experimental Film- Placebo
- Screening of 3 short films- 'From Romance to Ritual' by Peggy Ahwesh, 'The House is Black' by Feroz Farrokhzad, 'I am Micro' by Shumona Goel.
- Screening of Documentary- 'Reminiscences of a Journey to Luthania' by Jonas Mekas.
- Screening of Film- 'PatharPanchali' by Satyajit Ray.
- Discussion of Propaganda Film- 'Triumph of the will' by Leni Riefenstahl
- Discussion of Documentary Film- 'Shoach' by Claude Lanzmann

The discussions revolved around spectator theories, Deleuzian notions of time and movement, etc.

The new semester began with a workshop on the, 'Introduction to Greek Philosophy,' conducted by Prof. Aakash Singh Rathore, a philosopher and author of eight books, and regular contributor to The Indian Express and Outlook magazine. Prof. Rathore has taught at Jawaharlal Nehru University, the Universities of Delhi, Rutgers, Pennsylvania, Toronto, Humboldt Berlin, LUISS-Rome, and Jindal Global University. The workshop was attended by students of Wilson College, K.J. Somaiya, Bhavans, Universities of Mumbai and Pune.

Dr. Ketki Ranade, from the Centre of Mental Health and Social work, TISS (Mumbai Campus), conducted a session on 'Questioning Heteronormativity, with reference to her contribution to the book 'Growing Up Gay In Urban India'. The workshop was attended by students from Wilson College, I.Y. College, B.N.N College, Jai Hind College, K.C. College, Podar College, St. Andrew's College, Bedekar College, Sophia College, Ruparel College, Mumbai University and participants from M.A.W.A.

The class of TYBA Philosophy organized a two-day educational visit to Palghar on the 1st and 2nd February, 2020, residing at Nivant Agro Experience. The place holds the potential to experience nature through recreational

activities, highlighting rural ways of life. The whole experience was rejuvenating. Students were introduced to the culture of the location and its art through shared experiences of the local community of the place.

A State-level seminar was organized by S.P. College, Pune at which 6 students from SYBA and 4 students from TYBA (Philosophy) presented research papers on the topics, *Bhagwat Gita and Human Rights*. Ayush Srivastava from TYBA won the 2nd prize and Christie D'Silva and Pooja Kulkarni from SYBA bagged the 3rd prize.

Dr. Geeta Mehta was invited to share her experience on 'Sarvodaya through Bhoodan' and her active participation in the *padyatra* with Vinoba Bhave at the guest lecture hosted by the department on 20th February, 2020.

Taking the momentum of the film course workshop forward, the department initiated 'The Film Club' which aims to use films as a medium to initiate conversation around socio-economic developments. The film club also aims to engage and foster a space where individuals can share their ideas, thoughts which can enable us to understand each other better and build a sense of solidarity. During the initial sessions, films that dealt with the politics of the present and identity were screened. In the later sessions, the focus was on the theme of love, through different films across myriad regions of the world. The films that were screened were *Dekh Tamasha Dekh* (2014), *The Great Dictator* (1940), *Her* (2014), *Fire* (1996), *Amour* (2013) and *Parasite* (2019).

The Film Club, in collaboration with the Political Science Association and Pedestrian Pictures, organized a series of documentary screenings titled *Fragments of Hope* from 22nd February, 2020 to 28th February, 2020. One of the sessions was moderated by Mr. Somnath Waghmare, director of *The Battle of Bhima Koregaon*, which was the highlight of the series.

Staff Achievements:

Dr Harsha Badkar was nominated to the Board of Studies for Logic and Philosophy in December, 2019. She was invited as the V C Nominee and Subject Expert for CAS interviews at Sathye College on the 26th August, 2019.

Dr Badkar delivered the Presidential Address on "History of Philosophy" at the 94th Session of the Indian Philosophical Congress on the 9th-11th March 2020 at North-Eastern Hills University (NEHU).

Workshops and Seminars Attended

Workshop on Women and Law on the 3rd and 4th August, 2019, at Wilson College.

Two-Day International Symposium for Action on *Is Mahatma Gandhi Possible?* Held on 30th and 31st August, 2019, at K C College.

Participated in the 4th Asian African Philosophy Conference held on 7th and 8th March, 2020, at North-Eastern Hills University (NEHU).

Keynote lecture by Herman Kretzschmar organized by Goethe Institut, Max Muller Bhavan on the 18th October, 2019, at NCPA, Mumbai.

Workshop on *Flipped Classroom* on the 22nd October, 2019, at Wilson College.

Workshop on *Introduction to Greek Philosophy* on the 25th and 26th November, 2019 conducted by Akash Singh Rathore at Wilson College.

Invitation as Resource Person:

One-day Conference on Hinduism on the 22nd September, 2019, at Basics of Inter Religious Dialogue (BIRD) Archdiocesan Commission for Inter-Religious Dialogue.

Talk on Understanding Leadership through Mahatma Gandhi's Footprints on the 1st October 2019, at SIES College.

Talk on Instruments of Peace -Gandhian Thought on the 2nd October 2019, at the Church of Our Lady of Dolours, Wadala.

Talk on Remembering Gandhiji on the 3rd October, 2019, Guru Nanak Khalsa College.

Chaired a Technical Session in a Multidisciplinary National Conference on "Rethinking Mahatma Gandhi in Present Context" on the 29th February, 2020, at Sonopant Dandekar College, Palghar.

Ms. Rashna Patel (2019-2020)

Workshops and Seminars Attended

International Symposium on *Current Research on Holistic Health and Well-Being* on 21st August, 2019 organized at Nagindas Khandwala College in collaboration with Loma Linda University, USA.

Workshop on *Coach Approach- A Workshop for Gen Z Teachers* on 18th November, 2019, conducted by Ms. Shammin.

Workshop on *Constructing Objectives, Competencies and Assessment Rubrics* on 10th January, 2020. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Andrea Coutinho and Dr. Ivan John from Sophia College.

Attended a talk on *New CAS Guidelines* on 18th January 2020 held at Wilson College.

Student-Related Activities

Organized a talk for SYBA students of Psychology on *Leadership* on 7th August, 2019 by Mr. Apollo Raj, Campus Director of Every Nation. The talk was well attended and appreciated by the students.

Organized a theatre performance on 20th August, 2019. MsUlka Mayur, gave a solo performance titled, *Cast off all Shame*. The performance highlighted the problems and issues faced by women, against a backdrop of Bhakti poetry.

Organized a session on *Listening Skills* with special reference to Counselling on a helpline, for SYBA psychology students on the 23rd August, 2019. The talk was delivered by Ms.Kamayani Bali.

Organized a prayer meeting in memory of Veterinary doctor Ms.Preeti Reddy (name changed) on 5th December, 2019. The prayer meeting was held on 15th January, 2020, led by Rev. Arpana Rangayy. Dr. Maya Kirpalani spoke on *Empowerment of Self in Daily Life*, in which she emphasized the need to distinguish between healthy and unhealthy relationships.

On 4th February, 2020, students of the SYBA went for an educational visit to the Sadhana School for the Mentally Challenged. They enjoyed interacting with the special-needs students of Sadhana.

Dr. Biraj Mehta Rath

Member of Board of Studies (Philosophy) of S.P.College, Pune (Autonomous)

Public Lectures

Breaking Gender Stereotypes at the International Women's Day celebration at Kotak Mahindra Bank, B.K.C., Mumbai on 11th March 2020 at 3.00pm onwards.

Papers Presented and Seminars/Workshops attended

Research paper on *The Disabled Subaltern of India* presented at the two-day interdisciplinary national seminar on *Subaltern*

Movements in India: Issues and Challenges, organized by the Department of History, RamnarainRuia Autonomous College, Matunga, Mumbai, sponsored by the Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi. (10-11 January 2020)

Attended workshop on *Training of Teachers (ToT) for Student Induction Programme (SIP)* organized by University Grants Commission, Western Regional Office, Pune between the 6th and 8th June 2019.

Attended seminar on *Women Empowerment in Science and Technology* on the occasion of National Technology Day held on May 13th 2019 at ICT, Mumbai, organized by The National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI) Mumbai Chapter in Association with Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai and UDCT Alumni Association.

Participated in two-day international workshop on *Religious Studies in India* on 26th and 27th July 2019, organised by the Department of Philosophy, RamnarainRuia Autonomous College in collaboration with Bhaktivedanta Vidyapitha Research Centre.

Attended one-day international conference on *Exploring Titanic Shifts in the Human Rights Paradigm* after the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities organized by the Equal Opportunity cum Enabling Cell, ILS Law College, Pune in collaboration with Centre for Disability Studies, University of Leeds held on 20th January 2020 at ILS Law College, Pune.

Publications:

National Self Determination and Justice: Rawls and Tagore in Culture and Dialogue 7 (2019) Netherlands: Brill Publication. 117-139.

Newspaper Publications: regularly contribute book reviews in Weekend Reads section of Free Press Journal, Mumbai edition.

Student Activities

Curated and initiated the certificate course on *Experimental and Documentary Films*

Organized workshop series on *Women and Law* and *Questioning Heteronormativity* facilitated by the Department of Philosophy, Wilson College.

Organized workshop on *Greek Philosophy* for the Department of Philosophy, Wilson College.

Mentored students to initiate a successful film and philosophy club.

Participation as Resource person in courses, seminars and panel discussions (by Invitation)

Chaired a session at the state-level student seminar on *Human Rights* on 4th and 5th February 2020, jointly organised by the Department of Philosophy, S.P. College and Late Principal Sonopanta Dandekar Adhyasan, S.P.Mandali.

Chairperson *Inclusion Huddle*, a conference on *Rights of Persons with Disabilities* organised by Youth4jobs foundation and Akhilesh Dinesh Modi Institute, University of Mumbai.

Resource person for workshop on *Anxiety and Depression: The Twin Affliction of 21st Century*" (17th-27th January 2020) organised by Department of Psychology and Flying Bird: The Counselling Cell of V.G. Vaze College, Mulund. Title of Session: *Existential Anxiety* on 22nd January 2020.

Resource person at value-added course on *Philosophical Praxis* conducted by K.G. Joshi College of Arts & N.G. Bedekar College of Commerce (2-7th December 2020) Title of session: *Existential Theories and Therapies* on 6th December 2019.

Resource person at certificate course on *Aesthetics and Critical Thinking* at K.R. Cama Oriental Institute. Title of session: *Philosophy of Art and Aesthetics* on 5th October 2020.

Delivered a talk on *Existentialism: Theory and Praxis* on 9th August 2019 at Department of Philosophy, Sophia College for Women.

Resource person at a course on *Ancient Greek Tragedies-Philosophical and Literary Explorations* organised by St. Andrews Centre for Philosophy and Performing Arts on 19th May 2019. Title of lectures *Oedipus Rex* by *Sophocles* and *Bacchae* by *Euripides*.

Resource person at a course on *Existentialism and Beyond-Blending Philosophy, Literature and Theatre* organised by St. Andrews Centre for Philosophy and Performing Arts on 8th and 9th June 2019, Title of lecture – *Philosophy and Literature of Jean Paul Sartre and Albert Camus*.

Resource person at a course on *Contemporary Japanese Literature- Blending Philosophy, Literature and Theatre* organised by St. Andrews Centre for Philosophy and Performing Arts on 4th and 5th May 2019. Title of lecture – *Philosophy and Literature of Haruki Murakami and Yukio Mishima* Respectively.

The Film and Philosophy Club

Film Lovers! Unite! You have nothing to lose except your boredom!

The Film and Philosophy Club is an initiative of students of Philosophy, with a vision to form a community of film lovers, people who appreciate the art of film making and the impact that films leave on individuals and society. It had its first screening on the 8th of January, 2020, with 'DekhTamashaDekh'; a total of 11 people participated in both the screening and discussion. The discourse surrounding the film was on its satirical themes and the challenges of communalism that India is facing in contemporary times. The second screening saw almost the same amount of participants with 'The Great Dictator', a classic Charlie Chaplin comedy drama and a political satire. The discussion was surrounded with a condemnation of Hitler, Mussolini and fascism while appreciating Chaplin's subtle satirical style; interestingly, it also took a turn towards a debate on Richard Wagner's music. The next three screenings of 'Her', 'Fire' and 'Amour' were based on the Theme of Love. 'Her' was a Science fiction romantic drama based on Artificial Intelligence, 'Fire' was a controversial Indian film on same sex love, women, sexuality and abuse, 'Amour' was a French old-age tragedy. The debate and discussions on these films revolved around the human tendency to depend on technology, LGBTQ+ issues, sexuality, ethics of care and how one's love can take different forms as it ages. These three films also saw a spike in the number of people participating to 15-20 persons. The fourth screening, 'Parasite', an Oscar winning film on the consequences a poor family faces living in a capitalistic society, saw a total of 30 people participating. The discussion was on the symbiotic relationship between both the poles of the capitalist structure, the cinematography, the ethics behind the character's actions and the struggles of the underprivileged.

These screenings were all organised by students and concluded with feedback forms where the participants wrote their suggestions for the films that they'd like to be screened and discussed. The screenings were held every Friday from 1pm to 4pm to help students participate without missing their classes.

The last five screenings were organized in collaboration with the Political Science Association and Pedestrian Pictures organized a series of Documentary screenings titled 'Fragments of Hope' from 22nd February, 2020 to 28th February, 2020. One of the sessions was moderated

by Mr. Somnath Waghmare, director of 'The Battle of Bhima Koregaon', which was the highlight of the series. The other sessions included documentaries on witchcraft,

Kashmir, disability, sexuality and tribal exploitation by big industries.

*Dr Harsha Badkar, Hamza, Valenie Lopes and Dr. Biraj Mehta
Head, Department of Philosophy Committee Members*

Psychology

The year 2019-20 began with expanding the room of the department in terms of space. This change allowed for more activity-based instruction and ease of conducting practicals.

The Department of Psychology and the Medical Aid Centre jointly organized a Mental Health Awareness Program, that dealt primarily with correcting misconceptions and promoting better selfcare, on the 19th August, 2019. The program was conducted by Ms. Priyanka Dalvi, coordinator, along with her colleagues from the organization, *Tarasha*, which is a Field Action Project of the Centre of Health and Mental Health, School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.

A talk on *Stress and the Heart* was arranged for the students of TYBA Psychology by a guest faculty, Dr. Eric Oliver Sisson, a leading Interventional Cardiologist and Consultant from the Philippines, on the 21st of August 2019. A session on *Performance Appraisal* was also conducted for the TY Psychology students in the 27th August, 2019, by Mr. Apollo Rajkumar, Campus Director of Every Nation Leadership Institute, Mumbai. Facilitators for both programs were provided by Every Nation Leadership Institute, Mumbai and were interactive, engaging and much appreciated by the students.

The department is also proud to have conducted its first Psychology Fest on the 9th of January 2020. The fest was made possible because of the hard work and creativity of the SY and TY students of Psychology, who arranged for game stalls and a movie screening. The fest aimed at enlightening and educating students on how concepts of psychology are applicable in everyday life. This was achieved with the

help of some fun games and activities such as the whisper challenge, the dichotic-listening task, kaleidoscope classic, stick challenge, taboo and the positivity bowl. The film 'Inside Out' was screened to explain the importance of emotional intelligence for teens and young adults. A small warm-up game was played to engage the audience, followed by explanation of, *What are Emotions* and *What is Emotional Intelligence*.. The Psych Fest was an event where people could be seen learning information at a deeper level while enjoying and making memories.

Another first for the department, was the class excursion to Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali. A workshop on Organizational Development and Team Building was conducted by Apollo Rajkumar and the team from Every Nation Leadership Institute, Mumbai on the 29th of February 2020. The workshop included a number of activities and games with the purpose of instilling values of team work in the students. It also encouraged the students to pay careful attention to how group dynamics develop with special focus on leadership, decision making, and group cohesiveness.

Along with the fun, we are encouraged by the 24 TY students of 2018-19, seven of whom scored an A+ and twelve, an A grade. Nine Psychology graduates are currently pursuing their master's degree and three of them are currently working in the field of Mental Health. The rest of the students are either preparing for competitive entrance exams or are pursuing other interests in the form of work. Overall this year has been an encouraging one and we look forward to continuing with the same tempo in the years ahead.

*Joshua Tivade,
Department of Psychology*

Political Science

The Political Science Department had an interesting and eventful year. Asilata Karandikar continued to make a great value-added difference to the department faculty. This year the department had a record number of 42 students in the final year. The department managed to get a large library shelf space. This had been donated to the college by the

BMM students of the 2005 batch who agreed that it could be shifted from the IQAC room. The department now has a collection of over 450 books. provision was made for students to access books through google docs but the manual method is still preferred.

The annual interdisciplinary map reading sessions for all the final year students continued. Spread over three days, the sessions detailed the World Map, the map of Europe, and other continents, Maps of Kashmir, North East India and Maharashtra.

The first guest lecture for the academic year, in association with Literature Live, was delivered by Rajkamal Jha, the Chief Editor of the Indian Express.

The Political Science Association held elections for the third consecutive year. The elected committee for 2019-2020 are:

President – Shruti Sinha (TYBA)

Vice President – Sreedev Krishna Kumar (TYBA)

Secretary – Rahul Singh (SYBA)

Joint Secretary – Mitali Bhasin (SYBA)

Treasurer – Sagarika Dutta (TYBA)

Joint Treasurer – Iti Bimrah (FYBMM)

The Political Science Association managed to host a large number of eminent speakers, some of which were in collaboration with the Political Science Department, like the session on Right to Information. The department continued its two-decade tradition of conducting sessions on Peace Day which falls on 6th August. On 16th August, there was a session by Gareth Nellis, Assistant Professor at San Diego University, California, on Voter Information Studies and their role in political campaigns.

The first field visit during this academic year was organized by Professor Asilata Karandikar to the Film Museum as a part of the syllabus paper on Politics & Films. The second field visit was to the Panchayat Samiti Office at Penn and the Zilla Parishad Office in Alibag for the paper on Local Self Government. On November 30th 2019, Dr Ivan John conducted a Session on Research Paper Writing. Mr. Ajit Kawade, Under-Secretary, Housing Department, Government of Maharashtra, addressed the 2nd Year B.A. students on the Working of the Bureaucracy. In the first week of February 2020, a field visit of mostly second year students was arranged. They travelled to the outskirts of Ambarnath to study the Phase Pardhi community settlement. Professor Aarti Manerikar of the History Department also accompanied the group.

This year the department had collaborative sessions with Departments of Sociology and English. Two collaborative sessions were organized with the Sociology department on Gender Issues and the Constitution, the collaborative sessions with the English department was in association with

Literature Live: Professor Scott Higgins in conversation with Matthew Weiner, maker of the popular series Romanoffs.

The six-day field visit for the final year students between the 4th and 10th of March was to Nagpur, Wardha, Chandrapur and Gadchiroli. The visit covered three kinds of Urban, Local Self-Governing bodies, NGO's, tribal Communities and other institutions.

Shruti Sinha won the prize for the Best Student of the Political Science Department among other prizes. The Political Science Association uploaded talks of Human Rights Week and few other interactive sessions on their YouTube channel.

Ms. Asilata presented a paper on *Mother(s) of Spoken Word: The Ovi Poetry of Bahinabai Chaudhari*, using the innovative medium of spoken word, at the St. Xavier's Department of Sociology Seminar on Finding Mothers, on 13th February, 2020. Sudhakar Solomonraj presented a paper on Mythologies of the North Eastern States of India at a National seminar at Sophia College. He also made a presentation at YouthSpeak at the Asiatic Society of Mumbai on Indian Foreign Policy. The students of the department across classes have been proactive and interactive in the class room. They engaged with social and political issues fulfilling the department's vision of empowering individuals and citizens.

Prof. Asilata Karandikar has been a pillar of strength to the department, nurturing and mentoring the committee of PSA as well as students in her mentor group. Special thanks to alumnus Suhail Sheikh who was instrumental in raising funds to sponsor the yearbook as well as to provide economic assistance to some students for the field visit.

Ms. Simran Dhivar was welcomed as our latest addition to the teaching faculty of the department.

POLITICAL SCIENCE FIELD VISIT

Political Science Department has had the practice of Field Visit for final year students to study Urban Local Self-Governing bodies and understand economic and social challenges. This year the field visit was to district of Nagpur, Wardha, Chandrapur, Gadchiroli and Gondia from the 4th of March to 10th March.

We reached Nagpur at 7 AM and our first session was with Abhijit Sauap CEO of Kamptee Cantonment Board. His session was filled with insights about the Cantonment board as an institution. The Nagpur Municipal corporation organized 6 sessions between 2:30 PM and 5:45 PM. The

first session was Additional Commissioner Ram Joshi who spoke on the structure and functioning of the Nagpur Municipal Corporation, its development plan and their work in the Health Sector. Mahesh Morone Deputy CEO of the Smart City Project in Nagpur, outlined the vision of the Nagpur Smart City Project as well as its limitations.

There was a special session on the Nagpur Municipal Transport, their objective of reaching the last person, the Tejaswini Project, which emphasizes on women drivers (system), their plan is to have a large fleet of Electric buses, and the transition to CNG.

The session on Slum Rehabilitation project in Nagpur facilitated interesting discoveries about Nagpur. Nagpur has 428 slums and between 35 to 40% of the population of Nagpur lives in slums. We were surprised to learn under BSUP – Basic Services to Urban Poor between 2009 and 2017 about 4064 houses have already been built. Shweta Bannerjee, Superintendent Engineer in-charge of water supply spoke about the technical and managerial aspects of water supply.

One of the most informative session of the day was with Mr. Waghmare, Junior Engineer on Solid Waste Management and Sewage Treatment Plant. Solid Waste Management is carried out by Public Private Partnership. The remarkable learning about the Sewage Treatment Plant is that the treated water is used to generate steam for the Koradi and Koparkeda Power Plant, first in the country to do so. The Solid Waste Management Plant also has 900 registered ragpickers who are trained and employed as daily wage workers.

From 6:30 PM to 9:15 PM we had a session with Mr. Amitabh Powade formerly Superintendent Engineer with Airport Authority and now working on Farmers issues. He was concerned that over four lakh farmers have died of suicide in a country which is essentially agricultural.

Vidarbha is often called the suicide capital of India. Vidarbha has only 6% of land under irrigation. He talked about how all other sectors have been allowed to factor in massive inflation but the farm sector still has had low prices over the last forty years which has made agricultural non- remunerative.

6th March was visit to Wardha. PriyanjaliSanyal an alumnus facilitated Amitabh Powade's session and a visit to Gram Seva Mandal in Wardha. Gram Seva Mandal has been

actively working with farmers and local communities since 1934. Vasant Futane who is in-charge of the organization started by saying that the decade from 2015 to 2024 has been declared as the decade of Soil. He was concerned about how India has neglected top soil management. He said that Organic Carbon which is an indicator of soil fertility should be at least 1% but in India it is 0.4%. organic Carbon helps increase water holding capacity. He talked about changes in cotton crop over the past 100 years. He spoke of how indigenous cotton *Gossypium arboreum* has been replaced mostly by American Cotton He is also associated with a Seed Festival in Nagpur in the last week of March.

We were taken around their cotton unit which has ginning, rolling, spinning and weaving units and a workshop which makes different kind of Charkha like the Gandhi Charkha, Travelling Charkha, Book Charkha, etc. This was followed by a session by Maruti Chowne who works with poor farmers and widows of farmers who die of suicide. He has been working on livelihood and initiatives like Apeksha, Unnati and Kisan Mitra.

This was followed by a visit to Wardha Nagar Parishad or Municipal Council where we had a session by Pradeep Jagtap the Chief Officer of Municipal Council and the elected President who took us through various aspects of Local Self Governance in Wardha which has a population of 1,20,000 and a slum population which is 20% of the population. Wardha is one of the earliest planned towns in India.

7th March was our visit to Gadchiroli district, and our stay was in Chandrapur district. We visited MendaLekha, the village associated with the legendary DevajiTofa a Koya tribal who along with the villagers took the Forest Department to the Supreme Court and won a case against them. DevajiTofa is an amazing man, extremely knowledgeable, very humbled, who challenged book learning, helped us redefine so many of our ideas about tribals, the role of Gram Sabha, our obligation to create an inclusive and accountable Indian society. He emphasized the need to raise questions and never put anyone the pedestal. He spoke for three hours in a very stimulating and enlightening session. Then we moved to North-Gadchiroli to Armori and Wadsa. North-Gadchiroli compared to South- Gadchiroli is economically well off unlike the south which has tribal population and is extremely poor. We had a session with Amit Kukreja who talked about economy in the region. On 9th March we went for a Tiger

Safari in Tadoba and a whole day travel to Gondia which was disrupted by a bus breakdown and we reached Gondia by 12 midnight. 9th morning from 7 A.M to 11:45 A.M we had sessions of revision, focus on self-exploration, confidence building and other sessions.

Special thanks to Sandesh Lad and Tejaswi Lohia both alumni for taking care of all travel arrangements and logistics.

Mr. Sudhakar Solomonraj
Head, Political Science Department

Sociology

The Department welcomed two members, Ms Ayesha Dutta and Ms Nathaline Pereira as faculty for Degree College and Junior College respectively. Ms Muneerah Khambhawala was appointed as the Head of the Department from 2019-2020. This academic year was enriching for both staff as well as students. A host of activities and workshops provided an excellent platform for students to hone their skills and personality and to deliberate on contemporary social issues. The multitude of curricular, co-curricular activities was made possible due to the efforts of the student volunteers of F.Y.B.A, S.Y.B.A & T.Y.B.A Sociology and Anthropology and, of course, the departmental colleagues.

Programmes conducted by the Department

- 1) The year began with the Student Induction Programme [SIP] for F.Y.B.A. Ms Muneerah Khambhawala and Ms Ayesha Dutta carried out a series of interesting activities spread over two days; 8th July and 9th July 2019 for their SIP student groups allocated to them. These included Know SIP, Know Yourself (Questionnaire), Know Your College (Information on the various College Committees and Facilities), Privilege Race (A game to sensitize students on social stratification system in society), Communication Skills and Team-Building games followed by the most exciting Treasure Hunt to explore our college campus. The success of these two days is also due to our T.Y.B.A students who helped us in creative planning and effective execution.
- 2) Students of T.Y.B.A Sociology accompanied by both the degree college staff watched the movie 'Article 15' based on the Fundamental Rights; Right to Equality at Roxy Cinema, Charni Road on 4th July 2019. Students submitted short write-ups expressing their views on the social issue depicted in the movie.
- 3) Student volunteers initiated a collection for the Assam Flood Relief. Cash and commodities collected was handed over to Nature Club on 23rd July 2019. T.Y.B.A students were in the forefront.
- 4) International Seminar 'Interrogating Hashtag Culture and Discourses on Migration Policy' in association with School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Leeds, UK on 8th August 2019. Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje and the Vice Principals Dr Harsha Badkar and Dr Ashish Uzgaré graced the occasion. The seminar was attended by students and faculty across disciplines and colleges in Mumbai and received positive feedbacks. [This point is edited since a full-length report is sent separately]
- 5) A guest lecture was arranged for the S.Y.B.A students on 23rd August 2019. Ms Kamayani Bali Mahabal provided deep insights on the topic 'The Right to Health Care'.
- 6) Students of F.Y.B.A, S.Y.B.A & T.Y.B.A Sociology/ Anthropology along with both the teachers of Degree College went for the movie Chapaak based on the issue of acid attack, a form of violence against women, at Sterling cinema on 14th January 2020. This was followed by the film appreciation session held in the college on 16th January 2020.
- 7) A guest lecture on 'Mental Health' was organized for the T.Y.B.A students on 11th Feb 2020. Ms Kamayani Bali Mahabal provided an understanding on the early warning signs and coping strategies on this seldom reported issue.
- 8) Students of F.Y.B.A Sociology along with both their teachers attended a talk on Cyber Safety on 17th Feb 2020 that served as a syllabus enrichment session. The talk was organized by Disaster Management Cell & NSS, Wilson College.
- 9) T.Y.B.A students attended an interactive session 'On Rights of Adivasis' with Prof. Nandini Sundar on 29th February 2020. This was organized by the Political Science Association, Wilson College.
- 10) On the occasion of International Women's Day 2020, a programme 'Rethinking Equality' was organized on 6th March 2020. Being students' initiative, the design and

execution was effectively carried out by them with the support of teachers.

The programme began with the welcome address by the Head, Ms Muneerah Khambhawala who also shed light on this year's theme. A gender audit was designed by Ms Ayeshna Dutta and was carried out in groups led by T.Y.B.A students and guided by the teachers.

Vidhi Sharma (F.Y.B.A) conceptualized the programme. Anushka Tandon (F.Y.B.A) and Manaswi Gurav (F.Y.B.A) compered it while Clayton Fernandes (F.Y.B.A), Lester Pereira (T.Y.B.A) and Solomon Wasker (T.Y.B.A) were in-charge of the technical. Joel Franklin (F.Y.B.A) captured the events on his camera.

The programme included four poems by Harsh Sharma (F.Y.B.M.M), Sambhav Kumar (F.Y.B.A), Kerolin Jivrajani (F.Y.B.A) (recited by Shubhangi Chakravarty, F.Y.B.A) and Anamika Gupta (F.Y.B.A) (recited by Bushra Qazi, F.Y.B.A). Brijesh Tiwari (F.Y.B.Sc IT) performed a rap and a dance was performed by Vaibhav Solanki (F.Y.B.A). All these performances were mesmerizing.

The department is proud of this successful students' endeavour.

The programme was attended by students and faculty across discipline; Ms Nathaline Pereira, Ms Karunya Victor, Ms Harsha Vijaywargi, Ms Rita Chettiar and Ms Payal Bhattad. [A separate write-up on this event is sent]

- 11) Academics being equally important, both Ms Muneerah Khambhawala & Ms Ayeshna Dutta engaged several remedial and revision lectures and conducted class tests on regular basis in addition to one to one remedial coaching as and when required.
- 12) As part of innovative pedagogical practice, S.Y.B.A Sociology students carried out a brief Research Survey on 'Street Vendors and Hawkers' and 'Women Entrepreneurs'. Students' groups presented their findings in the class on 4th, 6th March and 7th March 2020. This activity provided them with research skills while at the same time gave them an opportunity to gain empirical knowledge. Similarly, student's presentations for F.Y.B.A and T.Y.B.A were conducted during their lectures. These aimed to help them develop/enhance various soft skills and public speaking ability.

13) Internship at Popshot

Three T.Y.B.A students Joel Jones Eldo, Joshua D'Souza and Priyanka Panchal are working as creative interns at

Popshot, a French company headquartered in France and with development centre in Mumbai. Popshot is a new age smart browser that redefines the way we browse internet. The key responsibility shouldered by these student interns include creating content having the potential to go viral; creating memes, story/script writing, Instagram marketing and Gorilla marketing. The feedback received about them, "It's been couple of weeks they're working with us and doing a commendable job". The department is proud of their work.

On 3rd March 2020, the department arranged a small get-together cum alumni meet (batch 2018-19) for the students who came for the Convocation Ceremony. Students shared their current position and future plans.

- 14) An interactive session with an ex-student Ms Chayanika Iyer (Topper, T.Y.B.A, 2018-19) was organized for T.Y.B.A students on 11th March 2020. Chayanika is currently pursuing her post-graduation at JNU. She shared her career path and preparations required for the same. She also talked about her teaching learning experience at JNU.

Collaborative Programmes

- 1) 'Exploring Moon-Human Interactions' – a programme organised jointly with the Physics Department on 20th July 2019 to celebrate 50th anniversary of the Moon Landing. The programme included a dance performance by Ms Malvika Saji, T.Y.B.A Sociology, a public lecture 'Legacy of Lunar Mission T-50 and counting' by Dr Vinita Navalkar and a quiz based on the scientific facts and the socio-cultural significance of Moon.
- 2) Workshop on 'Declining Sex Ratio' conducted by Ms Sayali Shankar, Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Women's Studies Centre, Savitribai Phule University, Pune in collaboration with Political Science Department was organised on 14th August 2019. Ms Bhagyashree Jawale accompanied the resource person. Students of Sociology and Political Science departments attended it. Certificates were awarded to the participants.
- 3) Collaborative Initiatives with the Department of Sociology, Bhavans H. Somani College started last year was quite fruitful this academic year as well. Following certified workshops were arranged:
 - a) Workshop titled 'Understanding Gender' hosted at Bhavans Somani College was held on 23rd August 2019. The first session on 'Rethinking Sex,

Sexuality and Gender’ was conducted by Dr Leena Pujari, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, KC College, Mumbai. The session enabled a distinct understanding on the above three terms which are often confused and used synonymously. The second session by Ms Kamayani Bali Mahabal, Independent Trainer on Gender Justice and Human Rights, on ‘Construction of Masculinity in Patriarchal Society’ deconstructed the construction of masculine cultures and what it means to be a ‘Man’.

- b) On 31st August, the department hosted the workshop on ‘Gender and Justice’. The three sessions ‘Sexual Offence against Women and Children: Legal Interventions’, ‘Rethinking Shariat Law: Perspectives of Muslim Women’ and ‘Gendered Citizenship’ were conducted by Advocate Nausheen Yousuf, Ms Hasina Khan, Founder Bebaak Collective and Ms Sanobar Keshwar, Law Lecturer and Human Rights Activists respectively. The workshop succeeded in achieving the objective of critically evaluating the laws in India for different sections of population.
- c) Workshop titled ‘Gender Concerns’ was hosted at Bhavans Somani College on 25th November 2019. The session on ‘Sex, Gender and Sexuality’ by Ms Aanchal Narang, Mariwala Foundation was on the queer perspective while the session on ‘Sexual Harassment at Workplace’ delivered by Advocate Monica Sakhrani provided insights on the intricacy of this issue and also the procedure to file a complaint for the same.
- 4) Collaborative Lecture Series on the theme ‘Exploring Constitution’ with Political Science Department, Wilson College. Following sessions were organized from 4th February - 7th February 2020:
 - a) The session titled ‘Constitution: The Way Forward’ was conducted by Prof. Sudhakar Solomonraj, Head Department of Political Science, Wilson College.
 - b) Dr Ivan John, Visiting Faculty, Department of Education, Sophia College, Mumbai conducted a session on ‘Constitution and Gender Justice’ on 5th February 2020.
 - c) Prof Ramesh Kamble, Former, Prof. & Head, Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai engaged the students on an interesting topic ‘Marginalized Communities and the Constitution’ on 6th February 2020.

- d) Ms Kamayani Bali Mahabal took a session titled ‘Human Rights and the Constitution’ on 7th February 2020.

Workshops/sessions organized for F.Y.B.A/BSc Foundation Course students

Ms Muneerah Khambhawala was appointed as the FY- Foundation Course Co-ordinator. The following programmes were arranged for the F.Y.B.A/BSc students with joint efforts of the Foundation Course teachers, Ms Rashmi Satpute, Ms Asilata Karandikar, Ms Ayeshna Dutta, Ms Payal Bhattad:

- 1) A session on Human Trafficking by the NGO ‘The Movement’ was conducted on 19th August and 23rd August 2019 for all the First year Foundation Course classes in collaboration with NSS, Wilson College. Mr Sam Koshy highlighted the issue of trafficking and the role played by the NGO in this area. The teachers attended their respective class sessions.
- 2) Syllabus enrichment lectures were organized for F.Y.B.Sc students titled ‘Constitution and Us’ delivered by Prof Sudhakar Solomonraj, Head Department of Political Science, Wilson College on 29th & 30th January 2020. The session triggered critical thinking among the students on contemporary issues enveloping our country.
- 3) Guest lectures on ‘Mental Health’ were organized for F.Y.BA & F.Y.BSc students on 7th February and 11th February 2020. The session by Ms Kamayani Bali Mahabal, a volunteer at Samaritans Mumbai Suicide Helpline aimed to debunk the stigma associated with mental ill-health and provided various coping strategies on the same. These were well received by the students.
- 4) Ms Darshana Ramgiri, a student of F.Y.B.A addressed the F.Y.B.A & F.Y.B.Sc Foundation Course students and shared her journey working with the NGO Ummeed. These sessions were on Mental Health and conducted on 26th and 27th February 2020 for F.Y.B.A (Div B & A respectively) students and on 3rd March 2020 for F.Y.B.Sc (Div B & C) students during their lectures.

Faculty Activities

Mrs Muneerah Khambhawala

Successfully completed UGC Sponsored Short Term Course on Gender Discrimination in Academia from 15th – 21st November 2019 conducted by UGC Human Resource Development Centre, University of Mumbai.

Ms Muneerah Khambhawala successfully completed a course titled 'Classical Sociological Theory' (University of Amsterdam) offered through Coursera in May 2019.

As part of the National duty, Ms Muneerah Khambhawala was appointed as APRO at Dharavi Constituency for the Legislative Assembly Election held on 21st October 2019.

Ms Muneerah Khambhawala was appointed as the paper setter for T.Y.B.A P-IV and IX (Choice Base) University Examination.

Research Publication

- 1) A paper titled 'Towards Women Empowerment and Sustainable Development: A Case Study of Self-Help Groups in Urban Renewal Project, New Delhi' was published in International Journal of Advance and Innovative Research, Volume 6, Issue 1 (XXXV): January - March 2019. ISSN 2394 – 7780. E-ISSN No: 23947780. UGC Journal No 63571.
- 2) A paper titled 'Social Entrepreneurship: A Case study of Shrujan' was published in International Journal of Advance and Innovative Research, Volume 7, Issue 1 (XI): January - March 2020. ISSN 2394 – 7780.

Participation in Workshops, Seminars, Conferences:

- 1) Workshop for training the Degree College Faculty on Students Induction Programme [SIP], prescribed by UGC for the first-year students. On 19th June, the session titled 'Experience of Theatrical Workshop' was conducted by Mr Nikhil Katara, Founder Director, Readings in the Shed, Mumbai. On 20th June, the session by Ms Hemali Kothari, Expert, Creative Writing, St Xavier's College, Mumbai. Both these sessions were quite enriching.
- 2) Inaugural session of Political Science Association by Dr Gopal Guru on 1st August 2019 in the AV room, Wilson College.
- 3) Session on Right to Information organised by Political Science Association and Moneylife Foundation delivered by Mr Shailesh Gandhi, Retired Central Information Commissioner on 2nd August 2019.
- 4) A talk by Dr David on the occasion of Founder's Day Celebrations on 2nd December 2019 at Wilson College.
- 5) The Tikekar Lecture Series titled The Making of Bombay organized by The Asiatic Society of Mumbai, Dr Aroon Tikekar Centre for Advanced Studies on 7th December at Wilson College

- 6) Sessions organized by Political Science Association, Wilson College from 9th - 13th December 2019.
- 7) Workshop 'Constructing Objectives, Competencies and Assessment Rubrics' organized by IQAC, Wilson College on 10th January 2019. Resource persons: Dr Andrea Coutinho, Head & Dr Ivan John, Visiting Faculty, Department of Education, Sophia College, Mumbai.
- 8) Workshop on 'The Revision of Syllabus of F.Y.B.A - Paper I (Sem I & II) on 15th January at St. Andrew's College.
- 9) Workshop on 'New CAS Guidelines' organized by IQAC, Wilson College in collaboration with University of Mumbai on 18th January 2020 at Wilson College.
- 10) 2nd Patrick Geddes Memorial Lecture on Shelterization of Homeless: A Foot Forward or a Neoliberal Trap? by Prof Amita Bhide, School of Habitat Studies, Centre for Environmental Health, TISS, Mumbai organized by the Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai at J. P Naik Bhavan on 21st January 2020. This was followed by the Alumni Meet.
- 11) RUSA supported Intercollegiate Conference titled 'Finding Mothers' on 12th & 13th February 2020 organized by Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology, St. Xavier's College. T.Y.B.A student Ms Perpetual D'Cunha attended too.
- 12) Two Day Workshop on 'Gender and Science' organized by Department of Life Sciences and Department of Physics in association with Gender Issues Cell on 14th & 15th February 2020 at K. C. College, Mumbai.
- 13) Training on Cybernetic Unit on 27th February 2020 at Wilson College.
- 14) 15th Prof. A.R. Desai Memorial Lecture on 'Gods, Hills, Companies & the Constitution' by Prof. Nandini Sundar, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi and chaired by Prof. Indra Munshi, Former Prof. & Head, Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai. This lecture was organized by Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai on 28th Feb 2020 at J.P Naik Bhavan, University of Mumbai, Kalina.
- 15) One Day Workshop on 'Law Relating to Women' organized on the occasion of International Women's Day by Family Court Bar Association with Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai on 29th February 2020 at Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai, Powai.
- 16) Attended National Seminar 'A Century of the Discipline: Sociology in India' organized by Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai on 12th & 13th March 2020.

- 17) Participated One Day National workshop on 'Academic Writings in Sociology' organized by Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai on 14th March 2020.

Mentoring

As Mentor-in-charge for F.Y.BA students allotted to her, Ms Muneerah Khambhawala conducted/organized the following sessions for her mentees. However, these sessions were open for all students who wished to attend.

- An Introductory session was held on 17th January 2020 to brief them on the mentoring system and to plan the future sessions
- Prof Sudhakar Solomonraj conducted a session 'Writing Effective CV' on 3rd February 2020
- Ms Muneerah Khambhawala took a session on 'Exploring Johari Window' on 8th February 2020. The four quadrants of the Johari Window Model were explored and introspected upon by the mentees

Ms Ayesha Dutta

Joined the Sociology Department as Degree college faculty in June 2019. Since then, the time spent here at Wilson with my colleagues and students has been amazing. I am currently pursuing PhD from the Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai. Teaching and Research has always been my passion. The areas of my interest in the discipline are Feminist Science Studies, Political Sociology, Gender Studies and Theoretical Sociology. Ms Ayesha Dutta

- 1) Attended the 2nd Sir Patrick Geddes memorial lecture delivered by Prof. Amita Bhide at ICSSR conference room, JP Naik Bhavan, University of Mumbai, Kalina on the 21st January 2020
- 2) Attended the Alumni Meet organized by the Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai on the 21st of January 2020.
- 3) Attended the 9th Prof. G.S.Ghurye Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof. N. Jayaram on the 25th of February 2020.
- 4) Ms. Ayesha Dutta went for the NSS Camp to Thakurwadi village and conducted a Gender Audit with the students on the 8th February 2020.
- 5) Ms. Ayesha Dutta mentored 25 students from FYBA. The following were the activities conducted for the

mentoring students-

- Remedial lectures
- Library Orientation
- Session with Prof. Sudhakar Solomonraj on 'How to write an effective C.V.'
- Four students had participated for the Matru Bhasha Divas programme organized by Ms. Rashmi Satpute
- Session on Introduction to the IC of College and discussion on the POSH Act.

Mrs Nathaline Pereira

Joined on 16th September 2019 as a Sociology Teacher for Junior college from the academic year 2019 onwards.

Attended training for syllabus change organized by the Mumbai University. The objective of this training was to provide skills to the teachers and enable them to yield out the best result from students through Activity and Application based Learning.

Joined an interesting and informative field trip to Kanheri Caves on 30th November 2019 along with the Junior college students (Arts Section). This trip was organized by Prof Sudhakar Somonraj, Head, Department of Political Science and Prof Shalini Rodrigues, History Department.

International Seminar- 'Interrogating Hashtag Culture and Discourses on Migration Policy'

The Department of Sociology organized an International Seminar titled 'Interrogating Hashtag Culture and Discourses on Migration Policy', in association with the School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Leeds, UK on 8th August, 2019. The Seminar focused on two intriguing contemporary issues: the #MeToo Campaign and the Social Policy in Migration around the world. The first issue that the seminar engaged with was the '#MeToo Campaign', which was triggered by the Harvey Weinstein Scandal in Hollywood and led to a range of testimonies on social media, testimonies which were an outcome of a series of traumatizing experiences of women who had been sexually harassed. A student of Law, Raya Sarkar designed a list in India and was brave enough to put up the names of sexual harassers in the academic circles which came as a shock to the academic world. The list had the names of famous academicians in India; thereby forcing people to question the gendered academic spaces and women's safety issues. In the Indian context, Raya Sarkar's list triggered an entire #MeToo movement where students, teachers, activists were filling up the form with names of their

sexual predators. The # (Hashtag) Movement being complex in nature has become an extremely relevant phenomenon with the emerging and wide spread use of social media.

The seminar facilitated interesting explorations into the nature of the globally recognized # (Hashtag) Movement and its impact on various countries.

The seminar also explored the Social Policy in Migration around the world; defining social change and social policy from the point of view of migration as it delimits the understanding of migration as a concept and a theoretical unit of analysis. However, a considerable amount of research has been done on the social, economic and political aspects of migration and its effects on people providing considerable insight on International Migration and policies around the world. There has been international migration of people, and therefore tracing

the changes in social policy would lead to an understanding of how people perceive migration. This seminar aimed to bring forth the discourses on International Migration Policies and in turn explore people's perception on international movement and human freedom. It looked into the resources and policies related to migration and tried to analyse whether these policies were enough to solve identity issues globally. Ms. Katucha Bento, Teaching Fellow, School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Leeds, UK delivered the sessions titled 'Hashtags and Social Impact' and 'Feeling Migration' in a very lucid style. The seminar was attended by students and faculty across disciplines and colleges and received useful and high-ended feedback from the students and faculty members.

Ms. Muneerah Khambhawala
Head, Dept. of Sociology

Botany

Student Activities:

Mr B.M. Konde took over as Head of the Department with effect from January 2020, taking charge from Ms. S. Kavarana, who stepped down from the role of Head.

A parent-teacher meeting for the T.Y.B.Sc. class was held on 10th August, 2019. A fruit and vegetable carving workshop was conducted by resource person, Mr. Rajput for the S.Y.B.Sc., T.Y.B.Sc. Botany students on 17th January, 2020. The workshop was a refreshing respite from routine work.

Guest Lectures:

Term I:

During the first term, Kalpana Sharma delivered a lecture for Botany students of S.Y.B.Sc. and T.Y.B.Sc. on *Wake Up to Climate Change* on 31st August, 2019.

Term II:

Sudhakar Solomonraj, Head of the Political Science Department of Wilson College, Mumbai, delivered a lecture for Botany students of F.Y.B.Sc *Passion for Plants*, on 5th December, 2019.

Dr. Bhavna Narula, Department of Botany, Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College, Matunga, Mumbai, delivered a lecture for Botany students of S.Y.B.Sc and T.Y.B.Sc on *The Scope of Botany* on 9th January, 2020.

Department Excursion:

A four-day excursion to Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani was conducted for S.Y.B.Sc and T.Y.B.Sc students from 2nd to

5th December, 2019. The excursion was headed by Dr. Jai Knox and Natasha Karras. It included the study of the local vegetation, visits to a strawberry farm, the Wheat Research Centre, the Apiary Centre, as well as to cheese and chikki-making factories. The student-response to the trip was very encouraging. Besides academics, the excursion also taught students adaptability in community living and cultivated the spirit of gregariousness.

Department Activities:

A meeting of the Botany teachers with Mr. Steve Casterton and Mr. Vinayak Sudhakar of the IBO (International Baccalaureate Organization), Dr. Fulekar, former head of Life Science Department of the Mumbai University and former V.C., Baroda University, was held in the Botany Department on 26th November, 2019. The team held an interactive discussion with the Botany teachers and, the suggestions of the latter for framing the IBO syllabus in Environmental Sciences, were received positively by IBO.

CORNUCOPIA:

An intra-collegiate Departmental festival, *Cornucopia* was conducted by the students and teachers of the Botany department on 30th January, 2020. The objective of this festival was to create an awareness of Botany as a subject and also to create an atmosphere of healthy camaraderie on the college campus. The response of the students to the festival was positively overwhelming. The events of the festival were as follows: Fruit and vegetable carving, Photography, Quiz, Bio-rangoli and Bio-jewellery, Rhyme and

Rhythm and Treasure hunt. Besides having fun, the festival also helped foster several soft skills in students viz. team work, decision making, leadership etc.

Teacher Activities:

Ms. S. Kavarana-

Conducted informal student presentations for S.Y.B.Sc in Horticulture-related topics. To encourage students, she also gave away prizes for the same.

Organized and coordinated a guest lecture for Botany students of S.Y.B.Sc. and T.Y.B.Sc students on *Wake Up to Climate Change* by the author Ms. Kalpana Sharma on August 31st, 2019.

Conferences/ Workshops attended:

Participated in a one-day workshop on *Constructing Objectives, Competencies and Assessment Rubrics* organized by the I.Q.A.C. with resource persons Dr. Andrea Coutinho and Dr. Ivan John, visiting faculty, Department of Education on 10th January, 2020 at Wilson College, Mumbai.

Attended a National Conference on New Dimensions of Chemistry (NDC-2020) organized by the Department of Chemistry, Wilson College, in collaboration with the University of Mumbai and Association of Chemistry Teachers on 1st February, 2020.

Mr. B. M. Konde-

Organized an open-source activity for F.Y.B.Sc. students on *Exploring the Environmental/Ecological Contributions of Eminent Personalities*, on July, 24, 2019.

Organized and coordinated a guest session for F.Y.B.Sc. students on *Passion for Plants* delivered by Prof. S. Solomonraj on 5th December, 2019

Conducted an open-source activity for F.Y.B.Sc. students on *Exploring Plant Resources of Consumable and Non-consumable Categories* on 19th December, 2019.

Initiated group presentations for S.Y.B.Sc. students on different topics related to *Environment and Applied Sciences*.

Guest lecture/Presentation/Talk delivered:

Presentation on *Horticulture Nursery Management: a Business Opportunity* for CEP students of Wilson College on 14th June, 2019

Conducted a field session on *Appreciation of Plants* for CEP students of Wilson College on 14th June, 2019

Addressed NSS volunteers during the Orientation Programme (2019-20) on *Inception of the NSS and the objectives behind NSS Programme* at Wilson College on 6th August, 2019

Delivered lecture on *Archaeobotany* for T.Y.B.A. students of Wilson College on 14th August, 2019.

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops attended and Posters/Papers presented:

Participated in a one-day 'National Conference on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) – *Building a Culture of Innovation and Creativity* organized by Jai Hind College on 10th December, 2019.

Participated in a workshop on *New CAS Guidelines* organized by Wilson College in collaboration with the University of Mumbai on 18th January, 2020.

Presented a poster on *Wetlands: Status, Issues and Challenges - Qualitative Analysis* and participated in the National Conference on *Wetland Ecosystem, Biodiversity Conservation and Management* on 2nd-3rd February, 2020 at Lanja, Ratnagiri District, organized by A.C.S. College, in collaboration with Mangrove Society of India, Goa.

Participated in an International Multidisciplinary Conference on *Transition and Transformation: Cities in Life, Literature and Culture – Mumbai Chapter*, on 17th and 18th February, 2020, organized by IDOL, Mumbai University and KAASH Foundation and presented a paper on *Urban Greenery: a Silent Contributor in the Life of Mumbai City*

Dr. Ajita Kumar-

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops attended:

Three-day workshop on *Training of Teachers for Student Induction Programme* organized by University Grants Commission, Ministry of HRD, New Delhi at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune from 6th to 8th June, 2019

Workshop on *Constructing Objectives, Competencies and Assessment Rubrics* organized by the IQAC on 10th January, 2020, at Wilson College.

Workshop on *New CAS Guidelines* organized in collaboration with University of Mumbai on Saturday, 18th January, 2020, at Wilson College.

Participated in *The Coach Approach: A workshop for Gen Z teachers* at Wilson College organized by Dr. Shamim Suryavanshi on 18th November, 2019.

Attended a National Conference on *New Dimensions of Chemistry* (NDC-2020) organized by Department of Chemistry, Wilson College, in collaboration with the University of Mumbai and Association of Chemistry Teachers on 1st February, 2020.

Resource Person:

Workshop on *Mushroom Cultivation* under DBT Star College scheme at Patkar College, Mumbai on 13th January, 2020.

Paper Published in Journal:

Knox J., Chris A., Kumar A. and Varun, M. (2019). *Plant community analysis at Thakurwadi village, Badlapur, Maharashtra, India. J. Adv. Schol. Res. All. Edu.* 16 (6):1271-1273. (UGC Jr. No. 49103)

Dr. A. Chris

Paper Published in Journal:

Knox J., Chris A., Kumar A. and Varun, M. (2019). *Plant community analysis at Thakurwadi village, Badlapur, Maharashtra, India. J. Adv. Schol. Res. All. Edu.* 16 (6):1271-1273. (UGC Jr. No. 49103)

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops attended:

One-day workshop on *Computerized On-Screen Marking System* (OSM), organized by the University of Mumbai on 30th January, 2020.

National conference on *New Dimensions of Chemistry- NDC 2020*, organized by the Department of Chemistry in collaboration with the University of Mumbai and Association of Chemistry Teachers, held at Wilson College, Mumbai on 1st February 2020.

Dr. Jai Knox

Dr. Jai Knox was appointed as the Cultural Committee Convener of Wilson College of the academic year 2019-2020.

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops attended/Posters/Papers presented:

Two-day Faculty Development Program on *Learning technologies: learning an overview*, organized by University of Mumbai's- Innovation and Incubation Centre and IQAC Cell, in participation with Harrisburg University, USA on 13th and 14th June, 2019.

Participated in *The Coach Approach- A workshop for Gen Z teachers* at Wilson College on 18th November, 2019. The resource person was Dr. Shamim Suryavanshi.

Workshop on *Constructing Objectives, Competencies and Assessment Rubrics*, organized by the IQAC cell of Wilson College on 10th January, 2020.

Workshop on *New CAS Guidelines*, organized in collaboration with the University of Mumbai at Wilson College on 18th January 2020.

Poster presented at the National Conference on *New Dimensions of Chemistry* (NDC- 2020), organized by the Department of Chemistry, Wilson College in collaboration with University of Mumbai and Association of Chemistry Teachers (ACT), Mumbai. The title of the poster was, *Plant Community Analysis at Parthenium hysterophorus L. infestations.*

Paper Published in Journal:

Knox J., Chris A., Kumar A. and Varun, M. (2019). *Plant community analysis at Thakurwadi village, Badlapur, Maharashtra, India, J. Adv. Schol. Res. All. Edu.* 16 (6):1271-1273. (UGC Jr. No. 49103)

Ms. Natasha Karras-

Guest lecture/Presentation/Talk delivered:

Invited as visiting faculty in Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College for the M.Sc Program in Zoology.

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops attended:

Participated in *The Coach Approach- A workshop for Gen Z teachers* at Wilson College organized by Dr. Shamim Suryavanshi on 18th November, 2019.

Student Achievements:

T.Y.B.Sc Botany student, Tasneem Lokhandwala, is a recognised published writer, having compiled around 9 books in the past three years. She has won various awards at literary competitions; India Star Young Achiever Award, 2019, Aalamban World Human Rights Award 2019 for writing and for charity, and the Vajra book of World Records for publishing the world's smallest and first 360° inverted Hindi Anthology in a mere 5 hours. This book has won three records.

Mr. B. M. Konde,
Head, Department of Botany

Zoology

The Department of Zoology kept up its tradition of academic excellence and achievements. Dr. Devdatta Lad and Dr. Sushant Mane were on the M.Sc. Part 1 Zoology Revised Syllabus panel implemented from the academic year 2019 – 2020.

Student Activities:

Zoology excursions and visits are very popular events among our students. Dr. Sushant Mane, Dr. Devdatta Lad, Mr. Jitendra Shedde, Ms. Nishaz Shaikh and Ms. Roshni Agnes conducted a field visit for F.Y.B.Sc. Zoology students to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastusangrahalay at Fort. They visited the Natural History Section on Saturday 21st September 2019.

This year Dr. Devdatta Lad organized a short excursion for F.Y.B.Sc. Zoology students to Mahseer hatchery, Lonavala and Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park, Pune on 21th December 2019. He was accompanied by Dr. Sushant Mane, Mr. Jitendra Shedde, Ms. Nishaz Shaikh, Ms. Roshni Agnes & Mr. Hassan Shaikh.

Dr. Sushant Mane organised a long excursion for S.Y.B.Sc., T.Y.B.Sc. and M.Sc. Part 1 and Part 2 Zoology students to Kanha National Park, Madhya Pradesh from 2nd to 6th February 2020. He was accompanied by Dr. Devdatta Lad, Mr. Jitendra Shedde, Ms. Nishaz Shaikh & Mr. Rahul Metkar.

Dr. Sushant Mane arranged visits to FSI Sassoon Dock and Versova fish-landing centre for the T.Y.B.Sc. students on 11th February 2020 and 28th February 2020 respectively.

Conferences/Workshops Attended/Papers Presented:

Dr. S. J. Mane & M.Sc. student Ms. Lakshika Hodar presented a poster entitled *Comparative analysis of calcium salts content of Scylla serrate and Charybdis cruciata from exoskeleton (carapace)*, at a UGC-sponsored National Conference on New Dimensions of Chemistry held on 1st February 2020, organized by Chemistry Department Wilson College.

Department Fest:

Another very popular event of the Zoology Department is an intra-departmental sea-food cooking competition called Fish-O-Fest. It is based on the skill of scientific knowledge applied to handling and cooking of sea food. This event was conducted on 13th February 2020.

Paper Publications: The faculty was actively involved in research. Research papers published by the faculty members are as follows:-

Devdatta Lad:

Devdatta Lad, (2019) *Analysis of Price Inflation of Exported Crab and Crab Products by India Using Laspeyres Price Index*, Uttar Pradesh Journal of Zoology, Volume 40, Issue 1, 22 - 24

Dr. Sushant Mane:

Sujit Sundaram and S. Mane. 2019, *Species diversity and basic biology of squids from Maharashtra waters, northwest coast of India*, Int. J. of Life Sciences, Vol. 7 (1): 43-50.

Sujit Sundaram, S. Mane and D. Bagade. 2019 *Species diversity and basic biology of octopus from Maharashtra waters, northwest coast of India*, Int. J. of Life Sciences, Vol. 7 (2): 212-220.

Mane, S., Sujit Sundaram, A. Hule, M. Sawant and V. D. Deshmukh. 2019. *Length weight relationship of commercially important penaeid prawns of Maharashtra, India*, Int. Res. Journal of Science & Engineering, 7 (1): 35-40

Ms. Paramjeet Shetti
Head, Dept. of Zoology

Chemistry

Dr S. Z. Bootwala was appointed as the Head of the Department in June 2019. Sachin Gupta, Shreya Shirke, Niketa Briganza and Prerna Jain were appointed on a contract basis for the current academic year.

Fiftythree students enrolled for T.Y.B.Sc. Many talks and lectures were organized for T.Y.B.Sc. and M.Sc. students. A talk by Dr. Sushilkumar Dharmane Associate Professor Fergusson College, Pune on Careers in Chemical Sciences was arranged on 20th July 2019. A lecture in collaboration with the department of Physics by Dr. Pravin Walke, Scientist, National Center of Nanoscience, Mumbai University was organized on "Functional nanomaterials for energy applications including harvesting and storage" on 31st July 2019.

As part of extension activities Dr. Thomson Fernandes, Sachin Gupta with 15 T.Y.B.Sc. students and N.S.S. volunteers visited Badlapur village. The chemistry students conducted experiments based on green chemistry for the school children on 1st September 2019.

A talk on *Careers in Precious Metals* by Ms. Neha Shinde, Consultant Faculty, Indian Institute of Gems and Jewellery was delivered on 23rd November 2019. A lecture on *Can Nanotechnology Help Combat Climate Change?* By Dr.Vivek Polshettiwar, scientist TIFR, Mumbai was held on 29th January 2020.

Student Achievements

Pradeep Sharma of TYBSc secured 1st position in the debate competition entitled *War of Words* held at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai.

Rahul Agrhari won 1st prize in a slogan competition held at Nehru Science Centre, 3rd prize in *Rasayan*, the K.J Somaiya College Fest, 3rd prize in Chemscope 19, the fest of Sophia College, and consolation prize for the photography competition of Wilson College.

Sweety Maity won 1st prize for Tug of War in SpringZ'20 at the intercollegiate festival at Nagindas Khandwala College of Commerce, Arts and Management Studies.

Siddesh Jadhav won 1st prize in Photography (I - Zoomer) in *Rasayan*, the K. J. Somaiya fest held on 7th December 2019.

Ongoing/Completed Research Projects with the Staff:

Dr. Jamson Masih is the principal investigator of an ongoing Major Research Project entitled *Distribution, Behaviour and its Associated Metals Concentration of Nano-particles in Urban and Sub-urban Areas of Mumbai, India* sanctioned by BARC, Mumbai with a Total grant of Rs. 15,00,000/-

Research Papers Published:

Prof Anna Pratima Nikalje

Structure-Based Site of Metabolism (SOM) prediction of ligand for CYP3A4 Enzyme: Comparison of Glide XP and Induce Fit Docking (IFD) : Deepak K. Lokwani, Aniket P. Sarkate, Anna Pratima Nikalje, Julio A Seijas- *Molecules* 2020, 25,1622; DOI: 10.3390/molecules

Development and evaluation of antidiabetic formulation of *Trichosanthes dioica* fruit extract Syeda Shahana, Anna Pratima Nikalje, *Journal of Pharmacognosy and Phytochemistry* 2019; 8(2): 610-613.

Phytochemistry and bioactivity of *Morus alba* (Mulberry) plant: A comprehensive review

Syeda Shahana, Anna Pratima Nikalje, *Asian Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology* 2019; 5(2): 207-217.

Extraction and Physicochemical Characterization of Chitin Derived from the Asian Hornet, *Vespa velutina Lepeletier* 1836- Xesus Feas, M. Pilar Vazquez-Tato, Julio A.swijas, Anna Pratima Nikalje, Francisco Fraga-Lopez, *Molecules* 2020, 25,384; doi: 10.3390/molecules25020384.

Kinetics of transition metal ion catalyzed oxidation of some industrially important alcohols using Ammonium Metavanadate in Acidic medium-Harichandra A Parbat, D V Prabhu, Anna Pratima Nikalje, *Global Journal of Scientific Frontier Research:B Chemistry Volume 19, Issue 3 Version 1.0 Year 2019, Online ISSN: 2249-4626.*

Structure-Based Site of Metabolism (SOM) prediction of ligand for CYP3A4 Enzyme: Comparison of Glide XP and Induce Fit Docking (IFD): Deepak K. Lokwani, Aniket P. Sarkate, Anna Pratima Nikalje, Julio A Seijas-Proceedings 2019.

Ultrasound assisted synthesis of 2,4-substituted 1,5-benzothiazepine derivatives- Proceedings of The 23rd International Electronic Conference on Synthetic Organic Chemistry

Organized a National Conference on New Dimension in Chemistry on 1st February 2020.

Dr D.V. Prabhu:

D V Prabhu and Chetana Rana, *Kinetic and thermodynamic studies of the oxidation of some industrially important cyclic alcohols using $K_2S_2O_8$ in acidic medium*, SCIREA Journal of Clinical Medicine Vol 4(3),2019, p.52-60.

D V Prabhu and Chetana Rana, *Kinetic and thermodynamic investigations of the oxidation of Cinnamyl alcohol by some organic oxidants in alkaline medium*, Research Journal of Chemistry and Environment Vol 23(4),2019, p.27-30.

D V Prabhu,Shivani Dhage and Prakash Kelkar, *Effects of salinity and temperature on the rate of biodegradation of domestic waste released into the marine waters around Mumbai City, India*, GP Globalize Research Journal of Chemistry, Vol 2 (2),2019, p.39-42.

H. Parbat, D V Prabhu and Anna Pratima Nikalje, *Kinetics of transition metal ion oxidation of some industrially important alcohols using Ammonium metavanadate*, Global Journal of Science Frontier Research 'B' Chemistry (USA), Vol 19, issue 3, version 1 p.35-41.

Dr. H. A. Parbat

Paper published on *Kinetics of Transition Metal Ion catalyzed oxidation of some industrially important alcohols using Ammonium Metavanadate in acidic medium* in Global Journal of Science Frontier Research B Chemistry (USA and UK), Volume 19, Issue 3, Version 1.0, year 2019. (ISSN No. 0975-5896).

A Kinetic Approach to the oxidation of some primary perfumery alcohols using Ammonium Metavanadate in acidic medium" in Journal of Indian Chemical Society. (ISSN No. 0019-4522).

Dr. Ashish Uzgare

Organizing Secretary, presented a paper and published abstract on *Screening of metal complexes and ligand as antimicrobial agents against Gram positive and Gram negative bacteria* at the National Conference on New Dimensions of Chemistry organized by Wilson College in collaboration with University of Mumbai and ACT on 1st February, 2020.

Dr Jamson Masih

Rohra, H. Pipal, A.S., Tiwari, R., Vats, P., Jamson Masih, Khare, P., Taneja, A. *Particle size dynamics and risk implication of atmospheric aerosols in South-Asian subcontinent* Chemosphere, 249, 126-140, 2020.

Dr Anand Burange

New routes for the synthesis of unsymmetrical diaryl selenides: Effect of heat, light and ultrasound AJ Sahani, AS Burange, SD Thakur, RV Jayaram Molecular Catalysis (Elsevier) 476, 110534, 2019

Guest Speakers/Invited Talk/Chairperson/Trainer for Conferences Seminar Workshop:**Prof Anna Pratima Nikalje**

Was invited to give a talk on *Green Synthesis of Novel Anticancer Drugs* at an International Conference on Advanced Functional Materials (AFM-2020), held at Kamla Nehru Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur on 23rd January 2020.

Was a committee member of the 23rd International Electronic Conference, on Synthetic Organic Chemistry and the convener of the National Conference on New Dimensions of Chemistry held at Wilson College on 1st February 2020.

Mr. S. S. Borde

Participated in a workshop on the New Education Policy 2019 (Draft), jointly organized by Ramanand Arya D.A.V. College and Association of Non-government college, Mumbai on 8th June 2019, at R.A.D.A.V. College, Mumbai.

Dr. H. A. Parbat

Was resource person and chairperson for a session at the National Conference on Multi-Disciplinary Research and Practices-2020 organized by G. M. Vedak College of Science, Tala, Raigad, in collaboration with University of Mumbai on 15th February, 2020.

Chaired a session at the International Conference on Advanced Functional Materials (AFM-2020) organized by Kamala Nehru College, Nagpur in association with Association of Chemistry Teachers from January 23-25, 2020.

Guest Speaker for NET-SET workshop on 28th December, 2019 at D.B.F. Dayanand College Solapur, University of Solapur.

Resource Person for NET-SET workshop on 4th May and 6th May, 2019 at Bhavans College, Andheri.

Dr. Ashish Uzgare

Was resource person/trainer for a one-day seminar on Soft Skills Management, organized at the Sonopant Dandekar College, Palghar on 31st August, 2019.

Organized and conducted a one-day hands-on training workshop on HPLC (with fluorescence detector) on 30th November, 2019 at the DST - FIST Facility for post graduate students and staff.

Was a member of the organizing committee and attended a one-day workshop on *New CAS Guidelines* organized by Wilson College in collaboration with University of Mumbai on 18th January, 2020.

Organized a training session for the staff of Wilson College on *Use of Cyberhytex* for incorporating ICT in teaching on 27th February, 2020.

Dr Jamson Masih

Delivered a talk on *Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon in India* at the International Seminar on Recent Advances in Environmental Protection (RAEP), organized by the

Chemistry Department, St. John's College, Agra on 1st and 2nd November 2019.

Dr Hina Shaikh

Participated in a workshop on *Microscale Techniques in Chemistry* on 12th and 13th December, 2019, organized by Sharad Shankar Dighe College, Bhandup, in collaboration with the University of Mumbai and the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Mr Kailas Shinde

Participated in a workshop on *Microscale Techniques in Chemistry* on 12th and 13th December, 2019 organized by Sharad Shankar Dighe College, Bhandup, in collaboration with the University of Mumbai and the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Participated in a workshop on *Research Methodology and Intellectual Property Rights*, organized by Bhavan's H. Somani college on 27th February, 2020.

Dr Anand Burange

Delivered a talk at the 56th Annual Convention of Chemists and International conference organized by Indian Chemical Society and Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University at Raipur on 12th and 13th November 2019.

Delivered lectures for NET-SET aspirants for M.Sc. Chemistry students at Sant. Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati and at Brijlal Biyani College, Amravati.

Delivered a lecture for 10th standard students on *Chemistry and its Importance in Daily Life* on 25th February 2020 at Wilson High School, Mumbai

Social Outreach: Delivered an online lecture under IMPACT lecture series for B.Sc. students, Nandgaon College, Nandgaon.

Delivered a talk on *Life of Dmitri Mendeleev and History of Periodic Table* to school children at Wilson College, Mumbai at IYPT organized by Junior Science group.

Publications:

Dr. Sakina .Z. Bootwala

Book published on *Advanced Practicals in Inorganic Chemistry* for M.Sc. Sem-III & IV students.

Co- author in *Inorganic Chemistry* for F.Y.B.Sc. SEM- I & II students.

Dr. H. A. Parbat

Co- author in *Practical in Chemistry* for F.Y.B.Sc. SEM- I & II students by Sheth Publication.

Seminars and Activities:

Prof Anna Pratima Nikalje

Participated in the seminar on Women Empowerment in Science and Technology on the occasion of National Technology Day on 13th May 2019 at ICT, Mumbai.

Attended the 2nd national conclave in university 4.0 series on Student Employability and its impact on NAAC Rankings organized by Indian Education Forum on 11th October 2019.

Participated in the DAE Theme Meeting Commemorating '150 Glorious Years of Periodic Table' held on 27th November 2019 at DAE Convention Centre, at Anushaktinagar, Mumbai.

Dr. Sakina Z. Bootwala

Organized a National Conference on *New Dimension in Chemistry* on 1st February, 2020 at Wilson College.

Participated in a workshop on *New CAS guidelines*, in collaboration with the University of Mumbai on 18th January, 2020.

Participated in a workshop on *Constructing Objectives, Competencies and Assessment Rubrics*, organized by the IQAC on 10th January 2020

Dr. H. A. Parbat

Participated in *International Coastal Clean Up Drive* undertaken at Mumbai beaches/ seashores on 21st September, 2019, by Indian Coast Guard (Maharashtra).

Dr. Ashish Uzgare

Delivered a lecture on *Research Based Pedagogical Tool*, for the teaching staff at Wilson College on 15th March 2019

Dr Anand Burange

Attended *150 Glorious Years of Periodic Table*, (IYPT-2019) on 27th November, 2019, at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.

Served as a Board Member for National Standard in Chemistry (NSEC) for the Chemistry Olympiad.

Served as an organizing committee member for the National Conference on *New Dimensions of Chemistry* (NDC-2020), held at Wilson College, Mumbai on 1st February 2020.

Conducted a session at the NSS camp at Thakur Village on 5th February, 2020.

Continues to be visiting faculty at the University of Mumbai for M.Sc. Organic Chemistry.

Mr Sachin Gupta

Working as a member of NSS committee

Participated in the *International Coastal Cleanup Drive*, undertaken at Mumbai seashore organized by the Indian Coast Guard, on 21st September, 2019.

Ms Shreya Shirke

Working as a member of NSS committee.

Participated in the *International Coastal Cleanup Drive*, undertaken at Mumbai seashore organized by the Indian Coast Guard, on 21st September, 2019.

Staff Achievements:

Principal, Prof Anna Pratima Nikalje was granted two patents: i) Synthesis of anticonvulsant agents in 2019 and ii) Synthesis of anticancer agents in 2020.

Dr D.V. Prabhu

Editor, Proceedings of the International Conference on Advanced Functional Materials AFM 2020, Kamla Nehru Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur, 23rd to 25th January, 2020.

Appointed as Editorial Board Member for the International Journal of Environmental Chemistry, New York, USA.

Dr. Sakina Z. Bootwala

Vice Chancellor Nominee and subject expert for the screening cum evaluation committee/selection Committee at Royal College on 9th February, 2020, at Kishinchand Chellaram College on 26th November, 2019, Sathaye College on 4th December, 2019, Rizvi College of Arts, Science & Commerce on 12th July, 2019, and Mithibai College of Arts and Science on 11th March, 2020.

Judge at *Cornucopia*, organized by the Botany Department of Wilson College on 30th January, 2020

Mr. S. S. Borde

Appointed as Vice Chancellor's Nominee as subject expert under CAS.

Appointed as the Vice President of the Wilson College Gymkhana.

Dr. H. A. Parbat

Dr. H. A. Parbat successfully completed the RUSA-sponsored Short Term Course, at the University of Mumbai between 18th and 24th December, 2019.

Editorial Board Member of G P Globalize Journal of Chemistry, An International Peer Reviewed Journal of Chemistry. (ISSN No. 2581-5911).

Judge for the 14th Inter-Collegiate/Institute/Department Avishkar Research Convention 2019-20 (District Round) on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at Sonopant Dandekar College, Palghar.

Joint Organizing Secretary for National Conference on *New Dimensions in Chemistry*, organized by Wilson College, Mumbai, in collaboration with the University of Mumbai and Association of Chemistry Teachers, on 1st February, 2020 at Wilson College, Mumbai.

Dr. Ashish Uzgare

Appointed as the Chief Conductor of the Wilson College Centre for the Maharashtra State Eligibility Test conducted by the Savitribai Phule Pune University on 23rd June, 2019

Dr Jamson Masih

Chaired a session on *Characterization of Atmospheric PACs* at and attended the *26th International Symposium on Polycyclic Aromatic Compounds (ISPAC)* and from 9th to 12th September 2019, at University of Orebro, Sweden.

Joint Organizing Secretary for National Conference on *New Dimensions in Chemistry*, organized by Wilson College, Mumbai, in collaboration with the University of Mumbai and Association of Chemistry Teachers, on 1st February, 2020 at Wilson College, Mumbai.

Attended *150 Glorious Years of Periodic Table*, (IYPT-2019) on 27th November, 2019, at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

Elected as a Fellow of the Indian Chemical Society (ICS), 92, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Road, Kolkata in 2019.

Member, Board of Management, St. Columba School Committee and Management Committee, John Wilson Education Society from 2019-20.

Member Board of Management, St. Columba Primary School Committee, John Wilson Education Society from 2019-20.

Mr Kailas Shinde

Convener, Rotaract Club of Wilson College for the year 2019-20.

Papers Presented:

Dr D.V. Prabhu:

Kinetics of Transition metal ion catalyzed oxidation of some industrially important alcohols using Ammonium metavanadate in acidic medium at the International Conference on Advanced Functional Materials (AFM 2020), Kamla Nehru Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur, 23rd to 25th January, 2020.

Effects of salinity and temperature on the rate of biodegradation of domestic waste released into the marine waters around Mumbai City, Mumbai, at the 2nd International Conference on Green and Sustainable Chemistry on the theme *Research at the interface of Chemistry and Sustainability*, Zurich, Switzerland, 15th and 16th July, 2019 (E-Poster). Abstracted in Journal of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Vol 3, 2019, p 67.

Studies of some oxidation rates of some industrially important alcohols using KIO_4 in acidic medium, 15th International Conference on Environmental Chemistry and Engineering, Rome, Italy, 15th-16th August, 2019 (E-Poster). Abstracted in Journal of Environmental Analytical Chemistry, Vol. 6, 2019, p 51.

Oxidation studies of some perfumery phenols found in Indian spices, International Conference on Green, Sustainable and Analytical Chemistry, Goa, India, 24th and 25th March, 2010 (Invited Lecture)

Innovation in Science Education through International Science Olympiads-International Conference on Advanced Functional Materials AFM 2020, Kamla Nehru Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur, 23rd to 25th January, 2020 (Invited Lecture)

Dr. Sakina Z. Bootwala

Was the Coordinator and presented a paper on *Synthesis, Spectroscopic Characterization and Thermal Study of Cu(II) and Zn(II) complexes with ethyl 2-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-thiazolidin-3-yl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1-benzothiophene-3-carboxylate* at the National Conference on *New Dimensions of Chemistry* at Wilson College organized by Wilson College in collaboration with the University of Mumbai and ACT on 1st February, 2020.

Dr. H. A. Parbat

Oral presentation on *Kinetics of Transition Metal Ion catalyzed oxidation of some industrially important alcohols using Ammonium Metavanadate in acidic medium*, at the

International Conference on *Advanced Functional Materials* (AFM-2020), organized by Kamala Nehru College, Nagpur, in association with the Association of Chemistry Teachers from 23rd to 25th January, 2020.

Dr Jamson Masih

Presented a paper on *Concentration and sources of PM_{2.5} bound PAHs at Urban and Sub-urban sites in the most populated City of India* at the 26th International Symposium on Polycyclic Aromatic Compounds (ISPAC) from 9th to 12th September 2019, at the University of Orebro, Sweden.

Dr Hina Shaikh

Presented a research paper on *In vivo study of immunomodulatory effect of Gmelina arborea Roxb.*

Mr Kailas Shinde

Presented research abstract on *Synthesis, Characterization, Molecular Docking and Anticancer Evaluation of Novel Quinoline Derivatives* at the National Conference on *New Dimensions in Chemistry*, at Wilson College, on 1st February, 2020.

Ms. Shreya Shirke

- Presented a research paper titled "Kinetics studies of the Transition Metal Ion Catalyzed Oxidation of Aliphatic Alcohols using Ammonium Metavanadate in acidic medium" in National Conference on *New Dimensions of Chemistry* at Wilson College on 1st February 2020.

Ms. Prerna H Jain

Presented a research paper titled, *Extraction and Spectrophotometric determination of caffeine from various beverages*, at the National Conference on *New Dimensions of Chemistry*, at Wilson College, on 1st February, 2020

Junior College

Ms. Shirin. T. Irani was a judge for evaluation of Science Projects at the AB Ward Science Exhibition on Wednesday 18th December 2019, at The Alexandra Girls' English Institution.

Shirin T. Irani was invited to judge the Bio Jewellery/Rangoli event for the *Cornucopia* fest of the Botany Department of Wilson College, on 30th January, 2020.

Mrs. Bindu Nambidi attended a one-day training programme for revised syllabus(2019-2020) in Chemistry at Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Matunga on 25th September, 2019.

Dr. S. Z. Bootwala,
Head, Department of Chemistry.

Physics

National Seminar and Workshop:

Mr. Mahesh Shetti and Dr. Kapil Bhatt attended a four-day national seminar on Crystallography at B.A.R.C. from 19th June to 22nd June 2019.

Mr. Michael D'Souza attended five-day workshop on "Interwining Strands in Physics and Mathematics: Symmetry" at I.I.S.E.R., Pune from 14th to 18th January 2020.

Remedial coaching:

Dr. Sujata Patil conducted remedial sessions for first-year students.

Post-graduate Teaching:

Mr. S. R. Deodhar taught courses on *Quantum Mechanics* and *Classical Electrodynamics* at the Ruparel College M.Sc. Lecture Centre and *Electrodynamics* and *Statistical Physics* at Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai. Mr. M. C. D'Souza taught courses on *Mathematical Methods* and *Atomic Physics* at the Ruparel College M.Sc. Lecture Centre and *Mathematical Methods* at St. Xavier's college.

University level examination:

Michael D'Souza and Shekhar Deodhar were paper setters and examiners for the University M.Sc. exams. Dr. Kapil Bhatt was actively involved in project evaluation for M.Sc. students of the University of Mumbai, Department of Physics. Mr. Michael D'Souza, Dr. U. V. Patil, Mr. Mahesh Shetti, Dr. Sujata Patil and Dr. Kapil Bhatt worked as examiners for the T.Y.B.Sc. University examinations.

Junior College Section

Mr. Suresh Patwa from Junior College attended the Syllabus-Revision Workshop for Std XI had organized by the Divisional Board Office on 24th September 2019, at Khalsa College, Mumbai.

Outreach Activities:

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

- *Facts and fantasies in Solar System* on 24th February 2020, at Sharda Mandir High School, Gamdevi as a part of school's National Science-Day celebration.
- *Distance measurement in Astronomy* on 6th February 2020 at Amity College, Panvel Campus.

- *History of Development of Battery* on 31st January 2020 at the VIBGYOR festival at Ruparel College.
- *Interesting Facts about Astronomy* on 28th January 2020 at M.D. College.
- *Scientific Dating Techniques for Archeologists* on 17th September 2019, for the T.Y.B.A. history students of Wilson College.
- *Search for Intelligent Life in Universe* on 29th July 2019 at Witty International School, Malad.
- *Search for Intelligent Life in Universe* on 18th July 2019, at Orion School, Vile Parle.

Mahesh Shetti has continued to be a resource person for Centre for Extra-Mural Studies' (Mumbai University). He delivered various lectures for the Certificate courses in *Astronomy and Astrophysics* and *Ancient Indian Arts, Crafts and Science*. Mahesh also led the expedition for the annular Solar Eclipse on 26th December 2019 at Mangalore. The expedition was organized by the Centre for Extra-Mural Studies of Mumbai University. The group of 30 enthusiastic amateur astronomers conducted systematic and safe observations of the Annular Solar Eclipse through solar-filtered telescopes and binoculars. They also captured the entire sequence of the eclipse using well protected DSLR camera. Some of our former students who joined the group, also undertook various measurements on the day of the eclipse, as well as a day prior and following the eclipse, for a comparative study of the environment. The instruments were designed and constructed by Mr. Shubham Mourya, our alumnus of 2018 batch. The group also encouraged local enthusiasts and other tourists to join in for the purpose of scientific-awareness raising among them.

Mr. Michael D'Souza extended his expertise as I.S.C. examiner, at the Cathedral and John Connon School on 6th February 2020.

Physics Society Activities:

Dr. Pravin Walke from N.C.N.N.U.M. gave a talk on *Functional nanomaterials for energy applications* on 31st July 2019. He discussed various nanomaterials that are being designed for different applications including high storage batteries. The talk was jointly organized by Physics and Chemistry Departments. He also gave away the prizes for academic

toppers: Mr. Rishikant Brahmpuria (F.Y.B.Sc.) and Ms. Kanan Virkar (S.Y.B.Sc.)

Dr. Nishita Desai from T.I.F.R., Theoretical Physics Division, delivered a talk on *In search of New Physics* on 28th August 2019. She presented a review of fundamental-particle physics and discussed the problem of deciding the nature of dark matter.

An Industrial visit was arranged for T.Y.B.Sc. students to Ashida Electronics Pvt Ltd, Thane on 7th February 2020. Students observed the complete assembly and testing of power relays used in automation of various industrial processes. Students found direct interaction with people working in industry very useful. Dr. Uday Patil and Dr. Kapil Bhatt accompanied and guided students.

Event Horizon – Physics Festival:

An intra-college festival “**Event Horizon**” was organized on 11th February 2020.

The prize winners of the competitions conducted as part of Event Horizon are as follows:

- **Calculatrix:**

First prize – Pradeep Sharma – (T.Y.B.Sc. – Chemistry)

Second Prize – Nishant (F.Y.B.Sc.) and Piyush Dargar (S.Y.B.Sc.)

- **Quiz:**

First Prize was shared by Uzma Hakim and Rishikant Bhramपुरi (both S.Y.B.Sc.)

Second Prize was divided among Rustom, Shubham Mishra (T.Y.B.Sc. Chemistry), Nishant and Prathamesh (F.Y.B.Sc.)

Third Prize- Pooja Gole (T.Y.B.Sc. Chemistry) and Pavithara Kandasamy (S.Y.B.Sc.)

- **Crossiphy:** There were four different competitions under this. The winners were:

Riddles: Reema Ali and Rasika Dhotre (S.Y.B.Sc.)

Unscramble: Gatik Patel (S.Y.B.Sc.) and Aasiya Shaikh (S.Y.B.M.S.)

Puzzle: Prathmesh and Nishant (F.Y.B.Sc.)

Crossword: Pavithra Kandasamy and Gauri Lahare (S.Y.B.Sc.)

- **Photography:**

First Prize: Tejas Jadyar (S.Y.B.Sc.)

Second Prize: Ajit Payer (T.Y.B.Sc. Chemistry)

- **Memes:**

Pranay Tambe (T.Y.B.Sc. Chemistry)

Sahil Chawan (F.Y.B.Sc.)

All competitions were designed and conducted by T.Y.B.Sc. (Physics) students. Mr. Shreyas Dhongade, a professional photographer and an artist, judged the photography competition.

*Mr. Shekhar Deodhar,
Head, Department of Physics*

Mathematics

Mathamodulus, a Department of Mathematics event, was held on the 13th January 2020. The fest, aimed at eliminating the phobia of Mathematics from minds of students, was started in the academic year 2017-2018. It consists of events such as Treasure hunt, Escape room, Logicana (Quiz) and other games involving logic.

The event commenced with the inaugural ceremony at 10 am in AV room.

The Logical Game began at 10.30 am in Mackenzie Auditorium, followed by Logicana (Quiz) at 11.30 am in AV room. Escape Room was held at 12.30 pm in Room 14, after which Treasure Hunt was conducted.

This year *Mathamodulus* was led by Feliza Dadachanji and Sam Banerji both students of TYBSc Mathematics. Around 100 students participated in the various events. The winners were awarded medals and spot cash prizes.

Ms. Swinal Nune and Ms. Andria Colaco were welcomed as our latest additions to the teaching faculty of the department

Staff Achievements:

Joyce Kurien:

Workshops Attended:

Participated in a workshop on *Academic Integrity in Research: Tools and Techniques* held at ACTREC, Kharghar on 21st November 2019.

Papers Presented:

Presented a paper entitled *Gender Issues* at the National Conference CTHSS-2020 held at Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Chowpatty on 15th February 2020.

Publications:

A study on some of the Algebraic contributions of Thomas Harriot and William Oughtred in Journal AJMS,

Quadratic Equations in the Medieval period of Indian Mathematics in the Journal I.J.I.R.M.F.

Indian contributions to algebraic equations in Ajanta Prakashan.

S.Y. Pakhle.

HOD, Department of Mathematics.

Microbiology

The academic year 2019 began with the pleasing news that the T.Y.B.Sc students of the department graduated with flying colors and three out of 45 students got a maximum C.G.P.A. score of 10/10. Three post graduate students also passed with honors. We congratulate all the students for their hard work and wish them all the best for their future endeavors.

In order to keep the students well-informed with current trends in the academic and industrial world, various activities are conducted throughout the academic year.

Talks and Guest lectures

Dr. Ajit Datar gave a lecture on *Careers in Biological Science* on 28th August, 2019 for T.Y.B.Sc. and M.Sc. students. 84 students from Microbiology, Botany and Zoology departments attended the lecture.

Ms. Mariam Khan, an alumnus of the department from the batch of 2015, delivered an interactive talk on *How to Apply to Universities Abroad* to 85 first, second and third-year B.Sc. students of Microbiology on 4th January, 2020.

Mr. Joshua Tivade, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Wilson College and the College Counselor conducted an interactive session on *Stress Management* for Third Year B.Sc. students of Microbiology on the 25th January, 2020. 46 students took advantage of this opportunity. They enjoyed the session and requested for such counseling sessions to be conducted on regular basis.

In collaboration with the University of Mumbai, the department organized a seminar on career guidance entitled, CROSSROADS 2020 on 6th February, 2020. The seminar was attended by 160 students from the various science departments of the college. The Chief Guest for the seminar was Mr. Sudhakar Solomonraj, Department of Political Science, Wilson College. This seminar had experts

from both academics and industry, discussing the various career options available for science graduates. The speakers invited for the talk were:

Dr. Vijay Mangoli, Laboratory Director at Fertility Clinic, IVF Centre Mumbai, delivered a talk on *A Career in In-vitro Fertilization*.

Dr. Naomita. G. Dhume, Head of Department of Bioanalytical Science, G. N. Khalsa College, Mumbai, highlighted the careers in *Bioanalytical Science*.

Ms. Trisha Ganguly, Assistant Professor from the Food and Nutrition Department, Nirmala Niketan College, Mumbai, delivered a talk on *Careers in Dietetic and Applied Nutrition*.

Mr. Pratik. S. Vasani, Deputy General Manager at Meril Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd, and alumnus of the department spoke on *Career in Pharmaceutical Regulatory, Quality Control and Quality Assurance in Pharmaceutical Industry*.

Ms. Pooja Ramachandran, Director at Mapmygenome Hyderabad, delivered a talk on careers in *Genetic Counseling*.

The sessions were well appreciated by the students who suggested that these lectures series should be continued every year.

Intercollegiate Fest:

The intercollegiate festival, BIOMOSAIC, marked its 12th consecutive year, having been conducted on the 22nd November, 2019. The excitement and preparations for the same began in full swing with the commencement of the academic year 2019-2020 by the S.Y.B.Sc students and department faculty. The event was inaugurated by Vice Principal, Dr. Ashish Uzgare. The fest comprised of various science-related, as well as fun-filled events such as Holmes under the Hammer, The Spell Bee, Mindbend, Petri Art,

Micro-hunt and How It Works. To keep the students engaged between events, fillers were arranged.

The event witnessed the participation of 150 students from various colleges across Mumbai including Sophia College, Thakur College, N M Patkar College, Khalsa College, K C College, Jai Hind College and Wilson College. For the first time, a website was created to aid the online registration of participants and a portal for the uploading of photographs in the Artsy Lens was created. This event was sponsored by various well-wishers like RuRaRi Rasoi, Nisha Stationary, Red Bull, Aziz Caps, Tiles World, Arnob Ghosh Photography, Mr. Kothavale and Magna Voyage. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Anna Pratima Nikalje and Mr. Nitin Nakti, alumnus of the department, gave away the prizes during the valedictory ceremony.

Internships:

In April 2019, forty-six S.Y.B.Sc. students were trained for durations ranging from 15 days to a month and placed as interns in reputed institutes, laboratories and hospitals like Padmaja Aerobiologicals Pvt Ltd, Kokilaben Hospital and Research Institute, Saifee Hospital, Gokul Milk, Bayview Research Centre and Monginis, Goa.

Field Visits:

Third Year B.Sc. students visited:

The Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education Centre (ACTREC) during their open day on 28th November 2019.

Sunandan Divatia School of Science, NMIMS University for their open day on 2nd December, 2019.

Plant Tissue Culture Laboratory at Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College, Ghatkopar, on 17th December, 2019.

Animal Tissue Culture Laboratory at The Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education Centre (ACTREC) on 1st February, 2020.

Student Achievements

Second year B.Sc student Misbah Yakub Naik, currently in third year B.Sc Microbiology, was won the Best Student Award for 2018-19.

First year B.Sc. students, Nilang Gandhi and Nachiket Moti, participated in "GENACES 2019" held on 28th August, 2019 at Jai Hind College, Mumbai.

Second year B.Sc. student, Mohammed Bankotkar, won second place in the Intercollegiate Science Festival, *Sci Code #18*, in *Microfiesta*, conducted by the Department of Microbiology of K.C College on 25th September, 2019.

First year student, Nachiket Moti, bagged the second place in *Mind Bend* at *Biomosaic*, held on 22nd November, 2019.

Third year student, Soham Bodas bagged the first prize in Mono-acting at the Wilson College intercollegiate festival, Ole 2020 on 24th-25th January, 2020.

Eighty-one students from the first, second and third-year B.Sc students participated in the 19th National Level Microbiological Contest, *Microbiolympiad*, organised by Government Institute of Science, Aurangabad on 25th January, 2020.

National Council of Science Museum, in collaboration with the London Museum, organized a travelling exhibition entitled, *Superbug: end of antibiotics*. Ten undergraduate and postgraduate students participated in the agar art contest hosted by the Nehru Science Centre on 5th February 2020. Jay Dalvi, of first year M.Sc., secured the first prize for his artwork on media.

OUTREACH

On 27th December 2019, the *Helping hands* team of the Department of Microbiology, visited Tata Memorial Hospital as part of the social outreach program to aid the cancer patients and their relatives, by providing them with a few necessities. The team was successful in providing aid to approximately 1,000 people, including men, women and children. It was the vision of Dr. Anuradha Pendse and Ms. Swamini Patade, which led the team of 14 third year students on this mission, approaching the PRO at the hospital and getting permission for the distribution of items inside. On the day of the visit, the team volunteered to serve free lunch for the cancer people and their relatives, sponsored by Taj Lands' End Hotel. The items were distributed along with clothes and 145 blankets.

Open-day

The Department organized a one-day workshop on the basics of Microbiology, for school students of class VII, VIII and IX. The goal of the workshop was to elucidate on the nuances of the microbial sciences. 50 students and teachers from 7 schools including Pandey Girls High School, V.B.M Model High School, J.D Bharda High School, Fellowship High School, Manav Mandir High School, Seva Sadan High School and St Mary's High School attended the workshop.

Faculty Activities:

Seminars/Conferences Attended:

Jabinda Silva Lobo and Suruchi Sawant attended a seminar on *The Cell and Time*, organised by Department of Life Science, Sophia College on 20th -21st December 2019.

Dr. Anuradha Pendse, Radhika Birmole, Meghana Gore and Dr. Joyline Mascarenhas participated in a workshop on, *Constructing Objectives, Competencies and Rubrics*, at Wilson College on 10th January, 2020.

Dr. Anuradha Pendse and Swamini Patade attended a workshop on *Metagenomics*, organised by the Department of Microbiology, Jai Hind College on 16th -18th January 2020.

Dr. Anuradha Pendse, Radhika Birmole, Meghana Gore and Dr. Joyline Mascarenhas participated in a workshop on *New CAS Guidelines* organized by Wilson College, in collaboration with the University of Mumbai, on 18th January, 2020.

Dr. Anuradha Pendse, Radhika Birmole, Meghana Gore and Dr. Joyline Mascarenhas attended a National Conference on *New Dimensions of Chemistry*, held at Wilson College on 1st February, 2020.

Publications:

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Radhika Birmole and K. Aruna. 2019. *Optimization studies of Reactive Red 120 decolorization by Shewanella haliotis RDB_1*. Journal of Global Biosciences. Vol 8 (7): 6324-6367.

Radhika Birmole and K. Aruna. 2019. *Optimization studies on biodegradation of HE3B by Aeromonas hydrophila RDB_3 isolated from lake water sediments*. International Journal of Recent Scientific Research. Vol. 10(10): 35626-35648.

Abhilasha Upadhyay, Radhika Birmole and K. Aruna. 2019. *Optimization and characterization of indole acetic acid produced by Enterobacter cloacae ARAB05 isolated from*

rhizospheric region of Triticum aestivum. International Journal of Recent Scientific Research. Vol. 10(12): 36467-36476.

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Contribution to the University of Mumbai

Dr. Anuradha Pendse, Radhika Birmole, Meghana Gore and Dr. Joyline Mascarenhas, are members of the committee for the revision of M.Sc Part II syllabus for the faculty of Microbiology across Mumbai.

Dr. Anuradha Pendse is the chairperson for M.Sc Part I for practical examination, in the subject of Microbiology across Mumbai.

Radhika Birmole is a paper setter and moderator for T.Y B.Sc, under Mumbai University.

Meghana Gore is a paper setter and moderator for M.Sc. Part II, under Mumbai University.

Scholarships:

Every year deserving students from the Microbiology department are awarded the Prema Arya Scholarship. This year, the scholarship of Rs. 6000/- each, has been awarded to Afrin Mondal and Sahil Kalambe from T.Y.B.Sc and S.Y.B.Sc.

A Parent-teacher meeting was conducted for the parents of T.Y.B.Sc. Microbiology students on 27th July, 2019 in the Microbiology Laboratory. The core purpose of the meeting was to discuss the academic performance of the students. The meeting was attended by 30 parents.

Two members of the department Dr. Anuradha Pendse and Dr. Joyline Mascarenhas were awarded their doctorate this year.

Dr. Anuradha Pendse,
Head, Department of Microbiology

Self- Financing Courses Report

Today, Industry needs graduates who can apply knowledge, have good communication skills and are critical thinkers. They need thinkers and doers. This year, the Self- Financing Courses Section organised a series of sessions, activities and workshops designed to equip our students with these skills.

The highlights of the year are:

THE STEP-UP PROGRAM FOR SFC COURSES (Student Training and Empowerment Program for Undergraduate Pupils)

The Student Training and Empowerment Program for Undergraduate Pupils (STEP-UP), was initiated during this

year to train students to be competitive in the job market and make available to them, the vital work experience through internships with prospective employers in the city. The STEP-UP was launched under the leadership of Principal Dr. Anna Pratima Nikalje of Wilson College on 4th October 2019. The STEP UP programme consists of three phases:

1. A series of sessions, courses and workshops designed to equip College students with the skills necessary to be competitive on the job market and improve students' self-confidence and self-image. They help students to articulate their personal strengths and weaknesses.
2. Facilitate internships with local businesses, institutions, and organisations;
3. Corporate mentorship where career guidance will be provided by corporate mentors.

Department of Bachelor of Management Studies

In the light of our vision - "To develop leaders with a sense of passion, responsibility and commitment", the department embarked upon the new academic year with unique and student engaging activities. The highlights of the year are as follows:

On 1st July, 2019, Dr. Zuleika Homavazir and Mrs. Jyoti Sahni conducted an orientation programme for the First Year BMS students.

Institutional Social Responsibility

HOPE 2019: As part of HOPE 2019, the students undertook a variety of activities which are listed below:

"Josh Is Green" Initiative-Sapling Drive:

As part of the tree-plantation drive for Van Mahotsav week, between the 1st and 4th of July, 2019, students took the initiative to distribute saplings to the staff of, not only Wilson College, but to neighboring institutions like G. D. Somani High School, Wilson High School, B. J. P. C., St. Agnes High School, Vanita Vishram, Young Ladies High School, Villa Theresa High School, Dunnes Institute, St. Anne's High School, Gloria Convent, J.J. High School, St. Columba's High School and Queen Mary's High School. Saplings were also planted at these places.

Stalls were set up in college on 9th July, 2019, in association with the District Forest Officer and Asst. Commissioner of Forests Mr. Lachke and Mrs. Bhagde respectively, for the sale of more than 250 saplings, in continuance of the plantation drive.

On 21st July 2019, a plantation drive was held at the Gogangiri Maharaj Ashram, Manor, in association with the N.G.O.,

Clean We Go and *The Centre for Environmental Research and Education* (CERE), funded by The Indus Ind Bank.

Human Mosaic "Plant A Sapling, Plant A Life":

On the 3rd August 2019 at the Girgaum Chowpatty, a Human Mosaic in which 1500 students from 20 colleges and 5 schools participated. They formed the shape of a "Leaf" reinforcing our *HOPE 2019 Motto - Josh Is Green: Plant A Sapling, Plant A Life*. The event was widely reported by various daily publications such as Free Press Journal, Maharashtra Times, Jagruk Times, Hindustan Times and KBN News.

Rain Water Harvesting Project:

This project has been initiated, in alignment with the endeavor of the College to maintain and preserve the eco system of the state and country. Students held various discussions with a number of companies to understand the working of a Rain Water Harvesting Project. The feasibility study of the project was undertaken and various proposals were solicited from the following companies by the department: N.S. Associates, Vivaan Water & Enviro Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Osmosis – The Water Management People, and Nayna Enterprise.

HOPE for Kolhapur - Flood Relief Project:

On 5th August 2019, the students undertook relief measures by mobilising a truckload of essential items for flood relief victims at Bastua Tal Kurundwad, Kolhapur.

HOPE Supports Martyrs of Phulwama Attack:

Through HOPE, we donated a sum of Rs. 15,000/- to Mr. Umesh Jadhav.

CSR Activities: As part of CSR Activities the following donations were made:

Date	Activity	Social Benefit	Associated with/ Name of the organization
26/9/2019	Donated books & stationery. Engaged children in activities like singing, dancing & games.	Provided educational aid	Arogya Vaibhav Foundation
3/12/19	Organized activities, showed movie on Tree-Plantation, gave valuable information on environment and distributed saplings and stationery.	Safe and green environment awareness	Amcha Ghar

4/12/19	Donated Blankets, Chewsticks & Pedigree for sick/injured animals.	Awareness on animal safety	The Bombay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Including The Bai Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hospitals for Animals
4/12/19	Donated Books & Stationery	Helped in educational aid	Door Step School
12/12/19	Donation of Notebooks and Blankets	Helped in educational aid	SEAL
16/01/2020	Helping injured Dogs.	Safety and awareness campaign for dogs	Universal Animal Welfare
18/01/2020	Creating awareness for animals living in rehabilitation centres.	Animal shelter and welfare	YODH – Youth organisations In Defence of Animals.
12/02/2020	Distributed oral hygiene kit to children, played games to encourage them	Spreading awareness on oral hygiene	Samarth Pratishan
6/01/2020	Food Donations	Social welfare of Leprosy-afflicted	Kutumbhsakhi
22/01/2020	Social interaction with special children, HIV+ Women and residents of the old age home.	Hygiene, emotional and social welfare	Ashadaan and LDM Missionaries of Charity
25/01/2020	Donated books & stationery	Children's welfare and education	Zilla Parishad School, Vasai
25/01/2020	Women's Empowerment	Spreading awareness	Bless Foundation NGO
15/02/2020	Collected donations for the company by planting trees.	Awareness on environment-protection	Go Green NGO

06/01/2020	Distribution of books & blankets to children	Awareness on primary education	Shantivan Ashram
09/12/2019	Distributed saplings	Tree plantation awareness	Shaantidaan Ashram

Placements & Internships:

We are proud that a large number of our TYBMS students had the opportunity to intern and were subsequently placed as follows:

Morgan Stanley Operations: Shaileen Shah, Akshat Yadav, Ananya B angera, Chelsea Mascarenhas, Pranjal Grover, Shivrudrasingh Rathore, Nelefiia Prab, and Jemima Alexander

Morgan Stanley Legal & Compliance: Nikita Chaturvedi and Neeraj Shankar

ICICI Prudential Marketing: Vishal Shankar and Bianca

Ufaber, Executive – Business Development: Abhishek Kamath

Savage & Palmer, Executive – Business Development: Devansh Solanki

Endurance, Sales Associate: Mr. Rachit Jaiswal

Oh My Loans Pvt. Ltd., Management Trainee: Ms. Purvasha Pandey

It is heartening to note that from the current TY batch, approximately 85% students have interned in various companies, including Morgan Stanley, Chicago Pizza, Carve Industries, Yoko Sizzlers to name just a few.

Internships for SYBMS:

-Second year students Steffin Sam, Aaron Fernandes, Vinamra Dixit, Farheen Syed, Eshan Santosh Uchil, Suramya Bharadwaj, and Calvin Joji interned with Morgan Stanley Operations.

-Marval Figueredo interned with Oh My Loan Pvt. Ltd.

-Farheen Syed, Chelsea Edwin, Sharon Roney Pereira, Suryansh Varma, Shania Crasto, Parikshit Rathore, Carren Pereira, Mustafa Bundi, Pritam Chavan, Jovita Janis Kairanna, Kevin Lawrence Vaz, Harman Singh, Hritik Swaroop, Ashish Baria, Ryan Christian, Joash John, Anshika Safir, and Steven Joanes interned with the Terry Fox India Committee.

Guest Lectures & Seminars Organised by the Department:

Date	Name of the Speaker	Organization	Topic of Discussion
24 th June, 2019	Ms Joanne Clarke, Sr. Lecturer	Sheffield Hallam University	Sports Business Management
10 th August 2019	Dr R. Homavazir, Sr.Vice President	Darashaw & Co	Career Guidance & Life Skills

19 th August, 2019	Mr. Hriday Bhatia	Global Conference-Annual Diplomathon	Organizing Partner Annual Diplomathon
20 th August, 2019	Ms.R. Sherigar	Morgan Stanley	Career Guidance & Placements
19 th September, 2019	Mr. Lyric Jain, Founder & CEO	Logically	Fake News
18 th November, 2019	Mr.A.Hershon, Managing Director, Operation.	Morgan Stanley	Internship Pre-placement Talk
29 th November, 2019	Ms. Vaishali Gandhi, Dean	MIAMI Ad School	Diploma in Portfolio Program
16 th December, 2019	Dr. Vishnu	Kohinoor Business School	PGDM Courses
14 th January, 2020	Mr. Nadar, PRO	Visit to BARC	Visit to - DHRUVA - Super computer - Waste Immobilization plant - Food Security development
10 th & 24 th February, 2020	Mr.Krishna Warriar	Xavier's Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged (XRCVC).	Antarchakshu® 2.0- The Eye Within. Diversity Awareness Workshop

Seminars Conducted by Inhouse Faculty:

Date	Name of the Speaker	Organization	Topic of Discussion
27 th -29 th January 2020	Dr. Z. Homavazir & Mrs Bhoomi Rathod	Wilson College	Awareness on Cancer, Tata Memorial Hospital and Terry Fox briefing.
13 th & 22 nd February, 2020	Mrs. Bhoomi Rathod	Wilson College	Internal Control Committee briefing for Girls Safety against Sexual Harassment

Students of the BMS Department were part of the organising committee for STEP-UP sessions which were held from 3rd Oct to 18th Oct 2019 and the JWES Christmas program, held on 18th December, 2019

Participation by Students in College Events:

- 22nd June, 2019- talk delivered by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Patole and Dr. M.D. David, on the occasion of the Rev. Narayan Vaman Tilak Death Centenary.
- 24th July, 2019- Indian Revenue Service officials, Mr. Pratap Singh, Commissioner Income Tax, Mr. Abdul Hakim, Joint Commissioner Income Tax, and Mr. Suman Kumar, Joint Commissioner Income Tax spoke to the students about Income Tax.
- 29th July, 2019-Mr. Zubin Mulla from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences spoke to the students about Careers in Management.
- 30th November, 2019, and 13th January, 2020, officials from the PWD and MMVD of the Government of Maharashtra spoke on Road Safety Awareness.
- 14th Jan 2020, students visited DHRUVA, Super computer, Waste Immobilization plant and Food Security development of BARC where Mr Nadar, P.R.O. addressed them.

- 24th January, 2020, Prof. Jaishankar Talreja AIFMB (Asian Institute of Family Managed Business), at the Inter-Collegiate Entrepreneurship Simulation Competition
- 31st January, 2020, Dr. Madhu Chopra, Dr. Narindra Mehra, Dr. Mary Mathews, Ms. Raveena Tondon, Ms. Jaya Jairam, and Ms. Faye D'souza at Harmony Foundation of

St. Xavier's College at the Youth Against Organ Trafficking Conclave.

- 31st January, 2020 Ms. Rachna Patel and Ms. Veronica Bhonsle at Wilson College

Internal Code of Conduct Session for Girl Students, on Safety and Protection Against Sexual Harassment.

- 31st January, 2020, representatives of various companies like Motilal Oswal, Endurance, ICICI, Radio Mirchi, IIFL, Malini Kishore Sanghvi's Placement cell, Pathmakers for Recruitment addressed the students as part of the Job Fair Placements
- 1st February, 2020, students attended a Student Convention on Becoming Global Citizens of the 21st Century at St. Andrews College, Bandra,
- 4th February, 2020, Mr. Prem Masih, Secretary, JWES, Mr. Amul Chauhan, Owner of Orion, Mr. Samarth of SAP Student Academy, Mr. Philip Babu, Head, Education SAP

Student Academy spoke to the students at the SAP Launch at Wilson College, in collaboration with SAP Orion.

- 10th and 24th February, 2020, Mr. Krishna Warriar of Xavier's Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged

(XRCVC) spoke at Antarchakshu® 2.0- The Eye Within, a Diversity-Awareness Workshop.

- FYBMS AND SYBMS students participated in all STEP sessions from 3rd to 18th October, 2019

Faculty Participation:

Date	Name of the Speaker/ Organization	Topic of Discussion	Participants
19 th June, 2019	Mr. Nikhil Katara	Experience of Theoretical Workshop as part of University Grants Commission –SIP	Dr Zuleika Homavazir Mrs. Jyoti Sahni Mr. Ashwin Kataria Ms. Nilofer Sarang Ms. Vandana Daki
20 th June, 2019	Ms. Himali Kothari, Creative Writing Expert	Literacy as part of University Grants Commission –SIP	Dr Zuleika Homavazir Mrs. Jyoti Sahni Mr. Ashwin Kataria Ms. Nilofer Sarang Ms. Vandana Daki
21 st June, 2019	Dr Michelle Philip, Head, Department of English, Wilson College	Using Film for Student Mentoring	Dr Zuleika Homavazir Mrs. Jyoti Sahni Mr. Ashwin Kataria Ms. Nilofer Sarang 5Ms. Vandana Daki
29 th August, 2019	Live Telecast of Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi	Fit India Movement organised by University Grants Commission	Dr. Zuleika Homavazir
2 nd December, 2019	Dr. M. D. David	Founder's Day Celebration	Mrs. Bhoomi Rathod Mr. Ashwin Kataria Ms. Nilofer Sarang Ms. Vandana Daki
14 th December, 2019	Dr. Nishikant Jha	Workshop on Syllabus Revision –GST at HR College	Mr. Ashwin Kataria
18 th December, 2019	Mr. Prem Masih	Christmas Celebration	Dr. Zuleika Homavazir Mrs. Bhoomi Rathod Mr. Ashwin Kataria Ms. Nilofer Sarang Ms. Vandana Daki
10 th January, 2020	Drs Andrea Coutinho and Ivan John	Workshop on <i>Constructing Objectives, Competencies and Assessment Rubrics</i>	Mrs. Bhoomi Rathod Mr. Ashwin Kataria Ms. Nilofer Sarang Ms. Vandana Daki
13 th January, 2020	Govt. of Maharashtra, and MMVD	Govt. of Maharashtra	Dr Zuleika Homavazir Mrs. Bhoomi Rathod Mr. Ashwin Kataria Ms. Nilofer Sarang Ms. Vandana Daki
14 th January, 2020	Mr. Nadar. PRO	Visit to - DHRUVA - Super computer - Waste Immobilization plant - Food Security development	Ms. Nilofer Sarang
17 th January, 2020	K.P.B. Hinduja College of Commerce	All India Essay Writing Competition for Lecturers	Ms. Nilofer Sarang
18 th January, 2020	Wilson College in Collaboration with University of Mumbai	Workshop on New CAS Guidelines	Dr Zuleika Homavazir
30 th January, 2020	University of Mumbai	Workshop on Computerized On Screen Marking System(OSM)	Mrs. Bhoomi Rathod

31 th January, 2020	Ms. Rachna Patel Ms. Veronica Dr. Zuleika Homavazir Wilson College, ICC	Internal Control Committee Briefing on Protection of Girl Students Against Sexual Harassment	Mrs. Bhoomi Rathod Mr. Ashwin Kataria Ms. Nilofer Sarang Ms. Vandana Daki
2 nd February 2020	Terry Fox Run	Cancer Research	Dr. Zuleika Homavazir Mrs. Bhoomi Rathod Mr. Ashwin Kataria Ms. Nilofer Sarang Ms. Vandana Daki
4 th February, 2020	Mr. Prem Masih- Secretary, JWES Mr. Amul Chauhan – Owner, Orion Mr. Samarth – SAP Student academy Mr. Philip Babu – Head, Education SAP Student academy Wilson College and SAP Orion	SAP Launch in Wilson College	Dr Zuleika Homavazir Mrs. Bhoomi Rathod Mr. Ashwin Kataria Ms. Nilofer Sarang Ms. Vandana Daki
7 th February, 2020	Wilson College, Dr. Anna Pratima Nikalje	Policy on Prevention of Sexual Harrasment at Work place	Mrs. Bhoomi Rathod Mr. Ashwin Kataria Ms. Nilofer Sarang Ms. Vandana Daki
10 th February, 2020	Wilson College, Ms. Aarati Manekar	Exam Orientation Meeting	Mrs. Bhoomi Rathod
15 th February, 2020	Wilson College	Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony	Mr Ashwin Kataria Ms. Nilofer Sarang Ms. Vandana Daki

Industrial Visit:

FY and SYBMS students, along with their teachers, travelled to Goa from 24th February to 28th February 2020 for their Industrial Visit. En route, they visited,

the Gowardhan Dairy Products Manufacturing Unit, Pune. During their trip, they studied manufacturing processes, visited the different departments at factory level, and familiarised themselves with production policies and procedures. Their interaction with top-management executives at the factories complemented their classroom learning process.

Student Participation and Achievements at Inter-College Fests:

College Name	Name of the Fest	CLs	Achievements
Lala Lajpat Rai College	Tsunami	Vishwa Lohiha	Best Contingent
Kishinchand Chellaram College	Joule	Emmanuel, Paavan & Aditya	---
Raheja College	Parallax	Careen, Jovita, Paavan & Sandra	Event (bond) 1 st Place
Hinduja College	Pannah	Careen & Emmanuel	1.(Nail Art -2 nd) 2. (Mehndi – 1 st and 2 nd) 3.(Leaf art -1 st) 4.(Fork Art – 1 st)
Sydenham college	Yountre	Jessica, Jovita & Aditya	Best entrepreneur, Incognito
Jai Hind College	Talaash	Mansi & Pranat	Jam, Debate – 1 st place
N K College	Mirage	Pranat, Aditya	1 st Runner up

Participation in Wilson College Sports Day Event, 12th Feb 2020

The following students participated in and won prizes for several events at the Annual Wilson College Sports Day:

Sr. No.	Event & Position	Participant
1.	1. 100mtrs- Gold 2. 200mtrs - Gold 3. 400mtrs- Gold 4. Girls relay - Gold 5. Mixed relay - Bronze	Ms. Cristal Gome FYBMS

2	1. Running 100 mtrs - Bronze 2. Relay Women 400 mtrs - Gold 3. Relay Men/Women mix 400 mtrs - Bronze	Ms. Julia Dmello FYBMS
3	Relay 400mtrs Women - Gold	Ms. Sienna Borges FYBMS
4	Relay women x 400mts - Gold	Ms. Agriya FYBMS
5	High jump – Silver	Ms. Jovita Kairanna FYBMS
6	High jump – Silver Relay Men / Women mix 400 mtrs - Bronze	Ms. Shalom Misal FYBMS
7	Relay Men/Women mix 400 mtrs - Bronze	Mr. Kevin Vaz FYBMS
8	4 × 100 m relay - Silver	Mr. Calvin Joji SYBMS Mr. Ryan Periera SYBMS Mr. Pratham Rathod SYBMS Mr. Daniel SYBMS

Student Achievements

Cristal Gomes of FYBMS won the Annual Sports Day 2020 Championship Trophy on 12th Feb 2020.

Aakshi Agarwal received a Certificate of Participation from the Guinness Book of World Records, for participating in the record event: The most people holding the abdominal plank simultaneously is 2471, This feat was achieved by Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance (India) at Mumbai on 26th January, 2020.

Vatsal Divecha of TYBMS won the Late Rao Saheb Achyutrao Kamat award for Best Male student for the year 2019-20. He also won the Rama Murthy Prize for Best Male student with good academic record and outstanding social work for the year 2019-20.

Adline Castelino, alumnus of BMS, Wilson College, was felicitated by Principal Dr. Anna Pratima Nikalje on 2nd March, 2020, for winning the Title of *Liva Miss Diva Universe in February 2020*. The Wilson family wishes her well as she goes on to represent India at the Miss Universe Pageant 2020.

Faculty Achievements

Dr. Zuleika Homavazir was felicitated by Mr. Ajay Deshmukh, Registrar, University of Mumbai on 15th Feb 2020 as part of the College's Annual Prize Distribution Function, for the prestigious Citation for Social Initiatives & Service to Student

Community bestowed by the Mumbai University.

She was also given the *Woman in Education Award*, at The Indian Business Women Conference and Awards, 2020, held on 13th March 2020, on the occasion of International Women's Month.

Terry Fox Run: The Marathon of Hope!

The 22nd edition of the Terry Fox Run was organised by the Terry Fox (India) Committee on 2nd February, 2020, from the Nariman Point via Marine Drive to the Brabourne Stadium, covering a distance of 2.5 kms.

The run was flagged off in the presence of the Honbl. Governor Mr. Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Terry Fox India Committee Head, Mr. Gul Kriplani, Members of the Committee, Representatives of the Tata Memorial Hospital and principals of leading educational institutions of the city. An annual event, the Terry Fox Run is an attempt to increase cancer awareness raise funds for cancer research.

This year, approximately 4,500 students, from 55 different schools, ran for the cause.

Thirty-three student volunteers, headed by Dr. Homavazir, formed the core managing committee for the Terry Fox Run. These student volunteers played a pivotal role in the success of the run, right from initial stages of inviting schools and colleges, creating awareness about cancer, raising funds for cancer research, and donating towards the Tata Memorial Hospital to planning and executing the run on the day of the event. The team was overjoyed by the success of the event and opined, "Each step towards the Terry Fox Run is a step towards children going home cancer free". This marathon of hope concluded with an ode to cancer survivors by especially appreciating the presence of blind, cancer-stricken children.

Staff Achievements

Paper Publications

Dr. Zuleika Homavazir published a paper entitled, *To study the Impact of E-learning Technology on Students' Intended Outcomes and Students Employability in India* in the Conference Proceedings of the International Conference of Maharashtra State Commerce Association with ISSN 2348-7143, Impact Factor 6.625. The Conference was organized by Shegaon Education Society on 29th and 30th November, 2019.

Ms. Nilofer Sarang published two papers: i. *VUCA Platform for VUCA World-An analytical study on consumers attitude towards Social Media Marketing*, ISSN 0971-1260, 9th November, 2019, SIES College of Management Studies, and ii. *A Study on Innovative Transformation in EdTech at Higher Educational Level*, in Conference Proceedings of the International Conference of Maharashtra State Commerce Association, ISSN 2348-7143, Impact Factor 6.625. The

conference was organized by Shegaon Education Society on 29th and 30th November, 2019.

Convocation Ceremony

The BMS department held their annual Convocation ceremony on 3rd March 2020.

DEPARTMENT OF MASS MEDIA

In keeping with the vision of the department, to provide holistic education by practicing media theories and to develop responsible communicators, mediators and media representatives, the activities of the department were accordingly planned.

Guest Lectures and Seminars Organised:

Date	Name of the Speaker	Company/Institution	Topic of Discussion
18 th June, 2019	Mr. John Hays, Principal Lecturer	Sheffield Hallam University, UK	Digital Organization
19 th June, 2019	Ms. Laxmi Krishnan, Founder and Senior Content Creator	The Blind Book Date	Digital Writing
20 th August, 2019	Adv. Asif Qureshi, Politician	Indian National Congress, Mumbai Division	Celebration of Rajiv Gandhi's 75 th Birth Anniversary
25 th January, 2020	Ms. Gurdiksha Kaur, Copy Supervisor	22 Feet Tribal - Mudra	Creating Quality Content and How to Monetize It
15 th February, 2020	Ms. Amara Singamsetty, Filmmaker and Photographer	The Weather Channel	Movie Making: Pre, Current and Post Production

20 th February, 2020	Mr. Rahul Joglekar Founder and Director, International Journalist and Filmmaker	Melantra Academy, London	Futures in Media
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The faculty were part of the organizing committee for STEP sessions

Workshops Conducted for Students:

Date	Name of Speaker	Institution	Topic of Discussion
15 th June, 2019	Ms. Gayatri Raghubans, Faculty	Wilson College	Behavioural Development
21 st June, 2019	Ms. Gayatri Raghubans, Faculty	Wilson College	Crisis Management Case Studies
24 th and 25 th June, 2019	Mr Sanket Varak, Social Media Executive	Freelancer	Creation of Jokes and Memes on Digital Platform
28 th June, 2019	Mr. Tejasvi Khatry, Faculty	Wilson College	Instagram Marketing

Students attended STEP (Student Training and Empowerment Program) sessions organized by SFC.

Workshops/ Seminars/Activities Attended by the Faculty:

Date	Name of the Faculty/ Students	Company/Institution	Speakers	Topic of Discussion
22 nd June, 2019	Dr. Yatindra Ingle	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata.	Dr. Yatindra Ingle, PhD Scholar, Mumbai University	Exploring Hip Hop as a Culture
1 st July, 2019	Mr. Tejasvi Khatry	L. S. Raheja College College, Santacruz, Mumbai	Dr. Sunder Rajdeep, BMM B.O.S. Chairman	FYMM Syllabus discussion
9 th August, 2019	Ms. Laxmi Krishnan	Wilson College,	Dr. Katucha Bento, Leeds University, UK	Interrogating Hashtag Culture and Discourses on Migration Policy

22 nd August, 2019	Mr. Tejasvi Khatry	Wilson College	Mr. Jerry Pinto, Author and Translator	Toxic Masculinity in Popular Movies
19 th October, 2019	Ms. Gayatri Raghubans	Whistling Woods	Subash Ghai, Film Director.	Media and Entertainment Skills
30 th November, 2019	Ms. Gayatri Raghubans	Band Kaam Bhavan	Maharashtra Motor Vehicle Department	Road Safety and Responsible Driving
9 th December, 2019	Mr. Tejasvi Khatry	M.L. Dahanukar College, Vile Parle	Dr. Sunder Rajdeep, BMM B.O.S. Chairman	FYMM Syllabus discussion
18 th December, 2019	Mr. Tejasvi Khatry	Lala Lajpatrai College, Mahalakshmi	WACA Team	Cyber Crime on Social Media
13 th January, 2020	Ms. Gayatri Raghubans	NCPA Nariman Point	Maharashtra Motor Vehicle Department	Formation of Human Chain
15 th January, 2020	Mr. Tejasvi Khatry Ms. Gayatri Raghubans	Wilson College	Dr. Maya Kirpalani	Empowerment of Self in Daily Life
10 th January, 2020	Mr. Tejasvi Khatry Ms. Gayatri Raghubans	Wilson College	IQAC	Constructing Objectives, Competencies and Assessment Rubrics
2 nd February, 2020	Mr. Tejasvi Khatry Ms. Gayatri Raghubans	Wilson College	SFC Department	Terry Fox Run for awareness on Cancer Research
4 th February, 2020	Ms. Gayatri Raghubans	Wilson College	SFC Department	SAP Orientation Program
10 th February, 2020	Mr. Tejasvi Khatry	DCJ, University of Mumbai, Kalina Campus	PRSI, NCSC, University of Mumbai	Recent Trends in Science Journalism and Science Communication

*The Department of Mass Media played an active role in organizing the JWES Christmas Program

Student Participation and Achievements:

Date	Name of the Event	Company/ Institution/ College	Event participated	Name of students	Participation/ Achievement
3 rd August	Hope 2019 Leaf Mosaic	BMS Department. Wilson College, Chowpatty, Mumbai	Plant A Sapling, Plant A Life	SYBMM and FYBMM 60 Students	Participation
15 th - 17 th August	Malhar Inter-College Festival	St. Xavier's College, Mumbai	Drama	Liesel Rodrigues, Harsh Salvi, Manali Surwade, Belleza Gracias, Aayush Yadav	3 rd Place
27 th August	Model United Nation	Wilson College	Continuous Crisis Council	Sanskriti Kapoor	Best Speaker
27 th August	Model United Nation	Wilson College	UNICEF	Devansh Satsangi	Best Speaker
27 th August	Model United Nation	Wilson College	UNICEF	Shivamsu Kota	Participated
7 th September	Miss Dimapur 2019	Don Bosco Institute for Development & Leadership	Miss Dimapur Pageantry	Zuchobeni Tungoe	Miss Dimapur 2019 (1 st Place)
13 th September	Youth Parliament	Wilson College	Youth Parliament	Animesh Varshney	Participation- External Affairs Minister
13 th September	Youth Parliament.	Wilson College	Youth Parliament	Alvira D'souza. Yejoleena Sawant	As Members of Parliament

17 th September	BlitzKrieg	K.C. College, Mumbai	Football	Ridhik Gondhale, Joel Joseph, Vansh Jairath Soham Bedre, Leston Moniz, Apurva Nikam, John Rodrigues	1 st Place
17 th September	BlitzKrieg	K.C. College, Mumbai	Radio Writing.	Devansh Satsangi	3 rd Place
17 th September	BlitzKrieg	K.C. College, Mumbai	Screenplay Writing	Tasneem Lokhandwala	1 st Runner-Up
9 th and 10 th December	Mediatheque	SK Somaiya College, Vidyavihar	Mascot	Devansh Satsangi, Supreet Makwan	Best Mascot
9 th and 10 th December	Mediatheque	SK Somaiya College, Vidyavihar	FootBall	Jobin Thomas, Bruce Fernandes, Vighnesh Gondhale, Ankit Joshi, Apurva Nikam, Clyde Dsilva, Shane D'Souza	3 rd Place
9 th and 10 th December	Mediatheque	SK Somaiya College, Vidyavihar	Television Commercial	Devansh Satsangi Faraz Akhtar	1 st Runner-Up
9 th and 10 th December	Mediatheque	SK Somaiya College, Vidyavihar	Radio event	Devansh Sarsangi Harsh Salvi, Supreet M.	1 st Place
9 th and 10 th December	Mediatheque	SK Somaiya College, Vidyavihar	Beat boxing and Rap	Ankit Joshi Justin Kotrik	1 st Runner-Up
10 th Jan 2020	Mediathon	St. Paul's Institute of Communication Education	Singing	Faraz Akhtar	1 st Runner-Up
17 th and 18 th Jan 2020	Retake	L. S. Raheja College	Rap	Ankit Joshi	1 st Place
17 th and 18 th Jan 2020	Retake	L. S. Raheja College	Press Conference	Sanskriti K. Faraz Akhtar, Devansh S. Ali Lehra, John, Shashank D, Shivani Mullerpatan	1 st Runner-Up
17 th and 18 th Jan 2020	Retake	L. S. Raheja College	Telemarketing	Devansh S.	1 st Runner-Up
17 th and 18 th Jan 2020	Retake	L. S. Raheja College	Quidditch (Pre event)	Vansh J, Joel Joseph, Harshad P, Apurva N., Jonathan S. Joshua T. Jobin Thomas	1 st Place
17 th and 18 th Jan 2020	Retake	L. S. Raheja College	Best Seeker	Jobin Thomas	1 st Place
17 th and 18 th Jan 2020	Retake	L. S. Raheja College	Overall PR	FYBAMMC, SYBMM, TYBMM	1 st Place
24 th and 25 th January 2020	Cortokino 2019	Thakur College, Kandivali	Best Contingent	FY, SY, TY Students	1 st Runner-Up
24 th and 25 th January 2020	Cortokino 2019	Thakur College, Kandivali	Rap Event	Ankit Joshi.	1 st Place
24 th and 25 th January 2020	Cortokino 2019	Thakur College, Kandivali	Stand up	Saurabh Nimkar	1 st Runner-Up
24 th and 25 th January 2020	Cortokino 2019	Thakur College, Kandivali	Fashion Show	Jobin T, Saurabh N., Khyati P. Yash A., Annet K., Kunal S. Ankit J. John R, Ryan V, Marina M, Simone D	1 st Runner-Up
24 th and 25 th January 2020	Cortokino 2019	Thakur College, Kandivali	Best Female Model	Annet Joseph	1 st Place
24 th and 25 th January 2020	Cortokino 2019	Thakur College, Kandivali	TVC	Clarrisa D., Supreet M., Kris M., Jobin T., Mayank F., Harshad P. Khushi C., Oren D., Lear R., Saurabh N.	1 st Place
24 th and 25 th January 2020	Cortokino 2019	Thakur College, Kandivali	Mock Interview	Supreet and Sanskriti	3 rd Place

24 th and 25 th January, 2020	Cortokino 2019	Thakur College, Kandivali	Band Event	Ankit J., Faraz A., Anugrah V. Lyra Essex, Jonathon S.	1 st Runner-Up
24 th and 25 th January, 2020	Cortokino 2019	Thakur College, Kandivali	Drama	Vansh J, Soham B, Tanay P, Vedangi M, Anshul A, Supreet M	1 st Runner-Up
24 th and 25 th January, 2020	Cortokino 2019	Thakur College, Kandivali	Short Film	Mayank F., Clarrisa D., Christine D., Harshad P., Khushi C., Oren D. Lear R., Bhushan K., Kris M., Jobin T.	1 st Runner-Up
6 th to 8 th December, 2019	Detour 2019	Jai Hind College, Churchgate College, Churchgate	Band Event	Anugrah Vandur	Best drummer 1 st place
6 th to 8 th December, 2019	Detour 2019	Jai Hind College, Churchgate College, Churchgate	Band Event	Jonathan soans, ,Anugrah Vandur, Ankit Joshi, Devika D'Souza, Dwain Willis	3 rd Place
6 th - 8 th December, 2019	Detour 2019	Jai Hind College, Churchgate College, Churchgate	Rap event	Ankit Joshi	3 rd Place
6 th - 8 th December, 2019	Detour 2019	Jai Hind College, Churchgate College, Churchgate	Street play	Samruddhi C, Noel Romani, Sudhanshu B, Samuel Grace Shewta P, Upasana M, Ali L, Diana S.	1 st Runner-Up
6 th to 8 th December, 2019	Detour 2019	Jai Hind College, Churchgate College, Churchgate	Football commentary	Sanskriti K, Devansh S.	1 st Runner-Up
6 th to 8 th December 2019	Detour 2019	Jai Hind College, Churchgate College, Churchgate	Football commentary	Devansh Satsangi	Best commentator
24 th January, 2020	Udaan 2020	SVIMS Wadala	BeatBox	Justin Kotrik	1 st Place
24 th January, 2020	Udaan 2020	SVIMS Wadala	Solo Singing	Niranjan Pedgaonkar	1 st Place
3 rd February, 2020	Elixir 2020	BMM Department, Guru Nanak Khalsa College	Short Film	Gaurav Anand	1 st Place
3 rd February, 2020	Elixir 2020	BMM Department, Guru Nanak Khalsa College	Photography	Gaurav Anand	1 st Runner Up
3 rd February, 2020	Elixir 2020	BMM Department, Guru Nanak Khalsa College	Ms. Elixir, Personality Contest	Febronia Fernandes	1 st Place
13th-15th February 2020	Cutting Chai 2020	BMM Department, R. D. National College	Football	Apurva Nikam, Ankit Joshi, Bruce Jonathan, Clyde DSilva, Joel Trevor, Shane D'Silva Jonathan Soans	1st Place
13th-15th February, 2020	Cutting Chai 2020	BMM Department, R. D. National College	Show of Misfits	Jobin Thomas, Vansh Jairath, Joshni DSouza, Vedant Gurav, Joel Trevor, Kunal Surve, Apurva Nikam, Sanskriti Kapoor, Reon Goswami, Yash Agarwal	2nd Runner-Up
13th-15th February, 2020	Cutting Chai 2020	BMM Department, R. D. National College	The Unearthly Crossover	Nidhi Sarmalkar, Khyati Parmar, Sumedh Nar, Saurabh Nimkar, Ankit Joshi, Joshua Tanna, Devika D'Souza, Divyam Sidana, Gauri Shrivastav, Gail Henriques	2nd Runner-Up

13th-15th February, 2020	Cutting Chai 2020	BMM Department, R. D. National College	Yondel- Eh-who?	Ankit Joshi, Jonathan Soans, Dwain Willis, Rohith Sunish, Faraz Akhtar, Roger Fernandes	2nd Runner-Up
13th-15th February, 2020	Cutting Chai 2020	BMM Department, R. D. National College	A Mythical Mystery	Tasneem Lokhandwala, Tanay Patwardhan	1st Place
13th-15th February, 2020	Cutting Chai 2020	BMM Department, R. D. National College	Mirror mirror on the call	Harshad Pardeshi, Devansh Satsangi	2nd Runner Up
13th-15th February, 2020	Cutting Chai 2020	BMM Department, R. D. National College	A Trashy Prompter	Devansh Satsangi	2nd Runner Up
13th-15th February, 2020	Cutting Chai 2020	BMM Department, R. D. National College	YOLO Mic	Saurabh Nimkar	1st Place
13th-15th February, 2020	Cutting Chai 2020	BMM Department, R. D. National College	The Ticking Trailer	Kris Miranda, Lear Rodrigues	2nd Runner-up
13th-15th February, 2020	Cutting Chai 2020	BMM Department, R. D. National College	Teasing Lights	Kris Miranda, Lear Rodrigues	2nd Runner-up
13th-15th February, 2020	Cutting Chai 2020	BMM Department, R. D. National College	The Ticking Trailer	Kris Miranda, Lear Rodrigues	2nd Runner-up

EVENTS ATTENDED BY STUDENTS:

Date	Students	Company/Institution	Speakers/ Organizations Involved	Topic of Discussion
13 th July 2019	TYBMM- Journalism	Wilson College, Chowpatty, Mumbai	Raj Kamal Jha. Chief Editor of Indian Express	Challenges in Media today
24 th July, 2019	FY, SY, TY BMM	Wilson College, Chowpatty, Mumbai	Dr. Anna Pratima Nikalje, Principal, Wilson College	A Tribute to Phulwama Martyrs
4 th August, 2019	FY, SY, TY BMM	Wilson College, Chowpatty, Mumbai	BMS Department, Wilson College	CSR Activity 'HOPE'
7 th August, 2019	FY, SY BMM	Wilson College, Chowpatty, Mumbai	Dr. Suhas Pednekar, Vice-Chancellor, Mumbai University	Hope for Kolhapur
23 rd August, 2019	FY, SY BMM	Bandhkam Bhavan, Government of Maharashtra	Motor Vehicle Department of India	Mahawalkathon for Road Safety
29 th November, 2019	SY, TY BMM	Miami Ad School Mumbai	Ms. Vaishali Rai	Future and Scope of Advertising and creation of Award-Winning Content
7 th January, 2020	Shivam Bhanushali, Neha Jadhav	Department of English, Wilson College	Literature Live, Kommune	Spoken Prelude (Workshop and Open Mic)
13 th January, 2020	FY, SY BMM	NCPA Nariman Point	Motor Vehicle Department of India	Human Chain for road safety
14 th January, 2020	Sanskriti K., Steffi R. Animesh V., Dhwan J.	Bhabha Atomic Research Centre	Mr. Nadar	Nuclear power reactors, Waste Immobilization Plant, Food Security Development etc.
31 st January, 2020	Rachel R, Sheldon F, Manali S, Sejal N, Sanskriti K, Chinmay K, Arpan P, Khyati P.	St. Xavier's College, Mumbai	Harmony Foundation	Youth Against Organ Trafficking
31 st January, 2020	Girl Students of FYBAMMC, SYBMM and TYBMM	Internal Compliant Committee	Ms. Veronica	Awareness about harassment and existence of Internal Compliant Committee
2 nd February, 2020	FYBAMMC, SYBMM, TYBMM	Terry Fox Run	SFC Department, Wilson College	Awareness for Cancer Research

Intercollege Departmental Fest- Polaris 2019-Anveshna:

The Wilson BMM Department organized its 19th Edition of their Annual Intercollegiate Festival 'POLARIS' on 9th and 10th August, 2019.

Aim: The aim of the festival for participants was to test their creativity and for the organising team, to get practical experience of event and crisis management.

Theme: The theme for this edition was 'Anveshna - Discovering the Undiscovered' which made the two-day fiesta an opportunity for exploration, learning and celebration. The term 2019 was written in roman numerals as 'MMXIM' to enhance the effect of the theme. The title sponsors were 'Revolutionaries' who provided Polaris MMXIM with an excellent and resourceful backbone to help in the smooth transition of events.

CSR Activity: Team Polaris took the unexplored pathway of helping by collaborating with Wilson College's Nature Club. They helped in collecting hundreds of kilograms of grains and pulses from 20 different participating colleges. This was later sent as part of Assam Flood Relief on 24th July, 2019.

Sports Day: When the monsoon played havoc and the pre-event Sports Day had to be cancelled, within 12 hours of receiving the approval of rescheduling, from the concerned officials, Sports Day went live on 7th August 2019. The event witnessed a successful footfall of over 700 students, either competing or cheering their fellow contingents for Ring Football and Kho-Kho.

Inauguration: The inauguration was presided over by Director of Education of Wilson College, Dr. T.A. Shiware, Principal Dr. Anna Pratima Nikalje, Vice-Principal Dr. Ashish Uzgare, SFC Coordinator, Dr. Zuleika Homavazir, BMM Coordinator Dr. Yatindra Ingle, SFC faculty and our very own Wilson BMM Alumni.

Events: With over 18 enticing events relating to Media, Literary Arts, Performing Arts and Fine Arts, workshops spread efficiently across two days, made the festival a platform for the organizing committee as well as the participating students to explore and display their skills and talent in a creative environment.

Judges and Celebrities: The judges for Beatboxing were the young and talented Beat RAW and Dcypher. The first event, Legend of Theatre (Drama) was judged by Rohit Phalke, Kiran Vardhan, Akshay Rane and Joy Sengupta. The day concluded on a creative high through the Fashion Show Competition. The judges for the same were Mahir Pandhi, Sarang Patil, Shamita Singha and Corrine Mascarenhas

Day two of Polaris MMXIM enthralled participants with the energetic performance from a much-famed band MH43. Adding to the flavour was a web series promotion of 'Love Aaj Kal' where the leading stars Angad Hasija, Ankita Sharma and Paras Kalnawat interacted with the participating students and boosted their morale. Balancing entertainment with information, a marketing workshop was conducted by Sumeet Chaprekar.

Departmental CSR Activity:

Activity	Social Benefit	Associated with	News Coverage
Teaching Underprivileged Children the right use of Social Media	Awareness helped underprivileged students to use social media platform efficiently	Dharavi SRA	-
Educating Underprivileged Children	Imparted basic English Skills	Lok Seva Sangam and Luna Foundation	Purnaviram, Free Press Journal, Pratahkal, Yeshobhumi, Navbharat, Vrutamanus, Sashwatwani
Awareness about Foster care	To increase social awareness on foster care.	Purnata NGO	Lokmat's Hello Mumbai
Visit to a redlight area in Bhandup	Food packets were donated to the Kids of sex workers.	Purnata NGO	Pudhari Newspaper
Awareness on importance of Education. Donation of notebooks and stationery.	Awareness on how to cope with higher level studies.	Sneha Sadan	-
Meeting Underprivileged Children	Awareness on positive attitude	Making the difference	-
Interaction with differently-abled children	Boosting the confidence of children.	House of Charity	-

Visit to an Old Age Home	Interacted with senior citizens about their life experience and lifted their spirits.	Mercy John Old-age Home	-
Interactions with Transgender	Met Anjali Siroya, 1 st Transgender Beauty Pageant. Visited Humsafar Trust and understood the problems faced by LBGTQ community.	Humsafar Trust	-
One-to-one interaction with citizens of Mumbai	Interacted with citizens and created awareness on climate change and its effects.	Fridays for Future	-
Awareness for the welfare of stray dogs	Fed stray dogs with Milk and Pedigree and also created awareness against animal cruelty	Welfare of Stray Dogs	-
Food Donation and interaction with the members of NGO	Interaction with differently-abled kids and boosts their confidence for participating in various activities.	House of Charity	-
Awareness on Blood Donation	Donated blood and created awareness by distributing pamphlets for the same purpose.	Tata Memorial Hospital	-

Details of Internships Done by Students:

FYBAMMC:

Name	Organization	Department/Role
Prachi Pansare	Holidify	Content Writing
Kshitij Pappulwar	M.K.B Casting	Supporting Actor
Animesh Varshney	Times Network	Client Servicing
Dhwani Jain	Times Network	Marketing
Anand Aneesh	Haymarket Media	Marketing
Anand Aneesh	Mediapur	Digital Marketing
Galvin Puthur	Byju	Marketing
Shivamsu Kota	Brew House	Sales
Farzeen P.P.	Abad Inn	Hotel Supervisor
Name of Student	Name of Organization	Department/Role
Aashi Shrivastav	TEDxJuhu	Campus Ambassador
Aashi Shrivastav	Under25Summit	Campus Ambassador
Aashi Shrivastav	Tinder	Campus Ambassador
Aashi Shrivastav	9xMedia	Digital Marketing
Aditi Gupta	Filmcityworld.com	Reporting
Ankita Londe	Orchids International School	Primary Teacher
Clyde D'Silva	Blip	Direction
Devang Ghuge	The Novo Cafe	Food Photography
Divya Dhadd	Yocket	Digital Marketing
Kanan Nehra	Intern Theory	Marketing
Kanan Nehra	Representative Media	Content Writing & Reporting
Kanan Nehra	UTTRO Internet LLP	Copy Writing
Kanan Nehra	TEDxJuhu	Campus Ambassador

Kanan Nehra	SuckIN Eco Straws LLP	Digital Marketing
Kanan Nehra	Zee Media	Editorial
Kanan Nehra	Tinder University	Campus Ambassador
Khushboo Vanikar	Frankfinn Udaan Project	Project Executive
Laishah Dsouza	P&G India	Cluster Manager
Lawmama Chawte	Carat Lane	Photography and Production
Maithili Ambavane	Katalyst Reputation Management	Design & Creative Communication
Pooja Badnaware	Filmcityworld.com	Reporting
Pooja Badnaware	TheHitavada	Editorial
Prajwata Gajakos	Jack in The Box	Digital Marketing
Rashi Tibrewal	Perfect Filaments LTD	Account Executive
Riya Arjun	Times Network	Production Intern
Sandra Dsouza	PTE Universe	Digital Marketing
Sandra Dsouza	P&G India	Campus Ambassador
Shalin Mary Koshy	Times Network	Production Intern
Sharmishtha Chahande	Times Group	Editorial
Shivam Bhanushali	Shemaroo	Culture and Alignment
Shivam Bhanushali	Literature Live	Volunteer
Sneha Nath	Times Influence	Production Intern
Swarnim Shukla	Hamilton Studios	Archives
Vaishnavi Jain	IndiShortsMag	Content
Vanlalliana	Carat Lane	Photography and Production
Anushka Shinde	Chatterbox Technologies	Campus Ambassador

Chelsia Kumar	WPP India	Event Management
Chelsia Kumar	Contract	Account Manager
Chhavi Paliwal	9x Media	Production Intern
Chhavi Palival	Sociowash	Campus Ambassador
Niyati Shetty	Zee Media	Zee News
Shonak Jain	Filmcityworld.com	Reporting
Siddhi Shewale	Zee News	Editorial
Name	Organization	Department/Role
Stalen David	Convergys	Technical Support
Yakshpat Bhargava	Vibrant Publishers	Digital Marketing
Bhushan Katekhaye	Radio One International	Programming and Marketing
Sumedh Pandit	AIESEC	Human Resource
Sumedh Pandit	Inzane Labs	Community Intern
Sumedh Pandit	AIESEC	People Management
Liesel Rodrigues	Dust Value	Sales
Arhan Wilson	Filmfare	Editorial
Arhan Wilson	Reliance Broadcast	Brand Solutions
Harshad Pardeshi	Times Network	Television Division
Rezellea Crasto	GeeBee Internation	Research
Priya Wilson	Innov	Pre-Sales Executive
Ashika Kapoor	Times Internet	Marketing Intern
Anjali Bhadra	Sony Pictures	Project Executive
Anjali Bhadra	Media Tribe	Social Media
Pransi Agarwal	Bollywood Masala	Editorial
Annant Soni	Priish	Client Servicing
Riya Jacob	Bayside Media	Delegate
Jayson Nadar	Humans of Bombay 4Chevel Media	Photography
Jobin Thomas	Sportz Interactive	Digital Marketing
Giridharlal Kawale	AP Guu	Graphic Designing
Nikita Andhale	IDEMI	Graphic Designing
Andrea DSouza	Internshala	Marketing
Rose D'Souza	AIESEC	Business Development
Divyam Chadha	Prime Video	Content Acquisition and Distribution
Saurabh Nimkar	Dreamzcraft	Marketing
Ketki Pannase	Three Entertainment The Wise Idiot	Event Management
Mansi Patil	Conde Nast	Marketing
Tasneem Lokhandwala	Conde Nast	Editorial
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Abhishek Misal	MX Advertising	Marketing
Rhea Rachel Verma	22 Feet Tribal	Project Trainee
Dwain Willis	HiLife	Videography
Rashi Bisht	BTG	Video Production
Rishi Bisht	Nivedita Saboo	Event

Sujoy Joseph	TEDx Gateway	Social Media
Amruta Sonawane	Woovly, Media Brief	Marketing, Social Media
Amruta Sonawane	Mediabrief.com	Social Media
Amruta Sonawane	Cat Cafe	Business Development
Christine DSouza	Digitofy	Content Curation
Mayank Ferreira	Dark Horse Media	Project Executive
Caroline Lasrado	GQ India	Editorial
Nauka Shah	Contract	Account Management
Royston Nandi	Pappilion	Event
Vibha Khuranna	NowTv	Customer Service
Ankit Agarwal	The Entertainment Mafia	Director's Associate

INDUSTRIAL VISIT:

FYBAMMC and SYBMM:

On 20th February, 2020, a one-day Industrial visit was organized by the Department of Mass Media to N.D. Studios, Karjat. The students got to witness first-hand the actual sets used for scenes in movies such as Sanju, PK, Jodha Akbar, Prem Ratan Dhan Payo, Slumdog Millionaire, Bajirao Mastani etc. The studio not only houses the first set for TV Shows such as Kaun Banega Crorepati and Bigg Boss but also has additional readymade sets for Jail, Disco, Club, Village Rooms and Gaming Zone. To what extent can a thought be turned into reality and what is the effort a content creator takes to have absolute control over the details of its content, is what was witnessed in the visit.

FYBAMMC

On 24th February 2020, students from FYBAMMC visited the Govardhan Cheese Manufacturing unit. The visit enlightened the students about processing, preservation and packaging of various cheese products. Every day 10-12 lakh litres of milk are required in this unit and 10000kg of cheese is produced. The unit manufactures Cottage Cheese (paneer), Mozzarella and Cheddar Cheese. The factory representative explained about processing of cheese in different sections. Different types of cheese, cheese pizza and sandwich were served for brunch and a hamper of Govardhan product was provided to everyone.

SYBMM

On 26th February 2020, SYBMM students visited Sakal Newspaper Printing Press, Wadki. Students and faculty got to witness first-hand the way newspapers are printed daily. Every paper roll that Sakal uses comes from Russia

and the printing press has the capacity to print 60,000 printed-cut-folded papers in an hour. This visit helped get an in-depth practical knowledge which helps in better

understanding of subjects Print Production & Photography and Introduction to Journalism that students have in SYBMM SEM IV.

Department of Accounting and Finance

Events organized for Students by the Department

Date	Topic	Speaker	Organization
1 st July, 2019	Orientation for FYBAF	Ms. Sneha Pandey	Wilson College
26 th July, 2019	Career Guidance	Mr. Manish Soni	Catking
9 th August, 2019	Technical Research	Dr. Regan Homavazir	Darashaw & Co.

20 th to 22 nd August, 2019	Parent-Teacher meeting for attendance defaulters	Ms. Sneha Pandey	Wilson College
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Student Training & Empowerment Program (STEP) was organized from 3rd October to 18th October, 2019

Participation by Students:

Date	Topic	Speaker	Organization
22 nd June, 2019	Rev. Narayan Vaman Tilak	Mr. Bishop Patole, Dr. M. D. David	Wilson College
29 th June, 2019	Careers in Management	Mr. Zubin Mulla	TISS
24 th July, 2019	Income Tax	Mr. Pratap Singh, Mr. Abdul Hakim and Mr. Suman Kumar	Indian Revenue Service Officials
24 th July, 2019	A Tribute to Phulwama Martyrs	Mr. Umesh Jadhav	Wilson College
4 th August, 2019	CSR activity "HOPE"	Dr. Zuleika Homavazir	Wilson College
7 th August, 2019	Blood Donation Camp	GT Hospital	Wilson College
23 rd August, 2019	Flood Relief Fund	Mr. Ashish Uzgare	Wilson College
29 th August, 2019	Fit India Movement		Wilson College
3 rd to 18 th October, 2019	Student Training & Empowerment Program (STEP)		Wilson College
29 th November, 2019	Miami ad school Seminar		BMMC Department Wilson College
30 th November, 2019	Mahawalkathon		GOM, Maharashtra Motor Vehicle Department, CSR Diary and CASI Global
13 th January, 2020	Human Chain – Road Safety At NCPA		GOM, Maharashtra Motor Vehicle Department, CSR Diary and CASI Global
14 th January 2020	Visit to BARC		Wilson College – BMS Dept.
23 rd and 24 th January, 2020	OLE – Wilson College Annual Festival		Wilson College
31 st January, 2020	Youth Against Organ Trafficking		St. Xavier's College, Harmony Foundation
31 st January, 2020	ICC Meeting – For Girls Students		Wilson College
2 nd February, 2020	Terry Fox Run		Wilson College – BMS Dept.
11 th February, 2020	One-day Industrial visit to Govardhan Milk Plant - Pune		Wilson College
11 th February, 2020	Anterchakshu – A seminar by blind students		Wilson College
27 th February, 2020	Introduction about Banking and Finance Diploma – in association with ISB		Wilson College

Participation by Faculty Members:

Date	Topic	Speaker	Organization	Name of Faculty
19 th to 21 st July, 2019	Student Induction Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of Theatrical Expert in Creative Writing Fine Arts & Film Appreciation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Nikhil Katara Ms. Himali Kothari Dr Michelle Philip 	Wilson College	Ms. Sneha Pandey & Mr. Rajendra Patil
27 th July, 2019	Workshop on Revised Syllabus of Taxation of Sem V & Sem VI of TYBAF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Arvind Luhar CA Pradeep Kamtekar 	Thakur College of Science & Commerce	Ms. Sneha Pandey
24 th July, 2019	A Tribute to Phulwama Martyrs	Mr. Umesh Jadhav	Wilson College	02 Ms. Sneha Pandey & Mr. Rajendra Patil
14 th January, 2020	Visit to BARC		Wilson College BMS Department	Mr. Rajendra Patil
7 th February, 2020	Policy on Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the Workplace			

Department of Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

Events organized for the Students by the Department

Date	Topic	Speaker	Organization
1 st July, 2019	Orientation for FYBScIT	Ms. Jovairia Ansari	Wilson College
22 nd and 23 rd August, 2019	Parent-Teacher Meeting for student defaulters	Ms. Jovairia Ansari	Wilson College

4 th February, 2020	SAP Launch	Mr. Amul Chauhan, Mr. Febian	Wilson College and Orion
17 th February, 2020	Akancha against Harassment (Cyber Security Workshop)	Ms. Akancha	Wilson College

Student Training & Empowerment Program (STEP) was organized from 3rd to 18th October, 2019 for the students of the Self – Finance Courses.

Student Participation in Seminars:

Date	Topic	Speaker	Organization
24 th July, 2019	Income Tax	Mr. Pratap Singh Mr. Abdul Hakim Mr. Suman Kumar	Indian Revenue Service Officials
13 th September, 2019	Software Testing	Mr. Sharad Karnekar	Digital Connex Solutions
18 th September, 2019	Web Technologies	Mr. Sharad Karnekar	Digital Connex Solutions
29 th November, 2019	Creative Advertising	Ms. Vaishali	Miami Ad School
30 th January, 2020	Youth Against Organ Trafficking	Mr. Mahesh Bhatt, Ms. Raveena Tandon Ms. Madhu Chopra	St. Xavier's College, Harmony Foundation

Student Participation in Activities:

Date	Activity	Organization
24 th July, 2019	A Tribute to Phulwama Martyrs	Wilson College
4 th August, 2019	CSR activity "HOPE"	Wilson College
7 th August, 2019	Blood Donation Camp	NSS, Wilson College
23 rd August, 2019	HOPE for Kolhapur	Wilson College
30 th November, 2019	Mahawalkathon	Motor Vehicle Department of Maharashtra
13 th January, 2020	CASI Event	Motor Vehicle Department of India, CSI Diary, CASI Global
14 th January, 2020	Visit to BARC	BMS Department, Wilson College
2 nd February, 2020	Terryfox Run	Terryfox India Committee and SFC Dept, Wilson College

Faculty Participation:

Date	Topic	Speaker	Organization	Name of Faculty
19 th to 21 st July, 2019	Student Induction Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of Theatrical Expert in Creative Writing Fine Arts & Film Appreciation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Nikhil Katara Ms. Himali Kothari Dr Michelle Philip 	Wilson College	Ms. Jovairia Ansari, Ms. Srilitaha Ratnam, Ms. Simran Puri
24 th July, 2019	A Tribute to Phulwama Martyrs	Mr. Umesh Jadhav	Wilson College	Ms. Jovairia Ansari, Ms. Srilitaha Ratnam, Ms. Simran Puri, Ms. Pradhnya Wankhede
2 nd December, 2019	Founder's Day	Dr M.D. David	Wilson College	Ms. Jovairia Ansari, Ms. Srilitaha Ratnam, Ms. Simran Puri, Ms. Pradhnya Wankhede
13 th January, 2020	CASI Event	-	Motor Vehicle Department of India, CSR Diary, CASI Global	Ms. Pradhnya Wankhede, Ms. Srilitaha Ratnam
2 nd February, 2020	Terryfox Run	--	Terryfox India Committee and SFC Department, Wilson College	Ms. Jovairia Ansari, Ms. Srilitaha Ratnam, Ms. Pradhnya Wankhede
17 th February, 2020	Akancha against Harassment (Cyber Security Workshop)	Ms. Akancha	Wilson College	Ms. Jovairia Ansari, Ms. Srilitaha Ratnam, Ms. Pradhnya Wankhede

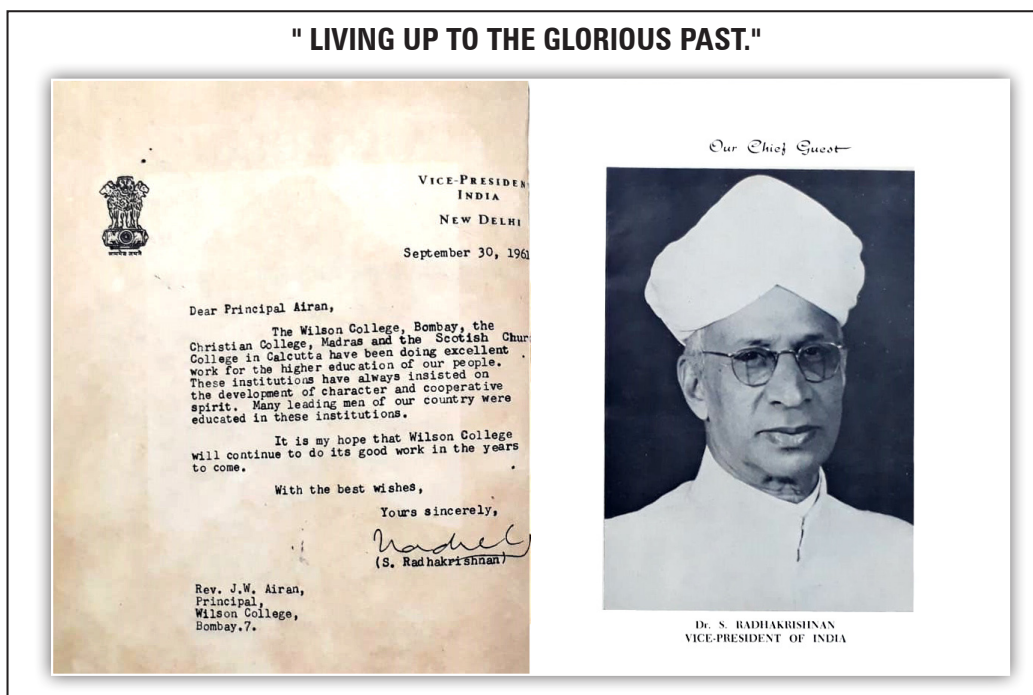
Placement Data for TYBScIT:

Students were placed in the following companies:

- Larsen & Toubro Aniket Thakur was placed as Trainee Engineer
- Infosys – Zeeshan, Kalidas, Roma Budhliya, Reona Dsouza, Joshua Gunja, Nutan Patil, and Mackwyn Quadras were placed as Operations Executives.
- Capgemini – Zeeshan, Akshay Chauhan, and Austin Gomes received offers as Role Associates
- Deloitte – Sharal Martis was placed as Trainee Engineer
- TCS – Kalidas Konar was placed as Graduate Engineer

*Dr Zuleika Homavazir,
SFC Coordinator*

" LIVING UP TO THE GLORIOUS PAST."



CAMPUS NEWS

Anti-Ragging Cell and Vigilance Squad

The Committee for Anti-Ragging Cell and Vigilance Squad 2019-2020 was formed this academic year. It is active and meets every month. In the first joint meeting, members were made aware of rules, regulations and duties of members of anti-ragging cell and vigilance squad as per the UGC outlined guidelines. Undertakings from students were taken and awareness posters were put up in various places in college premises and hostels. Various circulars and help line contact

numbers were put up at strategic locations on campus and uploaded on college website for students to have access to the systems for registering complaints.

On a positive note, we have not received any anti-ragging complaint from students in this academic year.

*Mr. S.Y.Pakhle,
Convener, Anti-ragging cell and vigilance Squad 2019-2020*

Arts Circle

Arts Circle successfully organised various activities for Junior College Arts students for the academic year 2019-2020.

- 1) Model United Nations is an educational simulation of the real United Nations organisation convention where students learn skills of diplomacy, international relations and the structure of the United Nations itself.

The Wilson College MUN(Model United Nations) was conducted on 27th August, 2019 where we had three major committees and their agendas were:-

1. United Nations Human Rights Council.
(Right to privacy in digital age with special emphasis on mass surveillance)
2. United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.
(Establishing consensus on medical procedure for children with emphasis on anti-vaccination sentiments and religious motivated rejection of health care)
3. Continuous Crisis Council
(The imminent threat of nuclear proliferation and nuclear extremism in 2022 with specific references to West Asia and Asia Pacific)

This MUN brought about 130 student delegates from our college who assumed the role of 60 countries. Its activities were as follows-

On 9th September, 2019 – Debate was conducted for the students on Article 370. Students responded very well for the debate and discussion. The debate was judged by

Amoolya Shenvi from the Political Science Department. Iqra Kitekar from FYJC Arts won the Best Debater while Richa Mehta and Yashraj Jha both from FYJC Arts won the best speaker.

- 2) The much awaited fourth edition of Wilson Youth Parliament was held 13th September 2019 along with Political Science Association. During the preceding of the house discussion were held on wide range of issues. Environmental Concern with respect to Aarey, Rights to Tribals, Increasing cases of Mob Lynching, Economic slowdown were among few. The two calling attention motions raised address the fallacies of the New Education Policy and adverse consequences to Human Rights in Kashmir post abrogation of Article 370 and 35A. More than 150 students from our college participated in the events, the events were judged by Amoolya Shenvi and two other Ex-students who were the initiators of "The Youth Parliament Anmol Jadhav and Purnima Kadam.
- 3) Prof. Sudhakar Solomonraj conducted a talk on Mass Media and its Application on 21st September 2019. A very informative and meaningful session. Students were enlightened on opportunity and challenges in the field of Mass Media.
- 4) On 27th November a college competition was held, the topic was "Chandrayan". This competition was judged by Nathaline Pereira from Sociology department and Simran Dhivar from Political Science department.

The winners were:

1st Prize:-	Shraddha Khandare	FYJC Arts
	Akash Pawade	FYJC Arts
	Pranriyad Padayachi	FYJC Arts

2nd Prize :-	Mariya Umreth	FYJC Arts
	Pooja Opawath	FYJC Arts
	Shrutika Tapase	FYJC Arts
3rd Prize: -	Anushka Purao	FYJC Arts
	Jasmine Rawat	FYJC Arts

- 5) 28th November, 2019- students were shown the historical movie "Pompei".
- 6) Painting Competition was held on 29th November 2019 on "My Perception of the Rainbow" judged by Ms. Kshama Jairaj from English department and Ms. Karnuya Victor from Economics department.

The Winners were:-

1st Prize :	Andrea Fernandes	FYJC Arts
	Shraddha Khandare	FYJC Arts
2nd Prize:	Pranriyad Padayachi	FYJC Arts
3rd Prize:	Siddhi Basutkar	SYJC Arts
Consolation Prize:	Abigail Rego	FYJC Arts

- 7) 30th November 2019 Junior College Arts students visited

Kanheri Caves under the Guidance of Prof. Sudhakar Solomonraj. All students were grateful to Prof Sudhakar for the minute explanation about the caves which made the visit highly meaningful, informative and very interesting.

Nathaline Pereira from Sociology department and Shalini Rodrigues from History department accompanied students to Kanheri Caves.

- 8) 3rd December 2019 the Quiz Competition was conducted. The Winners of the Quiz Competition are:-

First Prize :	Daksh Gautam	FYJC Arts
	Saifullah Kurlawala	FYJC Arts
Second Prize:	Sanskriti Rao	SYJC Arts
	Arsh Prasad	SYJC Arts

It was a very productive and enriching year for the students and committee of the Arts Circle.

*Shalini Rodrigues,
Convenor Arts Circle*

Andrews Vision Centre

The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision. - [Helen Keller](#)

Andrews Vision Centre (since 2008) continues to be committed "To Help Visually Challenged Students to be Educationally, Technologically, Psychologically and Socially Enriched so That They Are Better Equipped to Face the Challenges of Life" as well as help students with other disabilities to ensure inclusivity on Wilson college campus. Currently the centre offers following support.

1. Inclusive admission policies- the same is evident with rising number of Persons with Disabilities on campus. (32 visually challenged students, 20 with learning disabilities, 2 cerebral palsy, 1 speech and hearing impairment, 1 autism disorder spectrum.)
2. Inclusive Campus: the campus has wheelchairs and braille signboards, ramps at strategic places.
3. Financial Support - The centre provides support to needy students for education and accommodation facilities. It also facilitates procedures for procuring prestigious government and private scholarships.
4. Volunteer Support - A strong and committed volunteer group to provide assistance as readers, scribes, friends and mentors.
5. User Friendly Support - The centre is equipped with different assistive technologies designed specifically to cater to the need of visually challenged students of Wilson College. It houses 5 internet enabled terminals with navigation, reading, magnification, conversion software's (NVDA) printing and advanced scanning facilities.
6. The centre continues to conduct various training programs aimed at life skill development and computer proficiency.
7. Tutorials – Daily learning classes and creating accessible study material to ensure smooth learning process.
8. Full time coordinator appointed to conduct programs and take care of administrative duties.
9. It remains committed to organizing sensitizing activities.
10. Committed to setting up placement cells for persons with disabilities
11. A committee of 7 teaching faculty member form the support system to ensure smooth functioning of the centre with support from the college management, principal and well-wishers.

Andrews Vision Centre (AVC) Activities

- The Andrews Vision Centre (AVC) organized a “Mentors Meet” on 24th June, 2019. The objective of this meet was to provide a common platform to the students to have an open interaction with the mentors, alums who are working in various organizations at good positions and reminisce on the old times and find out more about what is happening in AVC.
- Andrews Vision Centre organized a Personality Development through Theatre Training Workshop for interested visually challenged students. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Nikhil Katara a well-known director and trainer, skilled in Stage Direction, Writing, & Trainings. He introduced the students to script writing, group work, acting, voice, posture and various other related subjects. The workshop benefitted the students in developing their body language as well as public presence.
- On the 73rd Independence Day, Visually Challenged Students of Andrews Vision Centre presented a Spectacular Mallakhamb performance. The performance was very much appreciated and received a standing ovation from the audience. This was also a fund raising event and we thank all who came forward for the same. We also published the first AVC Newsletter and distributed it during the event.
- Our AVC students attended a thought-provoking session of political readings on migration and theatre performance at the Max Mueller Bhavan, Mumbai. They were invited by Mr. Nikhil Katara and the performance was called 'Readings in the Shed- Be Graphic!'
- Dr. Biraj Mehta Rathi, AVC Convener and Ms. Sejal Chauhan, AVC Coordinator participated in the Inclusion Huddle, a two-day Conference held at Kalina Campus, Mumbai University. The aim of the conference was to create a platform to understand, share and disseminate ideas from the field-level experiences for inclusive education in higher education and employment. Dr. Biraj also gave an excellent presentation on 'Tech Tools in Teaching and Learning at the Conference.'
- The senior members and mentors of Andrews Vision Centre initiated a programme of daily tutorials to help weak AVC students cope with academics. The mentors designed a daily time table to implement this initiative effectively. They decided to have a monthly assessment of student's attendance, where the students would have to be present for 75 percent tutorials at least. Each mentor conducts tutorial once a week for 1- 2 hours. Our team of teachers and mentors are helping the students to improve their results.
- On the occasion of World Disability Day, AVC organized an intra-college Kabaddi match event. Teams were both sighted and non-sighted.
- The AVC held a Parent-Teacher meet for the visually challenged students. The parents were updated about the progress of their children by the AVC committee members. Various other subjects concerning the involvement of the students in the AVC were discussed in the meeting.
- AVC provided scribes to 40 students with various disabilities from arts and science section.
- Help the Blind Foundation (HTBF) is an organization that provides financial support to college-going visually impaired students pursuing their graduate studies. Visually challenged students of the degree college of AVC were interviewed for the scholarship at Wilson College. The scholarship was awarded to 12 Degree College Visually Challenged students for the academic year 2019-2020. They were awarded scholarships by Mr. N. Sivaji Rao, Trustee of HTBF & Mr. B. Krishnamurthi, Volunteer and Guardian of HTBF. Our students are sincerely honoured to be selected as the recipients of HTBF Scholarship. Andrews Vision Centre would like to express sincere gratitude to HTBF for their continued support.
- The Visually Challenged students of AVC studying in Junior College received the Maharashtra State Government Scholarship for Disabilities. The scholarship was distributed by Dr. Harsha Badkar - Vice Principal, Degree College and Dr. Ashish Uzgare - Vice Principal, Degree College & Warden, Ms. Smita Masih, Vice Principal, Junior College and AVC Committee Members. Eighteen visually challenged students of our college have benefitted from the Maharashtra State Government Scholarship for Disabilities endeavour in the academic year 2019-2020. The students feel fortunate to receive this scholarship. We greatly appreciate the support of the Maharashtra Government towards Students with Disabilities.
- The Centre has purchased a HP scanner 2500 f1 for converting high volume notes into accessible format for Visually Challenged Students.

- AVC organized a Smart Cane Training for Junior College blind students. Mr. Sushil Pandit and Mr. Keshavan Nadar, Technical Consultants and Access Technology Awareness Officers from The Xavier's Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged (XRCVC) conducted the Smart Cane Training at Wilson College on 14th February from 11 am to 1 pm. Few selected participants will be provided with a Smart Cane from a donor.

Andrews Vision Centre (AVC) Student Achievements

- Alumni Ms. Payal Bhattad was appointed as faculty in Department of History, Wilson College.
- Alumni Ms. Achal Wade of batch secured a Government job at Life Insurance Corporation of India.
- Alumni Mr. Ashwin Waghmare was awarded at the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony for Visually Challenged with Highest Marks, Degree College.
- Mr. Samsegir Shaikh became the first Visually Challenged NSS Volunteer in Wilson College
- Our AVC student Mr. Rahul Singh was awarded the Best Parliamentarian award at the Wilson College Youth Parliament 2019. Rahul was also the Prime Minister of the ruling party.
- Ms. Shravani Pawar was awarded at the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony for Visually Challenged with Highest Marks, Junior College.
- Mr. Vishal Deshmane was awarded at the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony for Visually Challenged with Highest Marks in Marathi Literature, Degree College.
- Mr. Rahul Singh won the 2nd Prize in a Quiz Competition organized by SBI Bank and a cash prize of Rs. 40,000.
- Ms. Pritty Abraham won the 2nd prize in Singing

Competition at the Ole Fest 2020.

- Ms. Saba Shaikh attended an International seminar on "Interrogating Hashtag Culture and Discourses on Migration Policy."
- Mr. Yadnesh Pakhad, Mr. Nilesh Patil, Mr. Harshad Chakradhare and Mr. Rahul Singh participated at State Level Chess Competition.
- Mr. Ajay Gupta completed a one-day crash course on Research Methodology.
- Mr. Yusuf Balapariya participated in the L&T Technology Services Young Adult National Cricket Coaching Camp and Personality Development Training for Visually Impaired Cricketers held at Bangalore from 10th June to 19th June, 2019.
- Mr. Sanjeev Dubey took part in running races at the College Annual Sports Meet.
- Mr. Harshad Chakradhare is working on various theatre projects and street plays.

We would like to put on record our sincere gratitude to the management, principal, Jamson sir, Ashish sir, Prashant sir, accounts office, Narmada aunty, non teaching staff, teaching faculty, our well wishers Mrs. Vandana Parekh, Ms. Chayya Pradhan, Rotary Club of Bombay Peninsula Trust, Inner Wheel of Bombay, South, Mr. Prashant Raj, Ms. Bindu Nambidi, Ms. Navneet Gandhi and well wishers (who prefer anonymity) who make the success of the centre possible. Last but not the least, Dr. Sam Skariah, Mr. Krishnamurthy (from Help the blind Foundation) and team of XRCVC whose guidance, support and blessings continue to mentor the centre and its activities.

Dr. Biraj Mehta Rath
Convenor, AVC

Ms Sejal Chauhan
Co ordinator AVC

Certificate Course in Astronomy

The certificate course in astronomy (started in 2012) was successfully completed seventeen years. This year the course began on 31st August 2019. Total twenty eight students registered for the course. They consisted of students from various colleges in Mumbai: Wilson College (total participants 15), Vivekanand College (total participants 3), Sathaye college (total participants 2), K.C. college (total participants 3), Terna Engineering college (total participants 2), Pillai college (total participants 1) and

Mithibai college (total participants 1) and one participant was a working woman.

Following were the lectures conducted this year:

- Introduction to our universe by Mahesh Shetti
- Solar System by Suhas Naiksatam, Programme officer at Nehru Planetarium and an active science communicator
- Space Probes and Minor bodies by Dr. Vinita Navalkar,

Faculty at CBS and contributor to Astrosat (India's dedicated satellite for Astronomy)

- Optics and Observatories by Arvind Paranjpye, Director, Nehru Planetarium
- Constellations and Coordinate System by Abhay Puranik, Akash Mitra Mandal (amateur association of astronomers in Kalyan)
- Astronomical Apps by Sachin Pilankar, Amateur Astronomer and Web designer
- Evolution of stars by Dr. Varun Bhalerao, Faculty at Astrophysics Department, IITB
- Amateur Astronomers' Activities by Shishir Deshmukh, researcher and an amateur astronomer from Akash

Mitra Mandal.

- Problem Solving in astronomy by Mahesh Shetti
- Universe at Multiple Wavelengths by Dr. Vinita Navalkar
- Intelligent life in universe by Prof. Mayank Vahia, retired professor from TIFR - Astrophysics Division.
- Galactic Structures by Dr. Namrata Jain, M. D. College. She has Ph.D. in cosmology.
- Evolution of Universe by Pradeep Nayak, Dean of academic wing of Khagol Mandal

Valedictory has been planned in the month of March.

*Mahesh Shetti,
Course Coordinator*

Certificate Course of Indian Numismatics and Scripts

This is the fourth year that department of History is conducting this certificate course in collaboration with Asiatic Society. The course was conducted from 4th January to 3rd March 2020.

Mr. Raamesh Gowri conducted three sessions of Brahmi and one session of Kharoshti scripts. The students got to learn the history of Scripts, its variations and basic reading and writing. Students were given interesting assignments to know the scripts better. Mr. Raamesh also conducted a few games involving the scripts which made the sessions informative as well as interesting. The sessions were conducted with games that provided an opportunity to the students to master the scripts in a fun way.

On 6th February, a student's visit was organised to CSMVS to read the inscription on Ashokan edict of Sopara and other sculptures.

On 22nd February, a field visit to Kuda caves in Raigad district was arranged under the guidance of Mr. Raamesh. The visit provided an opportunity to the students to read many

inscriptions. They also learnt about the significance of the site in relation to Indo-Roman trade. During the journey, there was also a stop at Indapur to view and learn about Hero-Stones at the Gavdevi temple. The visit provided a deeper insight into the scripts as well as the rich heritage of the region. Altogether it was a very enriching experience.

Two sessions of Indian Numismatics, one on Ancient and the other on Medieval were conducted by Mr. Chaitanya Bhide. The students were informed about the development of coinage in India from ancient to modern era with emphasis on certain dynasties and monarchs. Mr. Bhide also showcased some coins, original and replicas, from his collection.

The students were privileged to visit Asiatic Society as a part of their course. The students were taken around the library and also view some rare Artefact's from the Society's legendary collection.

*Aarti Manenikar,
Course Coordinator*

CHAPEL

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future" Jeremiah 29:11*

Wilson College Chapel continues to be a peaceful haven for those seeking calm in the midst of the rush and mundane of College life. The College Chaplain helps to organise regular time of fellowship with songs, prayer and encouragement in

the little breaks of the college schedule. This year too beside the calendar events, the Chapel life was marked with some special events.

The academic year 2019-20 unfolded with a communion service for all the hostiles and residents on June 6th followed by a helpful talk on goal setting by the dynamic Ms. Irene. In the same month as the College commemorated the life of

the late Rev N.V Tilak,a special Chapel service took place to celebrate the hymns of the great gospel song writer on June 20. The Bishop of Mumbai Rt. Rev.Patole along with many esteemed guest from various churcheswere in attendance for the same. Rev N. V. Tilak's songs were sung in the service.

On 10th July we had our second communion service for the hostelites with a special talk on 'Gods wisdom in our choices". In the same month of July, on the orientation day the degree college freshers were welcomed enthusiastically with a special welcome service organised by the seniors.

The month of August brought in the friendship fervour among the students ,therefore the monthly communion hostel service also focussed on friendship on August 1st and on 3rd August there was a special 'Friendship day' celebration with music ,games and a mini workshopon 'How to be a good friend". On August 13th ,in lieu of both the Independence Day and the continuing centenary celebration of Rev Tilak a special "Bless India Sangeet" was organised for the first time wherein we celebrated India's freedom with bhajans in Marathi ,qawwali in Hindi and Punjabi penned by Rev Tilak and others sung by our own students and teachers .

September was a month of learning .We had a half day workshops for students on 7th and 11th on life skills .It was very enriching for them .On October 1st we had a farewell service of thanksgiving for our sister nurse who shared her heartfelt moments with us .

The month of December 2019 saw the Chapel in its busiest mode. This year in keeping with the centenary celebration of Rev .N.V Tilak , many talented wilsonians helped to organize a special "Bible Exhibition" to showcase the favorite chapters of Rev.Tilak that is from the Gospel of Mathew chapter 5 to 7 in 3 D models and exhibits form.This historical exhibition hosted by our College was inaugurated by our Principal Dr .AnnaNikhalje amidst much fanfare and awe on 2nd December, 2019which happened to be thefounder's day of our College.The exhibition was at display until January 2020 visited by students and staff of schools, friends, churches of Mumbai throughout this month. Keeping up the theme of the month, on December

10th a beautiful 'shadow play' was enacted by the students of Junior College under the leadership of MrsKshamaJayraj on Rev.Tilak's life in the Chapel for all to see.

On 16thDecember, Chapel helped organize " Bible quiz" on the Gospel of John and Mathew 5 to 7 for all the JWES institutions in Mumbai .Both students and staff participated enthusiastically .The three prizes each for every institution and the overall champion was conferred to them on December 18th, the day of JWES Christmas celebration. The Chapel students too sung along with others an apt carol that evening. On 14th December we were able to spread the Christmas cheer in Asha Daan , an institute for the homeless and on 21st December at a school with lively carols in many languages.

On 1st Feb2020,it was an honour for the Chapel to participate in our College program organized by the Chemistry Department with a prayer song. The same day we had a student workshop on leadership and influence through the life of Christ with participation of many students.On 11th February was the New Year Hostel communion service followed by games and talk on Gods design for man and women keeping the theme of the month in mind.On 14thFebruary, the Chapel organized a day of celebrating life with friends and learning to love family and friends besides having some games, food and fun.

On a special note, this year the Chapel offered free guitar classes for the Junior college students twice a week for few months. Our special thanks to the guitar teacher.

The Wilson College Chapel though situated in the far corner of the college welcomes everyone, always ready to stand by, to encourage and pray with all, in order to contribute to the holistic life of the College. As Psalm 107:1 says -"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever",I too express my thanks to the almighty God for His constant presence and provision and also I am grateful to the Principal, the management of the college, the Chapel Committee and specially the students for their contribution and life throughout the year to make all things possible.

*Rev Arpana Rangayya,
Wilson College Chaplain*

Counselling Centre

This year Mr. Joshua Tivade joined as a part time counsellor, who sees this opportunity as a privilege to give back to the Institute from which he is an alumus. The Counselling Centre was open every Monday to Thursday from 2-5 pm and was shifted to the ground floor, opposite the Chemistry Department and adjacent to the Nature Club. This allows for

easier access for students and staff alike, while providing more privacy for counselling.

Throughout the year, all counselees approached the Centre for counselling voluntarily and I'm happy to see many of them become ambassadors for the Centre; recommending

their friends and other students to begin their counselling relationship. It is always a pleasure to see so many students are willing to seek counselling. The Centre saw more than 150 individual counselling sessions for both male and female students. A few of the areas covered in Individual Counselling were Career Guidance, Assertive Training, Time Management, Crisis Counselling, Interpersonal Relationships, etc. The most common themes explored were overcoming negative thoughts and building self confidence.

In addition to individual sessions a few awareness sessions were also conducted for the students of Degree College. The teachers of the Microbiology Department arranged for a session on Stress Management for the students of TYBSc Microbiology on the 25th of January 2020. A session on Overcoming Negative Thoughts was also done for the first and second year students of Arts that was organised by

Prof. Satpute on the 21st of January 2020. An awareness session for the students of the Mathematics Department was conducted on the 7th of February 2020 that was organised by Prof. Pakhle and Prof. Kurien.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers of Junior College, Degree College, the heads of department, the principal, as well as the non teaching staff who provided their constant support to the centre and especially the students. The genuine warmth and compassion that the staff has for their students is the most encouraging factor for a counsellor. Special thanks to our principal Prof. Dr. Anna Pratima Nikalje for her encouragement and support, especially for her attempts to mobilize resources for students in need.

*Joshua Tivade,
Counsellor*

Cultural Committee Report

The Cultural Committee of Wilson College, Mumbai was formed in the academic year 2019-2020 as a platform for every Wilsonian to explore their flair and achieve new heights in various stages.

The Cultural Committee is led by its Convener, Dr. Jai Knox, Cultural Representatives / Members: Fatema Jetpurwala, Reev Fernandes, Sneha Dominic, Mikhail Vora, Joan Jeejo, Eshika Shetty, Anvita Jagtap along with Contingent Leaders: Rinal JK, Shristi Shahi, Isha Raul, Devanshi Deore, Jeslin Joseph and Sanskriti Shetty and dedicated Assistant Contingent Leaders: Siddesh Sanzgiri, Smriti Savant, Irena Sony, Zainab Motiwala, Sambhav Singh, Angella Ann Raju and Matthew Monachan.

The Cultural Committee have actively volunteered and presented their flair in the Intra Collegiate functions / programmes / events like Independence Day, Teachers Day, Library Prize Distribution, Traditional Day, Tie & Saree Day, Olé Workforce Meet and Opening Ceremony for Olé 2020.

Achievements:

The Cultural Committee has actively participated in Inter-collegiate festivals and has come out with flying colours.

- In the month of August (15th -17th) we participated in Malhar'19, the Annual Inter-collegiate fest of St. Xavier's College. Mikhail Vora was the Contingent Leader Assisted by Siddesh Sanzgiri and Smriti Savant. We had more

than 50 students participating in different competitions and also clearing the eliminations and proceeding to the finale.

Winners List of Malhar'19:

1st position in Forensic Sketching: Hrishikesh More and Harshal Rathore

2nd position in Standup Comedy: Ishaan Punde

3rd position in JAM: Amaan Shaikh

Lala Lajpat Rai College of Commerce and Science's Punjabi Association had hosted their.

- Inter-collegiate fest Lashkara on 31st August, 2019.

Winner's List of Lashkara'19

3rd position in Duet Singing: Sneha Dominic & Sandra Xavier.

- Our students also participated in Inferno'19, the Annual Inter-collegiate fest of Indian School of Design and Innovation (ISDI) on 22nd and 23rd November, 2019 where the Contingent Leader was Shristi Shahi who was assisted by Giti Hour and Mejhabeen.
- On 30th November we participated in Toofaan'19, the Annual Inter-collegiate fest of B.M. Ruia Girls College; in various events that were organised by the college. Rinal JK was the Contingent leader who was assisted by Irena Soni and Devanshi Deore.

We received the Best College Award for our extraordinary performance showcased during this fest.

Winner's List of Toofaan'19:

1st position in Solo Singing: Sandra Xavier

2nd position in Fashion Show: Zainab Siddiqui, Reeva Ansari, Sadiya Momin, Kashish Mathur, Iqra Bamne, Shubangi, Nicole and Mahek Amrelia

2nd position in Poster Making: Husena Bordawala

3rd position in Face Painting: Husena Bordawala

- We also participated in Shishir'19 on 30th of November, the Annual Inter-collegiate fest for Junior College students organized by Lala Lajpat Rai College of Commerce and Science. Isha Raul was the contingent leader for this event.

Winner's List of Shishir'19:

2nd Position in Bollywood Dance and Face off: Anjali Shetty, Pooja Opawat, Angela Monteiro, Priti Jawle, Sakshi Sunil Kadam, Renita Dsouza, Simran Vincent, Khushi Mudaliar, Isha Raul, Sapna Choubey and Kavita Rathore.

3rd Position in Solo Singing: Myra Fernandes

Consolation Prize in Doodle Art: Maria

- We participated in Kshitij'19, the Annual Inter-collegiate fest of Mithibai College from 7th of December to 10th of December, 2019. The Contingent Leader was Rinal JK who was assisted by Irena Sony, Anvita Jagtap and Angella Ann Raju. We participated in 18 events and our Folk Dance team consisting of Joan Jeejo, Eshika Shetty, Malavika Saji, Sneha Dominic, Sandra Xavier, Prashansa Thorat, Sejal Rane and Flavia D'silva got special recognition for their performance. They performed a folk dance of Kerala called *Nadodi Nrityam*.
- Vaayu'19 was hosted by Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS), from the 13th of December to the 17th of December, 2019. The Contingent was led by Mikhail Vora who was assisted by Smriti Sawant and Siddhesh Sanzgiri. We participated in over 52 events.
- Aarohan'19 was hosted by Ramnarian Ruia College. The theme of the fest was 'Bohemian'. The Contingent was led by Devanshi Deore and assisted by Rinal JK.

Winners List of Aarohan'19

2nd position in Women's single: Ja Ja

3rd position in Men's singles: Sahil

2nd place in Quiz Competition: Shamsher and Hemant

- Dimensions "Palace of Lost Things" on 20th and 21st December 2019 was organised by KET'S V. G. Vaze College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Mulund East. The Contingent was led by Jeslin Joseph. We had 8 participants from our college.
- SPRINGZ20 on 16th, 17th and 18th January, 2020 was held by Nagindas Khandwala College, Malad. The event was based on the theme 'Indian Army'. The CL for this event was Jeslin Joseph and the ACLs were Zainab Motiwala and Shambhav Singh. We had more than 40 participants from our college.

Winner's List of Springz '20.

1st position in Tug Of War (girls): Minakshi Yadav, Diksha Chawda, Sherin Sibi, Muskan Fakir, Sayalee Tendulkar, Tanaya Parad, Hency Johnson, Jagruti Jarag

1st position in Picture Comprehension: Saima Anam Shaikh

3rd position in Ring Football: Joel Nadar, Vivek Singh, Vivek Heliya, Varun Mishra, Nitish

3rd position in Situational Analysis: Rishikant

- Visions'19, the Annual Inter-collegiate fest of SIES, Sion was scheduled on 3rd and 4th of January, 2020. The Contingent was led by Rinal JK and assisted by Irena Soni. We participated in over 14 events.
- The BBI department of Lala Lajpat Rai College held their fest Epitome from 12th to 14th of January, 2020. The Contingent Leader appointed for this fest was Sanskriti Shetty. We participated in over 5 events for this Fest.
- Olé, the Annual Inter-collegiate fest of Wilson College was celebrated on 23rd and 24th of January, 2020. The Contingent was led by Rinal JK and was assisted by Matthew.

Winner's List of OLÉ2020:

2nd Best Contingent

Best ACL: Matthew Monahan

1st position in Solo singing: Niranjana Pedgaonkar

3rd position in Bollywood Group Dance: Renita D'Souza, Alvira D'Souza , Simran Vincent, Dhruv Patel, KhushiMudaliar, Nicole D'mello, SapnaChoubey

1st position in Classical Dance (solo): Anushka Tandon

3rd position in Classical Dance (solo): Uma Tikhe

3rd position in Mono Acting: Prashansa Thorat

1st position in Sketching: Ruchika Rao

2nd position in Sketching: Pranriyad Padayachi

1st position in Photography: Sumit Chitla

2nd position in Duo Poster Making: Pranriyad Padayachi

3rd position in Face Painting: Mariya Umrethwala

3rd position in Debate: Rishikant Brahmpuria

1st position in Story Writing: Myra Fernandes

3rd position in Story Writing: RishikantBrahmpuria

The Cultural Committee is proud of its members and students who have contributed in various festivals and wishes them success in future endeavors.

We look forward to achieve more and shape the talent of our students by helping them in every way possible.

*Dr. Jai Knox,
Cultural Committee Convener*

Disaster Management Cell

Disaster Management Cell (DMC) of Wilson College was formed in the academic year 2019-20.

Following activities were conducted by DMC in the current session:

1. Two workshops were conducted by DMC for Senior College students as well as N.S.S volunteers on August 30, 2019 and Junior College students as well as teaching/non-teaching staff on August 31, 2019. Mr Milind Jadhav and Mr B.A. Mangsule two faculty and trainers from Civil Defence Staff College were invited as resource persons. More than 90 students and 20 staff members attended and were benefitted by the workshop.

2. Second workshop on Disaster management under the social awareness program of Government of Maharashtra was organized on February 14, 2020 Mr Aniket Patil and Mr Samadhan Kadu trained our 52 students.

3. DMC along with N.S.S and Students' Council conducted a workshop on Cyber safety and related topics on February 17, 2020. More than 200 students attended this workshop and Inspector General of Police Mr Satyaprakash (IPS) was also invited to address the gathering.

*Dr Abhishek Chris,
Convenor*

Garden Committee

This year was a little setback to the greenery in the campus partly due to heavy and uncertain rainy season in the first half of the year and secondly due to acute water shortage in the next half. Heavy and prolonged showers damaged some of the newly propagated plants (by stem cuttings) in the nursery which were raised for fresh plantation scheme. In second half of the year, shortage of water was to an extent threatening existence of potted plants, lawn and few bed plants. Thanks to an initiative taken by volunteers of Nature Club under guidance of Prof S. Solomonraj to water potted plants during this time, we could save some greenery on campus . This mission helped to save lots of delicate plants.

Though, we dint have a good start, we are happy to share that, the College authorities have made necessary alternate arrangements for water supply and the problem has been solved. Plants are getting their regular cycles of irrigation

again and there is noticeable improvement in the health of vegetation on the campus.

Prof. Sandra Kavarana, member of garden committee played crucial role of coordinating with the authorities during span of water shortage in absence of the convener due to medical reasons. Members of the garden committee and the gardeners were supportive all the time.

Garden committee is hopeful of regular water supply in the future to maintain the green aesthetics of the College campus.

Special gratitude to all committee members for their support and guidance.

*B. M. Konde,
Convener, Garden Committee*

Gymkhana

The Gymkhana office encourages students to participate in the various Inter-college tournaments. There were selection trials conducted for Indoor sports to Identify prospective sportsmen for University and DSO tournaments.

82 students from Degree College and 96 students from Junior College participated at the Inter-college level particularly in Football, Cricket, Basketball, Volleyball, Carrom, Chess, Badminton, Table Tennis, Athletics, Martial arts and Boxing.

Achievements

Ms. VarshaRane from (XI SC.) won a Gold medal in DSO Karate tournament and also participated in DSO Division tournament.

Ms. Grace Mohanty from (XII Arts) won a Gold medal in Sequay Martial Art and also participated in the DSO Division tournament.

Ms. Aaliya Shaikh from (XII Sc.) participated in the State HAPKIDO Championships and won a Gold medal in Free Sparring and a Silver medal in Kicks competition.

In DSO Athletics, Aatir Ansari from (XII Sc.) won a Gold medal and Taha Shaikh from (XII Sc.) won a Bronze medal in Tripple Jump.

Hanzala Ansari (XII Arts) won a Gold medal in Long Jump and a Bronze in High Jump.

Ms. Nidhi Kadam won a Silver medal in Discus Throw and a Bronze in Shot Put.

In University Chess, Glen Tribhuwan (FYBSc.) won all his qualifying rounds and was selected for Mumbai Zonal Chess tournament.

Ms. Aayesha Shaikh (XI Sc.) won a Silver medal in Junior Inter Collegiate Badminton tournament.

The major haul of medals came from the boxing department where boxers registered won many wins at various tournaments they had participated.

In DSO Boxing tournament, Gold medals won by Ms. Mary Yadav (XII Arts), Ms. SimranDevgan

(XII Arts), Ms. Sharon Mary (XII Sc.), Ms. Sherin Mary (XII Sc.), Daniel Chettiar (XII Sc.), Samarth Patil (XI Arts), and AryaGadade (XI Arts).

Bronze medals were won by Khushi Sharma (XII Arts), Cyrus

Stephen (XII Sc.), Raj Madas (XI Arts).

In DSO Mumbai Division Boxing tournament, Gold medals won by Ms. Mary Yadav, Ms SimranDevgan and Samarth Patil. Silver medal won by Arya Gadade and Bronze by Ms. Sharon Mary,

Ms.Sherin Mary and Daniel Chettiar.

The Division Gold medalist were selected to participate in the State DSO Boxing tournament held at Aurangabad and Ms. Mary Yadav and Samarth Patil won a Bronze medals.

Our boxers also participated in 32nd Junior Inter-College and won Gold medals by Ms. Mary Yadav, Daniel Chettiar and Samarth Patil. Ms. Khushi Sharma won a Silver and Ms. Sharon Mary and Arya Gadade won a Bronze medals. Samarth Patil was awarded 'Most Promising Boxer' trophy.

In YuvaSena Inter College Boxing, AryaGadade won a bronze medal.

In Vivek Thakur Mumbai Boxing Tournament, Daniel Chettiar won a Gold medal.

In Samrat Ingle Mumbai Boxing Tournament, Mary Yadav, DanielChettiar and Wilfred Gonsalves won a Gold medals.

In Wilson College OLE MERAKI Boxing Tournament Cyrus Stephen and Daniel Chettiar won Gold medals.

In University Boxing, Wilfred Gonsalves (S.Y.B.A.) won a Gold medal in 60 kgs. Category and participated in All India Inter University Boxing Championship held at Uttar Pradesh.

After winning Mumbai District Selection trials, Samarth Patil and Arya Gadade represented Mumbai District in Junior Men's Maharashtra State Boxing Championship held at Nagpur. Samarth Patil won a Bronze medal in 75 kgs. Category.

The Gymkhana conducted its 109th Annual Sports Meet on 12th February, 2020 at the University Sports Pavilion. Total 209 Men and 107 women had participated in the various Track and Field events. There was huge participation in the Tug-of-War competition. Total 116 students had participated. The Men's event was won by F. Y. BSc. and Women's event was won by T. Y. BSc.

There was close a competition for the Individual Championships. Salman Siddiqui (XII Sc.) won overall Men's Championship and Nilesh Yadav (F. Y. B.Sc.) won Runner-up

trophies. In overall Women's Championship, Nidhi Kadam (XII Sc.) and Cristal Gomes (FYBMS) were joint winners. DiandraBarretto was Runner-up.

As an annual feature Gymkhana also organized Inter-class tournaments for Badminton, Carrom, Chess, Table Tennis, Box - Cricket. Total 322 students participated in the various Indoor games.

The Annual Gymkhana Sports Felicitation Function was held on 21st March, 2020. The Principal and President of Gymkhana Prof. Dr. Anna PratimaNikalje gave away the

prizes to the Outstanding Sports Students and Inter-Class Winners. The Late Conroy Cranston Memorial Trophy for 'Best Wilsonian Boxer' was awarded to Samarth Patil.

Following Coaches were appointed:

Football - Mr. Fenny Fernandes

Boxing - Mr. RajanJothady

Mr. AbhijeetGhorpade was appointed by the College for the post of Physical Education Teacher in October, 2020."

*Mr. Sandeep Borde,
Vice - President, Gymkhana .*

Hindi Parishad

R. J. Anurag Panday spoke on the topic "Hindi keprachaarprasarmaein radio kibhumika" on the occasion of the Hindi Parishad inaugural program.

Students in large numbers performed a street play organised by the Hindi Parishad on the occasion of Hindi divas.

Ms. Sunita Chauhan, Staff-In-charge.

Internal Complaints Committee

Regular meetings of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) were held in the Academic Year 2019-2020. Posters with names and numbers of ICC members were put up in the college. New student representatives were recruited to be a part of the committee.

Activities

On August 20th2019, Ms. UlkaMayur performed a monoact highlighting diverse women's issues, against a backdrop of Bhakti Poetry. The performance was thoroughly appreciated by staff and students.

Dr. Thomson Fernandes attended a one day zonal training workshop for Women Development Cell and InternalComplaint Committee, held on 27th September, 2019. The workshop was jointly organized by the University of Mumbai Women's Development Cell and Mumbai Pradesh Arya VidyaSabha'sGurukul College of Commerce.

A prayer meeting was held on 5th December, 2019 in memory of Veterinary Doctor Preeti Reddy of Hyderabad. Rev. ArpanaRangayy conducted the meeting.

On 15thJanuary, 2020, Dr. Maya Kirpalani, Consultant Psychologist and Family Therapist gave a talk on, "Empowerment of Self in Daily Life". Dr. Kirpalani spoke on healthy and unhealthy relationships, as well as empowering oneself through meditation, prayer and inspirational reading.

(ICC) members addressed the students of the aided and unaided sections, creating awareness about the responsibilities of the committee, on 31st January, 2020and 7thFebruary, 2020. Complaints of students were attended to by the Committee on a positive note.

*Ms. Rashna Patel,
Presiding Officer, ICC.*

Library Report

Following are the details of number of booksand periodicals procured between March 2019 and Feb 2020.

• Senior College	- 215
• Junior College	- 80
	- 89
• Book Bank Books-Sr. College Jr. College	- 40

• Number of Existing Periodicals - 50

Display: New books and academic displays were organized from time to time based on request from and for the departments. The following departments were requested to keep the books on the open shelf.

<u>Name of the Departments</u>	<u>Number of Books</u>
• English	- 05
• Zoology	- 33

A mini-display was set up on various other topics of interest in the subject-

<u>Name of the Department</u>	<u>Number of Books</u>
Political Science	10
History	12
Marathi	14
Zoology	6

Gifts: Library had received a donation of books from Mr. Sudhakar Solomanraj. Library is thankful for his contribution in enriching the library collection.

The library has also initiated bar coding of books that is nearing completion.

Vachan Prerana Diwas: 15th Oct is celebrated every year as "Vachan Prerana Divas" to mark the 'Birth Anniversary' of our India's former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. In the library at a prominent place, wide display of books written by Dr. Abdul Kalam was organised by the library staff. His motivating quotations were displayed on the notice board as well.

Following participants were declared as winners of competitions:

Activities	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize	Consolation Prize
Book Mark Making Jr. College	Andrea Fernandes FYJC	Aoife Baptista FYJC	Khushi Gupta FYJC	
Book Mark Making Sr. College	Shaik Nadira FYBSC	Sana SYBA	Sukanchan Majee TYBMM	
Book Cover Design	Siddiqui Arshi FYBSC	Naveera Khan FYBSC	Sukanchan Majee TYBMM	
Photography	Ajit Payer TYBSC	Omkar Ayare TYBA	Vishal Kanojia SYBA	Rahul Agrhari TYBCS
Quiz	1) Sakshi Kale FYBA 2) Chaitanya Parte FYBA 3) Popatiya Anas FYBSc	1) M. Usman Parwani TYBA 2) Aamir Chataiwala TYBAF 3) Uzma Kazi TYBA 4) Sukanchan Majee TYBMM 5) Deepak Kumar Yadav TYBA	Pradeep Sharma TYBSC	

Library staff had organized the "Prize Distribution Function" on 13th Feb 2020 in the library. Competition winners were felicitated by Dr. Anna Pratima Nikalje, Principal, Chief Guest Mrs Ruby Malshe, Mrs Rita Chettiar, and Library Convenor & Library Committee Members with the trophies as prizes. Student who made "The Library Orientation Documentary

Following are the details of the Library Orientation Programme:

- Mr. S.S. Raj, HOD of Political Science Department had delivered a talk on "How to inculcate the habit of reading among students". The library committee made the slots of first year Junior & Degree college students as well, according to the Time-Table. The library got tremendous response for the same.
- Library staff exhibited various books on multi-disciplinary subjects at a prominent place.
- Library Orientation documentary film showed to the students so that they can avail of maximum use of the library resources & services.
- Library Staff also exhibited Rare Books as well as books on different cities.

Competitions: Library had arranged the competitions, namely book mark making, book cover making, photography and quiz on 17th & 18th Jan 2020 for the students to enhance their involvement in books and reading. There was an overwhelming response from the students. Total 73 Entries were received, and 63 students participated. We are grateful to the judges Ms Shreegandha Pradhan, Mrs Bindu Nimbini and Mr Gaurav Ghadi

Film", two students who wrote Blogs (activity jointly with English Literary Society) from FYJC and other volunteers were felicitated by certificates. Students' remarkable participation in the cultural programs, were the additional feather in the function.

Library staff is thankful to all those, who contributed directly and indirectly in making these events a success & extends special thanks to the Principal Dr. Anna Pratima Nikalje, for her support and encouragement in the smooth functioning of library.

I, would personally like to extend express my sincere gratitude to all library staff for providing their constant support and good services to the staff & students of the college throughout the year.

*Mrs. S.Gavankar,
Librarian*

The Literary Society

The Literary Society conducted competitions and workshops throughout the year. A pictography competition was held and the winners out of 50 participants were Hnunalven (SYJC arts) who won the first prize along with Rushda Shamsi (SYJC Arts), Ashiya S.(FYBA) won the second prize and the third prize was won by Akshita Sharma (FYBA), it was a creative display of photos and expressions. This was followed by an essay competition based on the 'Tour of the library'.

We also invited guest speakers who shared from their expertise and experience. In November Mr Mogglan B Shrivasti from the JJ School of Arts gave a talk on 'Art and Creativity'.

A poem was artistically presented by Prof Shrivasti.

Mr Samir Khasnis the Senior lecturer from English Department of T P Bhatia College Kandivali gave an enlightening session titled." History of Drama- Indian and Western".

In December Dr Michelle Philip conducted an enjoyable workshop titled 'Introduction to Shakespeare and A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

Ms. Ruby Malshe and Ms Shubhangi Gavankar took a session on 'Blog Writing ' for the students.

Mrs Nim Gholkar shared experiences of Student's Self Esteem and body shaming in an interactive workshop held in January 2020.

Ruby Malshe

Kshama Jayaraj

Mackichan Hall Hostel

Mackichan Hall Boy's Hostel has truly been a "Home away from Home" for students from various states and countries. It has been an event filled and action-packed year for the Mackichanites. The hostel reopened after a long summer break on June 17 as everyone geared up for the new academic year. We had a fresh batch of Mackichanites, some excited, some anxious and others sceptical yet passionate and ardent. Together we advanced into the new academic year.

Activities

The first major event was the hostel elections. This took place on the 7th of August 2019. There were 4 candidates who contested for the position of the General Secretary. The General Secretary, the Co. General Secretary and the committee were also elected. Days of national importance like the 15th of August is a compulsory event for all Mackichanites. All dressed in Crisp formals attended the flag hoisting at 7:30 a. m. at the hostel ground. One thing all Mackichanites eagerly wait for is a special breakfast they

are served on the day. We then broke for a Diwali break after a tedious and apparently sleepless semester end exams. As excited as we were to go back home, we were more eager to get back to our home away from home, the hostel. So, soon we were back unpacking and tasting each others goodies sent from home.

The second semester was filled with a lot of good days. We then advanced to the moment that brings the boys hostel together- the Sports events. The sports committee enthusiastically organised competitions for both outdoors and indoor sports. The competitions ranged from football, volleyball, cricket, table tennis, arm wrestling, to PUBG, FIFA and chess. All these events were spread out for over a month. We had the annual movie night which happened on the 4th of December 2019 We enjoyed as we watched "Knives Out" starring Daniel Craig at the metro INOX. We then had the traditional Principal's dinner. It was indeed a blessed time as the Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje and her husband Dr. Karkare not only graced the occasion but also guided and counselled the hostelites on various issues.

The students really enjoyed the interactive section which was pretty frank and highlighted many factors of the hostel.

The Mackichanites were privileged to be a part of the Christmas program and also help organise it. For the first time, the boys and the girls hostel presented carols together.

Then came the most awaited event for all seniors, the hostel talent night. This is where the fresher's entertained us by performing various acts and showcasing their talents. This event was organized on 18th January, 2020 and showed us the various new talents the hostel was blessed with this year. Arun Aaron won the award for the best fresher.

Thanks to the next event, because of which all residents got to sleep on tidy beds for at least a couple of days! As you can guess, it's definitely the hostel open day. It took place on the 25th January 2020, all the Mackichanites were allowed to take their friends up to their rooms and show them the place of their residence. There were judges who visited and inspected the rooms and interacted with the residents. The judges were Ms. Swamini Patade and Ms. Kanchan Yadav. The judges were very impressed with the tidiness and efforts put in by Mackichanites in keeping their room clean.

As the tradition continues, the Mackichan hall unfurled the tricolour on 26th January, 2020 to celebrate Republic Day. This was followed by a really lavish breakfast. The activities

culminated with a grand celebration of the 107th Hostel Annual Day and an emotional farewell for our third year students, the event took place on the 07th of February 2020. We enjoyed the evening with a lot of guests and friends who witnessed the traditional "Mashal March", felicitations, distribution of all the awards for sports and academics. Surprise awards like the winners of the open day and talent night had the crowd on the edge of their seats. The crowd was agog for the announcement of the winners of the Mackichan Hall Shield for the Best student and the Romer Rozario trophy.

Chittaranjan Konsam of TYBA bagged the shield while Deepak Johnny and Jason Singh of TYBMS together carried the trophy this year.

The Hostel was blessed with the addition of two washing machines this year. We would like to thank the John Wilson Education Society for all the support in maintaining and upkeep of the hostel. The hostels smooth functioning is impossible without the tireless efforts by our support staff Mr. Vijay, Mr. Sandesh, Mr. Ankush, Mr. Sandeep, and Mr. Dashrath. A note of gratitude and appreciation to our Warden Dr. Ashish Uzgare and Assistant Warden Dr. Jamson Masih for all the love, support and discipline they have exercised which has brought us to an end of another wonderful year. God bless our Mackichan Hall Boys Hostel.

*Mr. Joash John,
General Secretary*

Marathi Wangamaya Mandal

Marathi Wangamaya Mandal organized its inaugural function on 17th September, 2019. Ms. Shobha Nakhar, anchor, social worker and the ex-principal of Blind School Dadar was our special guest. The function began with the lighting of lamp, "the deep prajwala" and a song by Vedant Sawant (XIth arts) and classical dance by Dhvani Gohil (XII Arts). Students were enthralled with the chief guest's speech on 'Funda Sakartmakteca'. Vice-principal Jr. College, Ms. Smita Masih and supervisor, Mr. Matacharan Dubey shared their inspiring thoughts too. Many students enrolled for the year's activities ranging from competitions namely essay, hand writing, crossword puzzle etc. during October-November, 2019.

The results of competitions are as follows:

1. Essay Writing Competition

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| 1. Prathamesh Gaikawad | SYBMM |
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| 2. Bhawesh Bathe | XIIth Sc. |
| 3. Chaitanya Samant | XIIth Arts |

2. Hand Writing Competition

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| 1. Bhavesh Bathe | XIIth Sc. |
| 2. Gaurav Paradkar | XIth Sc. |
| 3. Shradha Khadre | XIth Arts |
| 4. Komal Mistri | XIIth Sc. |

3. Kavya Vachan Competition

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| 1. Akanksha Puradkar | FYBA |
| 2. Komal Mistri | XIIth Sc. |

4. Spontaneous Elocution Competition

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| 1. Komal Mistri | XIIth Sc. |
| 2. Chaitanya Samant | XIIth Arts |

5. Ek Patri Abhinaya Competition

1. Shradha Khadre	Xlth Arts
2. Samruddhi Chemburkar	SYBMM
3. Vedant Sawant	Xlth Arts

6. Natya Vachan Competition

1. Komal Mistri	XIIth Sc.
2. Bhawesh Bathe	XIIth Sc.
3. Vedant Sawant	Xlth Arts

7. Cross Word Puzzle Competition

1. Bhawesh Bathe	XIIth Sc.
2. Shradha Khadre	Xlth Arts
3. Nishachay Surve	XIIth Arts

Marathi Wangamaya Mandal and Hindi Parishad jointly organized the prize distribution programme on 14th January, 2020 along with a cultural program entitled 'MEL-MILAP'. "Marathi Bhasha Din" was organized on 27th February, 2020 in the college A.V.Room to mark the occasion of the birthday of the great Dramatist

and playwright Dnyanpeeth Awardee and Poet Late V. V.Shirwadkar alias Kusumagraj.

The function commenced with Nandi (by Atharav Kanthi) at the beginning of the play and with tabla (Shrikant Shinde). Ms.Ranjana Rao, Deputy Education Inspector south zone was the chief guest and Dr.Manisha Phadke was the speaker. They gave an inspirational talk. Principal Dr. Anna Pratima Nikalje, Mr. P. Abhayankar, Registrar and Ms. Smita Masih, Vice-principal Jr. college were responsible for the success of the event. Akansha Puradkar and Sakshi Kale compered the event. A skit, 'gava- marazl BaaYaocaa' was enacted by a senior college student depicting the pressure and shame felt by a child in our society. Kavita Vachan Kusumagraj's poem was recited by Dr. Satyavati Chaubey (Hindi Dept.) from the senior college. There was the Shivaji Maharaj Powada by Prasanjeet Gaikawad. Before the vote of thanks by the Registrar Mr. P. Abhyankar, Shrikant Shinde performed a solo tabla act.

A heartfelt gratitude to the students and teachers who made the "Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din" a success.

*Dr. S. Mahindrakar,
Staff Advisor*

The Medical Centre

The Medical Centre remained active throughout the year with many students and staff members visiting it for medical help and emergency aid. Sister Caroline Barreto who was incharge of the centre for two years had to shift her residential base for personal reasons, hence, a memorable farewell party was given to her on 30th September. Thereafter we welcomed Sister Chaya who took over as in charge. The centre has organised many seminars and workshops this academic year.

A medical camp was organised on the 17th of July 2019 by the Medical Aid Dept, the IQAC, the NSS unit and the Junior College English Dept. This was in collaboration with Mr Vir Choksi and his team from the HealthSpring (Kemps Corner Unit). The camp included testing of RBS (Random Blood Sugar) blood pressure, pulse rate and body mass index. Eye pressure and eye check was also conducted along with dental check up. Non-teaching staff, senior and junior college teaching staff and students of the Arts and Science Streams participated in the camp. The camp was useful and helped us understand the need to be fit and healthy. More than two hundred staff members benefitted by the camp along with some students. On 7th August a

blood donation camp was organised in collaboration with the NSS Unit and G. T Hospital, a total of 100 candidates donated blood. On 19th August along with the Psychology department a talk on "Mental Health" was organised in collaboration with 'Tarasha' which is a community based recovery model conceptualised by the TISS (Tata Institute of Social Science). Another workshop was organised on 21st August 2019 in collaboration with the Jaslok Hospital, "Light House". Mrs Vartika Sewra head of branding and communication along with a team of doctors addressed our students on topics like stress, peer pressure, sex education, personal and general hygiene.

From 8th to the 10th of January a free eye check up camp in collaboration with Lawrence and Mayo was organised, a total of 109 candidates availed of the facility. Another blood donation camp in collaboration with Saifee hospital was organised on the 9th of January a total of 72 candidates donated blood.

All round the year medical facility is provided during all college events and programmes, and we wish all at Wilson stay healthy ,happy and strong.

Kshama Jayaraj

NAURE CLUB REPORT

September 2019 marked the 40th year of uninterrupted functioning of the Nature Club. Initiated by Prof. Vakharia and Farhan, many generations of staff committees and students have nurtured the club and opened up interesting pathways.

This year we decided to subsidize many of our trails and outstation tree planting, trips and treks to make it affordable for students. Thus, for the first time nature club collaborated with the Hanofil center Mussoorie, WCNC and ran two batches of an internationally accredited 'Wilderness First Aid' courses. The program was heavily subsidized for students.

The Nature Club had a second edition of sponsored trails for children from shelter homes. This was for children from 'OASIS.'

Our Institutional social responsibility with Yusuf Meherally center distributed more than twenty thousand worth of books and stationery for children and also helped provide additional water tank capacity, help prepare and reinstall bore well facility.

We were able to do three major tree planting drives, one with the Yusuf Meherally center and two with the forest department, the first one was with the forest department and the Gram Panchayat of Nagaon where 500 saplings were planted.

The Nature Club continued to be in coordination with the major relief work to help the flood affected in Assam, Bihar and Kolhapur.

The nature trails to Nagla, Karnala, along with overnight treks to Harishchandragad and Sinhagad were well attended.

Dr. Shushant Mane helped organize two major lectures in Biodiversity; one was Biodiversity in Antarctica by Dr. Chincholkar and Urban Biodiversity by Dr. Parvish Pandya.

On October 2nd on the 150th anniversary of Gandhi's birth, the Nature Club donated 20 waste bins for general waste and 10 for recyclables with labels.

The 40th anniversary celebration of the Nature Club was brought to a close on 14th December. We felicitated alumni and associates with an interesting goodie bag of merchandise and fruits, our principle Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje graced

the occasion and felicitated following people:

Prof. Wakharia former head of Botany Department, Prof. Pankar former head of Zoology Department, Farhan Thakur who helped establish the club, Mahmood Kadri, Vivek Kulkarni, Ranjan Biswas, Shashank Chavan, Dr. Mrs. Nalwala, Vinita Mathew, K. Sivan, Farida Anajwala, Ashutosh Gogate, Jayadatta Nikalje, Kshitij Naikade.

Another major highlight was the release of the book "Living Nature- Wilson college Nature Club's journey and conversation about biodiversity in India." It is an extremely well designed book with lots of visuals and interesting maps. Credit for excellent design goes to Meenaz Amreliwala and Rohan of Upshot Media, for their amazing effort. Vijay Kumar Subramani helped edit the manuscript and Anikita Thakur transcribed the text. There was a book reading on conservation with Bittu Sehgal on 14th February. The proceeds from the book are being used to subsidize camps and trails for students. 5 free ships for the December camp was given enabling students from the economically weaker sections to attend. The Nature Club also sponsored one of the sessions for the Climate Change Initiative organized by the IQAC and a group of students from BMM led by Kanan Nehra. The December Camp covered Nandur Madhmeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary in Maharashtra, Vansda Poorna Wildlife Sanctuary and Padmagiri Nature Park in Gujarat. The Nature Club did an extensive riverside cleanup in the Padmagiri Nature Park.

In the first two weeks of February, Nature Club members noticed that plants in the college were wilting because of inadequate water supply. Initially led by Fatema, later led by Sana Khan, many volunteers watered the plants for 8 days and watered plants across the campus. Sana, Disha, Divya, Anirudha, Anushka, Kaushal, Hamza, Mahemoor, Taneya, Ryan, Audris, Roopa from SYBA, Krutik from TYBA, Saniea, Soham, Xavier from TYBSC, Husena, Nidha, Prashansa from FYBA, Noel from SYJC Science were the main volunteers. Mrs. Pethe and Dr. Anjali along with many of the students mentioned above and others carried water from home. Watering would start from 7:15 AM and continue with breaks till 2 PM.

The last overnight trek was at Sinhagad Fort near Pune on 29 February and 1st March for a group of 30 participants. Climbed up the fort at night, had a session on History and

Natural History and a session of star gazing. The next morning there was an extensive visiting of the fort. In Pune the group visited the Katraj snake park which is part of the Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park.

Kshitij Naikade, an ex-student helped arrange a meeting with Neelim Kumar Khaire, the legendary snake man of Maharashtra. He holds the Guinness book of world record for spending 72 hours in a glass cage with 72 venomous snakes. He established the snake park in the 1980's and is now associated with the Animal Rescue Centre. This is probably the largest wild animal rescue Centre in the country as they rescue and rehabilitate more than 3000 animals every year. We had a guided tour of the rescue center as well as interaction with Mr. Khaire. He had an interesting sense of humor and his passion for animals came through reflecting 52 years

spent in the field.

Special thanks to Fatema Arsiwala who did an excellent job of coordinating and managing the work of Nature Club. The Nature Club had more than 250 members. Many of the programs this year were her initiatives. She worked very well in an unassuming way. Audris and Sana helped with activities with other volunteers. Appreciate the continued support of alumni like Sandesh Lad and Tejaswi who manage all outings, Kshitij Naikade who helped organize the tree planting in Pune, Anish Menon who subsidizes many aspects of tree planting and the trek to Sinhagad. Dr. Shushant Mane did a great job of continuing the wildlife lecture series in the college. He was also a part of the tree planting at Nagaon Village.

*Sudhakar Solomonraj,
Staff In-Charge Nature Club*

The North East Collective

The North East Collective, formerly called Rainbow, had an active and eventful year. The Committee for 2019-20 comprised of:

1. ChittaranjanKonsam (TYBA)
2. ElinLuanngailian (TYBA)
3. Priscilla Darngawn (TYBA)
4. LaldinfeliRenthlei (TYBA)
5. Henry LalvenhimaSailo (TYBA)
6. Danish Alam Sheikh (SYBA)
7. M.K Benjamin (TYBA)

The year started with a Freshers' Evening on 19th July, 2019 in the College Hall. There were games, music competitions and lots of fun. On Independence Day the students presented a special cultural performance in the College Hall. The students also collected an amount towards the Assam flood relief effort.

The first activity was a tough trek from Neral Station to Matheran which had an additional 4 kms extra walk, as the group took a wrong route. The next day, on 4th September, the return to Mumbai was adventurous due to the unprecedented heavy rain and the stopping of trains at Thane. This year the Committee was active in setting up support systems with peer mentoring for the students with regard to attendance and ATKT. The North East Collective

committee came up with the idea of organizing an Interclass Futsal Competition. This was held on 3rd and 4th December 2019 in the Basketball Court. The participation was very good with 18 teams across Junior College, BA, BSc and SFCs competing. The BMM team stood first and the TY English team was the runners up. Two students were badly injured, one of them due to the poor quality of the basketball ground.

In January 2020, another first time activity was accomplished: the NEC T-Shirt was made for the group. Special thanks to Bhusan Maisnam, an alumnus, who designed the NEC logo and got the T-Shirts made. The much awaited Traditional Dinner was organized on 15th February 2020, where the Principal and the Convener addressed and encouraged students to take up leadership roles and to work on the all-round development of their personalities. The last event for the year was the revival of the Cultural Evening that was held on 22nd February which had participation from a Korean group of boys and girls studying in Mumbai. The SYs designed and presented beautiful gifts to the TY students that evening. Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje was present along with Ms. Kshama Jayaraj, Dr. Ashish Uzgare and Dr. Jamson who are on the NEC committee.

Another first for this year is that the students are bringing out their own YearBook, with contributions from students and a special feature by the TY students. A special appreciation for the work done by Vanlalliana (SYBMM) for providing

technical help in making the banners, certificates, posters and the yearbook. The President of NEC, Chittaranjan Konsam won the

coveted Shield of Honour at the Mackichan Hall Annual Day, which is given to a student with outstanding all-round achievements.

*Sudhakar Solomonraj, Vinita Mathew,
Staff In –charge*

Wilson College NSS Unit

The NSS Unit of Wilson College was enrolled with Mumbai University for this academic year with the strength of 50 volunteers. An advisory committee was set up with Dr. H. A. Parbat as the Convener and Program officer of NSS (2019-20) and Dr. Jai Knox, Dr. Biraj Mehta, Mr. Sachin Gupta, Dr. Heena Shaikh, Mr. Kailash Shinde, Ms. Shreya Shirke and Ms. Ayeshna Dutta as members of the committee. Ms. Bhagyashree Badbe was selected as the Unit leader and was sent for the Leadership Training Camp at University Level.

NSS Orientation (Date: 6th August, 2019)

The NSS Committee (2019-20) organised the Orientation program for all the newly enrolled volunteers for the year 2019-20. It was inaugurated by Dr. Satish Kolte, District Co-ordinator (Mumbai City). It was followed by numerous sessions addressed by Prof. Bandu Konde (ex PO, Wilson College NSS unit), representatives from Akshara Foundation and Connecting Dreams foundation, Dr. Biraj Mehta, Prof. Sandip Borde, Prof. Sudhakar Solomonraj (Faculty of Wilson College). The session also included addresses by seniors and ice breaking sessions.

The NSS works with diverse themes and our activities revolve around them. The three important themes for this year were:

- Swachta (Cleanliness around us),
- Special Community Services
- Education-Enlightenment-Empowerment.

During Ganesh Visarjan, our NSS Unit, in coordination with the Mumbai police helped in traffic controlling and crowd management. Pratik Panchal and Sherin Sibi the in-charges of the activity were felicitated by the Mumbai police.

Activities

- 1) The Swachh Bharat Mission was launched by the honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 2nd October, 2014.

The campaign aimed to clean monuments, roads, infrastructure, cities and rural areas of India. It was a

nation wide campaign for a period of 5 years beginning from 2nd October, 2014 to 2nd October, 2019. Wilson College, Mumbai, NSS unit conducted various activities during the observance of the Swachh Bharat Pakhwada from 1st August 2019 to 15th August 2019. Volunteers actively participated in debates and pledged to manifest the goals by taking Swachhta Shapath (oath).

NSS volunteers conducted and participated in activities like college campus cleaning, awareness rally in our adopted village, one to one interaction, cleanliness drive, etc. throughout the observance of Swachh Bharat Pakhwada. NSS volunteers did intensive cleaning at adopted village, where volunteers collected plastic garbage from surrounding area, swept roads and cleaned the Z.P School premises. The plastic garbage collected was then dumped in a proper manner in order to avoid its spread.

- 2) Beach Clean ups
- 3) Tree Plantation
- 4) NSS Week
- 5) Health Orientated activities

On 17th July 2019, the NSS unit, in collaboration with the Medical Team of Healthspring (Kemps Corner) organised a Health Check up Camp for the Wilson College staff and students. The camp included - Eye Check up, Dental Check up; Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure, Body Fat%, Body Water Content, Muscle Mass, Body Mass Index, Bone Mass, Height and Weight Check up, etc. Sessions on Health Education were conducted on 21st August, 2019 that commenced with a session on Sex Education in the Mini AV Room for girls and in the College Hall for boys. A session on Hepatitis Awareness on 18th February, 2020. The volunteers were explained about the various types of Hepatitis and the precautions to be taken against it. We also made posters on Hepatitis. A pre-health checkup camp survey was conducted at the adopted village on 5th November, 2019. The aim of the survey

was to gather data for the nature of the health checkup to be set at the village. On 13th February, 2020 our NSS unit organised the Thalassemia camp in collaboration with The Think Foundation which was sponsored by Lion Lady ShailajaShailesh Shah of Lions Club of Juhu. There were total 86 registrations from all the SYs and TYs from all the departments of our college.

6) Red Ribbon Club

Dr.H.A.Parbat and Mr.Sachin Gupta from the Chemistry department and one of our volunteers who had attended Aids awareness workshop at MDACS, Wadala addressed a session on HIV Awareness on the International Youth Day, 13th August, 2019. NSS Unit, Medical Aid Centre, Wilson College in collaboration with G.T. hospital organized Blood donation camp on 07/08/19 from 10am to 4pm in the college hall. Total candidates registered for blood donation were 147. Total candidates that donated blood were 100.

On 9th January, 2020 the NSS Unit of Wilson College had organized the Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with Saifee Hospital. This was our second blood donation for the academic year. A total of 72 units of Blood were collected by the Hospital. A session was addressed by a professor from the Zoology Department of Wilson College on 'Safe Sex'. A film screening of the movie – 'And the Band Played on' was organized. The movie was chosen as it show cased the first discovery of this Virus and the identity of the syndrome as AIDS. Campus Quiz was held within the campus of Wilson College where our volunteers randomly approached the students and asked them few questions regarding AIDS. A rally was also organized within the campus to highlight the issue of AIDS and to incite thoughts and talks about AIDS among students.

7) Flood Relief Campaign

The Flood Relief Campaign was one of the major projects carried on by the NSS unit of Wilson College 2019-20 to help the districts of Kolhapur and Sangli which were badly stricken by the effects of Floods. Our unit undertook this project through a 4 step program: Awareness, Collection, Packing and Sending. The activity was finally flagged off by respected dignitaries on 23rd August, 2019 and the goods were finally sent off to the aid of the affected people in respective districts. Many items were collected like, 109 kgs of Rice, 25 kgs of Pulses, 533 sanitary napkins, 4 kgs of roasted chana,

119 packets of biscuits, 196 units of clothes (Male and Female), etc.

8) Gender Sensitization and Akshara Foundation Activities

Range of activities include gender sensitizing workshops and film screenings with eminent actors, activists and artists. Akshara Foundation also organized a "Gender safety audit workshop". SnehalVelkar, the coordinator of Safe city and my city and the volunteers discussed about the places where women feel unsafe like public places, home, professional places, etc. As a follow up they also conducted an audit on campus. Gender Safety Audit was also carried forward by our NSS volunteers at our adopted village at Thakurwadi, Badlapur. We had an intellectual session every day for volunteers. On day 6, the session was conducted by Prof.Ayeshna Dutta (Sociology Department) on Gender Mobility and as a part of this session we conducted a survey on Gender Safety and Mobility Survey. Volunteers were divided in groups of 3 and this survey was conducted.

9) Beach Clean Up Activities

NSS unit took up clean up activities with various groups that include an initiative taken by ChinuKwatra, Beach Warriors at Cuffe Parade and The Indian Coast Guard for the Beach clean-up activities.

10) NSS Week: 28th September and 1 October 2019

A cleanliness drive was conducted in our college campus near the Boxing Hall, Basketball Court, near the Chapel and Physics Department, and in front of the canteen. We picked wrappers of packed food, water bottles, plastic waste and dry leaves. We filled about 6 medium sized plastic bags and disposed them into the garbage bin by 8 and ended by 10. They collected around 30 bags of garbage.

11) Tree Platanation Drive at Thakurwadi and Aadhar centre (Badlapur)

Tree plantation in the village and Aadharcampus and surroundings, not only contribute to green environment but also good health to the habitants.

12) Contributions to college events like Ole Festival, sports day, days of national importance including Republic day, independence day . from organising and crowd management the unit has been active to ensure smooth functioning of all college activities.

Student Achievements

- Lester Pereira was awarded Best Delegate for Model United Nations, UNICEF
- Lester Pereira and Shamshegir Shaikh Secured the 3rd Place in Quiz, at Sankalp Fest held at LalaLajpatrai College, Mahalakshmi.
- Sneha Dominic, Lester Pereira and SherinSibi contributed as HODS for Ole, the college fest.
- Pratik Panchal led one of our major activities, Ganesh Visarjan in coordination with Mumbai Police.
- Ankita Dubey won the Mary Murthy Prize. She also secured merits for highest scores in Political science, Economics and History in FYBA. She also won the Best Speaker Award in Youth Parliament organised by PSA.
- PavitharaKandasami was appointed as a CL for UttungPoddar fest. Angella also led the same as ACL.
- Shamshegir Shaikh was felicitated with a plant of tulsi as a token of appreciation in podar college fest
- Rustam Chauhan won the best NSS volunteer for 2019-20
- HusenaBarodawala secured 2nd position for poster making and 3rd for face painting in BM ruia college fest
- Shamshegir Shaikh and HusenaBarodawala secured the 3rd position in the quiz competition in BM Ruia college fest.
- MukundPaleykar secured 2nd position in the shot put event held on sports day and he was a runner up in the boxing event in Wilson college fest Ole.
- HrithikSwaroop secured 1st position in shot put at the Wilson college sports day and also secured 3rd position in discuss throw.
- Wilson College under the representation of Sneha Dominic and HusenaBarodawala won Best College for Excellent work and Support with Akshara Foundation.

Report of Special Camp (3rd February 2020-9th February 2020)

Adopted Village(since 2016): Thankurwadi, Mulgaon, Badlapur (W)

Intellectual Sessions

Day 1 (3rd Feb, 20): Leadership

The session was addressed by the Ex leader of the NSS unit of Wilson College (2019-2020) Mr. Solomon Wasker from T.Y.BA (Sociology) on 3rd Feb, 20.

Day 2 (4th Feb, 20): NSS and unity

The session was conducted by Asst. Prof. Mr. Sachin Gupta from Chemistry Department and the committee members of the NSS unit of Wilson College on 4th Feb, 20.

Day 3 (5th Feb, 20): Alertness and Discussion on socially sensitive topics

The session was followed by Asst. Prof.Dr.AnandBurange from Chemistry Department, Wilson College on 5th Feb, 20

Day 4 (6th Feb, 20): Self

The session was taken by Asst. Prof. Ms. Caroline Gloria from Zoology Department, Wilson College on 6th Feb, 20.

Day 5 (7th Feb, 20): Patriotism

The session was addressed by Asst. Prof.Dr.Biraj Mehta Rath from Philosophy Department, Wilson College on 6th Feb, 20. She discussed with the volunteers the virtues of nationalism andpatriotism.

Day 6 (8th Feb, 20): Mobility and Inclusivity

The session was conducted by Asst. Prof. Ms. Ayesha Dutta from Sociology Department, Wilson College on 7th Feb, 20.

Labour Work

On the 1st day, 3rd Feb, 20 the ZillaParishad School and the main entrance was cleaned. The school building was swept and moped. The washrooms and rooms were cleaned. On the 2nd day, 4th Feb, 20 weeds, dried thrones and bushes was cut and the region in front of the kitchen and school ground was cleaned. Thrown plastic was picked by volunteers. On the 3rd day, 5th Feb, 20 volunteers dug soak pits in the village. Three soak pits were dug of 2 and ½ to

3 feet measurement. On the 4th day, 6th Feb, 20 volunteers dug 1 pit (8'x 8'x2') for cow dung fertilizer. For food waste, pits barricaded by cement sheets were dug by volunteers. On the 5th day, 7th Feb, 20 volunteers cleaned the Khandoba temple at Mulgoan for the upcoming festival of the temple. Approximately 500 steps were cleaned by the volunteers.

Social Interaction with Village Residents

Sports interaction:

Volunteers interacted with school children during play time. They played langadi and kabbadi with them.

Craft session:

On the 3rd day, 5th Feb, 20 volunteers taught school children basic craft tricks. Names of colours were taught in English. Basic maths tricks were taught by volunteers.

Menstrual hygiene:

On the 3rd day, 5th Feb, 20 in the evening the session on menstrual hygiene was conducted with the women of the

village along with the screening of a documentary film in Marathi. Sanitary napkins were distributed among women and teenager girls.

Sports day:

The sports day was held on 7th Feb, 2020 on the 5th day. Various sports competitions such as spoon and lemon, potato race, 50 meter running race, were organised by volunteers for school children from 1st to 5th standard for both the boys and the girls.

Cultural day performance:

The cultural day was organised by volunteers on 8th Feb, 20 on the 6th day. Singing and dance performances along with children were held by volunteers. Young children performed their folk dances. The prize distribution for sports events were held on that day in the presence of the parents of the school children. Volunteers performed a street play on women empowerment.

*Dr. H. A. Parbat,
(NSS Program Officer)*

Pandita Ramabai Hostel

This year, The Pandita Ramabai Hostel had sixty four residents from various parts of India majoring in different fields with twenty-five new students. The hostel was divided into four groups for intergroup events that build creativity, literary culture and sportsmanship skills. The groups were Amethyst, Beryl, Crystal and Emerald which had Jisha Joseph, Kopal Khanna, Laldin Feli and Kimaya Deshmukh as the group leaders respectively. Phebe Sarah George was the senior student for this year.

The other committee members include Christina Cherian as the first floor in-charge along with Simran Singh. Maryam Sayed and Apoorva Gupta were the second floor in-charge. Maryam was in-charge of the various sports events held for this year as well. The cultural events head for this year was Neeraja Hari and Literary events head was Maitreyi Banerji. Mess in-charges for this year were Jessica Simon and Roma Budhliya. We had ground floor in-charges as Dhanashree Tohake and Akshada Punekar. Dhanashree Tohake was also the nature club in-charge.

The hostel events started off with the Fresher's night on the 30th July, 2019. The girls showcased their talents and acting skills which was judged by Aditi Lal, our former General

Secretary. Residents went for a refreshing evening walk along the Marine Drive. We joined the college in celebrating the Independence Day Flag hoisting on 15th August, 2019. Principal Madam Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje and Dr. Karkare were invited for an interactive evening with the residents in the 2nd week of August.

Prof. Sudhakar Solomon Raj brought us saplings and tools required for a tree plantation drive on our hostel premises in association with the 40th Anniversary of the Nature Club. All the students were involved in planting saplings in the Hostel garden.

Competitions like Badminton, Balloon blasting, Treasure hunt, and a quiz about Mumbai, the Quotes quiz were held. We also had a Photography Competition which was judged by Ms. Ruby Malshe, from the Junior college English department. A Poetry competition was organized and judged by Ms. Meenakshi Paul, from the Junior college English department as well. The girls also participated in different events of the college fest Ole and were part of the nature club trek to Karnala Fort, Raigad district and Harishchandragad Fort and the Sihangad fort. We also had a delicious hostel dinner at the King's Chillis restaurant, Santacruz. We went

for a movie night at Sterling Cinema to see the inspirational movie 'Chapaak'.

We also had a great opportunity in planting a kitchen garden in which our second year students Vibhuthi, Payal, and Mahima took the initiative in planting, onions, potatoes, spinach, coriander and fenugreek and other vegetables in our garden. Our girls also helped us contribute to the flood relief of Assam.

During Christmas, we had the Christmas-Christmas game in which the girls secretly gifted one another and the event ended with a great camp fire. For the College Christmas Celebrations, we joined the boys' hostel in singing a beautiful carol. We have regular combined Chapel get-togethers to learn many useful youth related topics. Irene Ma'am who works for Times of India comes every Wednesday to counsel us. We had the Hostel Open day on the 6th December, 2019 and the girls could invite their friends, guardians, parents and teachers to see their rooms and the hostel. We had Miss Rose Nadar and Miss Aditi Gangar as our judges who judged our rooms on the basis of Cleanliness and Creativity.

On 27th January, 2020 the International Holocaust Remembrance day, we had Madam Netenella and Sir Nimrod the Deputy Chief of Missions, Consulate General of Israel in Mumbai to speak about the holocaust. They also shared their personal experiences. There was a wonderful TY Farewell organized for our graduating students. We participated in the Republic Day flag hoisting along with the college on 26th January, 2020. The theme for our Annual Prize distribution Day was 'Nature Conservation'. Dr. Ananya Masih, gave us a talk on endangered species and how we can do our bit to conserve Nature. We also had Ms. Priya Masih to give us an enlightening talk on beauty and hygiene and her 100% herbal preparation product 'Mia' infinite beauty. We were happy to get our Hostel T Shirts this year. The Annual Day was held on 10th February, 2020. We put up pictures of endangered species in our garden

and endangered flower species as table top decorations. We presented a song, 'You can count on trees' as the theme was Environment. Our invitation cards were made out of seed paper and the guests were requested to sow them. This year the Anandibai Kalawade shield to the Academic Topper at the final year exam was awarded to Damini Chandankar of TYBMS. The Sheila Kalawade shield of Honour for the All Round student was awarded to Maitreyi Banerji and Neeraja Hari. The Best group award went to group Beryl this year. Mary Jennifer got a chance to be a part of an Advertising campaign for Kotak Mahindra Bank alongside Bollywood Actor Ranveer Kapoor. Ms Neha Saxena stood first in the Ramnarayan Jhunjhunwala college singing competitions and second in the B.M. Ruia Bhajan Competition. She was also selected in the semi-finals at the IIT (Mumbai) fest Mood Indigo for solo singing and was selected for the finals for the Sydenham college and NM college solo singing competition. Ojaswini Bardhwaj was selected at 'commune' and presented an original poem at R.N Ruia College. Rishita Bhatt and Shivika Dubey won the 2nd runner up prize for group dance at the NK college fest 'Mirage 2019'. Kashish Mathur and Reeva Ansari came 2nd for the Fashion Show at Ruia College. Dhanashree Tohake got the first position in the Marathi Nehru Essay competition. Jessica Simon was the Vice president of the Rotaract Club for the year.

On the Annual Day, the Honorary Secretary Mr Prem Masih, in his speech congratulated the residents on their accomplishments and encouraged us to work hard and invest efforts for all round development. Principal Prof. Anna Pratima Nikalje motivated the residents to focus on career building options and make the most of hostel life. I would like to thank this year's efficient committee for helping me along the way and even our Warden Ms. Kshama Jayraj for all her support and guidance.

*Phebe Sarah George,
Senior Resident*

Research Committee Report

During the academic year 2019-2020, the committee had organized a series of three talk sessions. One of them was held by Dr. Minakshi Gurav, coordinator of Avishkar Research Convention, University of Mumbai. This was organised with an objective of motivating and guiding undergraduate, postgraduate students as well as the degree college

teachers. Her talk was highly informative, enlightening and gave an insight about the State level Avishkar competition.

There was another talk titled as, 'Introduction to IPR' by Dr. Nandkumar M. Patil, Senior Manager, Global API Regulatory Affair, R and D Center, Cipla Ltd. Targeted at postgraduate students and degree college teachers, this was held to make

them acquainted with the rules, regulations and the protocol followed in order to file patents for the outcomes of their research work.

Moreover, our degree college faculty, Dr. Sushant Mane and Dr. Kapil Bhatt had conducted an orientation for the teachers.

It was about Swayam–MOOCS Free Online Courses, an initiative taken by the Government of India. Lastly, the committee also scrutinized research proposals submitted by teachers to sanction them financial grants supported by Wilson College.

Academic Monitoring Committee

Academic Monitoring Committee is constituted to streamline the documentation and record of lectures and practicals conducted by the individual teachers and departments. A proforma containing details of the same has been regularly filled and submitted by departments since the start of the academic year. To maintain objectivity and fairness in assessing teachers, the committee initiated term wise feedback of students for teachers by using Google link. The same were analysed and a quantitative as well as qualitative interpretation was provided. These initiatives

of the committee has made it possible to systematically substantiate the claim that Wilson College conducts all lectures, practicals and examinations regularly.

We would like to thank our principal Prof Anna Pratima Nikalje for her guidance, committee members and most importantly Prof. Bandu Konde, Mr. Joshua Tivade, Ms. Iram Khwaja for their unconditional support.

Dr Sakina Bootwala
Convenor (Science)

Dr Harsha Badkar
Convenor (Arts)

Students' Council

Dr. Devdatta Lad took over as the Dean of students for the academic year 2019 – 2020 from the former Dean of students Dr. Ajita Kumar. The student's council elections were planned by the University of Mumbai for the academic year 2019 – 2020. Dr. Devdatta Lad and Ms. Veronica Bhonsle attended the student's council meeting at the Convocation hall, University of Mumbai, Fort Campus, on 9th August, 2019. However, the student's council elections were later postponed by the Maharashtra government due to the Vidhan Sabha Elections.

Activities

- A Talk on "Understanding the Idea of India as a Nation" by Sudhakar Solomonraj was held on 14th August 2019 in A.V. Room for T.Y. students in association with the National Service Scheme unit of Wilson College.
- The Fit India Pledge was organized in Wilson College on 29th August 2019 and about 208 students took the pledge. The data about the same was uploaded on the UGC website.
- D. Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition was held in association with Arthiki on 21st November 2019 in the mini A.V. Room. Mr. Shashank Yadav, Ms. Smriti Verma

and Mr. Utkarsh Mishra secured the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize respectively.

- Mr. Shashank Yadav also represented Wilson College at the A. D. Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition (Mumbai Level).
- Ms. Sapana Choubey and Ms. Nandini Bind won the Merit Certificate in Anti Dowry Inter-collegiate Elocution competition held at Sathaye College on 1st December, 2019.
- The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony was successfully conducted on 15th February, 2020. Dr. Ajay Deshmukh, Registrar, University of Mumbai and Ms. Shobha Nayar were the chief guests for the ceremony.
- A talk on "Cyber Safety" was conducted by Akshara Foundation on 17th February, 2020 in association with the National Service Scheme.
- An emotional and special programme for all our graduating students with a special graduating service was held for the final year students and M.Sc. students on 25th February, 2020.

*Dr. Devdatta Lad,
Dean of Students*

Rotaract Club

The Rotaract Club in Wilson College called the “Rotaract Club of Wilson College (RCWC)” was established in year 2016 and the members have seen the club grow steadily since then. The theme for the present Rotaract year at RCWC was “Explore, Expand and Excel” which we as RCWC have proudly executed by Exploring various activities, Expanding our reach and proudly Excelling after.

RCWC has executed numerous activities with various departments in the college this year. We started conducting activities after the Annual Rotaract Club installation on 18th July, 2019. The activities conducted in the academic year 2019-20 by RCWC are as follows:

- ‘SIUK’ workshop on 16th August, 2019
- Book Swap activity on 26th August, 2019
- Beach Clean up activity at Girgaon Chowpatty after Ganesh Chaturthi on 13th September, 2019
- RCWC-Model United Nations (MUN)’event on 28th of February, 2020

RCWC looks forward to many more memberships and collaborations in the coming years.

*Mr. Kailash Shinde,
Faculty in Charge*

Training and Placement Cell

The College has been receiving Placement and Internship opportunities from various companies such as COVIAM, DoubtNut, IFI Techsolutions Pvt. Ltd., Savage and Palmer, Edelweiss, Transasia, Repro MT, CarWale, Jaro Education, Acxiom, DeltaX, E Job Ocean, Purple.com, Aranca, IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Silverlink Technologies, Hindustan Unilever, WeCurate events, eigoPaathshala and Campus Connect for the students graduating from Arts, Science and Self-financed courses.

An attempt was made to identify the students in need of placements from among the graduating students. A goggle form was circulated among the students of Arts through the heads of the departments and in case of Science graduates a form was circulated personally in every T.Y.B.Sc. class. A WhatsApp group of the students who responded to the form was made and placements were circulated continuously as received from various companies. Students interested in various placements send their resumes to the college placement cell email id and then the resumes were sent to the respective companies for perusal. This helped in identifying the students requiring placement and also enabled in providing a common platform to provide information. Along with Placements, the undergraduate and post graduate students have visited job fairs conducted at various colleges like Ruia College, Malini Kishors College of Commerce and Economics and CHM College.

Listed below are the placement opportunities that the students of Science and Arts have availed of:

- 1) Eight students from Arts have applied for the teaching post at eigoPatshala. The interview for the same is still awaited.
- 2) Seven students from the undergraduate and postgraduate stream of Microbiology appeared for the post of Trainee Sales executive.
- 3) Four students appeared for the interview at Repro MT for the post of Graduate trainee. Two students Ms. Joanna Rodrigues and Mr. Vindy Dias have been selected for the final interview.
- 4) Two students from Arts are scheduled to appear for an interview for the post of Insurance Trainee at Chola People and Marketing Services private limited.
- 5) Ms. Aiman Siddiqui from Arts faculty has been selected for an interview at Vendor WeCurate events.
- 6) Ms. Bernedict Rozario from Arts had applied for the post of front office executive at AWFIS.
- 7) Four students from Arts faculty appeared for an interview for the post of Content writer at Purple.com. The results for the same are still awaited.
- 8) Ms. Andrea D’souza was shortlisted for the job of Content Writer at Coviam tech.
- 9) Hindustan Unilever is recruiting students from B. Sc. Chemistry for trainee position. Five students have applied for the same. The aptitude and interview will be conducted in mid April.

10) Three T.Y.B.A students Joel Jones Eldo, Joshua D'Souza and Priyanka Panchal are working as creative interns at Popshot, a French company headquartered in France and with development centre in Mumbai. Popshot is a new age smart browser that redefines the way we browse internet. The key responsibility shouldered by these student interns include creating content having the potential to go viral; creating memes, story/script writing, Instagram marketing and Gorilla marketing. The feedback received about them has been encouraging.

The Placement cell has also tried to identify students interested in SHREYAS. A presentation of the same will be conducted for the T Y BSc./ BA Students in the coming academic year.

Dr. Joyline Mascarenhas

Self Finance Courses (Bms/Bmm/Baf/Bsc It)

Placement Report

For The Academic Year 2019-2020

Department Of Bachelor Of Management Studies

TYBMS PLACEMENT 2019-2020

Sr. No.	Name of Company	Profile	Name of Students Interned & placed
1.	Morgan Stanley	Operations	Shaileen Shah Akshat Yadav Ananya Bangera Chelsea Mascarenhas Pranjal Grover Shivrudrasingh Rathore Nelefiiaa Prab Jemima Alexander
2.	Morgan Stanley	Legal & Compliance	1.Nikita Chaturvedi 2. Neeraj Shankar
3.	ICICI Prudential	Marketing	1.Vishal Shankar 2. Bianca
4.	Ufaber	Executive – Business Develop.	Abhishek Kamath
5.	Savage & Palmer	Executive – Business Develop.	Mr. Devansh Solanki
6.	Endurance	Sales Associate	Mr. Rachit Jaiswal
7.	Oh My Loans Pvt. Ltd.	Management Trainee	Ms. Purvasha Pandey

TYBMS INTERSHIPS 2019-2020

Sr. No.	Name	Company of Internship
1	Rutvik Mahendru	Clearsharp
2	Ananya Bangera	Morgan Stanley
3	Akshat Yadav	Morgan Stanley

4	Jhanvi Iyer	Bhagwati Developers
5	Alfi Shaju	Carve Industries
6	Jemima Alexander	Morgan Stanley
7	Ashish Malgankar	Sapna Steels
8	Jahanvi Jain	Vintec Electronic Laboratory
9	Jolene Aguiar	The Model Book
10	Purvasha Pandey	Chicago Pizza
11	Christine D'souza	Stargazer Entertainment
12	Glynus Dias	BPP Mumbai Travel And Stay LLP
13	Rida Khalfay	Shree Krishna Stevedores Pvt. Ltd.
14	Calvin D'mello	Clic National Industries
15	Jessica Sonavane	Purnata
16	Joycelin Moras	Aarti Drugs Limited
17	Bhaves Gandhi	Jain Yash & Associates
18	Rishi Agrawal	Jain Yash & Associates
19	Husaina Rangwala	Explorus Travel
20	Amit Kamble	Ais
21	Shrutika Adhav	Hero Fincorp
22	Ninoshka Mascarenhas	Sunil Sabnis & Associates Chartered Accountants
23	Venessa Arez	Morgan Stanley
24	Mohammed Baqer	Yoko Sizzlers
25	Karen Fernandes	Cyntherea Fitness
26	Shawn Correa	J.C.S. Exports
27	Pranay Kadam	Star Clean Service
28	Dheriya Shrivastava	Grayquest Education Finance Pvt. Ltd.
29	Christina Cherian	Embed Home Highlights
30	Jeffit Shirlin Jebakumar	Inox Air Products
31	Adarsh Bhoot	Varmora
32	Payal Gadpayle	Bhilai Steel Plant
33	Suyash Shah	Maruti Exports
34	Jackson Anthony	Action Tour Guide
35	Morris Verghese	Grayquest Education Finance Pvt. Ltd.
36	Arihant Runwal	M/S. Jasraj Mangilal
37	Nida Faiz Mulla	Bombay Ferry Ship To Shore Service
38	Rabab Sahibole	Sky Blue Homes
39	Aditi Mhatre	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
40	Aradhana Abraham	Enzy School Of Music & Technology
41	Nashitah Shaikh	Marcusevans
42	Sharon Jermeaih	Eicher
43	Kavish Jagad	Element Seating Private Limited
44	Ritik Arora	Inaaya Corp
45	Abishta Kejriwal	V.K. Jindal & Co. Chartered Accountants
46	Joselyn Cardoza	Writesoft
47	Jeremiah Erikipati	Bruin Enterprises

48	Bianca Correa	Ags Transact Technologies Ltd.
49	Keziah Emmanuel	Nissi Engineering Co. Pvt. Ltd.
50	Mariska D'souza	G.S. Exports
51	Mustafa Khambati	M/S. Bombay Fruits & Vegetables Import Export Pvt. Ltd.
52	Simran Desai	Belle The Enchanting Queen
53	Ashwini Chaurasia	Rising Metals & Alloys
54	Glen Rodrigues	Yes Bank
55	Khaleel Ibrahim	Hotel Anam International
56	Shaikh Mohd Zeeshan Nazir	Tech Solver
57	Chelsea Mascarenhas	Morgan Stanley
58	Shivang Bhatt	Naval Dockyard Co-Operative Bank Ltd.
59	Mohd. Salman Contractor	Hind Engineering
60	Rehan Momin	Maruti Suzuki
61	Shivrudra Singh Rathore	Morgan Stanley
62	Aditya Chaurasia	Fintech Blue Solutions Pvt Ltd
63	Deepak Johny	Spice More Trading Company
64	Tejas Lad	Catking
65	Nishika Jain	Fintech Blue Solutions Pvt Ltd
66	Moriswala Abdul Mateen	Urban Clap
67	Adalia Fernandes	ANDBEYOND.Media
68	Kevin Cardoza	Mangal Singh Bros. Private Limited
69	Christina Chettiar	Spykar
70	Saloni Khara	R.C. Shah & Co. Chartered Accountants
71	Aakanksha	Herbals (Aps) Private Limited
72	Shaileen Shah	Morgan Stanley
73	Harsha Mishra	Orowealth (Alpha Fintech Pvt. Ltd.)
74	Maxwell Chris Furtado	Whitehat Jr.
75	Mallaika Patra	Raj Gharana
76	Riona Dsouza	Stargazer Entertainment
77	Natalia Lobo	Jay Ambe Overseas Services
78	Shanelle Mascarenhas	Punjabi Ghasitaram World Of Sweets
79	Chelsea D'silva	Team Ideal Private Limited
80	Clenita Varghese	Globe Carbon Industries
81	Sharon Calmiano	Hotel Anam International
82	Sarah Gaikwad	Shawn Fresh Foods
83	Krutika Damaralu	Smart It Solution
84	Priya Munsu	A1 Bond
85	Subrata Bhowmick	A1 Bond
86	Sushrut Dalal	A1 Bond
87	Rachana Gajengi	Shri Sai Watch Co.
88	Noella Crasto	Aramex India Pvt. Ltd.

89	Hussain Khambati	M.S. Parekh & Co.
90	Rupal Jain	Phoxel Studios
91	Karthik Naikar	Sahaara Charitable Society
92	Ansari Inshal Inamuihaque	Grace Textiles
93	Forum Jataniya	Simon Steel India
94	Vaishnavi Umak	Indu Appliances Corporation Of India
95	Nidhi Vadgama	Subhash L. Kale & Co. Chartered Accountants
96	Madhumita Rameshbabu	Proctor & Gamble Hygiene
97	Disha Nazareth	Adiraaj Financial Planners
98	Ameerudheen Khairabadi	Anar App Private Limited
99	Janhavi Khotkar	Vinodrai Engineers Private Limited
100	Abhishek Patil	Dakor Plast
101	Pranjal Grover	Morgan Stanley
102	Anjali Pujari	Myrsa Technology Solutions Private Limited
103	Alister Jose	Accellorize Private Limited
104	Chris Correa	In Sync Marketing And Event Solutions Private Limited
105	Kenneth Serrao	lfl Securities
106	Nelefiia Parab	Morgan Stanley
107	Neeraj Shankar	Morgan Stanley
108	Rajul Padiyar	Ghansiram Namkeen
109	Purvasha pandey	OML Group of companies
110	Ashley Dcunha	SK Associates
111	Vatsal Divecha	Studysid Edutech Solutions Pvt Ltd
112	Arkha Lizia Morris	Arambhan Hospitality Services Limited
113	Tanvi Amdaskar	Ananta Resource Management Pvt Ltd
114	Anjali Vaishya	Edugenius Softwares LLP
115	Sheldon Fernandes	Accelya
116	Schneider D'costa	Accelya
117	Atharva Dhuri	Pune Solar
118	Mithil Dewoolkar	M/s. Mandeep Enterprises
119	Saurabh Prajapat	Nathani Investments
120	Saloni Pednekar	Thar & Co.
121	Zian Guite	Kunal Earth Moving Co
122	Audrey Dsouza	Abuobaid & Partners Law firm
123	Obed Ghorpade	Beracah Fellowship Charitable Trust
124	Chelsea Mascarenhas	Terry Fox India Committee
125	Ananya Banger	Terry Fox India Committee
126	Sheldon Fernandes	Terry Fox India Committee
127	Pranjal Grover	Terry Fox India Committee
128	Schneider D'costa	Terry Fox India Committee
129	Aditya Chaurasia	Terry Fox India Committee

130	Lokendra Singh Chouhan	Terry Fox India Committee
131	Vatsal Divecha	Terry Fox India Committee
132	Maxwell Furtado	Terry Fox India Committee
133	Nelefiia Parab	Terry Fox India Committee
134	Abhishek Patil	Terry Fox India Committee
135	Devansh Solanki	Terry Fox India Committee
136	Abdul Mateen Moriswala	Terry Fox India Committee
137	Vishal Shinkar	Terry Fox India Committee
138	Diksha Jha	Terry Fox India Committee
139	Devansh Solanki	Shree Balaji Tea Corporation
140	Henry Rodrigues	Radisson Logistics

SYBMS INTERNSHIPS 2019-2020

Sr. No.	Name of Company / Position	Name of Students Interned
1.	Morgan Stanley Operations	Steffin Sam Aaron Fernandes Vinamra Dixit Farheen Syed Eshan Santosh Uchil Suramya Bharadwaj Calvin Joji
2.	Oh My Loan Pvt. Ltd.	Marval Figueredo
3.	Terry Fox India Committee	Farheen Syed Chelsea Edwin Sharon Roney Pereira Suryansh Varma Shania Crasto Parikshit Rathore Carren Pereira Mustafa Bundi Pritam Chavan Jovita Janis kairanna Kevin Lawrence Vaz Harman Singh Hritik Swaroop Ashish Baria Ryan Christian Joash John Anshika Safir Steven Joanes

DEPARTMENT OF MASS MEDIA

FYBAMMC INTERNSHIPS:

Sr. No.	Name of Student	Organization Name	Department/ Role
1	Prachi Pansare	Holidify	Content Writing
2	Kshitij Pappulwar	M.K.B Casting	Supporting Actor
3	Animesh Varshney	Times Network	Client Servicing
4	Dhwani Jain	Times Network	Marketing

5	Anand Aneesh	Haymarket Mediapur	Marketing Digital Marketing
6	Galvin Puthur	Byju	Marketing
7	Shivamsu Kota	Brew House	Sales
8	Farzeen P.P.	Abad Inn	Hotel Supervisor

SYBMM INTERNSHIPS :

Sr. No.	Name of Student	Name of Organization	Department/ Role
1	Aashi Shrivastav	TEDxJuhu Under25Summit Tinder 9xMedia	Campus Ambassador and Digital Marketing
2	Aditi Gupta	Filmcityworld.com	Reporting
3	Ankita Londe	Orchids International School	Primary Teacher
4	Clyde D'Silva	Blip	Direction
5	Devang Ghuge	The Novo Cafe	Food Photography
6	Divya Dhadd	Yocket	Digital Marketing
7	Kanan Nehra	Intern Theory Representative Media UTTRO Internet LLP TEDxJuhu SuckIN Eco Straws LLP Zee Media Tinder University	Marketing Content Writing & Reporting Copy Writing Campus Ambassador Digital Marketing Editorial Campus Ambassador
8	Khushboo Vanikar	Frankinn Udaan Project	Project Executive
9	Laishah Dsouza	P&G India	Cluster Manager
10	Lawmama Chawte	Carat Lane	Photography and Production
11	Maithili Ambavane	Katalyst Reputation Management	Design & Creative Communication
12	Pooja Badnaware	Filmcityworld.com TheHitavada	Reporting Editorial
13	Prajwata Gajakos	Jack In The Box	Digital Marketing
14	Rashi Tibrewal	Perfect Filaments LTD	Account Executive
15	Riya Arjun	Times Network	Production Intern
16	Sandra Dsouza	PTE Universe P&G India	Digital Marketing Campus Ambassador
17	Shalin Mary Koshy	Times Network	Production Intern
18	Sharmishtha Chahande	Times Group	Editorial
19	Shivam Bhanushali	Shemaroo Literature Live	Culture and Alignment Volunteer

20	Sneha Nath	Times Influence	Production Intern
21	Swarnim Shukla	Hamilton Studios	Archives
22	Vaishnavi Jain	IndiShortsMag	Content
23	Vanlalliana	Carat Lane	Photography and Production
24	Anushka Shinde	Chatterbox Technologies	Campus Ambassador
25	Chelsia Kumar	WPP India	Event Management
		Contract	Account Manager
26	Chhavi Palival	9x Media	Production Intern
		Sociowash	Campus Ambassador
27	Niyati Shetty	Zee Media	Zee News
28	Shonak Jain	Filmcityworld.com	Reporting
29	Siddhi Shewale	Zee News	Editorial

TYBMM INTERNSHIPS :

Sr. No.	Name of Student	Organization Name	Department/Role
1	Stalen David	Convergys	Technical Support
2	Yakshpat Bhargava	Vibrant Publishers	Digital Marketing
3	Bhushan Katekhaye	Radio One International	Programming and Marketing
4	Sumedh Pandit	AIESEC	Human Resource
5	Sumedh Pandit	Inzane Labs	Community Intern
6	Sumedh Pandit	AIESEC	People Management
7	Liesel Rodrigues	Dust Value	Sales
8	Arhan Wilson	Filmfare	Editorial
9	Arhan Wilson	Reliance Broadcast	Brand Solutions
10	Harshad Pardeshi	Times Network	Television Division
11	Rezellea Crasto	GeeBee Internation	Research
12	Priya Wilson	Innov	Pre-Sales Executive
13	Ashika Kapoor	Times Internet	Marketing Intern
14	Anjali Bhadra	Sony Pictures	Project Executive
15	Anjali Bhadra	Media Tribe	Social Media
16	Pransi Agarwal	Bollywood Masala	Editorial
17	Annant Soni	Priish	Client Servicing
18	Riya Jacob	Bayside Media	Delegate
19	Jayson Nadar	Humans of Bombay 4Chevel Media	Photography
20	Jobin Thomas	Sportz Interactive	Digital Marketing
21	Giridharlal Kawale	AP Guu	Graphic Designing
22	Nikita Andhale	IDEMI	Graphic Designing

23	Andrea DSouza	Internshala	Marketing
24	Rose D'Souza	AIESEC	Business Development
25	Divyam Chadha	Prime Video	Content Acquisition and Distribution
26	Saurabh Nimkar	Dreamzkraft	Marketing
27	Ketki Pannase	Three Entertainment The Wise Idiot	Event Management
28	Mansi Patil	Conde Nast	Marketing
29	Tasneem Lokhandwala	Conde Nast	Editorial
30	Tasneem Lokhandwala	Conde Nast	Editorial
31	Abhishek Misal	MX Advertising	Marketing
32	Rhea Rachel Verma	22 Feet Tribal	Project Trainee
33	Dwain Willis	HiLife	Videography
34	Rishi Bisht	BTG	Video Production
		Nivedita Saboo	Event
35	Sujoy Joseph	TEDx Gateway	Social Media
36	Amruta Sonawane	Woovly, Media Brief	Marketing, Social Media
		Mediabrief.com	Social Media
		Cat Café	Business Development
37	Christine DSouza	Digitofy	Content Curation
38	Mayank Ferreira	Dark Horse Media	Project Executive
39	Caroline Lasrado	GQ India	Editorial
40	Nauka Shah	Contract	Account Management
41	Royston Nandi	Pappilion	Event
42	Vibha Khuranna	NowTv	Customer Service
43	Ankit Agarwal	The Entertainment Mafia	Director's Associate

DEPARTMENT OF BSC.IT

Placement Data for TYIT 2019-2020

Sr. No	Name of Company	No. of students interviews	Name of students interviews	No. of students placed	Names of students placed
1	Larsen & Turbo Infotech – Trainee Engineer	07	Zeeshan Aniket Thakur Kalidas Konar Bindesh John Gunja Janice Cleon Sequeira	01	Aniket Thakur

2	Infosys – Operations Executive	07	Zeeshan Kalidas Konar Roma Budhliya Reona Dsouza Joshua Gunja Nutan Patil Mackwyn Quadras	07	Zeeshan Kalidas Roma Budhliya Reona Dsouza Joshua Gunja Nutan Patil Mackwyn Quadras
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3	Capgemini – Role Associate	08	Zeeshan Cleon Sequeira Bindesh Roma Budhliya Nilesh Bhatia Sharal Martis Akshay Chauhan Austin Gomes	03	Zeeshan Akshay Chauhan Austin Gomes
4	Deloitte – Trainee Engineer	01	Sharal Martis	01	Sharal Martis
5	TCS – Graduate Engineer	01	Kalidas Konar	01	Kalidas Konar

*Dr. Zuleika F. Homavazir
Convener, Centre for Training and Placement*

Political Science Association

The Political Science Association of Wilson College was established in the year 1992, it is one of the most active body in college since its revival in the academic year 2017-18. Despite the specificity of its name, the association is all inclusive and provides a wide scope for students across departments for increasing their political awareness and exposure to diverse perspectives. PSA has a democratically elected body which facilitates its functioning.

We began this year by enrolling 113 members and then electing the key position holders of the association which are President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, and Joint treasurer in a democratic manner via elections.

The election was held on 22nd July, 2019 for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer and Joint Treasurer with Ms. Asilata Karandikar as the Chief Returning Officer and, Mr. Manthan Bachani, Ms. Ruchika Singh and Mr. Anmol Jadhav as the External Returning Officers.

The members elected thus were:

President – Shruti Sinha (TYBA)

Vice President – Sreedev Krishna Kumar (TYBA)

Secretary – Rahul Singh (SYBA)

Joint Secretary – Mitali Bhasin (SYBA)

Treasurer – Sagarika Dutta (TYBA)

Joint Treasurer – Iti Bimrah (FYBMM)

The election was conducted following the voting pattern of first- past- the- post, as the members of PSA also includes Visually impaired students, this year the provision of braille ballot paper was also made available to ensure inclusivity. The election itself was a success and PSA possibly remained the only elected functional body in our college. Since the day of the induction, the elected committee has strived hard to uphold the aims and objectives of the Political Science Association i.e. to promote Socio-political awareness, provide platform for intellectual activities and spread sensitization about the prevailing socio-political issues. The major purpose and motivation that derives the association and its activities is to spread awareness and sensitise people and offer a platform to engage in effective discourses.

Activities

The Inaugural ceremony of the Political Science Association for 2019- 2020 was held on 1st August, 2019 in the presence of eminent political scientist and the Editor of the Economic and Political Weekly, Prof. Gopal Guru which was followed by a session with him on the topic 'How and Why to Read the Text in Social Science?'

On 2nd August a Right to Information Workshop was held in collaboration with Money Life Foundation, which saw a turnout of over 100 participants, the workshop was curated by Mr. Shailesh Gandhi, retired Central Information Commissioner, focusing on the RTI Act, and the process to file an RTI Application.

As a part of the Independence Week a series of cultural activities were organised to begin with a Treasure Hunt focusing on places associated with the National Movement in and around Wilson College was organised on 9th August, the anniversary of Quit India Movement. The winner of the Treasure Hunt was Dhanashree Tohake and Roma Budhliya.

On 13th August, Rajneeti – The Open Stage was organised as a part of which Dorcas Frishya, Samsegir Shaikh and Disha Waingankar recited poem, Sana Khan sang a Marathi song, Harshad Chakradhare performed a Mono Act, Ishaan Punde performed a stand-up comedy and Parikshit Dokwal screened a Film, all on the theme of Rajneeti.

On 14th August 'Firaaq' was organised with the theme of Partition at its Centre this session explored short stories & poems which were written during partition & post partition. The idea was fruitful as it opened up a discussion and raised questions on the ideas of freedom, violence, and nationhood.

On 20th August a debate was organised, the motions for the debate was "In the name of National Security Individual rights can be denied." Vasu Sharma, Hemant Rao and Ashwini Dubey participated in this debate which was judged by Prof. Satyawati, HOD Hindi Department and Ayush Srivastava, TYBA student.

Continuing the spirit of Independence week, on 23rd August an interactive session was organised on 'Toxic Masculinity' with Jerry Pinto which was followed by a session with J.V. Pawar on the topic, 'The context and ideas of Dalit Panthers and its relevance in today's world.'

The fourth edition of Wilson Youth Parliament was held on 13th September, 2019. During the preceding of the house discussions were held on wide range of issues; Environmental concerns with respect to Aarey, rights of Tribals, increasing cases of Mob Lynching, Economic Slowdown. The two Calling attention motions raised, addressed the fallacies of the New Education Policy and adverse consequences to Human Rights in Kashmir post abrogation of Article 370 and 35A. The proposed government bill tabled and discussed was the National Military Service Bill, 2019. Which was a bill to enforce conscription for all able-bodied male and female citizens from eighteen to twenty-eight years of age, in keeping with the reasonable restrictions on the right to life as enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution of India, 1949. With efficient and elaborate discussions and deliberations concerning the loopholes in the bill it was passed by the

majority in spite of rigorous opposition. However, despite the Parliament passing the bill, the President refrained from giving it her assent.

On 14th September a session with Adv. Gautam Bhatia, who is a practising lawyer in the Supreme Court, has been involved with recent landmark judgments such as the reading down of Section 377, the right to privacy, and the Aadhaar cases was organised on the topic, 'The Transformative Constitution.'

As PSA believes in the principles and ideals of Democracy, our association actively engages in advocating for the same and raising voice against the denial of basic Human Rights. Taking this forward Political Science Association released statements on two different occasions this year. These statements were released through our Social Media handles. First on 13th November, 2019 condemning the denial of right to protest of the students protesting against the arbitrary hike in fees in prestigious educational institutions like JNU, IIT- Bombay, BHU, among others. Second on 16th December, 2019 condemning the brutality of police forces against the students of AMU, Jamia Millia, and other institutions who were peacefully protesting against the Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019 and extending solidarity with the students who were peacefully protesting against what they saw as unjust and discriminatory.

December 10 is observed as World Human Rights Day. Spreading awareness of our rights as citizens and students have always been a part of our agenda.

Hence, continuing the tradition we observed the third edition of Human Rights Festival from 9th December to 14th of December 2019.

On Day 1 that is 9th December, Aanchal Narang, who specializes in gender, sexuality, addiction and trauma curated an interactive session on Critically evaluating the Transgender Bill, which was followed by a workshop on Gender Sensitization and Queer Myths and Facts, conducted by Jerin Jacob from the One Future Collective.

On Day 2 that is 10th December, Sudhakar Solomon Raj, H.O.D of the Political Science Department, Wilson College curated an engaging interactive session on the 'Rights of the Tribals.'

On Day 3 that is 11th December, a session was organized with Apar Gupta, who is a lawyer and Executive Director at

Internet Freedom Foundation on the topic, 'Right to Privacy in the age of Big Data,' addressing the concerns about internet shutdowns, need for net neutrality and digital rights.

On Day 4 that is 12th December, a session on the Challenges to rights in North- East and Kashmir was delivered by Geeta Seshu, a journalist and co- editor of The Free Speech Collective, the session also witnessed a lot of students from North- East sharing their personal accounts and the trajectory of rights in those states. A screening of 'Ram Ke Naam' directed by Anand Pathwardhan was also organized which was followed by an engaging discussion on the film in the present context with the Supreme Court judgement on the Ayodhya dispute, this was moderated by Dr. Biraj Mehta from the Philosophy Department of Wilson College.

On Day 5 that is 13th December, a session was held on the Contemporary Challenges faced by Sexual Minorities by Prof. Ivan John, from Sophia College, whose academic interests includes LGBT/ Queer Sexuality, Women's issues and Educational concerns.

On Day 6, the final day of the Human Rights Week that is 14th December an interactive session with Adv. Lara Jesani on the Citizenship Amendment Act was organized, the session focused on the trajectory of the Citizenship Act and the constitutional violations which the CAA, 2019 is based on.

Films are a powerful medium to bring about awareness about various social concerns and throws light on the Human accounts and lived experiences. The Philosophy and Film Club and the Political Science Association in collaboration with Pedestrian Pictures organized 'Fragments of Hope' – a series of Documentary Screenings.

On 22nd February, 2020, Day 1 of Fragments of Hope, Lipka Singh Durai's "Some Stories around the Witches" was screened which displayed a peculiar type of stigma embedded deep in rural areas of Odisha, addressing how ignorance and superstitions have wreaked chaos and havoc in lives of innocent people. The discussions were moderated by Vanshika Sawhney.

On 24th February, Day 2 of Fragments of Hope, Somnath Waghmare's "The Battle of Bhima Koregaon" was screened, the documentary explores reasons and relevance of the Battle of Bhima Koregaon in the contemporary Dalit politics and its

significance as a memoir in the fight against Brahminism. This was followed by an interactive session with Somnath the director of this documentary.

On 26th February, Day 3 of Fragments of Hope, Madhuri Mohindar and Vaishali Sinha's "My Kashmir" was screened bringing to light the human stories of young Kashmiris whose lives are invested in peace and the desire of justice for its people. This session was moderated by Valenie Lopez.

On 27th February, Day 4 of Fragments of Hope, Shweta Ghosh's "Accsex" was screened which debunks the otherwise popular portrayal of persons with disability as child- like, objects of sympathy and asexual, addressing the layers of social norms associated with disability, gender and sexuality. This session was moderated by Anushka Patil. We acknowledge PSBT (Public Service Broadcasting Trust) for granting us the permission to screen this film.

On 28th February, Day 5 of Fragments of Hope, Maheen Mirza's "If She Built a Country" was screened which portrays rural Adivasi women from the villages of Chhattisgarh critiquing the grand plan of Development in the country. This session was moderated by Hamza.

On 29th February, 2020 the last session for the academic year was organized on the topic, "Rights of Adivasi" by Prof. Nandini Sundar, who has been actively writing about Bastar and its people for over 29 years and is campaigning for the rights of the Adivasi's.

The Political Science Association also expanded its social media presence this year by creating its own twitter handle and blog.

Following are the links to our social media handle:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/psawc/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/psa_wc

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/psa_wc

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC892gj2zwIHDgLS-1j5dzsA>

Blog: <https://psawc.blogspot.com/?m=1>

*Shruti Sinha,
President, Political Science Association*

Science Circle

Science Circle of Wilson College is a body to encourage co-curricular activities that motivate students of Class XI towards science. Interested students from class XI register as members. The Science Circle committee comprised of Ms. Shrigandha Pradhan (Chemistry), Ms. Loretta Mascarenhas (Mathematics), Ms. Aarti Thackrey (Biology) and the in-charge was Ms. Urvashi Korde (Physics).

This academic year, science circle activity was inaugurated on 11th September 2019 at the hands of our honourable Principal Dr. Anna Nikalje and a young theoretical physicist Dr. Nishita Desai from TIFR. Principal Madam highly encouraged the Science Circle team and students during the inaugural speech. Dr. Desai gave a talk on "Physics at different scales" in which various concepts in fundamental forces and elementary particles were discussed.

Dr. Rita Pujari, working on NASA grant at Nevada State University, USA was invited to give a talk on "My Journey to NASA". Her highly interactive session with effective Power-point presentation elated the audience.

Science Circle organised a visit to "Ovalekar Wadi Butterfly Garden" at Thane on Sunday, 22nd September 2019. The highly informative session was conducted by Mr. Rajendra Ovalekar on different species of butterflies, their life-cycle. Our members actively participated in field-trip, they clicked beautiful pictures of various butterflies. Ms. Aditi Adkar from Zoology department conducted on-the-spot quiz on butterflies with explanations. It helped students to revise the information collected in the trip. Mr. Mahesh Shetti, Mr. Santosh Parab, Ms Aditi Adkar and Mrs. Bindu Nambidi, with other committee members joined and helped to successfully conduct the trip. Ms. Shrigandha Pradhan, in the month of January 2020, arranged an exhibition of these photographs along with the informative captions.

Week-long commemoration of **National Education Day** on the Birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first education minister of Independent India was planned from 11th November 2019. Following programmes were conducted during this week:

- Mr. K. Sivan, a microbiologist delivered a talk on 'Science and Importance of Attitude' in his unique humorous style and was highly appreciated by the audience on 11th November 2019.
 - Amity Global Business school conducted a quiz competition for science circle members and top-10 students were rewarded subsequently with certificates and medals at another function at Malad.
 - Mr. Mahesh Shetti talked on "Physics of the Deserts" on 13th November 2019. The fusion of Physics and Geography was quite amazing. Students gave a very positive feedback about the talk.
 - Mr. Sudhakar Solomanraj, on 14th November 2019, conducted an interactive session on Environment in his unique way. For two full hours students were mesmerized to know about the trees in the college campus and their uses along with jungles and birds.
 - Ms. Tamara Rasquinha screened various short-films as a part of Gothe Institute and Asiatic Society sponsored Science Film Festival. Along with these beautiful films on environmental issues, she discussed some of the projects and some of the solutions of student-related issues. The movie "The Pig" was a memorable experience to all.
 - Dr. Madhubala Chinchalkar, on 15th November, narrated her story of Antarctica Expedition with picturesque power-point presentation. All participants were virtually taken to Antarctica and they experienced the magic of very low temperature.
 - Mr. Santosh Parab, from Zoology Department on 16th November, spoke on "Magic of Hormones". It was a captivating presentation all the endocrine glands in human body from head to toe were explained in such a humorous way that it was permanently engraved in participants' minds.
- On 30th November all the science circles members performed on the popular theme of Radio Mirchi Show. The participants conducted multiple programmes on mathematics and displayed some models to the audience in the style of Radio Jockeys. They were guided and judged by the three popular personalities from Radio Mirchi: 1) Christina Andrew, a singer-songwriter and the female voice artist of radio mirchi, 2) Sanya Afreen Rashid, Programming Controller at Radio Mirchi and 3) Sukhbir Kalsi, an RJ at a Radio-Mirchi station "Mirchi Love". This programme was the brainchild of Mrs. Loretta from Mathematics. She, along with Mrs. Arti Thakre from Botany, put in lot of hard work to make all the arrangement. This show was highly enjoyed by the audience.

Mr. Anand Shinde, the famous “Elephant Whisperer” and journalist, on 5th December 2019, talked on “Dialogue with Elephants”. He explained about elephants’ qualities and features and how he started talking to them. His unique experiences opened up the wonderful world of elephants and it moved the audience.

The Nature Trail was conducted on 18th December 2019 by Mr. Sudhakar Solomonraj at Sanjay Gandhi National Park. Around fifty students participated in this trail. Sudhakar sir explained about the jungle, various insects, plants, birds through small activities. He also talked about importance of mangroves. He also sponsored the entry-tickets for all. Mr. Ashish Mishra and Ms Urvashi Korde from Physics Department accompanied the group.

The periodic table of elements came into existence in the year 1869. Science Circle commemorated The Sesquicentennial Anniversary of The Periodic Table of Chemical Elements by conducting various activities throughout the year. They were:

- Dr. Thomson Fernandes, from Chemistry Department, on 17th October 2019, gave preliminary information on Periodic Table to Science Circle members. It was decided to set up an exhibition on Periodic Table and many volunteers came forward to collect information about different chemical elements.
- Mrs. Urvashi Korde screened various short documentaries on Special Chemical elements used in modern industries on 18th October 2019.
- Mr. Mahesh Shetti conducted a quiz on Chemical Elements and Various materials on 19th October 2019.
- The exhibition was set up by volunteers on Periodic Table of Chemical Elements in the College Hall on 11th December 2019. It was inaugurated by Ms. Smita Masih, Vice Principal, Junior College and Dr. Charu Seth from T.I.F.R. Many staff members from different science departments were present on the occasion.
- Dr. Charu Seth, through her artistic performance in the form of drama, explained her research on class of compounds that showed potential as photovoltaic and LED material.
- Dr. Anand Burange from Chemistry Department talked about contribution and life-story of Mendeleev that was quite absorbing and highly emotional. He also spoke about Moseley, the father of Modern Periodic Table.
- Dr. Thomson Fernandes, demonstrated various instruments used to study chemical properties of

elements and also performed some experiments to elaborate them. He was helped by some M.Sc. students.

- Mr. Mahesh Shetti conducted quiz on chemical elements. Mrs. Bindu Nambidi helped correcting the answer-sheets and prizes were given on the spot.
- Ms. Heli Fulwadiwala from class XI, sung a creative song on periodic table.
- 35 students from Bharda High School visited the exhibition with their teachers. They also participated throughout the programme and the quiz.

Dr. Vivek Chaudhary from ISRO gave a motivational talk on “How to prepare for Competitive Examinations” on 18th January 2019.

Two motivational films were screened in the year:

- 1) October Sky on 17th October 2019
- 2) Mt. Everest on 19th October 2019.

We congratulate Mr. Dev Sonkar, Ms. Hemlata Prajapati and Ms. Nagma Ansari who participated in the Mumbai Regional Brain bee quiz, and were selected to the semi final round.

The National Science Day was celebrated on 28th February 2020. On the occasion, Mr. Lee talked about why this day is celebrated as National Science Day. Volunteers who worked throughout the year were felicitated at the hands of Vice Principal Ms. Smita Masih.

Crossword on general science and a quiz on Physics was designed by Mr. Mahesh Shetti. Students participated as a team of pairs. Following teams won these competitions:

Crossword:

First position: Ms. Sanika and Ms. Heli

Second position: Mr. Johnson and Mr. Nikhil

Third position was shared by: Mr. Lee and Mr. Rishabh, with Ms. Hemlata and Ms. Aarya

Quiz:

First position was shared by: Ms. Sanika and Ms. Heli, with, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Nikhil

Second position: Ms. Rushda and Mr. Sumeet

Third position: Mr. Vivek and Mr. Rahul

We thank all the student volunteers for working very hard and non-stop throughout the year to make all these activities

highly successful. We would specially like to mention Sanika, Dixita, Hemlata, Heli, Arya, Gayatri, Tarun, Johnson, Ganesh, Sumeet Chitla, Sumeet Devasani, Om, Kaif, Rushda, Lee, Saish, Shaan, Anam, Rahul, Nikhil, Vivek, Waqi, Rishab, Maryam, Wasim, Qutub and Lulwa.

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We thank our Principal Dr. Anna Nikalje, Vice Principal Ms. Smita Masih for providing the constant support and encouragement to conduct multitudes of activities. We also thank Junior College supervisor Mr. M. R. Dubey for his encouraging words.

I personally extend my hearty thanks to all the committee members for making all the programs high success.

*Ms. Urvashi Korde,
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IQAC Report

The academic year began with preparation of Academic Calendar for 2019-20 which helped smooth functioning of the institution. Inputs were taken from departments, committees and student bodies.

Prof. ZubinMulla, Centre for Human Resources Management and Labour Relations, School of Management and Labour Studies, TISS addressed Third Year students of all departments on the topic of 'Careers in Management' on 29th June, 2020. He also spoke about challenges young generation faces of continuous attrition of skills. Hence, they should be ready to reinvent themselves every few years. He also guided students about howthey can plan their careers and how to read market trends. It was very useful session at the beginning of the academic year which helped students to work out on their career plans.

This year college managed to successfully complete promotions of sixteen teachers under online CAS placement procedure. These cases were pending since many years and it was a remarkable achievement of the IQAC and CAS committee. IQAC has started the work of processing another nineteen cases.

AQAR 18-19 was submitted in new format as per the NAAC guidelines on 11th January 2020 and acknowledgement was received on 18th January 2020 from NAAC. Compiling and timely submission of the AQAR was a challenging task as the format and the procedural requirements were very different from the old format. IQAC also submitted a report to the CDC regarding areas that need to be looked into by the institution.

A workshop on New CAS Guidelines was organised by the IQAC in collaboration with University of Mumbai on 18th January 2020. The workshop was open for all college teachers. The workshop was conducted by Prof. Kushpat Jain and Dr. Suresh Maind. Objective of the workshop was

to apprise teachers of the amendments of the CAS guidelines and PBAS proforma.

An Administrative Audit of general office, accounts office and Principal's office was conducted on 16th January 202. The audit was conducted byMr. Maurice Monis, Registrar, Jaihind College.

A pedagogical workshop on 'Constructing Objectives, Competencies and Assessment Rubrics'was conducted on 10 February 2020. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Andrea Coutinho, Head and Dr. Ivan John, Visiting Faculty, Dept of Education, Sophia College. The workshop was interesting and very useful for teachers. It was very well received by the participants. A workshop for teaching and administrative staff (including library staff) on 'Computer Literacy' was organised on 11th March 2020 in the IT lab. Mr. Mahesh Shetti conducted the workshop.

Meetings of the members of the IQAC committee were regularly held to discuss many issues and concerns as and when they arose. College made concerted and conscious efforts to adhere to 'Work from Home' advisory of the university for teachers. IQAC took the initiative of taking online feedback about Student Satisfaction survey. An initiative to engage teachers with pedagogical tools, learning strategies, Bloom's taxonomy was taken by roping in Department of Education, University of Mumbai. The education department needed to know faculty preferences which were collected via Google form. Meanwhile, contents developed on RBPT byDr. Uzgare were shared with teachers encouraging them to work on a topic from their syllabus that could be implemented in the next academic year. Dr. Parbat engaged a class using zoom cloud app. Department Heads were told to prepare a perspective plan for their department focusing on academic, co-curricular activities. The time-table committee was asked to work on a preliminary schedule for the next academic year.

As an ISR activity, IQAC has made a sustained effort in building awareness about the impact of climate change on the biodiversity and what we could do to mitigate it. This year a team of student led by KananNehra (SYBMM), NishthaBisht(SYBMM), Anoushka Mathew (SYBMM) approached IQAC to organize student activities related to the theme of environment. IQAC in collaboration with Wilson College Nature Club organised student activities and sessions on 8th February 2020 as part of 'Youth for Green Fest' with a theme of 'Climate Change Impact and Sustainable Pathways'. The theme of this fest was to understand and talk about our dying biodiversity due to human activities that is affecting earth. The idea was to use creative platforms and seminars as a way to express our thoughts, feelings and new/innovative ideas on Biodiversity and Water Conservation.

There were interesting pre event competitions to engage students in a dialogue with volunteers and get them to participate in large number. A bucket was filled with pebbles to simulate a water body with garbage stuck between the stones and participant had to clear the garbage from the bucket. On 8th February we organized sessions and inter collegiate competitions on the theme of 'Impact of Climate Change on the Biodiversity and Water Conservation'.

Sessions included:

Workshop on Waste Management by Ms. PriyankaPakhare of Safai Bank and Mumbai Sustainability Centre addressed the issue of Solid Waste Management undertaken by this initiative – Safaibank- that builds awareness about appropriate disposal of waste plastic wrappers. Safai Bank of India is a simple and effective mechanism to divert millions of waste items from reaching city dumping grounds. The platform is currently working with Multi-Laminated Packaging (MLP) waste only, which is one of the largest types of plastic waste being generated that has poor disposal procedures. Post this session many students came forward to join this initiative. UNCTAD representatives held a seminar on #CLIMATEPULSE. The forum focused on Sustainable Development which works on the principle of 'For Youth By Youth'. This was the first of its kind seminar in Mumbai. They appealed to the youth to join the initiative in large number. Next session was held by AIESEC is an international youth-run, non-governmental and not-for-profit organization that provides young people with leadership development, cross-cultural any internships, and volunteer exchange globalist experiences. The organization focuses on empowering young people to make a Progressive social impact. The theme of this seminar was Youth and Climate Change. The last session was conducted by RuchitaRaicha, an alumnus, on Menstrual Health and Climate Change. In

addition to speaking about menstrual hygiene she introduced the concept of menstrual cups and how sustainable they are to the environment. She broke many taboos regarding menstruation.

Three competitions were held on 8th February on the college campus. Mural Painting and photography competitions were judged by NiketNigde.

Mural Painting Competition-

1st prize - Aastha Sehta, Saisha Niranjani Verekar, Misha Khemani (KC COLLEGE)

Photography Competition -

1st prize Jayesh Sharma

2nd prize - Vishal Kannoja

3rd prize - VarunSoude

Treasure Hunt Winners-FYBSC (WILSON COLLEGE)

Felix Manickaraj

Om Bagwe

PawankumarRai

Fiza khan

AmolPatekar

Jonathan Rodriguez

All resource persons and judges were facilitated with a sapling of tulsiplant. The footfall of the event was around 700 students from Wilson College and other colleges.

Prior to Ganpati festival, IQAC organised a session on 'Climate Change: What I could do?' on 29th August 2020. The session was conducted by Ms. Janjri Jasani of Centre for Environmental Research and Education (CERE). This objective of the initiative was to create awareness, prior to festival season, among student about the impact of human activity specially during festivals on environment and how they could minimise the damage on environment.

Green Warriors is an important arm of Wilson College that fights for clean campus by collecting and disposing off all types of waste in a responsible manner. It is a brigade consisting of students and staff members led by Ms. Meghana Gore and Ms. Vinita Mathew. Last year 1160 kg of recyclable paper was given to ShtrrMuktiSanghatana and we received A4 size paper worth Rs. 2970/- . 280 Kg. metal and 64 kg plastic was sent for recycling. 646 tetrapacks were collected and deposited with RuR, the NGO which recycles tetrapacks. The wet waste composting pit has generated 50 kg of manure from the garden waste.

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The Case for Animal Rights

The idea of Animal Rights follows that all non-human animals are entitled to the ownership of their own existence and possess certain basic interests like, the need to avoid suffering which must not be a victim of speciesism. It must be considered as similar to the interests of human beings.

Two of the profound thinkers of animal rights are Peter Singer and Tom Regan.

Peter Singer's central argument is an expansion of the utilitarian idea that "the greatest good" is the only measure of good or ethical behaviour. He argues that there is no reason not to apply this principle to other animals. Singer argues against what he calls speciesism: discrimination on the grounds that a being belongs to a certain species. He holds the interests of all beings capable of suffering to be worthy of equal consideration and that giving lesser consideration to beings based on their species is no more justified than discrimination based on skin color. He argues that animal rights should be based on their capacity to feel pain more than on their intelligence. In particular, he argues that while animals show lower intelligence than the average human, many severely intellectually challenged humans show equally diminished, if not lower, mental capacity and that some animals have displayed signs of intelligence sometimes on a par with that of human children. Therefore, intelligence does not provide a basis for giving nonhuman animals any less consideration than such intellectually challenged humans.

Tom Regan argues that non-human animals bear moral rights. He points out that we routinely ascribe inherent value, and

thus the right to be treated with respect, to humans who are not rational, including infants and the severely mentally impaired.

The crucial attribute that all humans have in common, is not rationality, but the fact that each of us has a life that matters to us.

In Regan's view, not to be used as a means entails the right to be treated with respect, which includes the right to not be harmed. This right, however, is not absolute, as, there are times when to respect someone's right not to be harmed, another's right not to be harmed must be overridden. His philosophy employs principles- that when faced with overriding the rights of many innocent beings versus the rights of few innocent beings—when each individual involved would be equally harmed—we should override the rights of the few. Thus, if the harm of a few innocent beings is greater than the harm to many innocent beings, the right action is to override the rights of the many. As this relates to animal rights, Regan asserts the harm in the death of an animal is not tantamount to the harm in the death of a normal, healthy human. This is supposedly because the ending of an animal life entails the loss of fewer opportunities when compared to the loss of a normal, healthy human. According to Regan, there would be more harm in the death of a normal, healthy dog than there would be in the death of a person who was irreversibly comatose, as the dog would have more opportunities for satisfaction than the irreversibly comatose human.

Predicament of 'The Other'

In Assam at least 29 people have died under incarceration in detention camps. Currently, Assam has six detention camps that incarcerate more than 1,100 people. One cannot make the distinction between detention camps and jails, as

these camps are located inside the latter. Persons marked as illegal immigrants are therefore locked up with those who have been jailed for criminal offences, or who are undertrial. Except for the Kokrajhar jail, where women are kept, all

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other detention camps are earmarked to incarcerate men. The government is also currently constructing the country's largest detention camp in the Goalpara district of western Assam, in addition to another 10 proposed camps in the state. An elderly woman, KhabiranNessa, was lodged in a detention camp for three years and seven months before being declared an Indian by the Supreme Court. In order to fight for her, Nessa's family was forced to sell their land, and also lost almost everything they possessed. She describes the detention camp as "Jahannam" and asks: "Who will punish those who made me go through this long, hideous time, and who will give me back the time, peace and property that I have lost?"

Since December last year, citizens across the country are on streets protesting against NPR - NRC - CAA. Women & Students are leading the protest across the country and through their sheer determination and resilience, have shown to those in power that they will not comply to this injustice. In Delhi there has been large scale violence targeting the Muslim Community. 53 people have lost their lives and this is may not be the final figure, what is left are frightened people, burnt-down lanes, abandoned homes, an uneasy calm and an uncertain future. In Ashok Nagar in Delhi, Masjid MaulaBaksh mosque was set on fire and the mobs placed a Hanuman flag on the minaret. 3 other mosques in the localities of Gokalpuri, Chand Bagh and Mustafabad were burnt. The violence echoes that of 2002, when Prime

MinisterModi was chief minister of Gujarat and authorities there did nothing to stem the carnage that killed more than 1,000 people, the majority of them Muslims. It also brought back memories of the revenge killings of at least 3,000 Sikhs in Delhi after the assassination of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by two of her Sikh bodyguards in 1984 The same visceral hatred of 'the other' is responsible for the pogrom of Muslims in Delhi.

The injustices that people are facing in India and around the world cannot be erased or forgotten. The emotional and psychological impact on those afflicted is enormous, they will rebuild their lives but they might never forget the disenfranchisement & alienation faced supposedly in their own country. As citizens, the onus is on us; to continue the struggle for justice through (re)building solidarities, employing compassion against hate and love against fear. There is no other alternative to love as love trumps hate. An evocative poem by Agney makes us wonder about the depth of trauma inherited from the politics of hatred so many of us are victim to and many amongst us perpetrate." **Shed here was my brother's blood, it remained as red as your sister's blood shed there. Swept away, both these blood streams met and became one in the soil but it could not awaken the soil. Neither did it sprout a bud. The soil does not accept a corrupted gift because tended by the bitter poison of hatred our blood has become infirm, languid and infertile. "**

Wars and Women

By definition, war is a conflict among political groups involving hostilities and military confines the term to hostilities in which the contending groups are sufficiently equal in power.Modern times have enabled women to take active part in war. The reason lies in social evolution. The rise of feminism, a response to the recognition of the historical repression and subjugation of women means that it is no longer permissible to exclude women from anything based on gender alone.There has been a recurring pattern noticed in the media descriptions of these women soldiers. They were repeatedly and consistently referred to as 'weapons'- not soldiers with weapons. Rather the female

body, its presence, its very being, was being referred to as a weapon.Atrocities against women constantly recur in ethnic conflict. Rape has been recurrent in warfare whether the warfare was ethnically based or not. Victors felt a right to violate the women of their conquered foe.The First World War resulted in the greatest loss of human life mankind had ever witnessed. What women were left behind with was militarized security. Then during the Second World War, women joined as fighters, actors of violence, and feminists are told to enjoy this opportunity, but equality was supposed to lead an end to violence.The association between sex and violence trades on the stereotypical images and myths of

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“dangerous” or “threatening” women upon which our culture continues to be built. These images are analyzed in terms of the legacy of imperialism and the legacy of patriarchal associations of women.

A culture whose primary forms of entertainment revolve around sex and violence, women’s bodies can no longer be a place where violence can be enacted as justified or even sacred.

Popular Culture and Gender Norms

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There are a range of practices or rituals by which we produce and consume pop culture. There are also the cultural texts themselves, or the products of popular culture (using the word “text” in its broadest sense to include a range of objects, stories, and mediated images). Popular culture is one of the major agents of socialization through which we learn the norms and values of our society. It is not surprising that our socially constructed ideas about gender often originate in, and are reinforced by, dominant narratives in the popular culture. As a socializing force that most are exposed to, popular culture becomes a second skin and is taken for granted. Collectively, we learn a set of beliefs and values through images and narratives that take on the appearance of “normality”; however, there is nothing natural about media culture. pop culture texts have been constructed. This begs questions like: Who constructs them? Whom do they benefit (financially and/or with respect to power and cultural capital)? Whom do they harm? What ideas do they normalize?

It is important to begin by distinguishing sex and gender as those terms are often mistakenly taken as synonyms. Sex is biological; it is physiologically what prompts us to be assigned as male or female. Gender is socially constructed; it consists of the ideas we have about masculinity and femininity and how we apply these notions to people based on their designated sex assignment. Judith Lorber (1994; 2008) explains that gender is a set of culturally-specific meanings attached to a person because of their sex assignment. So, if your biological sex is male, you are expected to enact masculinity as defined by your society in a given historical time.

Gender norms influence large masses of people, deteriorates their self-esteem, and also creates self-conflicts on the basis of identity of one’s self. It is the responsibility of not only the media but also immediate influencers like family, peer groups, and the society as a whole to accept people for who they are and not expect them to behave according to the generalized standards.

BHAGAVAD GITA: Through the lens of Rabindranath Tagore

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‘ChaarAdhaya’ is an exceptional and highly renowned book written by Rabindranath Tagore in the year 1934. This book revolves around the nationalist struggle and brings forth topics of import such as excessive violence, a fanatical commitment to the authority and the dilemma one faces between loyalty and adherence to one’s values. The novel as aforesaid is set in the backdrop of our struggle for independence from the oppressive rule of the British. The story revolves around three characters namely; Indarnath, Ela and Atindra and how they witnessed a monumental

change in both their political as well as personal lives. This paper engages in the holy text of Bhagavad Gita through the character of Indarnath in the novel. This paper is divided into two parts. In the first section, the character of Indranath is examined closely with reference to the novel and the holy text. His character is assessed and studied with regard to the nationalist movement. In the second section of the paper, the character Ela will be brought forth and her defiance and rebellion against Indarnath will be a way through which we can understand this particular version of nationalism and her

growing disdain towards it. This paper also sheds a light on Rabindranath Tagore's nationalism and delves deep into the concept of "Ends not justifying the Means". By bringing forth the protagonist's defiance, a unique concept of nationalism

and analogical comparisons between Indranath and Lord Krishna, Tagore talks about the authority holy texts hold in the minds of men and the agency it gives some to carry out certain harmful acts.

Meditating On The Go: A Student's Guide to Awakening

Nehru Prize for the Best Essay

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"To the mind that is still, the entire universe surrenders." – Lao Tzu

Once King Janak of Mithila dreamt about a battlefield where he brutally lost the war and was weeping over his lost kingdom when he was suddenly woken up only to find himself resting peacefully in his palace. Astonished by the contrasting experience, he asked his ministers, "was that true? Or is this true?" Not being satisfied with his ministers' answers, he asked the same question to various scholars. Sage Ashtavakra on learning about the King's experiences replied that just like golden bangles, necklaces and rings are different forms of the same golden metal, the experience of deep sleep, dream state and wakefulness are different forms of our consciousness. We must not identify ourselves with our thoughts, emotions or actions because we are nothing but pure consciousness.

Meditation helps us in recognizing this consciousness while controlling our mind. Before we learn to control our mind, let us first understand what mind is and how is it different from our brain? And what exactly is consciousness all about?

Mind can be thought of as an infinite platform which has been divided into various sections, each dealing with an emotion. Let us consider that we are travelling on a road and we come across our primary teacher. Here the images from the eye help the brain to identify the person we have encountered as our teacher and instruct the mouth to greet her. This is the role of brain – intercepting the information received from our sensory organs. On seeing our teacher, we feel overwhelmed, this is the role of mind. Imaginations, perceptions, emotions, dreams, memories, logic, sense; everything originates and wrecks in the mind.

Consciousness is a humble extension of our soul. It is like a spotlight on the platform of our mind. When someone says that he is angry, this simply means that his consciousness is in that area of the mind which deals with anger. By bringing his consciousness back into the present moment, he can let go his anger. This holds true for other emotions as well and

this is how we control our mind – by bring the consciousness back into the area of the mind that deals with the present moment.

Nicolas Tesla had said that if we want to understand the world, we must understand it in terms of frequency, energy and vibration. Because everything has an energy and vibrates at a certain frequency. There is deep spirituality behind this science.

Whatever has been perceived by us or everything that is being perceived by us in the present moment gets automatically stored in our subconscious mind and creates a vast amount of memory. All this memory is constantly remembered by the brain in the form of thoughts, by default!

Every thought has an emotion attached to it. Emotions are chemicals which are released by the brain to prepare the body to indulge in physical desires like sensual pleasures or mental desires like anger, jealousy, hatred, egomania, fearfulness, lust etc. Because we can feel these emotions, they are also called as feelings.

Every emotion has an energy attached to it which vibrates at a certain frequency. These frequencies match the vibrations of similar other frequencies and bring us closer to the object of our desire. Thus, what we seek, seeks us in return!

Because our thoughts are so powerful, throughout the ages, sages have cautioned us to keep our thoughts pure.

Meditation gives us an external access to our body. It introduces us to another dimension of existence, different and beautiful to the one which we have become accustomed to. It brings the focus of control of our life back into our hands by making us conscious.

Meditation makes us understand that irrespective of our present situation we are all a phenomenal piece of life with infinite potential within us. The entire universe worked in unison to bring us into existence. We are above the cravings of our body and the grieving of our mind!

A Moment With Myself

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For once I felt the night was so long tha
The day would not show up.
I felt the dark sky looking down at me with
no signs to glow up.
I was waiting for the storm to pass through
Me completely at once but never did stop.
Everything seemed moving around me but
Why was I left unmoved?
I wanted to cut off from this dreamy world, I
Wanted to be silent in all conversations,
I wanted to stop blinking and see the world at
Once, I wanted a moment just to feel myself, just
To take care of myself, just to see deep
Inside myself, just to know what I actually wanted.
The days were passing by with no person to stay by.
All the connections I had felt numb,
there was no flow of love in the conversations.
It was just me left, wanting a moment with myself.

The Abandoned Scarecrow

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I looked into the mirror and saw the demons,
Mockingly sneer back at me.
Their hysteric laughter laced with venom,
As it always has been.

And then,
I stared right through the window,
All I found was a scarecrow.
Left in the middle of nowhere,
It guarded the barren fields,
Of void and despair.

With the crows of past hovering above,
For hunger, was all they knew.
By now they'd understood,
The scarecrow was nothing new.

Alas!
The newly sown seeds were destroyed, by the scorching sun,
And yet the scarecrow smiled,
As if the world he'd won.
But the smile didn't last long,
As the crows now quit their patience,
They feasted on the scarecrow for once.

The crows were the demons.
And I, the scarecrow.

A Rose in the Graveyard

In a graveyard of silence and sombre
Strong mighty winds blowing cold and bitter

Above the dirt which is barren and dry
Below the gloomy, soulless dark sky

Grows a rose, a beautiful rose
With magnificent beauty God himself bestowed

Its petals are slender with a tiny small bud within
All tightly wrapped together like a close bonded kin

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Alone it is, no companions at all
but it still grows with mirth, standing straight and tall

Unafraid of the tenebrous shadows lurking in secret
Unafraid of haunting souls and the evil spirits

For it knows the next day, when the sun will arise
It has to bloom rise and shine

AN ODE TO THE WOMEN

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The kitchen and household has been left unattended after so long,
The comfort you felt between the four walls, gone.
The hot afternoon air and the dust can beat down upon you all it wants;
Just like the chilly nights that you have spent with meagre warmth.
Nevertheless, you carry on.

Is it not enough that you have upturned your whole life for the nation?
The State seeks to tear you down and push you out;
Their lathis loom in your periphery, the ignorance in its people looming larger.
Everyday feels like a step towards destruction and dystopia,
Nevertheless, you persevere.

Your fifteen-year-old daughter stands in front of a crowd that mirrors her image and identity,
She calls for Inquilab; for freedom, resistance and equality and is met with ardent cheers.
The blood of your dying brothers paves your path while the fraternity of those who are alive assist your labours.
Your sorority has sustained through the threats, and inspires those like you all over the nation.
Your temper igniting fires within us all.

Your nation burns, yet no one seems to listen your opinions stand disregarded;
What would a homemaker know about politics, law and history?
But even in the face of peril, you carry the wisdom of your years and the courage to learn, evolve, teach and uplift.
The youth stands with you, and you stand with the youth,
In unity, solidarity and peace.

MY HAIR

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My hair is monstrous big
And ugly strong,
My hair is flimsy weak
And lovely long.
My hair can levitate
And pick me up
Until I'm floating above the clouds.
My hair can weasel through cracks in the earth
And pull me down
Until my head hits the ground.
My hair can pick up flowers
And adorn itself.
My hair can catch on branches and brambles,
And tangle on them.
My hair gets wet and heavy
As I wade through water,
Weighing me down until I feel I'll drown.
My hair makes friends with snakes
As I walk through forests,
And whispers bad things in my ear.
It is the flimsiest shield,
Arrows pierce me through my hair
And my own hair prickles me.
My hair fights with itself,
Tangles,
Pulls,
And makes me stumble in my path.
My hair looms behind me,
Around me.
All the hairclips I use,
The hair ties,
The hair pins,
They get weak,
They break,
Unraveling my hair
To its full, scary might.
But however cruel,
However helpless my hair makes me feel,
I can't bring myself to hate my hair.
For there is beauty in it's monstrous complexity,
In its curls and its roughness.
It makes me feel beautiful.

Clumsy Tales

"What is something when something else isn't?"
asked many, even until times really recent.

Sipping tea at my little cousin's party last evening seemed quite
quaint
reason being, a query she possessed almost had me faint.
She scanned me completely as I sat in delight,
saying, "You're dressed in blue and it isn't alright"
I spilled some tea and asked her to think,
of how boring it would be if girls only wore pink

"What a hot day!" my brother sighs
"Let's go have ice-cream just you and I?"
I had enough for 3 scoops when we saw the price
He said "you have a scoop and I'll have two; boys deserve more
of nice".
Too tired was I to fret over justice to earn.
We stepped out, he dropped his and I said "burn!".

Grandmom's coffee mug stained my football certificate from
school,
I looked disheartened so she tried to play it cool
saying "Did you really win at football; you look like one yourself"
Her blaming and body shaming kept putting me on the shelf.
I replied "all the rolling got them hating" and because I couldn't
yet stay still
Saying that I placed my coffee mug on the table cloth and had
my fill.

Out at a social with a few of my friends,
one of them laughed hard at a drag queen suggesting
fashionable amends.
We tried avoiding his comments and built up havoc,
while suddenly a person ran into him and his drink stained his
crotch.
I got back at him as I jokingly begin to say,
"Their style statement is better than the one made your way"

Mother kept asking me why I always got home late
I'd end up saying that I have a lot on my plate
She said "that's good, you're fat and too heavy to be carried,
but won't that be an issue when it's time to be married?"
She followed up by asking me to woman up with my dressing
sense
I replied, "that's what keeps me safe, my manly essence"

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TYBA (English)



There are yet many instances that'll happen in the course of
time;
some sad, some funny to a spectator but to me not at all
sublime.

These may end up providing a hearty laugh or some you could
learn a lesson or two from,
steer clear and await the latter ones for there's more of Clumsy
Tales to come.

*Tryphene Fonseca, T.Y.B.A. English, presented the poem Clumsy
Tales at Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Conference held at Hyatt
Regency on 28th August 2019*

The Entourage of We

The muddled emergence of creation's entirety,
delivered a human's soul to discern,
the guardians presumed the foreseen dualized deity;
the acclaimed binary; man and woman,
distinguished for the world's facile concern.

Transparency of idolism hid the blurry reasoning,
the monologue of disparate selves was considered absurd;
a bland soul was conditioned to abstain from seasoning,
leaving mortals perplexed at our own mien's accord.

Eventually to devour fallacious facts, warriors arose
and acknowledged the infinite possibilities of gender
fluidity.

Yet through biased judgement in orthodox religious prose,
the 'truth' is defended by the entourage of 'We'.

Evolving in the unbending norms of time,
perceived existing in a delusional scattered dimension,
alike the identical phases of the moon's immortal
magnificence; so sublime,
is the heterogeneous variation of gender's conventions.

*Entourage of We, a poem in free verse portraying the slow
and steady acceptance of gender fluidity and the battle for
rights by the youth of today, was written and performed by
Tryphene Fonseca, T.Y.B.A. English, at the poetry reading
competition organised as part of Genderlogue: Gender and
Expression: Viewing varied Art Forms Through A Gender
Lens held at Sophia College on 31st July, 2019*

Abyss on Earth

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Storms of rage and downpour of troubles
Sickening sight of riots, where divine virtues tremble.
A blazing realization. Oh! Of those lifeless troops—
That uncertainty paved roads, make away the last of
hopes.
Everything on doomsday, what every little thing that made
This pretty lovable world will shatter away.

Not a life on this earth is blessed of timelessness
From womb to tomb, overwhelmed with recklessness
Every man for himself: are never satiated and are always
careless
Then seem to live every second of their life that is
meaningless

Empathy effaced from the surface of the earth
Like the depletion of the ozone layer—
slow but dangerous.
Like in winter, a quenched hearth—
cold and ruthless.
Then might men ache for mercy's warmth
But an old hand at misdeed apparent
Men shall be men, recalling a traceless repent.

Nuclear fission sweeps clean a lineage of mankind
Those souls skinned by its blaze and those inflicted by
everything famine
Inevitable absence in trenches, bloodshed in mines
Carnage at terrain: remorseless price for spine
Are losses in numbers on some paper speaking of a
timeline.

Lies in their oaths; bestial promises.
When Resistance rise, and the week-kneed compromises.
Irrational showcase of power and declaration of sacrifices
Glorifying patriotism in the worst display of manliness

Black plagues, atomic bombs, and many more apocalyptic
ammos
But the moral of destructive reality, only posit one lore—
War bleeds at both ends, regardless of friends and foes
A country, its people and its sets, deluged in the ocean of
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प्लास्टिक युग

विल्सोनियन निबंध-लेखन प्रतियोगिता की सर्वश्रेष्ठ रचना ।

मेरे निबंध का विषय है प्लास्टिक। हम सब अपने जीव में प्लास्टिक का उपयोग जरूर करते हैं, लेकिन क्या हम प्लास्टिक का उपयोग करने से पहले एक बार भी इसके दुष्परिणाम के बारे में सोचते हैं? कभी हमने सोचा है कि एक मामूली-सी प्लास्टिक की थैली हमारे पर्यावरण को कितना नुकसान पहुँचा सकती है? प्लास्टिक को जलाने से उसमें से ऐसे रासायनिक पदार्थ उत्पन्न होते हैं जो हमारे वायुमंडल को बुरी तरह से प्रदूषित कर देते हैं।

प्लास्टिक का सबसे ज्यादा दुष्परिणाम समुद्री जीवन पर होता है। लोग प्लास्टिक का उपयोग कर उसे समुद्र या नदी में फेंक देते हैं। यही हमारा फेंका हुआ प्लास्टिक समुद्री जीवों की मौत का कारण बन जाता है। क्या ईश्वर ने हमें यह सुंदर सी पृथ्वी इसी तरह तबाह करने के लिए दी है? क्या बाकी जीव-जंतुओं का इस धरती पर रहने का कोई अधिकार नहीं? हम मनुष्यों ने सालों से अपने विकास के अलावा किसी और जीव-जंतुओं के बारे में सोचा ही नहीं। हमने प्रदूषण किया, जंगलो को मिटाया, जानवरों, पक्षियों से उनका घर छिना। क्या यही है हमारा विकास? अब ऐसा वक्त आ गया है कि हमारा फैलाया हुआ कचरा प्रकृति अपने तरीके से हमें वापिस कर रही है।

मनुष्यों को प्रगति करने के लिए काफी युग लगे। इन युगों को हम पाषाण युग, तांब्र युग, लोह युग के नामों से जानते हैं। अब जिस तरह से हम प्लास्टिक का उपयोग कर रहे हैं मुझे लगता है हमारी आने वाली पीढ़ी हमारे युग को प्लास्टिक युग के नाम से जानेगी। हम चाहते हैं कि हमारी सारी समस्याओं का हल सरकार ही ढूँढे, लेकिन क्या हमारी थोड़ी-सी भी जिम्मेदारी नहीं बनती एक अच्छा नागरिक बनने की? हमें प्लास्टिक का उपयोग कम से कम

धरती सिर्फ मनुष्य के लिए नहीं है।

नेहरू पुरस्कार के लिए चयनित

हम हमेशा कहते हैं कि यह धरती हमारी माता है। हम हमेशा अपनी तरक्की के बारे में सोचते हैं और अपने देश को कैसे आगे बढ़ाया जाए इसके बारे में सोचते हैं। हम सब अपने परिवार के बारे में सोचते हैं। मेरा प्रश्न इस दुनिया के हर एक नागरिक से है, “क्या उन्होंने कभी पर्यावरण के बारे में सोचा है? क्या कभी भी जानवरों के बारे में सोचा है?” बस मनुष्य कह देता है कि मैं इस सब के लिए चिंतित हूँ। लेकिन क्या उन्होंने कभी भी सि सबके लिए कुछ किया है? कुछ लोगो ने जानवरों, पशु-पक्षी या पर्यावरण के लिए बहुत कुछ

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करने की कोशिश करना चाहिए।

लेकिन एक समस्या की बात यह है कि प्लास्टिक का उपयोग पूरी तरह से बंद कैसे करें? देखिए प्लास्टिक में भी कई प्रकार होते हैं, लेकिन जिसका सबसे ज्यादा उपयोग होता है, वह है सिंगल-यूज प्लास्टिक। सिंगल-यूज प्लास्टिक का अर्थ है जिसे हम मात्र एक बार इस्तेमाल करके डिस्पोज करते हैं। इसका सिर्फ 7.2% ही पूरी तरह से रिसायकल हो पाता है, वह भी सालों-साल की प्रक्रिया के बाद। सिंगल-यूज प्लास्टिक में प्लास्टिक के कप, बोतल, थैलियाँ आदि चीजें आती हैं। क्या यह हमारा दायित्व नहीं बनता की, सिंगल-यूज प्लास्टिक के इस्तेमाल पर नियंत्रण करें? हम जब भी बाजार जाएँ अपने कपड़ों की थैली या जूट की थैली जरूर ले जाएँ। जो भी दुकारदार प्लास्टिक की थैली में समान दे उसे लेने से इंकार कर दें। शुरु में यह थोड़ा कष्टमय जरूर होगा, पूरी तरह से प्लास्टिक के उपयोग को बंद करना थोड़ा सा मुश्किल अवश्य है, परंतु असंभव नहीं।

आज देश का नागरिक जागरूक हो रहा है और जो नहीं हुए उन्हें प्रेम से समझाने की जरूरत है, आखिर कार ये देश हमारा घर और देशवासी हमारे परिजन हैं।

प्रिय बंधुओं, आपसे पुछता हूँ, हम सिंगल-यूज प्लास्टिक को अलविदा कह सकते हैं क्या? क्या हम प्लास्टिक नामक इस दानव से अपनी प्रिय वसुंधरा को मुक्ति दिला सकते हैं? प्रत्येक क्षण हमारे अंतरमन में इन प्रश्नों के उत्तर एवं हल ढूँढने का प्रयत्न जारी रहना चाहिए। अपने पर्यावरण को प्लास्टिक मुक्त करना ही हमारा उद्देश्य है। धन्यवाद।

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किया है। पर वे कुछ ही लोग हैं। जब भी हमारे देश में किसी जगह पेड़ काटे जाते हैं तो आम आदमी सहानुभूति प्रकट करके कहता है कि मुझे बुरा लग रहा है कि “क्यों हम इन सब को नहीं रोकते”। इतना कहकर इंसान इस विषय को वही बंद कर देता है, लेकिन कभी उसके प्रति कुछ नहीं करता। हम यह नहीं सोचते कि इस जंगलो में जानवर भी रहते हैं। हम यह क्यों नहीं सोचते कि पर्यावरण को नुकसान पहुँचाकर हम मनुष्य जीवन को ही क्षति पहुँचा रहे हैं। पेड़ कार्बन डायऑक्साइड को अंदर लेकर ऑक्सीजन छोड़ते

है। इससे यह पता चलता है कि इंसान पेड़ों पर कितना निर्भर है। हाल ही में आरे फॉरेस्ट के पेड़ों का विषय खूब चर्चा में था। इतनी आबादी वाला देश होने के बावजूद सब मूक-दर्शक बने देख रहे थे। मात्र कुछ ही लोग इसके खिलाफ आवाज उठा रहे थे। किसी को यह नहीं समझ रहा कि इस 2300 पेड़ कोटने पर पर्यावरण को कितना नुकसान पहुँचेगा।

कारखानों से होने वाला प्रदूषण भी एक गंभीर विषय है। इससे भी जंगली जीवन पर दुष्प्रभाव पड़ता है। कारखाने अपने गंदे रसायन नदी में छोड़ देते हैं। जिससे समुद्री जीवन पर उसका बहुत बुरा प्रभाव पड़ता है। और अगर वह दूषित नदी का पानी कोई जानवर पीता है तो उसे भी अनेक बीमारियाँ हो

सकती है। उनके लिए यह प्रदूषण बहुत ही हानिकारक बन जाता है।

हमें हमेशा इस बात को सोचना चाहिए कि यह दुनिया सिर्फ मनुष्यों के लिए ही नहीं बनी है। मनुष्य को पेड़, जानवरों और पक्षियों के बारे में भी सोचना चाहिए। हमें उनकी देखभाल करनी चाहिए।

अंत में मेरा कहने का तात्पर्य यही है कि दुनिया में हर व्यक्ति अपने प्रियजनों के बारे में सोचता है इसी तरह जानवरों और पेड़ों के बारे में सोचना चाहिए। हमें यह भी ध्यान रखना चाहिए कि हमें अपने पर्यावरण और जल को स्वच्छ रखना चाहिए क्योंकि “जल ही जीवन है”।

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माता-पिता, दादा-दादी, भाई-बहन से भरा एक संयुक्त परिवार है मेरा। राजनीति हमारे परिवार में एक चर्चा का विषय रहता है। इस विषय पर अक्सर परिवार में मतभेद हो जाते हैं पर आज तक कभी भी मनभेद नहीं हुआ। ऐसे पारिवारिक मूल्यों में मैं बड़ा हुआ हूँ। मेरा अपने दादा-दादी के प्रति विशेष लगाव है। मैं अपने घर में पहला बच्चा होने के कारण हमेशा से फायदे में रहा हूँ, सारी नयी-नवेली चीजों के आप पहले उपभोगता होते हैं। बचपन से ही मुझे यह सारी चीजें मेरे दादा-दादीजी ने लाकर दी हैं। मेरी सारी शरारतों को नजर अंदाज किया और कभी भी मुझपर गुस्सा नहीं किया। बचपन से ही उन्होंने मेरी देखभाल की है। उन्होंने मुझे प्रारंभिक शिक्षा दी। मुझे रामायण, गीता का पाठ कराया और उनका मूलभाव समझने का कार्य भी दादा और दादीजी ने ही किया। इस चीज का मेरे जीवन पर

बहुत बड़ा प्रभाव पड़ा। वे हमेशा से ही मुझे पौराणिक कहानियों सुनाते आए हैं। इन कहानियों से मिलने वाली सीख को मैं अपने जीवन में लागू करने का प्रयास करता हूँ। उनकी कही हुई प्रत्येक बात का मेरे जीवन पर बहुत प्रभाव पड़ता है। आज भी वह मुझे अनेकों सीख देते आए हैं। आज भी अगर मुझे कहीं चोट लग जाती है तो मेरी दादी अपने घर के उपचार बताने लग जाती हैं। वैसे तो मुझे अपनी माँ के हाथ का खाना बहुत पसंद है पर जो पकवान मुझे सबसे ज्यादा पसंद हैं वो हैं मेरी दादी के हाथों की बनी मटर की सब्जी। यह सब्जी मेरे दिल के बहुत करीब है।

अंत में यही बात लिखना चाहूँगा कि मेरी घर में बुजुर्ग ही घर की असली पूँजी है। उनसे मिला अनुभव, ज्ञान और सीख ही परिवार को मुसीबत की घड़ी में सही राह दिखाती हैं।

मैं और मेरी माँ

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कैसी होती है माँ? माँ न होती तो हम ना होते, माँ के बिना हम अपने जीवन की कल्पना भी नहीं कर सकते। मैं शुक्रगुजार हूँ उस माँ का जिस माँ ने मुझे इस दुनिया में लेकर आने का कष्ट उठाया। एक माँ इस दुनिया में हर एक चीज का मोह त्यागकर सिर्फ और सिर्फ अपने बच्चे से प्यार करती है। वो अपने बच्चे के लिए हर मुसीबत से लड़ना जानती है, ऐसी होती है माँ...

माँ पूरी जिंदगी अपने परिवार और अपने बच्चों के ऊपर अपना जीवन समर्पित कर देती है, अपने पति के सम्मान के लिए झुकती है, अपने बच्चों में आदर्शवादी गुण इकठ्ठा करने के लिए खुद का बलिदान करती है, ऐसी होती है माँ...

मैं अब कभी मंदिर नहीं जाती। कहीं जाकर सजदा नहीं करती क्योंकि मेरे भगवान मुझे मेरे माँ-बाप में दिखाते हैं। अगर आप मंदिर जाते हैं, मस्जिद

जाते हैं और माँ-बाप की नहीं सुनते, उनका मूल्य नहीं जानते तो आप मंदिर और मस्जिद जाने का सिर्फ ढोंग करते हैं। पूजा है तो उसे पूजो जिसने नौ महीने आपकी कोख में रखकर हमें पाला है, जिसने बीस हड्डियों के टूटने जितना दर्द सहकर हमें जन्म दिया है, जिसने अपने शरीर का ना देखकर हमारे तन को सँवारा है। उस माँ के हाथों में जादू है, जब वो सर पर हाथ फेरती है तो लगता है भगवान मुझे आशीर्वाद देने आए हैं।

मेरे भगवान हैं मेरे माँ-बाप। मैं बहुत खुशनासीब हूँ कि मेरे माँ और बाप हैं। मैं अपनी माँ से लड़ती हूँ, झगड़ती भी हूँ, लेकिन जितना मैं अपनी माँ से प्यार करती हूँ इतना मैं किसी और से प्यार ना तो करती हूँ और न ही कभी कर पाऊँगी, क्योंकि मेरी माँ मेरे लिए सबसे खास है। वो मेरी जिंदगी के हर कदम पर मेरे साथ रही है।

परीक्षा मेरे होते हैं, पढ़ती भी मैं हूँ, लेकिन मेरी माँ मेरे साथ बैठी रहती है और देखती रहती है। हम दोनों का रिश्ता सिर्फ माँ-बेटी का ही नहीं बल्कि दोस्त, बहन और गुरु-शिष्य का भी है।

जब बच्चा छोटा होता है सिर्फ हूँ-हाँ करता है तो माँ उसकी बात को इशारे से ही समझ जाती हैं और जब वही बच्चा बड़ा हो जाता है तो कहता है कि “माँ, तू कुछ नहीं समझती!” फिर भी उस माँ की दुआएँ हमारे लिए नहीं रुकती। उस माँ की दुआओं में जन्नत है, उसके आँचल में स्वर्ग है; और उसके मन में सिर्फ ममता है। जिस माँ ने हमें ऊँगली पकड़ कर चलना सिखाया, जिस माँ ने हमें गिरने पर उठाकर चलना सिखाया आज जब उस माँ को हमारी जरूरत होती है तब वो माँ हमें बोझ लगती है।

मुझे तो ये समझ नहीं आता कि मेरी माँ का कंधा इतना मजबूत कैसे है? मेरी जितनी भी ख्वाहिशें होती हैं वो सब झेल लेती है और कभी उफ़ तक नहीं करती। किसी ने ब्रत रखा तो, किसी ने उपवास, मैंने वो पुण्य तो नहीं कमाए, लेकिन अपने माँ-बाप को अपने पास रखा।

माँ तेरे लिए जितना लिखू कम है। स्वयं भूखा रहके मुझे भर पेट खिलाया है तूने। तुमने हमेशा मेरे हिस्से के सब दुःख लेकर मुझे तेरे हिस्से का सुख दिया। माँ, मुझे माँफ़ कर देना अगर मैंने कभी तेरा दिल दुखाया तो; हाँ मैं जानती हूँ मैं तेरी कोई बात नहीं मानती, तेरी हर बात टाल देती हूँ तेरे लाख मना करने पर भी बाहर खाती हूँ और फिर घर आकर तेरी डाँट भी तो खाती हूँ।

माँ तू मेरी ढाल है जो मुझे परेशानी से बचाती है। हमारी माँ ही हमारे अस्तित्व का निर्माण करती है, हमारी माँ ही हमें एक आदर्श व्यक्ति बनाती है। वह हमारे आत्मविश्वास को कभी घटने नहीं देती है और हमें हमेशा प्रेरित करती है, ताकि हम आगे बढ़ते रहे, कभी रुके नहीं।

माँ हमारे जीवन की वो नींव है, जिसकी वजह से हम मजबूत रहते हैं। माँ हमें शारीरिक और मानसिक दोनों रूप से मजबूत बनाती है।

मोबाईल और हम

आज के इस 21वीं सदी में मनुष्य के जीवन में मोबाईल का काफी महत्वपूर्ण स्थान है। यह कहना गलत नहीं होगा कि पूरी दुनिया आज मोबाईल पर ही निर्भर हो चुकी है। बच्चों से लेकर बूढ़े इंसान तक मोबाईल का काफी ज्यादा इस्तेमाल करते हैं। आज हमें सारा ज्ञान मोबाईल पर ही चाहिए। आज से कई साल पहले मोबाईल नहीं था, फिर भी इंसान खुश ही रहता था। पहले इंसान मोबाईल पर निर्भर नहीं रहता था।

जब से मनुष्य के जीवन में मोबाईल आया, तब से इंसान अपनी इंसानियत भूल चुका है। कुछ लोग तो अपना पूरा समय मोबाईल के साथ बर्बाद करते हैं। लोग यह भूल जाते हैं कि मोबाईल के बाहर भी एक दुनिया है जिसमें हमारा परिवार, हमारे दोस्त रहते हैं। हम खेलों से कहीं दूर जा रहे हैं इस मोबाईल की वजह से। मोबाईल के कारण परिवार से दूरियाँ बढ़ते जाती हैं। पहले ऐसा नहीं था, पहले अगर

हमें किसी से मिलना होता था तो हम सीधा घर चले जाया करते थे। लेकिन अब मोबाइल से बातें कर लेते हैं। दोस्त की शक्ल ठीक से याद नहीं लेकिन उसका नंबर बराबर याद रहता है। आज हमारी जिंदगी सीमित हो चुकी है। ऐसा नहीं है कि मोबाइल के अच्छे फायदे नहीं हैं। लेकिन यह हमपर निर्भर होता है कि हम उसका सदुपयोग या दुरुपयोग करें। मोबाइल की वजह से पूरी दुनिया निकट आ चुकी है। सारे जग की जानकारी मोबाइल के द्वारा पाई जा सकती है। कुछ लोग मोबाईल का उपयोग कर घर बैठे बैठे अपना व्यापार चलाते हैं। मोबाइल एक ऐसी चीज है जिसका अगर सही इस्तेमाल किया जाए तो क्या कुछ नहीं हो सकता। मोबाइल का उपयोग विद्यार्थी अपनी शिक्षा के लिए कर सकते हैं। लेकिन आज की पीढ़ी मोबाइल का उपयोग अच्छे से नहीं कर रही है। वे उसका उपयोग समय काटने के लिए व गेम्स खेलने के लिए कर रही हैं। इस चक्कर में वे अपनी पढ़ाई करना भूल जा रहे हैं। अगर ऐसा ही चलता रहा तो वो दिन दूर नहीं जब लोग मोबाईल को ही अपना जीवन मानने लगेंगे।

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हमारे भीतर एक नायक

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जब भी हम एक नायक, अर्थात् हीरो की बात करते हैं, हमारे मन में साहसी, वीर आदि जैसे कुछ विशेषण उत्पन्न होते हैं। हम अपने “नायको” को एक ऊँचे पद पर बैठा देते हैं -और क्यों ना? उनका हक है, उन्होंने वह पद हासिल किया है। मैं कहती हूँ, कि हम सब के भीतर एक नायक है, हम अपने जीवन के नायक हैं और हम ही अपने आप को बचा सकते हैं।

अंत में देखा जाए, तो हम सब मात्र इंसान ही हैं, और हमारी आदत है। कई बातों पर आत्म-विश्वास खो बैठना। चाहे वह छोटा सा बच्चा हो या एक वृद्ध व्यक्ति, आत्म-विश्वास उम्र से नहीं तोला जा सकता। शायद मेरे परीक्षा में अंक अच्छे ना आए, शायद मैं कोई प्रतियोगिता नहीं जीत पाई आदि। बस हार की शक्ल देखते ही हम बैठ जाते हैं और उम्मीद करते हैं कि सब कुछ

अपने-आप ठीक हो जाए। इस दौरान हम यह भूल जाते हैं कि हमारा जीवन कभी साधारण नहीं हो सकता। जीवन कितना सुंदर है, कितना नायाब है। इसे साधारण जैसे सरल शब्द से मिलाना गलत न होगा? इसलिए मेरी नजर में एक नायक वह है जो कभी हार नहीं मानता। वह लड़ता रहता है। वह इस बात को अच्छे से समझता है कि एक हीरा भी पहले कोयले का टुकड़ा था। वह हार नहीं मानता क्योंकि उसे पता है कि घनी, काली रात के बाद नया उजाला, सुबह आता है और अंत में कोई मेहनत बेकार नहीं जाती।

हमारा कार्य बस इतना है, कि डटकर अपनी नाँव संभालनी है, चाहे फिर आँधी आए या तुफान। वैसे भी अगर जिंदगी सिर्फ फूलों जैसे गुजरती, तो हम जीते किस लिए।

अनकही बात

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उम्मीद मत छोड़ना....

कमजोर तेरा वक्त है, तू नहीं

जिंदगी की राह में ऐसे अनेक मुकाम आते हैं, जो हमें जिंदगी भर की सीख दे जाते हैं। हम अपने अंदर बहुत सी चीजें रख चलते हैं। वह हमारी कहानी बन जाते हैं। हर एक इन्सान एक नई कहानी बताता है, और उन करोड़ों कहानियों में मेरी भी एक कहानी है।

वैसे तो मैं बहुत ही खुश-मिजाज लड़की हूँ। मुझे ज्यादा दोस्त बनाना पसंद नहीं है। बचपन से मैं अकेले रही हूँ। मेरा कोई सगा भाई या बहन नहीं है। परंतु मेरे मामा के बच्चों से मेरी बहुत जमती थी। मैं छुट्टियों में मेरे मामा के घर जाया करती थी।

मुझे मेरे भाई-बहन के साथ रहना बहुत पसंद था। हम लोग बहुत मस्ती करते थे। हम पानी-पुरी बनाया करते थे, कुल्फी खाया करते थे। एक दिन जब घर पर कोई नहीं था, तब मेरा भाई मुझे चित्रकला सिखा रहा था। मेरा भाई

बहुत अच्छी चित्रकला करता है। कुछ वक्त बीता और वह मुझे छूने लगा। मैं तीसरी कक्षा में थी। कुछ समझ नहीं आ रहा था। मैं बहुत डर गई। खुद के बारे में धिन् आने लगी। पर मैं चुप रही। मैं क्यों चुप रही यह मुझे भी नहीं पता। मैंने वहाँ आना-जाना बंद कर दिया। मैं अपनी माँ तक को नहीं बता पाई। क्या बताती?

लोग कहते हैं कि हमें अपनों के आगे झुक जाना चाहिए पर मैं कहती हूँ जो अपने होंगे वह हमें कभी झुकने नहीं देंगे। अच्छा है कि रिश्तो का कब्रिस्तान नहीं होता, वरना जमीन कम पड़ जाती। यह सिर्फ मेरी कहानी नहीं है, यह हर लड़की की कहानी है। शायद हमें चुप रहना सिखाया है। पर जो गलती मैंने की, वो गलती मैं, नहीं चाहती कोई और करें।

अब तो मुझे फर्क भी नहीं पड़ता, मैं इतना रो चुकी हूँ कि अब मेरा रोना निकलता ही नहीं है। मेरी आँखें तक थक गई हैं मेरा रोना देख कर। पर सच कहें तो, हम जिंदगी में कभी हारते नहीं हैं, हम सीखते हैं।

मन की बात

जिंदगी धूप और छाँव हैं, आज लोग कहते हैं जिंदगी फोन और लैपटॉप हैं। जिंदगी की परिभाषा ही बदली दी है हम लोगो ने। पहले लोगों को जिंदगी जीना एक दूसरे की मदत करना लगता था। आज लोगो के लिए जिंदगी जीना दुर्घटनाग्रस्त लोगो के लिए # very bad का पोस्ट करना बन गया है। क्या है आखिर जिंदगी की सच्चाई? आइए बताती हूँ मैं जिंदगी की सच्चाई आज हम न अपनी जिंदगी जी रहे हैं ना ही किसी और की जिंदगी बेहतर

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बनाने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं। आपने सही कहा है कि कंप्यूटर से दुनिया पास आ गई है, लेकिन क्या हम अपने रिश्तेदारों के पास आ पाए हैं? मुझे लगता है नहीं, क्योंकि आज हमें दूर के दोस्तों के साथ सोशल मीडिया पर # old memories का पोस्ट डालना तो पसंद है लेकिन अपने करीबी लोगो का हालचाल पूछना पसंद नहीं है। यह सब तो मेरी बातें हैं, आप अपनी बताइए।

मेरे पापा

मेरे पिता मेरे जीवन के आदर्श व्यक्ति हैं। मेरे पापा हमेशा से मेरे सबसे अच्छे दोस्त रहे हैं और हमेशा मेरी मदत करते हैं। वे हमारे परिवार के मुखिया हैं। मेरे पापा एक ऐसा हीरा हैं जो हर किसी को नहीं मिलता है और जिसके नसीब में होता है, वह इंसान राजा बनता है, और यह मोती बहुत कम मात्रा में होते हैं।

मेरे पापा बहुत ही दयालु और अनुशासनप्रिय व्यक्ति हैं, जिसके कारण वे सफल बने हैं। वे बहुत ही कर्तव्यनिष्ठ हैं, मेरे पापा ही मेरी प्रेरणा के स्रोत हैं। वो हमेशा ही मेरी दादी का ध्यान रखते हैं और वे यह सोच रखते हैं कि घर में बुजुर्ग लोग घर की बहुमूल्य संपत्ति की तरह होते हैं। मेरे पापा को दूसरों को तकलीफ में देखना बहुत बुरा लगता है, वे कभी भी दूसरों के मन को ठेस पहुँचाना पसंद नहीं करते हैं। वे ऐसे इंसान हैं जो अपने विरोधियों को भी बहुत प्यार करते हैं और उनको अपना दोस्त मानते हैं। मेरे पिता एक गरीब

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परिवार में पैदा हुए थे पर अपने धैर्य और मेहनत से एक अच्छे और आदर्श व्यक्ति बन गए हैं। मेरे पापा में सारी कलाएँ हैं पर उनके पास झूठ बोलने की कला बिल्कुल भी नहीं है। वह अपने जीवन में सच्चाई के मार्ग पर चले आए हैं और हमेशा चलेंगे भी।

मुझे मेरे पापा पर अपने आप से ज्यादा विश्वास है। मैं नहीं जानती कि मैं ईश्वर का किस भाषा में धन्यवाद करूँ, मेरे पापा के लिए। मेरे पापा अपने आप से ज्यादा प्यार और विश्वास मेरे ऊपर रखते हैं। वह अपनी खुशी को नज़र अंदाज करके मेरी और मेरे परिवार की खुशी को प्रधानता देते हैं। मुझे मेरे पापा पर बहुत गर्व है। वह दिन-रात मेरे और मेरे परिवार के लिए बहुत मेहनत करते हैं। मैं मेरे पापा से बहुत-बहुत प्यार करती हूँ और हमेशा करती रहूँगी। मेरे लिए मेरे पापा ही मेरे ईश्वर हैं और मैं उन्हें बहुत मानती हूँ।

लोग हैं।

तू अपनी खूबियाँ ढूँढ,
कमियाँ निकालने के लिए लोग हैं।
अगर रहना ही है तो आगे रह,
पीछे खींचने के लिए लोग हैं।
सपने देखने हैं तो उँचे देख,
नीचा दिखाने के लिए लोग हैं।

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अपने अंदर जूनून की चिंगारी भड़का,
जलने के लिए लोग हैं।
भरोसा रखना है तो खुद पर रख,
शक करने के लिए लोग हैं।
करना है तो कुछ अच्छा कर,
तालियाँ बजाने के लिए लोग हैं।



बगीचे के आधे फूल

वो हँसता रहा, सब सुनते रहे,
मैं चीखती रही, सब व्यस्त थे,
तेरी हँसी और उनकी खुशी मे इतना वक्त कहाँ कि..
पिछले ही कमरे में, अंधेरे कमरे से, निकली मेरी चीख सुन पाए कोई
गलती इसमें तेरी कहाँ?
तू तो कानों से सुने है
मेरे मुँह पर कैसे तेरे ही तो हाथ थे,
मेरी तो आत्मा ने चीख-पुकार लगाए,
लेकिन,
आत्मा की सुन पानेवाले भी तो सभी,
हस्तिनापुर की सभा में नज़रे झुकाए खड़े थे।

दोष उसका भी कहाँ? उसे हक मालूम है,
अधिकार की परिभाषा नहीं...
उसे सहमति से दिया हुआ पल्लु पता है,
असहमति से पीछे किये कदम नहीं...
उसे ज़ोर आजमाइश का खंज़र दिखता है,
समभाव की पंखुड़ियाँ नहीं।
सो उसने अपने खंज़र से ज़ोर लगाकर खून की बूंदों का
प्रवाह पा लिया..
तो ये सवाल कहाँ से आता है कि, फूल खिला भी था या नहीं?
पंखुड़ियाँ तो कट गई,
खंज़र में बादामी दूध की धार थी, और...
पंखुड़ियों पर रस्मों की दहकती चिंगारी-सो वे जल गई।

किसने पूछा कि फूल खिला या नहीं, नई कली आई या नहीं?
उन्होंने तो जलती आग से निकली पंखुड़ियों की चीख सुनी ही नहीं।
इस बार मुँह पर हाथ रखा था...
टूटे विश्वास ने, रस्मों रिवाज़ ने...
जलती पंखुड़ियों की रूह ने पुकार लगाई थी,
सो वे एक खिड़की से जा टकराई...
पता चला खंज़रों ने वहाँ भी पंखुड़ियों को जला डाला...
चीख वापस आ गई!
क्योंकि,
किसी ने सुनवाई करते वक्त, सिसकते रूह के रूँधे गले को
ना सुन कर...
जली पंखुड़ियों की राख माँग ली...
वो राख माटी में मिलकर खाद बन चुका था,
और फिर बगीचे का आधा फूल ऐसे ही तो खिला था।

मैं हूँ!!

मैं तब भी थी
मैं कल भी थी
मैं आज भी हूँ
और कल भी हक से रहूँगी।
मैं थी हर पल जब निर्माण हुआ
मैं थी हर पल जब काल घिरा...
मैं शिव की शक्ति
बंधन में प्रेम और आसक्ति
इसी को कमज़ोरी समझी
जिस से, साथ थी पा सकती।

मैं सतयुग की गार्गी हूँ,
द्वापर की शिखंडिनी;
मैं आज के युग की झाँसी की रानी
या फिर चाहे हो कोई कहानी।

आपने मुझे कोख में मारा,
मैं बनना चाहती थी आपकी दुलारी
जो पैदा हुई तो.. बस अंधेरा देखा....
ना नसीब हुई अक्षरवाली चिंगारी।

बेटी है तो ब्याह कर दो
पत्नी है, तो करलो पूरी ख्वाहिशें
बहू है... छुट्टी कर दो नौकरानी की,
आ चुकी है, एक बिना पैसेवाली।

ना तुमने कभी पूछा... ना ही कहने दिया
ना तुमने कभी पूछा... ना ही कहने दिया..
कि मैंने छुप-छुपकर भैया को देखा
और एकलव्य का ध्यान लगाया, ना ही कभी बताया
कि अक्सर रात को जुगनू तले,
मैंने भी है गणित सुलझाया।

ना कभी जाना... ना मेरी पूछी
कि क्यों देखती हूँ मैं सितारों को
कि क्यों खींचती हूँ मैं लकीरों को... आसमान के कागज़ पर
ख्वाबों की स्याही से ...उँगलियों को कलम बनाकर..
कि कल्पना चावला जिंदा है मुझमें...
और सतयुग की गार्गी तुझमें।

अखरता है....

सूर्यांशी कुयटे,
बारहवीं विज्ञान



मुझे फर्क नहीं पड़ता किसी के साथ होने ना होने का,
जब एक आप साथ हो,
मुझे बस आपका साथ ना होने अखरता है।

हर लम्हा हो जाता है खास
जब एक आप हो पास,
सिर्फ आपका पास ना होना अखरता है।

चाहे रूठे दुनिया सारी
आँखों से एक आँसू तक ना गिरता है,
पर आपका रूठना इस दिल को बहुत अखरता है।

माना कि मुझे सैर करना पसंद है,
नए लोगों से मिलना अच्छा लगता है,
पर आपके बिना दूर कहीं “अकेले” रहना अखरता है।

हाँ, जानती हूँ, मुझे रूठों को मनाना नहीं आता
प्यार है, जताना नहीं आता
खामियाँ हैं मुझमें कई, फिर भी आपको
ना मना पाना मुझे अखरता है।

आपके बिना जीना एक सपना-बुरा-सा लगता है,
जीवन अधुरा-सा लगता है।
आपका पास होना अच्छा लगता है।
डॉटना भी “दुलारना” सा लगता है।
प्यार करना प्यारा लगता है।

आपका होना मायने रखता है।
माँ-पा बस आपका साथ होना मायने रखता है।

हम किन्नर

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क्या थी मेरी गलती, जो पैदा हुआ ऐसा,
लोग मुझसे सवाल करते, कि तू ऐसा कैसा?
लड़कों से ज्यादा लड़कियों में था रहता,
स्त्रीलिंग सारे उच्चार था करता;
माँ-बाप ने जब मुझे घर से दिया धक्का
गुरू माँ ने तब मुझको दिया था सहारा।
ताली बजाना गुरू माँ ने सिखाया,
साड़ी पहनना गुरू माँ ने सिखाया।
रास्ते पर भीख माँगने जब भी मैं जाता था
रो-रोकर हाँ, मेरा हाल बुरा हो जाता था।
सीटियों की आवाज चारों ओर से आती,
“देगी क्या”? कि गूँज कानों में थी जाती।
समाज में पहचान दिखाने से तो अपने भी डरते हैं,
काम माँगने जाऊँ तो सीधा दफा करते हैं।

भीख माँगना, किसी के साथ सोना,
हमको भी नहीं लगता है अच्छा,

पेट अगर हो भूखा तो बंदा क्या ही करता?
मैथ्यत पर हमारे कोई नहीं है आता,
दुनिया वालों ने मेरे कब्र पर चप्पल की थपकियाँ लगाई
वापस मत आना इस किन्नर समाज में
तू दिलों पर ना कर सकी है राज़ रे,
इंसान हैं हम,
“सम्मान का हक्क” हमको ना मिला
हमसे क्यों है “शिकवा” और गिला?
खुशी में ही क्यों, गम में भी करो शामिल,
हाँ, हम भी हैं समाज में रहने के काबिल।
तुम्हें जो करना था सो किया,
हमने जो सहना था सो हमने सह लिया,
हम नहीं देंगे किसी के बहदुआ,
चलो आगे बढ़े, साथ चलें,
पिछला, पुराना जो हुआ सो हुआ।

नई सोच

मनीषा कांबले.
ग्यारहवी, कला



आओ मिलकर चलना सीखें,
कदम मिलाकर बढ़ना सीखें;
कब तक जिएँगे डरे मन से
नए सोच और स्वयं-कर्म से, अपना जीवन
जीना सीखें।

आओ मिलकर चलना सीखें,
कदम मिलाकर बढ़ना सीखें।

धर्म जाति की बात छोड़ो,
एक दूजे को नीचा दिखाना छोड़ो
इस देश के उगते सूरज हैं हम सब;
साथ मिलकर देश बनाए।
नई सोच से हम सोचना सीखें,

आओ मिलकर चलना सीखें,
कदम मिलाकर बढ़ना सीखें।

झूठ-भ्रष्टाचार को छोड़कर, आगे बढ़ना सीखें।
सत्य के पथ पर चलना सीखें।
इंसान हैं इंसान की तरह रहना सीखें,
और दुसरो को इंसान बनाते चले।
इस युग की नयी पीढ़ी है हम सब,
नए जोश से आगे बढ़े,
अपने पैरों पर होकर खड़े
सब को ऊँचाई पर ले जाएँ,
नई सोच का नया युग बनाए।
आओ मिलकर चलना सीखें
कदम मिलाकर बढ़ना सीखें।

मेरे प्यारे प्यारे पापा

अलिषा जहीर नूरानी,
ग्यारहवी कला



पूरी करते मेरी हर इच्छा,
उनके जैसा कोई नहीं अच्छा।
मेरे प्यारे प्यारे पापा।

मेरे चेहरे की मुस्कान देखने के लिए,
भूल जाते अपनी हर थकान,
कभी हाथी, कभी घोड़ा बन जाते।
मेरी हर मांग को पूरी करते जाते
मैंने नहीं देखा उनको “ना” करते
मेरे प्यारे प्यारे पापा।

जब भी मुझ पर मेरी माँ चिल्लाए,
पीछे से कोई फुसलाए।
जब भी अंधेरे से जी घबराएँ,
सीने से लगाए बहलाएँ- सहलाएँ।
मेरे प्यारे प्यारे पापा।

मेरी जरा सी चोट,
वे तिलमिला जाते,
मेरे हर दर्द में खुद को भूल जाते।
मुश्किल घड़ियों में,
जीवन की लड़ियों में,
हमेशा खड़े रहते मेरे साथ
मेरे प्यारे प्यारे पापा।

इतना आराम कोई जगह “ना” दे पाए,
जितना आराम पापा की गोदी में आए।

आप के ही नाम से जानी-जाती हूँ “पापा”
इससे बड़ी शोहरत भला क्या है मेरे पास।
मेरे प्यारे प्यारे पापा।



समाज को आइना

यूँ तो मैं भी पापा की परी बनकर इस दुनियाँ में आई थी,
मेरी माँ ने भी मेरे लिए लाल चुनरी सजाई थी।
लेकिन वक्त को कहाँ ये मंजूर था और किस्मत खेल खेल गई,
मैं वाकई बहुत बहादुर हूँ जो इतना दुःख झेल गई।
जब माँ-बाप का दामन छुटा, लोगोंने ने ऐसी जगह पहुँचा दिया,
मिटाने को पेट की भुख मुझसे मेरा जिस्म ही बिकवा दिया।

वेश्या का कोई हक नहीं होता,
उसका अस्तित्व कभी सच नहीं होता।
भरे समाज में सीना चौड़ा करके कहते हैं,
मेरे पैसे कमाने के तरीके पर सवाल उठाते हैं,
लेकिन अगर उन्हें कोई सवाल पूछे तो सब मौन है।
मेरे बच्चे का कोई हक नहीं होगा,
उसका अस्तित्व कभी सच नहीं होगा,
उसी बच्चे के बाप इस समाज में शरीफ बने रहते हैं।

कहाँ था यह लाचार समाज जब पाँच साल की बच्ची को बेचा जा रहा था।
तब ना मेरे आँसु दिखे, ना मेरी चीखे कोई सुन पा रहा था,
अपनी सहूलियत के हिसाब से सारे नियम कानून बदल दिए,
मालूम भी है इस अंधे, गूंगे और बहरे, समाज ने कितने कत्ल किए।

माना पैसे मैं कमाती हूँ,
लेकिन देने तो तुम ही आते हो।
हाँ! ठीक है मैं सोती हूँ तुम्हारे साथ,
वो रात तुम भी तो उसी बिस्तर में बिताते हो।
अपनी बीवी का सोचते नहीं
और मुझपर लाखों खर्च कर जाते हो।
भागीदार तो तुम भी हो,

और चरित्रहीन केवल मुझे बताते हो?
सच तो ये है कि मेरे काम से ज्यादा मेरी एक कहानी है
जो ना कोई सुन पाएगा और नाही मुझे सुनानी है
बस इतना याद रख,
मेरा ये चरित्र तेरी ही चित्रकारी का नमुना है
मैं तो बस चेहरा हूँ ये तेरे पूरे समाज को आइना है।

इसे जिंदगी का नाम दे दिया

माँ ने रोक लगाई उसपर,
प्यार का नाम दे दिया।

पिता ने बंदिशें लगाई उसपर,
संस्कारों का नाम दे दिया।

सास ने कहा, अपनी इच्छाओं को मार दो;
उसे परम्परा का नाम दे दिया।

ससुर ने घर को कैद खाना बनाया,
इसे अनुशासन का नाम दे दिया।

पती ने थोपे अपने सपने, अपनी इच्छाएँ,
उसे वफ़ा का नाम दे दिया।

बच्चों ने अपने मन की कर ली,
उसे नई सोच का नाम दे दिया।

तंगी सी कड़ी थी जिंदगी के राहों पर,
और मैंने उसे किस्मत का नाम दे दिया।

जिंदगी तो मेरी थी...
एक पल जीने को तरस गई,

फिर भी इन चलती साँसों को हमने
सफर का नाम दे दिया।

मना लेना

अलिषा खान,
ग्यारहवी कला



छोड़कर मत जाना सब कुछ मुझ पर
बादा किया था साथ देने का उम्र भर,
आखिर रिश्ते बनते ही है बिगड़ कर।

मेरी याद आएगी तो वापस लौट आना,
जल्दी से गले लगा लेना मुझे,
फिर कभी छोड़कर मत जाना।

मना लेना फिर मुझे गाकर कोई गाना,
मान जाऊँगी झट से,
फिर शुरू करूँगी सताना।

कहते कहते तुम्हें, लो हो गया हमें प्यार,
शादी के लिए हुए तैयार पहनाएँगे गले में हार,
जिंदगी भर निभाएँगे साथ,
कभी ना छोड़ेगे एक दूसरे का हाथ।

मेरी माँ

नंदिनी कुमार बिंद,
ग्यारहवी विज्ञान



माँ! मेरे आगे तू है, मेरे पिछे तू है
मैं तुझे भूल जाऊँ, पर तू ना भूलती मुझे है।
क्यों इतना प्यार तू मुझसे करती है?
क्या मैं इतना प्यार तुझसे कर सकती हूँ?

रूह को बस तेरी तलाश है,
एक तेरे लिए ही बस दिल में प्यास है।
तू जाये ना मुझसे दूर कभी माँ....
बस प्रभु से इतनी आँस है।
माँ....! बस प्रभु से इतनी आस है।

नारी

आकाश पवार
बारहवी-विज्ञान



अबला समझते हो नारी को?
अगर तुम्हें अपनी उत्पत्ति का ज्ञान हो,
नादान ना रहते अब! याद करो...
एक नारी ने बन ब्रम्ह
जब दिया था तुम्हें जन्म।

आज खड़े हो अपने पैरों पर,
उसी को पैरों तले दबाकर,
याद रखना मगर...
एक नारी ने ही हरी का रूप धर तुम्हें चलना है सिखाया,
ममता से वशीभूत उस माँ ने,
अपने तन का है तुम्हें दूध पिलाया।

सहनशीलता की प्रतिमा है वो
जिसे आज तुम पिड़ीत करते हो,
तुम थम जाओ वहीं,
अगर उसने बन महादेव किया तांडव आरंभ
तो भस्म हो जाओगे सभी।

आदी मध्य और अंत है नारी
सृष्टी की है चोला धारी,
ब्रम्ह-विष्णु उसके गुण गाते...
बसते उसमें भोले भंडारी...
ऐसी होती है नारी
अबला नहीं है नारी।

अपने ही घर में बेटियाँ लाचार क्यों?

सरफराज खान,
बारहवीं-विज्ञान



अपने ही घर में बेटियाँ लाचार क्यों?
माँ, बाप की दुलारी बेटियाँ बेकार क्यों?
एक बेटी की जिंदगी से व्यापार क्यों?
अपने ही घर में बेटियाँ लाचार क्यों?

कोमल हृदय वाली होती है बेटियाँ
माँ, बाप की आह पर रोती है बेटियाँ
भाई के प्रेम में खुद को भुला देती है बेटियाँ
माँ के सभी संस्कारों से बनी है बेटी
आज बेटी से ऐसा व्यवहार क्यों?
अपने ही घर में बेटी लाचार क्यों?

कही पर शोषण का बाजार, तो कही दरिदों का शिकार
कही माँ के गर्भ में मारी जाती है, तो कहीं होता है बलात्कार
झूठे वादे कर कहीं शादी को लुभाया, तो कहीं जिंदा बहु को जलाया

आज बेटियों से ऐसा व्यवहार क्यों?
इस तरह बेटियों पर अत्याचार क्यों?
अपने ही घर में बेटियाँ लाचार क्यों?

अपना घर छोड़ दुसरो का घर सजाती हैं बेटियाँ
माँ-बाप को छोड़ दूसरी जगह बस जाती हैं बेटियाँ,
फिर भी दहेज के लोभियों की लालच तो देखिए
टी.व्ही., फ्रिज, गाड़ी के खातिर तड़पायी जाती हैं बेटियाँ
आज बेटियों से ऐसा व्यवहार क्यों?
इस तरह बेटियों पर अत्याचार क्यों?
अपने ही घर में बेटियाँ लाचार क्यों?

उड़ान

संभव कुमार
प्रथम वर्ष बी.ए.



हर साँझ को अंधेरा मिलता है,
हर रात को नया सवेरा मिलता है,
इच्छा अगर हो दिल से कुछ पाने की;
तो रेगिस्तान में खूबसूरत फूल भी खिलता है।

मकसद है बस सपनों को दिशा दिखाना,
मकसद है बस जिंदगी में, अपने पंख फैलाना
गलतियों की ज़मीन से उठकर,
सफलता के आसमान में उड़ जाना

यह अंत नहीं शुरूवात है असल जिंदगी की अब
डर गया जो ऊँचाईयों से, वो परिंदा उड़ेगा कब?

तुम्हारा सफर शायद आसान ना हो,
पर मंजिल जरूर सुहानी होगी
उस सफर में जो तुम रुक जाओ... थम जाओ या खो जाओ कभी,
तो देखना मुड़कर पीछे
तुम्हारे पास यादें पुरानी होंगी।

इस जनम में जों नही मुमकिन भुलाना,
कुछ ऐसा सफर खत्म होता है।
पूछता हूँ मैं अपने दिल से,
“जो मुस्कुराया है तू, उम्र ऐ मेरे दिल
तो आखिरी उड़ान से पहले क्यों हिम्मत खोता है,
ऐ मेरे दिल, तू आखिर क्यों रोता है?”



रंग बदलत्या राजकारणाचे

राजकारण म्हणजे नक्की काय? असा प्रश्न सर्वांनाच कधी ना कधी पडतच असावा. पण या प्रश्नाचं उत्तर बहुदा फारसं कुणी शोधायचा प्रयत्न करत नाही. फार तर लहान मुलं उत्सुकता म्हणून हा प्रश्न विचारत असावीत. एकूणच, आपल्या आजूबाजूला घडत असलेल्या चालू घडामोडींमुळे, 'राजकीय पातळीवर होत असलेला बदल किंवा हालचाली म्हणजे राजकारण,' असा जवळजवळ प्रत्येकाचा समज! मग नक्की राजकारणात कशाचा समावेश होतो? राजकारण म्हणजे केवळ राजकीय घडामोडी असे नव्हे; तर राजकारणालासुद्धा अनेक पैलू असतात. त्यामध्ये आंतरराष्ट्रीय, राष्ट्रीय, राज्यपातळी, जिल्हा, तालुका, महाविद्यालये, कुटुंब अशा विविध पातळ्या आहेत. या सर्व राजकारणाचा परिणाम मानवाच्या दैनंदिन जीवनावर प्रत्यक्ष किंवा अप्रत्यक्षरित्या होतच असतो. सामाजिक, आर्थिक अशा पैलूंवरही परिणाम होताना दिसतो. परंतु, बदलत्या काळानुसार मानवी जीवनाची सगळीच अंग बदलू लागली आहेत. राजकारणानेही कसे रंग बदलले किंवा राजकारणाचे रंग कसे बदलले गेले त्याचाच हा आढावा...

ज्यावेळी विविध देशांची निर्मिती झाली, त्यावेळेपासून ते आजपर्यंत देशादेशांमध्ये स्पर्धा सुरूच आहे. प्रत्येक देश स्वतःला सुरक्षित ठेवण्याच्या गरजेतून अनेक पातळ्यांवर स्वावलंबी बनण्याचा प्रयत्न करत आला आहे. मग ते आण्विक क्षेत्र, लष्करी क्षेत्र, आरमार किंवा वायुदल यांना सुसज्ज ठेवणे असो किंवा त्यांचा वापर कुठे करण्यात यावा याबद्दलचा निर्णय असो. आंतरराष्ट्रीय पातळीवर सुरक्षा आणि अर्थव्यवस्था या दोन मुद्द्यांवर बहुतांशी राजकरण होते किंवा केले जाते. Michel Foucault नावाच्या फ्रेंच तत्वज्ञाने राजकारणाची व्याख्या 'Politics is war by other means.' अशी केली आहे. तर Clausewitz नावाच्या Military Theorist ने युद्धाची व्याख्या 'War is politics by other means.' अशी केली आहे. म्हणजेच, राजकारण म्हणजे एकप्रकारे युद्धच आहे, असा प्रत्यय या दोन्ही व्याख्यांतून येतोय. आंतरराष्ट्रीय पातळीवर हे स्पष्टपणे दिसत आहे. पहिल्या आणि दुसऱ्या महायुद्धाचा विचार करता आपल्या असे लक्षात येईल की या दोन्ही युद्धांची पार्श्वभूमी राजकीय होती. या दोन्ही महायुद्धांचा परिणाम राजकीय तसेच सामाजिक आणि आर्थिक जीवनावरही तितकाच खोलवर झाला. त्यानंतर शीतयुद्धाचा कालखंड सुरू झाला. ज्यामध्ये जगाचे दोन गटांमध्ये विभाजन झाले. ते दोन गट म्हणजे Communist (साम्यवादी) आणि Capitalist (भांडवलशाही) या दोन विचारसरणीनुसार विविध देश अमेरिका आणि रशिया या दोन तत्कालीन मजबूत आणि स्थिर देशांच्या गटांमध्ये समाविष्ट झाले. काही देशांनी यापासून अलिप्त राहायचे ठरवले. त्या देशांची Non-alignment Movement (अलिप्ततावादी चळवळ) उदयास आली. यामुळे काहीवेळा युद्धजन्य परिस्थितीलाही सामोरे जावे लागले. उदा. व्हिएतनाम युद्ध जेथे साम्यवादी गटाचा विजय झाला. एकंदरीत आयात-निर्यात, व्यापार,

अर्थव्यवस्था हे मुद्दे आंतरराष्ट्रीय राजकारणाचा महत्त्वाचा भाग ठरतात.

अगदी अलीकडील आंतरराष्ट्रीय राजकारणाचा दाखला म्हणजे अमेरिका-इराण संघर्ष. अमेरिकेने बगदाद येथील आंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानतळावर हल्ला केला, ज्यामध्ये इराणचे वरिष्ठ लष्करी अधिकारी कासीम सुलेमानी मारले गेले. त्यावरून इराणने इराकमधील अमेरिकन लष्करीतळांवर क्षेपणास्त्रांचे प्रतिहल्ले केले. या दोन देशांमधील वाढता तणाव जगासाठी चिंतेचा विषय बनला आहे जर युद्ध घडून आले तर जगाची परिस्थिती काय असेल याचा विचार आपण सगळ्यांनीच करायला हवा. हे राजकारण केवळ एका आरोपावरून सुरू झाले. परंतु त्याला लागलेले हिंसक वळण हे धोकादायक आहे. अण्वस्त्र किंवा नवीन तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करून बनवण्यात आलेली शस्त्रास्त्रे यांच्या जोरावर आंतरराष्ट्रीय राजकारण रक्तपात घडवून आणणार नाही याची खात्री देणं अवघड आहे.

भारताचा विचार केला तर अगदी स्वातंत्र्यपूर्व काळापासून राजकारण हे आपल्याही समाजाचे एक अविभाज्य अंग आहे. इ.स. १८८५ साली काँग्रेसची स्थापना झाली. त्यावेळी काँग्रेस हा राजकीय पक्ष म्हणून अस्तित्वात नव्हता, तर भारताला स्वातंत्र्य मिळवून देण्यासाठी प्रयत्नशील असा एक गट होता. पुढे भारताला स्वातंत्र्य मिळाल्यानंतर काँग्रेस पक्ष सत्तेवर आला. ब्रिटिशांच्या 'फोडा आणि राज्य करा' (Divide & Rule) या धोरणाने पोळलेल्या जनतेला स्वकीयांच्या शासनाकडून अतिशय चांगल्या कामगिरीची अपेक्षा होती. परंतु सत्तेच्या लालसेपोटी आणि त्यामागील Glamour मुळे जास्तीत जास्त टक्के राजकारण स्वार्थ, अर्थ आणि सत्ता या केवळ तीन कारणांसाठी केले जाऊ लागले. नवीन पक्षांचा उदय झाला. त्या पक्षांनीही अनेक धोरणं आखली, आश्वासन देऊन मतं मिळवली. मतं मिळाल्यावर मतदारांसोबतच राजकारण खेळलं जाऊ लागलं. गरीब जनतेच्या समस्या, त्यांच्या गरजा दुर्लक्षिल्या गेल्या. काही गटांनी शासनाच्या अन्यायकारक धोरणांविरुद्ध वाचा फोडण्याचा प्रयत्न केला, अजूनही करतात. परंतु, पैसा आणि बाहुबल यांचा वापर करून लोकांना गप्प केलं जातं. एकूणच, राजकारणाचं गुन्हेगारीकरण झालं. ज्याला इंग्रजीत Criminalisation of Politics असं संबोधलं जातं. हल्ली सुरू असलेल्या राजकारणाने व्यक्तिस्वातंत्र्यावर गदा येत आहे. संविधानातील दुरुस्ती असो किंवा एखाद्या कलमातील बदल असो, देशभरात त्याचे पडसाद उमटत आहेत. निषेध, निदर्शने कधी शांततेत तर कुठे हिंसकपणे केली जात आहेत. अगदी संवेदनशील मुद्द्यांवर राजकीय पक्ष राजकारण सुरू करतात. मग तो विषय धार्मिक असो किंवा महिलासुरक्षा, मूळ मुद्दा बाजूला ठेवून, एकमेकांच्या चुका दाखवण्यातच सगळे पक्ष गुंतले आहेत. अर्थातच राजकारणाचे हे बदललेले रंग, आनंददायी नक्कीच नाहीत.

राज्यपातळीवरही देशाप्रमाणेच अवस्था आहे. महाराष्ट्र, झारखंड, हरियाणा, इ. राज्यांमध्ये विविध स्थानिक पक्ष कार्यरत आहेत. हे पक्षसुद्धा विशिष्ट विचारसरणीचे पालन करतात. बहुतांशी, हे पक्ष कामगार, शेतकरी व स्थानिक लोकांसाठी त्यांच्या समस्या, चिंता शासनापर्यंत पोहोचवण्यासाठी किंवा स्वतः सत्तेत येऊन त्या समस्या सोडवण्यासाठी उदयास आले. कालांतराने इथेही विविध पक्षातील नेत्यांनी पक्षांतर करणे, वेगवेगळ्या विचारसरणीचा स्वीकार करत राहणे असे प्रकार सुरू झाले. अनेक पक्षांमध्ये फूट पडली. गटा-तटाचे राजकारण सुरू झाले. कधी काळी सामाजिक बदलांसाठी सुरू झालेले राजकारण, आपसांत किंवा सत्तेसाठी केलं जाऊ लागले. या सर्व गोष्टींमुळे राजकारणाची दिशी बदलली आहे. अधिक स्पष्टपणे बोलायचं तर बदलली गेली आहे. जनतेला निवडणूकीच्या वेळी दिलेली आश्वासने, त्यांचा पडलेला विसर, यामुळे हल्ली राजकारण म्हणजे दगाबाजी असणारच असा समज पसरू लागला आहे. आणि हा समज चालू घडामोडी पाहता खरा ठरतानाही दिसतो आहे.

पूर्वीपासून आत्तापर्यंतच्या या सर्व गोष्टींचा घेतलेला हा आढावा हेच सांगतोय की राजकारणाचे बदललेले रंग किंवा परिस्थितीनुरूप बदलण्यात आलेले रंग काहीसे धोकादायक आहेत. जे राजकारण अर्थातच सत्तेसाठी केलं जात होतं; पण ज्याला जनहिताचा पायाही होता, ते राजकारण आज फक्त सत्ता आणि सत्ताच पाहत आहे. ज्या राजकारणासोबत काही मूल्ये जपली जात होती, आज ती मूल्ये सर्रास पायदळी तुडवली जाताना दिसत आहेत. राजकीय पार्श्वभूमी असलेल्या व्यक्ती सोडून जर कुणी आज असं म्हणालं की मला राजकारणात जायचंय तर लोक त्या व्यक्तीला वेडा समजतील किंवा ती व्यक्ती स्वतःला कोणत्यातरी संकटात टाकतेय, अशी प्रतिक्रिया व्यक्त करतील. कारण राजकारणाचे बदललेले हे रंग सर्वसामान्य व्यक्तीला असा विचार करायला भाग पाडतायेत की राजकारण ही काहितरी वाईट आणि भयंकर अशी गोष्ट आहे. मुळात, राजकारण हे त्यांच्या स्वतःच्या घरापासून सुरू होतं हेच ते विसरत चालले आहेत. हा विसर या बदलत्या रंगांचा परिणाम असावा आणि काय.

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पुस्तकांच्या विश्वात रमताना...

बालपण खेडेगावात गेलं. जसा मोठा होत गेलो तसतसं समजायला लागलं. लहानपणी असं वाटायचं खेळ, मज्जा-मस्ती यापलीकडे काहीच नसतं. बिनधास्त मजा करायची आणि आनंदात रहायचं. जसजशी पावलं शाळेत वळायला लागली, तसतसं कुठलं तरी नवीन विश्व आपल्याला साद घालतंय असं वाटायला लागलं. शाळेत मला तसे कोणीच मित्र नव्हते. खूपच कमी म्हणजे एक-दोनच मित्र असायचे; पण ते मजा-मस्ती करण्यात दिवस घालवायचे. त्यामुळे त्यांच्या सोबत राहणं मला आवडायचं नाही. शाळेत असणारे विषयसुद्धा मला आवडायचे नाहीत. इंग्रजीच्या नावानं कायमचं बोंब असायची. गणित आणि विज्ञान नेहमीच डोक्यावरून जायचं; पण मराठी आणि इतिहास हे विषय आपलेसे वाटायचे. इतिहास शिकताना इतकं भारी वाटायचं की मी कधी कधी त्या इतिहासाच्या गोष्टीतच रमून जायचो आणि स्वतःला कधी तानाजी, कधी बाजीप्रभू, कधी धनाजी, तर कधी संताजी असं समजायचो. पण दुर्दैवानं अशा ऐतिहासिक गोष्टी, कथा आम्हाला फक्त अभ्यासक्रमात असतील तेवढ्याच वाचायला मिळायच्या. कारण ग्रामीण भागांमध्ये ग्रंथालय असणं ही गोष्ट दुरापास्त होती. त्यामुळे कधी कधी शिक्षक प्रार्थना संपली की गोष्ट सांगायचे. तेवढंच काय ते नवीन खाद्य पदरात पडायचं. नाहीतर रोज रोज त्या लांडग्याची, कोल्ह्याची, भोपळ्यातल्या आजीबाईची गोष्ट ऐकून खूप कंटाळा यायचा. गोष्टीची खूप पुस्तकं वाचावीत अशी इच्छा होती; पण गावामध्ये कोण आणणार पुस्तकं? त्यामुळे ते फक्त एक स्वप्नच राहिलं.

मला वाटलं, चला, आता माध्यमिकला प्रवेश होणार, तिकडे तरी नक्कीच ग्रंथालय असेल. शाळा सुरू झाली. नवी कोरी इमारत. मी शाळेत गेलो. खूप चकरा मारल्या. सगळे मजले पालथे घातले; पण 'ग्रंथालय' असं लिहिलेली

पाटी मला कुठेच दिसली नाही. मी चौकशी केली तेव्हा असं समजलं की ही शाळा नुकतीच सुरू झाली आहे. त्यामुळे या शाळेला सरकारी मान्यता मिळेल तेव्हाच इकडे ग्रंथालय बनेल. मन थोडंसं खट्ट झालं. पण म्हटलं, जाऊ दे, इतिहास विषय आहे ना, मग काही काळजी नाही. इतिहास विषयाचा आवाका जसजसा वाढत जात होता तसतशी खूप मज्जा येत होती. पण तरी मला छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराजांचा कालखंडच खूप आवडायचा.

असाच एकदा हिंदीचा तास सुरू होता. 'कोलंबस का जहाजी सफर' हा धडा शिकवला जात होता. जे शिक्षक हा धडा ते इतके सुंदर सांगत होते की एकाक्षणी आपण त्या कोलंबसासोबतच आहोत की काय असं वाटायला लागलं. मला आपण यावर चित्रपट बनवावा असं नेहमी वाटायचं. खरंच खूप छान गोष्ट होती ती.

पुढील शिक्षणासाठी शहरात आलो. तिथं तर नक्कीच ग्रंथालय असणार अशी खात्री होती. कॉलेज जसं सुरू झालं तसे माझे ग्रंथालय शोधण्याचे प्रयत्न सुरू झाले. मी कल्पना केली होती की एवढं मोठं कॉलेज आहे, त्यात ग्रंथालयासाठी नक्कीच एक मोठी खोली असणार; जिकडे शांतता असेल, खूपशी पुस्तकं असतील; पण चित्र काही वेगळंच होतं. मी जशी कल्पना केली त्याच्या अगदी उलटच चित्र इकडे मला दिसत होतं. एकच 10 बाय 10 चं स्टाफचं ऑफिस आणि त्यात असलेलं एक कपाट म्हणजे माझ्या कॉलेजचं ग्रंथालय! पण म्हटलं असू दे. इकडे निदान पुस्तकं तरी आहेत. पण कॉलेजमध्ये बसून पुस्तक वाचण्यासाठी जागा नव्हती. त्यामुळे मी पुस्तकं घरीच घेऊन जायचो.

'चालताचालता', 'पाऊलवाटा', 'आयुष्याच्या वळणावर', डॉ.ए.पी.जे.

अब्दुल कलाम: एक मानवतावादी शास्त्रज्ञ, 'अग्निपंख' अशी पुस्तक वाचली. 'इंद्रधनुष' हा कविता संग्रहसुद्धा वाचला.

पुस्तकं म्हणजे माणसांच्या विचारांना कलाटणी देणारे किमयागार असतात! पुस्तकांतून नेहमीच काहीतरी नव-नवीन मिळतच असतं. एकदा Biology चं लेक्चर चालू होतं आणि सरांनी Biology सोडून 'देव' असतात की नसतात या विषयांवर लेक्चर सुरू केलं. हे चालू असताना त्यांनी 'पृथ्वीवर माणूस उपराचं' आणि जागर' या पुस्तकांचा उल्लेख केला. मी दोन्ही पुस्तकं सरांकडून घेतली. वाचून काढली आणि माझे विचारच बदलले. खरंच, वाटायला लागलं की आपण पृथ्वीवर पाहुणे म्हणूनच आलो आहोत. अशा आणखी अनेक पुस्तकांच्या विश्वातल्या गमती-जमती अनुभवायच्या होत्या. याआधी मी कधीच इजिप्तचे पिरॅमिडस् बघितले नव्हते; पण पुस्तकाद्वारे इजिप्त स्वारी करून आलो.

बारावी संपली आणि आता पुढील शिक्षण मुंबईत होणार होतं. त्यामुळे मी गावावरून येताना आवडीची पुस्तकं घेतली आणि निघालो प्रवासाला! प्रवासात पुस्तकं सोबतीला असतील तर खूपच मजा येते.

मुंबईतलं जीवन म्हणजे घड्याळाच्या काट्यावर चालणारं असतं. त्यामुळे इकडे तुम्ही Active असणं गरजेचं असतं. महाविद्यालयात माझं ॲडमिशन झालं. खूप बरं वाटलं. कारण कॉलेजच्या समोरच समुद्रकिनारा होता. त्यामुळे इकडे अभ्यास करायला मजा येणार, हे मला माहीत होतं. कॉलेज सुरू झालं आणि इमारतीत फेरफटका मारावा म्हणू मी चालायला सुरूवात केली. अनेक वर्ग पालथे घातले. चालत असताना अचानक एका कोपऱ्यातल्या खोलीकडे नजर गेली. आत गेलो तर फक्त चार-पाचच माणसं दिसत होती. सगळीकडे शांतता होती. फक्त पंख्याचा आवाज येत होता आणि रस्त्यावरून जाणाऱ्या वाहनांचा. खुर्या व टेबल्स रिकामी होती. जिकडे बघत होतो तिकडे सर्वत्र पुस्तकंच दिसत होती. आनंद गगनात मावेनासा झाला! जणू एखाद्या खाणीतून हिरा सापडावा तसं वाटत होतं.

कॉलेज सुरू झालं. मी दररोज ग्रंथालयात जाऊन बसायला लागलो; अन् सुरू झाला पुस्तकांच्या विश्वातला अनोखा प्रवास! दुपारी उशीरा ग्रंथालयात बसून पुस्तकं वाचण्यात एक वेगळाच आनंद होता. कारण तेव्हा ग्रंथालयात

अगदी तुरळकच विद्यार्थी असायचे. त्यामुळे आपल्याला आवडेल त्या Section मध्ये जाऊन बसता यायचं. मला लहानपणापासूनच गणित आवडत नसल्यामुळे त्या Section मध्ये बसायला मला आवडत नसे. पण कधी कधी ग्रंथालयात मुलांची गर्दी वाढली आणि एकांत हवा असेल तर तिकडे जाऊन बसणं मला भाग पडायचं. कधी कधी भीतीसुद्धा वाटायची की यातले गणितज्ञ बाहेर येतील आणि आपल्याला मारतील!

ग्रंथालयात चित्र-विचित्र प्रकारचे विद्यार्थी असायचे. त्याचं मन पुस्तकांत कमी आणि समोर कोण बसलंय, मागे कोण बसलंय हे बघण्यातचं जास्त वेळ रमायचं. मला मात्र आपल्याकडे पैसे नसल्यामुळे आपण परदेशात जाऊ शकत नाही याची खंत नेहमीच असायची; पण असं ज्यावेळेस वाटायचं त्या वेळी मी ज्या कपाटामध्ये वेगवेगळ्या देशांची माहिती देणारी पुस्तकं ठेवलेली असायची, तिथे जायचो आणि परदेशभ्रमंती करून यायचो!

परीक्षा जवळ यायला लागल्या की मग मात्र सगळी मुलं मधाच्या पोळ्यात माशा जमाव्यात तशी ग्रंथालयात जमायची. परीक्षा संपली की पुन्हा तोच शुक्रशुक्राट असायचा.

एका संध्याकाळी सूर्यास्ताच्या वेळी मी ग्रंथालयाच्या खिडकीत उभा होतो. सूर्यास्ताचं ते मनोवेधक दृश्य होतं! काही तरी विचारावं म्हणून मी समुद्राला विचारलं, "मी जेव्हा जेव्हा ग्रंथालयात जातो तेव्हा न जाणो का; पण वाळवंटात आल्यासारखं वाटतं. कोणीच सोबतीला नाही, एकटा प्रवासी!" त्यानं हसून म्हटलं, "बरंच आहे ना! ज्याच्यासाठी तू धडपडत होतास ती गोष्ट तुला मिळाली. मग आता अजून काय हवं?" मी म्हटलं, "माझ्यासारखे अनेक प्रवासी असतील या पुस्तकांच्या विश्वाची मजा घेणारे, वाट भरकटलेले जे शोधतील आपला मार्ग आणि करतील नवा प्रवास. असे प्रवासी पाहिजेत." तो म्हणाला, "तुला हवे असणारे प्रवासी या जगात आहेत. पण त्यांनी काळानुसार मार्ग बदलला आहे. असा प्रवास करण्यासाठी विविध मार्ग निर्माण झाले आहेत. ज्याला जो सोयीस्कर वाटतो, तो तो निवडतो आणि चालत राहतो. बघ, काही लोकांना इतिहासातल्या गोष्टी, कथा-कादंबऱ्या वाचण्यात रस नसतो; पण त्याच गोष्टी दृश्यस्वरूपात बघण्यात त्यांना मजा येते." असं सांगून तो अस्ताला गेला. आपल्यासोबत माझ्या मनातलं वाळवंटसुद्धा घेऊन गेला...

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कुठे नेऊन ठेवला भारत माझा ?

परवा मी एका शाळेजवळून जात असताना राष्ट्रगीताचे स्वर माझ्या कानावर पडले व मी होते तिथेच थांबून राष्ट्रगीतासाठी उभी राहिले. ते ऐकत असताना माझ्या मनात विचार आला, खरंच, आपला भारत किती महान होता आणि आता आपला भारत कुठे नेऊन ठेवला आहे?

काही वर्षांपूर्वी भारताची राजधानी दिल्लीमध्ये निभर्यावर अत्याचार झाले. त्यानंतर अशा अनेक निभर्यांना हे अत्याचार सहन करावे लागले. तसेच मागच्या वर्षीच्या सुरुवातीला जम्मू-काश्मीरच्या पुलवामामध्ये अवंतीपुरा भागात स्फोटकांनी भरलेल्या एका गाडीने सीआरपीएफच्या बसला धडक दिली. त्यानंतर झालेल्या स्फोटात सीआरपीएफचे चाळीस जवान शहीद झाले. आपल्या लष्करावर झालेला देशाच्या इतिहासातील हा सर्वात मोठा दहशतवादी हल्ला! ही बातमी ऐकताच सर्वांचे काळीज पिळवटून गेले. देशात संतापाची लाट उसळली.

परंतु या भ्याड हल्ल्यानंतर मी एक वेगळेच दृश्य पाहिले. माझ्या अनेक मित्र-मैत्रिणी, वडीलधारे सगळेच आपल्या व्हॉट्सॲपच्या स्टेटसवर, प्रोफाइलवर काळ्या फिती टाकण्यात गुंतले होते. एवढेच नव्हे, तर सोशल मिडियावर श्रद्धांजलीसुद्धा देते होते. क्षणभर मनात विचार आला, आपणपण ठेवूया का अशी काळी फित? पण नंतर मी विचार केला की मी काळी फित ठेवल्याने खरंच त्यांना श्रद्धांजली मिळेल का? आणि सोशल मिडियावर फोटो शेअर केल्याने त्यांच्या आत्म्याला शांती मिळेल का?

या सगळ्याच्या पुढे जाऊन आपण जर त्यांच्या कुटुंबियांना मदत करू शकलो, म्हणजेच आर्थिक किंवा अन्य गोष्टीबाबत केलेली मदत, तर आपल्या जवानांना नक्कीच आनंद होईल. देशभक्ती, प्रेम, निषेध, आदर या आपल्या भावना फक्त सोशल मिडियापर्यंतच मर्यादित होऊ लागल्या आहेत का? याच गोष्टी आपण आपल्या आचरणात आणल्या तर कदाचित निभर्यासारख्या पीडितांना, आपल्या जवानांना खऱ्या अर्थाने आदरांजली मिळेल.

हे सारे लिहिण्यामागील हेतू हा कोणावर टीका करणे नसून जे मनाला पटत नाही ते आपल्या प्रियजनांसमोर मांडणे हा आहे. आपल्या देशात एखादी अप्रिय घटना घडली किंवा एखादा कायदा, शासकीय धोरण समाजातील काहीना पटले नाही तर देशात बंद, आंदोलने पुकारली जातात. अनेकदा रेल्वे किंवा रस्ते वाहतूकही ठप्प केली जाते. मला सांगा, या बंद, आंदोलनांमुळे त्रास कोणाला सहन करावा लागतो? ज्यांनी अपराध केला आहे त्यांना की आपल्याच देशातील सामान्य, गोरगरिब जनतेला? आपल्या देशात अनेकांचं दोन वेळंच जेवण हे रोजंदारीवर अवलंबून आहे. त्यामुळे जेव्हा हे बंद पुकारले जातात तेव्हा काही कुटुंब उपाशीच झोपतात. ज्या लोकांचा या सगळ्यामध्ये काहीही दोष नाही अशा लोकांना त्रास देऊन कसे काय प्रश्न सुटणार आहेत?

आपण एकविसाव्या शतकातील तरूण पिढी, म्हणजेच ‘पुढारलेली’ पिढी आहोत असे आपण म्हणतो. मग आपण ते पुढारलेपण फक्त कपडे, दागिने, भाषा एवढ्यापुरतेच का सीमित ठेवतो? आपण शिकलेले नागरिक आहोत. एखाद्या गोष्टीबद्दल सविस्तर जाणून घेणे, विचारमंथन करणे आणि सदसद्विवेकबुद्धी वापरून कृती करणे या गोष्टींमध्ये आपण का मागास आहोत? मला असे वाटते, देशाबाहेरून येणारा दहशतवाद संपवणे शक्य आणि तुलनेत सोपे आहे. कारण आपल्याकडे जीव पणाला लावून देशाचे रक्षण करणारे रक्षक म्हणजेच ‘जवान’ आहेत. ते एक ना एक दिवस या दहशतवाद्यांना नेस्तनाबूत करूनच राहतील. परंतु देशांतर्गत दहशतवाद संपविणे अवघड, कदाचित अशक्य आहे.

इथे जे लोक समाजासाठी झटतात त्यांचीच हत्या केली जाते. जे लोक भ्रष्टाचाराविरोधात उभे राहतात त्यांना शारीरिक व मानसिक त्रास दिला जातो, त्यांचे अपहरण केले जाते, काही वेळा आत्महत्या करण्यास प्रवृत्त केले जाते. हा दहशतवाद नाही तर काय आहे? देशाबाहेरील दहशतवादाविरुद्ध उभे राहायला कोणी घाबरत नाही. परंतु देशांतर्गत दहशतवादाला वाचा फोडायला आपण सगळे घाबरतो. कारण आपल्या समाजातील अशी अनेक उदाहरणे आपण पाहिली आहेत; त्यांनी या अन्यायाविरुद्ध आवाज उठवला आणि आपला जीव त्यांना गमवावा लागला. ज्यांनी आपले संपूर्ण जीवन निःस्वार्थपणे समाजासाठी समर्पित केले होते. त्या दाभोळकर, पानसरेंसारख्या विचारवंतांवर गोळ्या झाडल्या गेल्या. एकाबाजूला भारतासारख्या महान देशात राहण्याचा आपल्याला सार्थ अभिमान वाटतोच, आपला देश हा चंद्रापर्यंत जाऊन पोहायला हेही खरे; पण तरीही जातीपातीचा उंबरठा आपण आजही ओलांडू शकलो नाही, हेही खरे. जर आपण भेदभावाचे उंबरठे ओलांडू शकलेलो नाही, तर मग त्या चंद्रापर्यंत जाण्याचा उपयोग तरी काय? आपला देश हा सर्वगुणसंपन्न आहे असे म्हणतात. येथे सर्व धर्मीय, जातीय बांधवांना सन्मान व आपापल्या रूढी-परंपरा जपण्याची मोकळीक आहे. येथे सर्व धर्मीय, जातीय लोक प्रेमभावाने नांदतात. हे भारताचे वर्णन आजच्या परिस्थितीला खरंच अनुरूप आहे का? आज आपण उच्च शिक्षण, पदव्या घेत आहोत. मात्र तरीही शिकलेले अडाणीच राहिलो आहोत का?

जात - धर्म यांच्याआधारे भेद न करता एकत्र येऊन, एकमेकांना समजून घेऊन जर आपण राहिलो तर देशातील अनेक प्रश्नांची उत्तरे आपल्या समोर असतील. आपलं दुर्दैव हे आहे की आपल्या समाजातील नेतेमंडळीच स्वतःच्या स्वार्थासाठी जात-धर्माच्या आधारे समाजात भेदभाव निर्माण करीत आहेत व अनेक जण त्यांच्या या कृतीला कळत-नकळत अप्रत्यक्षपणे प्रोत्साहन देत असतात.

हल्ली तर शिवाजीमहाराज, वीर सावरकर अशा महनीय व्यक्तींच्या नावाखालीसुद्धा राजकरण करणारी नेतेमंडळी आणि त्यांना पाठिंबा देणारे

तरुण असे चित्र दिसते. थोरा-मोठ्यांचे पुतळे उभे करून, शिवज्योत हातात घेऊन, चंद्रकोर भाळी लावून किंवा अंगावर शिवाजी महाराजांचा टॅटू काढून शिवभक्त होता आले असते तर सारेच सोपे झाले असते. आज गरज आहे ती थोरा-मोठ्यांचे विचार आत्मसात करून जगण्याची. त्यांचा आदर्श फक्त फॅशन म्हणून नाही तर आचार-विचारातसुद्धा आणण्याची.

परंतु एवढे सगळे असताना आपल्याला हेही विसरून चालणार नाही की जेव्हा महाराष्ट्रामध्ये (कोल्हापूरमध्ये) पूरग्रस्तांना मदत करण्याची वेळ आली तेव्हा मात्र संपूर्ण महाराष्ट्रच नव्हे, तर देशभरातील अनेक बांधवांनी आपापल्यापरीने

पूरग्रस्तांना मदत केली व त्यांना आधार दिला. हे खरंच कौतुकास्पद आहे. वास्तविक, भारताची ताकद ही आपल्या एकतेमध्ये लपलेली आहे. तेव्हा आपण एकमेकांच्या साथीने पुढे चालत राहूया. एकमेकांना उचित आदर देऊया. प्रत्येक गोष्टीचा खरा, योग्य तो अर्थ, त्यामागील कारण समजून घेऊ व त्यानुसार कृती करू. मला खात्री आहे, एक दिवस आपण भारताला सर्वार्थीने महान बनवू. एकविसाव्या शतकातील आम्ही तरुण कोणास जमले नाही असे काहीतरी भव्यदिव्य करून दाखवू!

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मराठी कवी महादेव कांबळे आपल्या 'भाकरी की चंद्र'? या कवितेत म्हणतात,

“पौर्णिमेच्या लख्ख प्रकाशात झोपडी माझी,
दारिद्र्याचा खुणा लपवीत असते,
बाबा, चंद्र नको, भाकर द्या,
म्हणून मांडीवरची मुलगी रडत बसते.”

खरंच, आजच्या युगात विविध साधनांच्या मदतीने आपल्याला अनेक सोयी-सुविधा उपलब्ध झाल्या आहेत. मुंबईसारख्या मोठ्या शहरात, भारताच्या आर्थिक राजधानीत तर विजेच्या किंवा पाण्याच्या सुविधा सर्वकाळ उपलब्ध असतात. जर आपण या परिस्थितीचा विचार केला तर आपल्याला जाणवतं की देशाच्या प्रगतीचं हे एक लक्षण आहे. नवनवीन तंत्रज्ञानाच्या आधारे आपण विविध खंडांमध्ये क्षणांसाठी संपर्क साधू शकतो, आंतरजालावर माहिती मिळवू शकतो व इतर अनेक गोष्टी करू शकतो. जलमार्ग व वायुमार्ग यांमध्ये झालेल्या प्रगतीमुळे प्रवास अधिकच जलद झाला आहे.

अथर्व कंठी,
प्रथम वर्ष कला



जवळ जवळ १०० वर्षांआधी एखाद्याला एका राज्यातून दुसऱ्या राज्यापर्यंत प्रवास करायला कित्येक आठवड्यांचा वेळ लागायचा; पण तोच प्रवास आज काही तासांत पूर्ण होतो. मनुष्य तर अवकाशातही जाऊन आलाय. पण या सर्व तांत्रिक व यांत्रिक प्रगतीमुळे अनेक गंभीर प्रश्न समोर येतात. तंत्र व यंत्रातील प्रगती म्हणजेच केवळ समाजाची व किंबहुना त्या देशाची प्रगती असते हे समीकरण ठार चूक आहे, असे मला वाटते.

भारत हा जगातील तंत्रज्ञानाच्या क्षेत्रातील एक सक्षम देश बनला आहे. भारतात तंत्रज्ञानाची सुरुवात पुरातन काळापासूनच झाली. उदा. 'शून्या' चा शोध, विविध सिद्धांत इ. मध्ययुगीन काळात त्यात काहीसा खंड पडला; परंतु इंग्रजांनी आधुनिक यंत्रणा आणून भारतात आधुनिक युग सुरू केले. भारताने स्वातंत्र्य मिळाल्यापासून नेहमीच यंत्र-तंत्रांमध्ये सक्षम रहायचा प्रयत्न केला आहे. भारतातील अनेक वैज्ञानिकांनी उदा. डॉ. होमी भाभा यांनी अणु ऊर्जा व डॉ. ए.पी.जे. अब्दुल कलाम यांनी क्षेपणास्त्राच्या क्षेत्रात मौल्यवान कामगिरी बजावली. भारताने स्वबळावर 'भारतीय अंतराळ संशोधन संस्था' (इस्रो) घडवली व तिला आंतरराष्ट्रीय दर्जा मिळवून दिला. भारताने आतापर्यंत

जवळ जवळ ११८ उपग्रह अंतराळात सोडले आहेत व भारताचे चांद्रयान व मंगळयान हे मानवीय अंतराळ प्रकल्प यशस्वी झाले आहेत. पण या सर्व प्रकल्पांकरिता खूप संसाधनांची गरज असते. यासाठी खूप आर्थिक पाठबळ, नैसर्गिक संसाधने व वेळ द्यावा लागतो. तसेच वाढता दहशतवाद, नक्षलवाद, शेजारील देशांबरोबर तणावग्रस्त परिस्थिती यामुळे भारताला संरक्षणावर खूप खर्च करावा लागतो.

या उन्नतीसोबत, भारताला अनेक गंभीर प्रश्नही भेडसावत आहेत. भारत हा विकसनशील देश असून आपली लोकसंख्या जवळ जवळ १२१ कोटी आहे व भारत जगातील फक्त २.४% जमीन व्यापतो. या अतिरिक्त लोकसंख्येमुळे भारताला अनेक दुष्परिणाम भोगावे लागत आहेत. भारतात उपासमार, बेरोजगारी, भ्रष्टाचार, मंद आर्थिक प्रगती, अनियोजित विकास इत्यादी अनेक समस्या आहेत. त्यातील उपासमार हा एक खूपच गंभीर प्रश्न आहे.

खरं तर, भारत हा एक शेतीप्रधान देश आहे. आपल्या देशात जवळ जवळ ४८% जनता ही शेती व्यवसायात गुंतलेली आहे. भारत दरवर्षी हजारो किलो धान्य, नगदी पिक्के व इतर पदार्थ निर्यात करतो. भारत जगातील एकूण २३ देशांना पूरक असा अन्नपुरवठा करतो आणि त्याच भारतात रोज जवळ जवळ शेकडो लोक उपासमारीने मरतात. विदर्भासारख्या दुष्काळग्रस्त प्रदेशात अन्नाच्या कणाकणासाठी व पाण्याच्या एकेका थेंबासाठी लोक तडफडतात. अनियोजित शेतीमुळे शेतकऱ्यांचं खूप नुकसान होतं. त्यांच्या शेतमालाला योग्य किंमतही मिळत नाही. जर पुरेसा नफा मिळाला नाही तर पुढच्या वेळी पेरणीसाठी बी-बियाणेही घेता येत नाही. जर पेरणीच झाली नाही तर पीक नाही आणि पीक नाही तर अन्न नाही. या दुष्टचक्रामुळे शेवटी ते कर्जबाजारी होतात व आत्महत्येकडे वळतात. २०१० च्या एका अहवालानुसार भारतात दरवर्षी ३,००० मुलं कुपोषणाने मरतात. तसेच दुष्काळ, अवकाळी पाऊस अशा अस्मानी संकटांमुळे समस्या अजूनच तीव्र होते. दुष्काळग्रस्त प्रदेशात घरात दोन बादल्या पाणीही नसते. तिथे लोक जवळ जवळ सहा ते सात मैल लांब चालत जाऊन पाणी व अन्न मिळवण्याचा प्रयत्न करतात. कधी कधी गावात अन्नाचा एक कणही नसतो आठवडाभर!! अशा सर्व परिस्थितीत शासकीय कारभारतील भ्रष्टाचार व त्यातून उद्भवणाऱ्या समस्या यामुळे अनेकांना आपला जीव गमवावा

लागतो. अशा परिस्थितीमुळे 'नक्षलवाद' सारख्या चळवळीचा उगम होतो. सामान्य जनतेला व देशाला अनेक समस्या सहन कराव्या लागतात. याखेरीज गरिबी, बेरोजगारी, महागाई, अधिकाऱ्यांचा बेजबाबदारपणा, शासनाचे महत्त्वाच्या प्रश्नांकडे दुर्लक्ष इ. गोष्टीमुळे मला एक प्रश्न पडतो. 'खरंच आपण विकसनशील राष्ट्र आहोत का?'

माझा आपल्या व्यवस्थेला एकच प्रश्न आहे की, जर भारतात रोज जवळ जवळ शेकडो माणसं अन्नपाण्याअभावी मरतात, तर स्मारकं व पुतळे उभारण्यासाठी कोटयवधी रुपये खर्च करणं बरोबर आहे का? आपल्याकडे जर पाणीटंचाईची समस्या असेल, तर आपण औद्योगिक उत्पादनांसाठी अतिरिक्त पाणी वापरण्याचा काय उपयोग? जर माणसाच्या मूलभूत गरजाच पूर्ण होत नसतील तर मग या तंत्रज्ञानातील प्रगतीला काहीच अर्थ नाही.

म्हणूनच आपण तंत्रज्ञान व मूलभूत गरजांमध्ये एक समतोल साधला पाहिजे. जर आपण शासनापर्यंत व शासन आपल्यापर्यंत पोहचून एकमेकांच्या समस्या समजून घेऊन त्या सोडवू, तरच आपण या दोन गोष्टींचा एक सुवर्णमध्य गाठू शकू. जर हे शक्य झाले तर तंत्रज्ञानाच्या विकासासोबत माणसाच्या मूलभूत गरजा पूर्ण होऊन मानवी जीवनाची प्रगती होईल आणि तेव्हाच आपण स्वतःला खऱ्या अर्थाने विकसनशील म्हणू शकू. या विषयावर इतरांची वेगवेगळी मतं असू शकतात. पण मला वाटतं की जसं प्रत्येक तंबूला आधारासाठी काठ्यांची गरज असते, त्याचप्रमाणे विकासाच्या या तंबूला आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञान व मूलभूत गरजांची पूर्तता यांच्या आधाराची गरज आहे. जसं एखाद्या खांब्याच्या आभावामुळे तंबू नीट उभा राहू शकत नाही, त्याचप्रमाणे जर तंत्रज्ञान व मूलभूत मानवी गरजांची पूर्तता यात समतोल नसेल तर विकासाचा तंबू उभा राहू शकणार नाही.

म्हणून शेवटी मी असे म्हणतो -

“भूक व तंत्रज्ञान यांतील समतोल आहे. क्लिष्ट
यांचा हा प्रश्न सोडवणं नाही आहे तितकं सोपं,

म्हणूनच, जर अपण विकसित केलं,
भूक भागवता-भागवता यंत्र,
तर मग प्रश्न उरणारच नाही
‘भाकरी की चंद्र’?”

‘मराठी वाङ्मय मंडळ’ आयोजित
निबंधलेखन स्पर्धेतील प्रथम क्रमांक

नोटाबंदीनंतरचे दिवस

जगाच्या इतिहासात असे अनेक ऐतिहासिक दिवस आहेत, ज्या दिवसांनी मानवाच्या भविष्यावर दूरगामी परिणाम केला. अशाच काही दिवसांपैकी एक दिवस आहे ८ नोव्हेंबर २०१६. या दिवसाने भारतीयांच्या रोजच्या दिनक्रमापासून ते अगदी काहीचे आयुष्यच बदलून टाकण्यापर्यंत किमया केली. अचानक भूकंप झाल्यासारखा वाटावा असा एक निर्णय याच दिवशी भारताच्या पंतप्रधानांनी रात्री आठ वाजता दूरदर्शनवरून जाहीर केला. ‘आज

मध्यरात्रीपासून पाचशे आणि एक हजाराच्या नोटा चलनातून बाद केल्या जातील’, हा निर्णय पंतप्रधानांनी देशवासीयांना कळवला आणि जनतेच्या पायाखालची जमीनच सरकली! हिरोशिमा आणि नागासाकीमध्ये अणुबॉम्ब पडल्यानंतर जी पळापळ, धावाधाव झाली होती, जो नरसंहार झाला होता, तशीच धावपळ भारतीयांमध्ये, त्यांच्याजवळील पाचशे आणि एक हजाराच्या नोटांची विल्हेवाट लावण्यासाठी, सुरू झाली होती.

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पाचशे आणि एक हजाराच्या नोटा या भारतीय चलनातील सर्वात मोठ्या नोटा होत्या. 'या नोटा चलनातून बाद झाल्या असून त्या पन्नास दिवसांच्या आत बँकेत जमा करणे अनिवार्य आहे', ही बातमी वाऱ्याच्या वेगाने संपूर्ण भारतभर पसरली. अचानक येणाऱ्या वादळाप्रमाणे ही बातमी लोकांना धक्का देणारी तर होतीच; पण वादळ आल्यावर त्यापासून वाचण्यासाठी लोक ज्याप्रकारे पळतात तसे लोकांचे लोंढेच्या लोंढे बँकांकडे पैसे जमा करण्यासाठी वाहू लागले. दिवसभर रांगेत उभे राहून आपले पैसे बदलून घेण्यासाठी लोकांची एकच गर्दी देशाच्या प्रत्येक बँकेबाहेर दिसू लागली. मानवाच्या बऱ्याचशा गरजा पूर्ण करण्यासाठी पैसा हा अत्यंत महत्त्वाचा घटक आहे आणि तोच महत्त्वाचा घटक एका रात्रीत संकटात आल्याने १२५ कोटीपेक्षा जास्त लोकसंख्या असलेल्या देशातील लोकांची गैरसोय झाली तिचे 'लाईव्ह कव्हेरेज' मीडिया शासनाला दाखवत होती. लोकांची व्यथा शासनापर्यंत पोहोचवित होती. पण त्याचा काहीही फायदा होत नव्हता कारण भारताच्या पंतप्रधानांनी या निर्णयाची घोषणा करतेवेळीच काळा पैसा बाहेर काढण्यासाठी, दहशतवाद्यांकडील खोट्या नोटा बाद करण्यासाठी, देशवासीयांकडून ५० दिवस मागून घेतले होते. त्यासाठी देशवासीयांकडे थोडा 'त्याग' करण्याचीही मागणी केली होती.

आपल्या अर्थव्यवस्थेतील काळा पैसा बाहेर यावा म्हणून देशवासीही रोज 'त्याग' करत होते. बँकांच्या बाहेर तासन्तास उभे राहून अनेक लोक खाली कोसळले. काही मृत्युमुखी पडले. नोटाबंदीच्या काळात टांकसाळेत नव्या नोटा छापण्यासाठी कामगारांनी दिवसाची रात्र आणि रात्रीचा दिवस केला. बँकेच्या कर्मचाऱ्यांनीही ओव्हरटाईम करून 'देशसेवा' केली. शेतकऱ्यांच्या मालाचा भाव कोसळला, आर्थिक मंदी आली, शेयर बाजाराचे भाव कोसळले. इस्पितळात दाखल केलेल्या त्या काही अत्यवस्थ रुग्णांच्या उपचारांसाठी लागणारे पैसे, औषध, रक्तपेढीला द्यावे लागणारे पैसे सर्व ठिकाणी संकट 'आ' वासून उभे होते. पैशावाचून अनेकांचे लग्नकार्य खोळंबले. ज्यांचे लग्न ९ ते १५ नोव्हेंबर २०१६ या कालावधीत होते, त्या मुलामुलीच्या आईबापांनी जमवलेली रोकड बँकेत जाऊन जमा करताना त्यांच्या नाकी नऊ आले. अनेकांची लग्नकार्ये रद्द झाली, तर काहीना हृदयविकाराचे झटके आले. देशात इतरत्र फिरायला गेलेल्यांचेही हाल झाले. कुठेच एक हजार आणि पाचशेच्या नोटा घेतल्या जात नसल्याने काही ठिकाणी हमरीतुमरी होऊन त्याचे पर्यवसान मारामारीतही झाले. बळीराजाच्या हाती आलेल्या मालाला किंमतच नसल्याने होत्याचं नव्हतं झालं. बॉलीवूड, औद्योगिक, रियल इस्टेट व्यवसाय, टेलिकम्युनिकेशन अशा सर्वच क्षेत्रांना याचा फटका बसला. नोटाबंदीच्या घोषणेनंतरच्या वर्षभरात जवळपास १५ लाख लोक बेरोजगार झाले, अनेक लघुउद्योग बंदच झाले, अर्थव्यवस्था मोडकळीला आली.

विरोधकांनी सरकारवर ताशेरे ओढले. या काळात देशाची संपूर्ण घडीच विस्कटली होती. देशातली जनता एवढा मोठा 'त्याग' करत होती ती फक्त बनावट नोटा चलनातून बाद होण्यासाठी, दहशतवाद्यांची रसद रोखण्यासाठी, तसेच काळा पैसा बाहेर काढण्यासाठी. या निर्णयाने दहशतवाद्यांचेही कंबरडे मोडले. काश्मीरमध्ये पुढील तीन वर्षासाठी का होईना; पण शांतता निर्माण झाली आणि काळा पैसा साठवणाऱ्यांना चपराक बसली. मात्र शासकीय यंत्रणेने

हा निर्णय घेताना आणि त्याची अंमलबजावणी करताना ३५ दिवसांत ५१ वेळा निर्णय बदलले आणि या निर्णयांचा मनस्ताप सहन करावा लागला तो गरीब आणि मध्यमवर्गीयांनाच. मात्र हा निर्णय घेऊनसुद्धा काळा पैसा म्हणावा तितका कमी झालाच नाही. याउलट या निर्णयाच्या अंमलबजावणीतील त्रुटींमळे अनेक श्रीमंतांनी पळवाटा शोधून आपल्याकडील काळा पैसा पांढरा करून घेतला. अनेक गरिबांना आपल्याकडील पैसे देऊन ते पैसे त्यांच्या बँकेत टाकून त्यावरचे काही टक्के पैसे गरिबांना देऊन त्यांनी आपले काळे पैसे पांढरे करून घेतले.

नोटाबंदीच्या वेळी भारतात श्रीमंतांच्या आणि गरिबांच्या एकीचे दर्शन अनेकांना झाले. नोटाबंदीनंतरच्या दिवसांनी भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था, समाजकारण, राजकरण या प्रत्येक क्षेत्राला एका वेगळ्या उंचीवर नेले असे मला वाटते. त्याग, त्रास, त्रागा, आनंद, दुःख अशा अनेक भावनांचे दर्शन भारतीयांना घडले. पंजाबमध्ये अनेक गुरूद्वारांमध्ये लोकांना जेवू घातले गेले. पर्यटकांना विविध सेवा मोफत देऊन अनेकांनी माणुसकीचे दर्शन घडवले. एकाच निर्णयाने भारतीयांमधील आपुलकी आणि एकी पुन्हा अनुभवास आली. याचकाळात चलनात आलेल्या दोन हजारांच्या नव्या नोटांनी सुट्यांसाठी दिलेला त्रास ते नव्या आलेल्या दोनशे आणि पाचशेच्या नोटा! या नोटांच्या वेगवेगळ्या रंगाप्रमाणे अनेक रंगीबेरंगी अनुभव या काळात देशाच्या जनतेने घेतले.

भ्रष्टाचार संपवणे, काळा पैसा बाहेर काढणे, दहशतवाद संपूर्णतः रोखणे अशा अनेक कल्याणकारी कारणांसाठी घेतलेला नोटाबंदीचा निर्णयमात्र 'रोगापेक्षा इलाज भयंकर' असाच होता. तरीही देशातील प्रत्येक नागरिकाने केलेल्या त्यागाचे आणि दाखवलेल्या संयमाचे फळ त्यांना मिळाले. या काळात डिजिटल पेमेंटमध्ये वाढ होऊन देश आर्थिक डिजिटल-आर्थिकदृष्ट्या झाला. अनेक गरिबांची बँकेत खाती उघडली गेली. खोट्या मालमत्ता, काळे पैसे थोड्या प्रमाणात का होईना बाहेर आले. पूर्वी एखादी खोटी नोटा बँकेत नागरिकांकडे सापडली तर ती फाडून टाकायची किंवा पोलीस केस करायची असे दोन पर्याय त्यांच्यासमोर ठेवले जात. तेव्हा निष्पाप लोकांच्या कष्टाची कमाई अशीच वाया जायची. त्यावर जालीम उपाय म्हणून नोटाबंदी महत्त्वाची होती; ही जाणीव नोटाबंदीनंतरचा प्रत्येक दिवस भारतीयांच्या मनात निर्माण करीत आहे. जर देशात किंवा जगात मोठा बदल करायचा असेल तर नोटाबंदीसारखे काही कटू आणि मोठे निर्णय घ्यावे लागतात; हे प्रत्येक वाहिन्यांवर अनेक वक्ते, अर्थशास्त्रज्ञ आणि या क्षेत्रातील जाणते लोक आजही सांगतात. नोटाबंदीनंतरच्या प्रत्येक दिवशी भरभरून चर्चा झाल्या, अनेक निष्कर्ष काढले गेले; पण माझ्या मते, हा निर्णय योग्यच होता. अनेकदा एक निर्णय घेतल्यावर त्याचा एक फायदा आणि चार तोटे असतात. हा फायदा जरी आज थोडा कमी दिसत असला तरी तो आगामी काळात फार मोठे बदल आपल्या देशात घडवून आणेल आणि येणाऱ्या काळात प्रत्येक भारतीयाने केलेल्या त्यागाचे फळ त्यांना नक्की मिळेल; ही एक भावना नोटाबंदीनंतरच्या प्रत्येक दिवशी माझ्या आणि अनेक भारतीयांच्या मनात रोज येते आणि ही गोष्ट सत्यात उतरेल या विश्वासाने प्रत्येक भारतीय नोटाबंदीनंतरच्या त्या कठीण दिवसांनंतरही जोमाने काम करून भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था पुन्हा पुढे नेण्यासाठी प्रयत्न करत आहे.

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बघितलं मी सूर्याला
आभाळाला निरोप देताना
जणू तो नारिंगी रंग
दोघांच्या शेवटच्या भेटीचं
दुःख प्रकट करत होता,
हेच ते आभाळ-सूर्याचं नातं
म्हणजे सायंकाळ

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बघितलं मी पक्ष्यांना
दिवसभर शेतात-वनात फिरून
धान्य जमा करताना;
आपल्या कुटुंबासाठी
आणि शेवटी घरट्यात परताना,
तेच घरी परतण्याचं
सुख म्हणजे सायंकाळ

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ऐकला मी तो मंदिरातल्या

मधुर वाद्यांचा नाद,
आरतीसाठी जणू सज्ज होते ते सूर सारे
हीच ती देवाच्या जवळ जाण्याची वेळ
म्हणजे सायंकाळ

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थकवा घालवायला
कुटुंबासोबत गाठीभेटी
करायचा काळ म्हणजे
सायंकाळ

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शब्दांचं रूप घेतलं
आणि बनली एक कविता,
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खेळ सारा
म्हणजे सायंकाळ

तरंगिनी

नदी, शांत व निर्मळ स्वभावाची. सगळ्यांप्रमाणे तिलाही समुद्राला जाऊन मिळण्याची प्रचंड इच्छा होती. नेहमीच तिला समुद्राच्या रूपाचे कौतुक वाटे. अर्धाहून अधिक सृष्टी त्याने व्यापून टाकली आहे. साहजिकच, तिलाही अशा अफाट समुद्राशी एकरूप व्हायचे होते. सरिता, फार मोठी नव्हती; पण आसपासची गावं तिच्यावरच अवलंबून होती. सर्व तिला 'जीवनदायीनी' म्हणत. शीतल अशी सरिता नेहमीच शांत असायची.

पण आता मात्र तिची फक्त नी फक्त सागराशी एकरूप होण्याची मनीषा होती. त्यात काळे मेघ येऊन तिला त्रास देऊ लागले. विजांच्या कडकडाटसवे मेघ बरसू लागले. नदीच्या पात्रात वाढ झाली. तिचे मन अस्वस्थ झाले. ती आतल्याआत गुदमरू लागली. सोसाट्याचा वारा वाहू लागला. नदीत मोठ-मोठ्या लहरी उमटू लागल्या. कोणतीही तमा न बाळगता ती सगळे बंध झुगारून वाहू लागली.

रानोमाळ सैरभैर झाल्यासारखी फक्त वाहत होती. अगदी मोकाट सुटलेल्या वासरासारखी, तरूण मुलीसारखी; पण रूबाबात! तिचे लक्ष्य फक्त सागरास मिळणे हेच होते. काट्याकुट्यांनी, मोठ-मोठ्या दगडांनी, डोंगर-दऱ्यांनी तिला अडवण्याचा प्रयत्न केला; परंतु ती कोणाचेच ऐकण्याच्या मनःस्थितीत नव्हती. ती काट्याकुट्यांनाही तुडवून वाहत राहिली. मोठ-मोठे डोंगर, पर्वतही तिच्या विध्वंसक रूपाला थांबवू शकत नव्हते. ती त्यांच्यावरही राज्य करू लागली. धबधबा होऊन वाहू लागली. आपल्या या अफाट रूपाची तिलादेखील कल्पना नव्हती. तिच्या मनात फक्त समुद्राचाच विचार होता.

वाहत वाहत ती समुद्राच्या जवळ आली. समुद्राला उधाण आले होते. उंच उंच लाटांचा खेळ खेळण्यात समुद्र गुंग होता. नदी जरा थबकली. तिच्यासारख्या अनेक नद्या सागराच्या ओढीने त्याला जाऊन मिळण्यास वाहत होत्या. परंतु त्या नद्यांचं अस्तित्व समुद्रातच संपत होतं. समुद्राचे हे अफाट रूप अशाच

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छोट्या-मोठ्या नद्यांनी तयार झाले आहे हे तिच्या लक्षात आले. समुद्राला मात्र गर्व होता स्वतःच्या अफाट रूपाचा. तो नव्हता गोड होत नद्यांसाठी. त्याचा धाक एवढा होता की नद्याच खारट होत होत्या सागरासाठी. त्यांना नव्हता गर्व आपल्यामुळे समुद्राची शक्ती वाढते आहे याचा; पण समुद्र होता भ्रमात की तो उपकार करतो आहे नद्यांवर.

हे सर्व पाहून सरिता बिथरली. तिने समुद्रास मिळायचे नाही असा निश्चय केला. का जावं अशा समुद्राजवळ ज्याला नद्यांसाठी गोड होणेसुद्धा मान्य नाही. का संपवावं नद्यांनी त्यांचे आयुष्य? तेही अशा समुद्रासाठी जो स्वतःच्या शक्तीच्या गुर्मीत आहे! ज्याला इतरांची काहीच काळजी नाही! तो

नद्यांशी एकरूप होत नाही? का नेहमी नद्यांनीच जावं त्याच्या पायाशी? या सर्व विचारांनी ती विचलित झाली.

त्याच क्षणी तिची नजर आसपासच्या परिसरात गेली. तिच्या अशा वागण्यामुळे गावात पूरस्थिती निर्माण झाली होती. विध्वंसक अशा सरितेच्या रूपाला त्यावेळेस गावातल्या लोकांच्या किंकाळ्यासुद्धा ऐकू आल्या नाहीत. हे सर्व पाहता ती शांत झाली. तिला तिचे अस्तित्व मौल्यवान वाटू लागले.

काळे मेघसुद्धा मिळून गेले होते. निरभ्र आकाशात सप्तरंगी इंद्रधनुष्य अवतरले होता. पशु-पक्षी आनंदाने विहार करत होते. गार वारा वाहू लागला होता. आता खऱ्या अर्थाने ही 'तरंगिणी' जीवनदायीनी झाली होती. शांत प्रवाहात ती वाहत होती.

एकविसाव्या शतकातील स्त्री

पूर्वीच्या काळात केवळ 'चूल आणि मूल' सांभळणारी स्त्री ते आजच्या काळात एखाद्या देशाची सत्ता सांभळणारी स्त्री हा स्त्रीचा प्रवास अतिशय थक्क करणारा आहे. आपल्या देशाच्या पंतप्रधान इंदिरा गांधी यांच्यापासून ते पहिल्या महिला राष्ट्रपती माननीय प्रतिभाताई पाटील, अंतराळात जाणारी पहिली भारतीय महिला कल्पना चावला असो, स्त्रियांनी स्वातंत्र्योत्तर काळात शिक्षणाच्या जोरावर अनेक शिखरे पादाक्रांत केली आहेत, याचा भारतीयांना अभिमान आहे. स्त्रियांच्या शिक्षणासाठी आपले सर्वस्व अर्पण करणाऱ्या म. ज्योतिबा फुले व सावित्रीबाई यांच्यामुळेच स्त्रियांना आज शिक्षणाचा लाभ घेत पुरुषांच्याबरोबरीने यश प्राप्त करता येत आहे. परंतु खरंच, आज स्त्रिया स्वावलंबी असण्याबरोबरच त्यांना कुटुंबात व समाजात 'माणूस' म्हणून पुरुषांच्याबरोबरीने स्थान दिले जात आहे का? हा प्रश्न अनुत्तरीच वाटतो.

आज एकविसाव्या शतकातील भारताचा विचार करता स्त्रियांची परिस्थिती तुलनेत सुधारलेली असली, तरी अजूनही देशात पुरुषप्रधान संस्कृती कायम आहे. म्हणूनच स्त्रियांची परिस्थिती हालाखीचीच आहे. आजही स्त्रियांना आपल्या हक्कांसाठी लढावे लागत आहे. ज्या स्त्रीला विवाह झाल्यावर 'गृहलक्ष्मी' म्हणून मान मिळतो, त्याच स्त्रीवर आजही समाजाकडून अनेक बंधने लादली जात आहेत. तिला आज मंदिरात व दर्गात प्रवेश मिळविण्यासाठी सुद्धा आंदोलन करावे लागत आहे.

देशभरात सध्या चर्चेत असणारे शबरीमाला मंदिर प्रकरण असो किंवा हाजी अली दर्गा, शनी-शिंगणापूर अशी अनेक देवस्थाने आहेत जिथे स्त्रियांना जाण्यास प्रतिबंध आहे. यामुळे आजच्या काळात एकीकडे स्त्रिया अनेक क्षेत्रात प्रगती करत असल्या तरी आजही त्यांना आपल्या अनेक हक्कांसाठी लढावेही लागत आहे.

स्त्रिया आज प्रत्येक क्षेत्रात पुरुषांच्याबरोबरीने वाटचाल करीत आहेत. अगदी देशातील महत्त्वाच्या शासकीय कार्यालयांपासून ते सैन्यदल, नौदल

तसेच हवाई दलातही स्त्रिया महत्त्वाची भूमिका पार पाडत आहेत. अनेक शासकीय कार्यालयांमध्ये तसेच शासकीय पदांवर काही ठिकाणी महिलांना आरक्षणही दिले गेले आहे, हे नक्कीच योग्य ठरेल. यामुळे स्त्री व पुरुष यांच्यातील आर्थिक व सामाजिक विषमता दूर होण्यास मदत होईल, असे वाटते. आजच्या स्त्रीने केलेल्या प्रगतीमागे नक्कीच एकोणीसाव्या व विसाव्या शतकातील समाजप्रबोधनाच्या चळवळींचा मोठा वाटा आहे.

पण गुन्हेगारी क्षेत्रातही सर्वात जास्त गुन्हे हे स्त्रियांवर केलेल्या अत्याचारांचे दाखल होतात; मग ते दिल्लीतील निर्भया प्रकरण असो, कोपर्डी प्रकरण असो; किंबहुना गेल्या काही वर्षांत तर ही यादी वाढतच राहिली आहे. अशा प्रकरणांमुळे, स्त्रियांनी आर्थिकदृष्ट्या स्वावलंबी होण्याबरोबरच स्वतःचे संरक्षणही स्वतः करण्यासाठी सक्षम बनले पाहिजे, अशी गरज निर्माण झाली आहे. अशा गुन्हेगारांना त्वरित शिक्षा सुनावून, त्या शिक्षेची अंमलबजावणीही तातडीने झाली पाहिजे, तर कदाचित अशा गुन्हेगारांना काही प्रमाणात आळा बसेल. छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराजांच्या काळी स्त्रियांकडे वाकड्या नजरेने पाहणाऱ्यावर तसेच तिच्यावर अत्याचार करणाऱ्या नराधमांवर 'चौरंगा करणे' तसेच 'कडेलोट करणे' अशा शिक्षा सुनावल्या जायच्या. तशाच प्रकारच्या कठोर शिक्षा आजही देण्यात आल्या तर खात्रीने स्त्रियांवरील अत्याचारांना प्रतिबंध होईल.

एकूणच, महिलांनी सातत्याने समाजाच्या प्रत्येक क्षेत्रात आपले योगदान देत अनेक पदे भूषवत देशाच्या विकासाच्या दिशेने होणाऱ्या वाटचालीत हातभार लावला आहे. येणाऱ्या प्रत्येक अडी-अडचणीवर त्या मात तर करतच आहेत; पण त्याचबरोबर कसे जगावे याचे उदाहरणदेखील त्या जगाला दाखवून देत आहेत. शेवटी मनुष्याला जन्म देणारी स्त्री ही पावलोपावली संघर्षाच्या वाटेने मार्गक्रमण करीत आपल्या आयुष्याला अधिक चांगला आकार देण्याचा प्रयत्न करीत आहे. त्यामुळेच येणाऱ्या काळातही त्यांचे कर्तृत्व हे नक्कीच जगासाठी व देशासाठी बंदनीय व अद्भूत ठरेल!

श्रुतायू अंकुश घाडगे
प्रथम वर्ष कला



SCHOLARSHIPS/ AWARDS/ PRIZES- Academic Year 2018 - 19

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Sr. No.	Name of Scholarship	Awarded to	
JUNIOR COLLEGE			
1	William Graham Prize 500	highest marks in XII Arts	1] SAWANT SMRITI
2	Annapoornabai Joshi Prize 500		SHAILESH 2] KAUSHAL SAMIKSHA RAKESH
3	Prof Hate Prize 500	highest marks in Biology at XII Sci.	SANGARE LAVANYA SURESH
4	Sardar Atursingh G. Ochani Scholarship 1000	highest marks in Chemistry at XII Sci.	UNWALA ABILFAZAL SHABBIR
5	Prof. V. D.Dabholkar Award 500	highest marks in XII Sci	UNWALA ABILFAZAL SHABBIR
6	The Sardar Saheb Hirasingh Ochani Scholarship 1000		
7	M. Momi A. Ochani Scholarship 1000	highest marks in XI Sc	RAIGAGLA DHRUMIL GIRISH
8	Jini K. Jagose Scholarship 500	highest marks in English at XII Arts	FERNANDES SARAH CHRISCYL DEEPAK
9	Prof. Robert Miller Prize 500	highest marks in English at XII	SAYEED MISBA BANO MOHD ABBAS
10	Haresh Gohil Memorial Prize 800	highest marks in Economics at SYJC	1] SAWANT SMRITI SHAILESH 2] MENEZES BELINDA PHILIP DIANA
11	Dr. G.B. Gramopadhye Prize 500	Student of the year in Marathi in Jr. College	SURVE NISHCHAY JAGDISH
12	Prof. M. D. Altekhar Prize 500	highest marks in Marathi at SYJC	PURADKAR AKANKSHA SANTOSH
13	Rao Bahadur Kaudinya Memorial Prize 500		
14	D. K. Kateli Scholarship 500	highest marks in Maths at XI	RAIGAGLA DHRUMIL GIRISH
15	D. B. Naik Memorial Prize 500	highest marks in Maths at XII Sci.	1] GOEL SHUBHAM ASHOK 2] UNWALA ABILFAZAL SHABBIR
16	Prof. V. D. Dabholkar Award 500	highest marks in Physics at XII	PANDEY SATYANARAYAN ASHISH
17	The Renwick Memorable Prize 500		
18	The V N Cirvante Prize 500		
19	Mrs. Kishni H. Ochani Scholarship 1000	highest marks in Chemistry at XI Sci.	RAIGAGLA DHRUMIL GIRISH
20	Highest marks in Hindi in 12 th Science	Highest marks in Hindi in 12 th Science	JAIN PRIYANKA
21	Highest marks in Hindi in 12 th Arts	Highest marks in Hindi in 12 th Arts	1) MENEZES BELINDA 2) SAWANT SMRITI

GENERAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP 2018 – 2019
Prize Distribution Function 2019 – 2020

Sr. No.	Name of the Scholarship	Criteria	Name of the student
22	Bai Sonabai Narayan Kanade Prize: 500	Female student with highest marks at T.Y.B.A.	SAMEEKSHA MAHAJAN
23	R.S. Nawalkar Prize: 500	Student with highest marks at T.Y.B.A.	SAMEEKSHA MAHAJAN
24	Md. Ibrahim Bhaimiya Memorial Prize: 500	Student with highest marks at T.Y.B.A.	SAMEEKSHA MAHAJAN
25	Vitthal Narayan Pathak Prize: 500	Student with highest marks at T.Y.B.A.	SAMEEKSHA MAHAJAN
26	Comrade S. A. Dange Memorial Prize: 5000	Student with highest marks at TYBA	SAMEEKSHA MAHAJAN
27	Prof. V. D. Dabholkar Award: 500	Student with highest marks in TYBSc	RAJESHWARI KUNDAR
T.Y.B.A. TOPPERS			
English			
28	Prof. Robert Miller Prize: 500	Student with highest marks in English at T.Y.B.A.	SHRUTI VANJARE
29	Smt. Leela Damodar Patil: 500	Student with highest marks in English at T.Y.B.A.	SHRUTI VANJARE
30	Smt.Vimla Joshi: 500	Deserving student studying in English at T.Y.B.A.	FATEMA ARSIWALA
Economics			
31	Ajit Datar Prize: 500	Student with highest marks in Economics at T.Y.B.A.	SAMEEKSHA MAHAJAN
32	Haresh Gohil Memorial Prize for Highest Marks in Economics: 1000	Student with highest marks in Economics at T.Y.B.A.	SAMEEKSHA MAHAJAN
33	Principal Borde Memorial Prize: 5000	Student with highest marks in Economics at T.Y.B.A.	SAMEEKSHA MAHAJAN
History			
34	The John Mckenzie Prize: 500	Student with highest marks at T.Y.B.A. in History	SHAIKH BUSHRA
35	The Smt. Rani Malhotra Memorial Scholarship: 1000	Student with highest marks in History at T.Y.B.A.	SHAIKH BUSHRA
Political Science			
36	Rev. John Langdon Prize: 500	Best Student of Political Science	SINHA SHRUTI
37	Prof. Aloo Dalal Scholarship: 500	Student with highest marks in Political Science at T.Y.B.A.	MOGRELIA JENIFER
Philosophy			
38	Dr. B. P. Hiwale Prize : 500	Student with highest marks in Philosophy at T.Y.B.A.	PRIYADARSHINI YUVARAJ
39	Late Mrs. Suniti Patki Scholarship: 1500	Student with highest marks in Philosophy at T.Y.B.A.	PRIYADARSHINI YUVARAJ
40	Dr. S K Ookerjee Memorial Prize: 5000	Student with highest marks in Philosophy at T.Y.B.A.	PRIYADARSHINI YUVARAJ
41	Dr (Mrs.) Borde Memorial Prize : 5000	Student with highest marks in Philosophy at T.Y.B.A.	PRIYADARSHINI YUVARAJ

42	Late Mrs. Suniti Patki Scholarship: 1000	Student with second highest marks in Philosophy at T.Y.B.A.	KUNAL BANERJEE
Psychology			
43	Topper in T.Y.B.A. Psychology	Student with highest marks in Psychology at T.Y.B.A.	MASTER RIA
Sociology			
44	Topper in T.Y.B.A. Sociology	Student with highest marks in Sociology at T.Y.B.A.	CHAYANIKA IYER
T.Y.B.SC. TOPPERS AND SFC TOPPERS			
Botany			
45	Topper in Botany	highest marks in Botany at T.Y.B.Sc.	SAURABH CHAUBEY
Chemistry			
46	Dr. Normand Commemoration Prize: 500	highest marks in Chemistry at T.Y.B.Sc.	JUILEE VAZE
47	Dr. Fraser Commemoration Prize: 500	highest marks in Chemistry at T.Y.B.Sc.	JUILEE VAZE
48	Prof. P M Barve Commemoration Prize: 500	highest marks in Chemistry at T.Y.B.Sc.	JUILEE VAZE
49	Prof. Hira Chimulkar Prize: 500	highest marks in Chemistry at T.Y.B.Sc.	JUILEE VAZE
50	Vishnu Sadashiv Sohoni Prize: 500	highest marks in Chemistry at T.Y.B.Sc.	JUILEE VAZE
Microbiology			
51	Vikrant Khanvilkar Award: 500	highest marks in Microbiology at T.Y.B.Sc.	RAJESHWARI KUNDAR
Mathematics			
52	The Prof H. R. Hamley Prize: 500	highest marks in Maths at T.Y.B.Sc.	MARIYA PATHAN
53	The Ms. Chitralekha Kalwar Prize: 500	highest marks in Maths at T.Y.B.Sc.	MARIYA PATHAN
54	Mrs. V.R. Jamalabad Prize: 500	highest marks in Maths at T.Y.B.Sc.	MARIYA PATHAN
Physics			
55	The Rev. Mackichan Prize: 500	highest marks in Physics at T.Y.B.Sc.	RACHEL FARGOES
56	Vishnu Sadashiv Sohoni Prize: 500	highest marks in Physics at T.Y.B.Sc.	RACHEL FARGOES
57	PROF. V. D. Dabholkar Award: 500	highest marks in Physics at T.Y.B.Sc.	RACHEL FARGOES
Zoology			
58	Vishnu Sadashiv Sohoni Prize: 500	highest marks in Zoology at T.Y.B.Sc.	DIKSHA JAGTAP
Information Technology			
59	IT- TOPPER	highest marks in Information Technology at T.Y.B.Sc.	REENA SEQUEIRA
BMS			
60	BMS- TOPPER	Highest marks at T.Y.B.M.S.	UJJAINWALA SHABNAM
BMM			
61	BMM - TOPPER	Highest marks In Advertising at T.Y.B.M.M.	RAHUL BAMANE
62	BMM - TOPPER	Highest marks In Journalism at T.Y.B.M.M.	SNEHAL GALBAW
BAF			
63	BAF - TOPPER	Highest marks in TYBAF	TALIB ZARIWALA
Master of Science Topper			
64	Prof. Hira Chimulkar Prize: 500	Highest marks in Chemistry at M.Sc.	SUMAIYA KHAN
65	Microbiology Topper	highest marks in Microbiology at M.Sc.	POOJA SHAH
66	Zoology Topper	highest marks in Zoology at M.Sc.	JESSICA JOHN JIVU
67	IT Topper	highest marks in Information Technology at M.Sc.	ANSARI SAMRIN

F.Y. and S.Y. Toppers in Subjects			
English			
68	Prof. Robert Miller Prize: 500	highest marks in English at F.Y.B.A.	SHAIKH AMAAN
69	Prof. Robert Miller Prize: 500	highest marks in English at S.Y.B.A.	NAYONIKA BOSE
Hindi			
70	Topper in Hindi	highest marks in Hindi at F.Y.B.A.	1) MOHD. RAED ANSARI 2) ANAMIKA GUPTA
71	Topper in Hindi	highest marks in Hindi (Ancillary) at S.Y.B.A.	CHOURASIYA ANJALI
Marathi			
72	Dr. G.B. Gramopadhye Prize: 500	Student of the year in Marathi in Sr. College	PAShte HRITIKA
73	Prof. Sadhana Upadhye Prize: 500	For Best creative writing in Marathi	TOHAKE DHANASHREE
74	Prof. Sadhana Upadhye Special Prize: 500	For Best student in Marathi for the year	PURADKAR AKANKSHA
75	Rao Bahadur Kaudinya Memorial Prize: 500	Highest marks in Marathi at F.Y.B.A.	1) DESHMANE VISHAL 2) SHIGVAN PRIYANKA
76	Prof. M.D. Altekar Prize: 500	Highest marks in Marathi at F.Y.B.A.	1) DESHMANE VISHAL 2) SHIGVAN PRIYANKA
77	Dr. M. M. Altekar Prize	for securing first position in Debate Competition	SAWANT PRATIKSHA
78		for securing Second position in Debate Competition	PARTE CHAITANYA
79		for securing Third position in Debate Competition	PRADHAN SAKSHAY
80	Dr. M. M. Altekar Prize	for securing First position in Essay Competition	KANTHI ATHARVA
81		for securing Second position in Essay Competition	GAIKWAD PRATHAMESH
82		for securing third position in Essay Competition	PURADKAR AKANKSHA
Philosophy			
83	Dr. (Mrs.) Borde Memorial Prize: 3000	highest marks in Philosophy at F.Y.B.A.	MAURISA DODTI
84	Dr. (Mrs.) Borde Memorial Prize: 3000	highest marks in Philosophy at S.Y.B.A.	JASMINE PICARDO
Political Science			
85	Subject Topper	Highest marks in Political Science at F.Y.B.A.	DUBEY ANKITA
86	Subject Topper	Highest marks in Political Science at S.Y.B.A.	SHRUTI SINHA
Economics			
87	Principal Borde Memorial Prize: 3000	Highest Marks in Economics at F.Y.B.A.	DUBEY ANKITA
88	Haresh Gohil Memorial Prize: 800	Student with highest marks in Economics at F.Y.B.A.	DUBEY ANKITA
89	Principal Borde Memorial Prize: 3000	Highest Marks in Economics at S.Y.B.A.	1) SHANBHAG VIGNESH 2) CHOWHAN KRIPA
90	Haresh Gohil Memorial Prize: 800	Student with highest marks in Economics at S.Y.B.A.	1) SHANBHAG VIGNESH 2) CHOWHAN KRIPA

History			
91	Strachen Memorial Prize : 500	highest marks in History at S.Y.B.A.	LALDENFELI RENTHLEI
92	The Smt. Rani Malhotra Memorial Scholarship: 1000	highest marks in History at S.Y.B.A.	SHRUTI SINHA
93	The Smt. Rani Malhotra Memorial Scholarship: 1000	highest marks in History at F.Y.B.A.	ANKITA DUBEY
94	The Cherian Memorial Scholarship: 2000	Academically good and deserving Student	SAWANT PRATIKSHA
Psychology			
95	Subject Topper	highest marks in Psychology at S.Y.B.A.	PICARDO JASMINE
96	Subject Topper	highest marks in Psychology at F.Y.B.A.	ALTAF AMAAN ALI SHAIKH
Sociology			
97	Subject Topper	Highest marks in Sociology at S.Y.B.A.	SHRUTI SINHA
98	Subject Topper	Highest marks in Sociology at F.Y.B.A.	1) JIVRAJANI KEROLIN 2) THEJAVINUO RIO
Statistics			
99	Vikrant Khanvilkar Award: 500	highest marks in Statistics at F.Y.B.Sc.	RISHIKANT BRAHMPURIA
Chemistry			
100	Vikrant Khanvilkar Award: 500	highest marks in Chemistry F.Y.B.Sc.	Vibhuti Jakhmola
101	Vikrant Khanvilkar Award: 500	highest marks in Chemistry S.Y.B.Sc.	Komal Gadam
Zoology			
102	Vikrant Khanvilkar Award: 500	highest marks in Zoology at F.Y.B.Sc.	Vibhuti Jakhmola
103	Vikrant Khanvilkar Award: 500	highest marks in Zoology at S.Y.B.Sc.	Mubashira Tai
Botany			
104	Vikrant Khanvilkar Award: 500	highest marks in Botany at F.Y.B.Sc.	NASREEN SHAIKH
105	Vikrant Khanvilkar Award: 500	highest marks in Botany at S.Y.B.Sc.	TEJASWINI GAWANDE
Information Technology			
106	Vikrant Khanvilkar Award: 500	highest marks in IT at F.Y.B.Sc.	SHIVANI GAJULA
107	Vikrant Khanvilkar Award: 500	highest marks in IT at S.Y.B.Sc.	JOSHUA GUNJA
Microbiology			
108	Vikrant Khanvilkar Award: 500	highest marks in Microbiology at F.Y.B.Sc.	MISABH NAIK
109	Vikrant Khanvilkar Award: 500	highest marks in Microbiology at S.Y.B.Sc.	MALAVIKA PILLAI
110	Prema Arya Scholarship: 6000	Needy and Deserving student T.Y.B.Sc. Microbiology	AFRIN MONDAL
111	Prema Arya Scholarship: 6000	Needy and Deserving student S.Y.B.Sc. Microbiology	SAHIL KALAMBE
Mathematics			
112	Mrs. V. R. Jamalabad Prize: 500	highest marks in Maths at S.Y.B.Sc.	KANAN VIRKAR
113	Vikrant Khanvilkar Award: 500	highest marks in Maths at S.Y.B.Sc.	KANAN VIRKAR
114	Vikrant Khanvilkar Award: 500	highest marks in Maths at F.Y.B.Sc.	IBRAHIM KHAN MUHAMMAD
Physics			
115	Prof. V. D. Dabholkar Award	highest marks in Physics at S.Y.B.Sc.	KANAN VIRKAR
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B.M.M.			
119	Mrs. Padma Solomonraj Scholarship	highest marks at F.Y.B.M.M.	TANAY PATWARDHAN
120	Mrs. Padma Solomonraj Scholarship	highest marks at S.Y.B.M.M.	SALONI RAHEJA
B.M.S			
121	Subject Topper	highest marks at F.Y.B.M.S.	FARHEEN SAYED
122	Subject Topper	highest marks at S.Y.B.M.S.	KOTKAR JANVI
B.A.F.			
123	Subject Topper	highest marks at FYBAF	SHARMA DIVYA
124	Subject Topper	highest marks at SYBAF	NAYAK ZEEL
General Non academic			
125	The Mary Murthy Prize:	Best Female Student with good academic record and outstanding social work	ANKITA DUBEY
126	The Rama Murthy Prize:	Best Male Student with good academic record and outstanding social work	VATSAL DIVECHA
127	The Anandibai Achyutao Kamat Prize:	Best Female Student	SHRUTI SINHA
128	The late Raosaheb Achyutao Kamat:	Best Male Student	VATSAL DIVECHA
129	Romario Rozar Trophy	Best Student	SHRUTI SINHA MISBAH NAIK
130	Best Male Volunteer	Best Male Volunteer	REEV FERNANDES
131	Best Female Volunteer	Best Female Volunteer	FATEMA ARSIWALA FATEMA JETPURWALA
132	Best NSS Volunteer	Best NSS Volunteer	RUSTAM CHAUHAN
133	The Sathia Daniel Scholarship	Visually challenged student with good academic record (Degree)	ASHWIN WAGHMARE
134	The Sathia Daniel Scholarship	Visually challenged student with good academic record (Junior)	SHRAVANI PAWAR
135	The Sathia Daniel Scholarship	Children of Non-teaching Staff with highest marks at SSC Exam	VINAY INGALE
136	Wilsonian Prize	Best Article in Hindi	Rohit Gupta
137	Wilsonian Prize	Best Article in Marathi	Sawant Pratiksha
138	Nehru Prize	Best Essay in Hindi	Saloni Paunekar
139	Nehru Prize	Best Essay in Marathi	1) Tohake Dhanashree 2) Jadyar Tejas
140	Mrs. Padma Solomonraj Scholarship	Deserving Girl Students	Esther Rani Stalin
141	Mrs. Padma Solomonraj Scholarship	Deserving Girl Students	Ms. Tasneem Lokhandwala
142	Mrs. Padma Solomonraj Scholarship	Deserving Girl Students	Ms. A. Patel



Dr. Ajay Deshmukh, Registrar, Univeristy of Mumbai encouraging students and gracing the occasion.

Result Analysis 2018-2019

Degree College – Arts, Science and Self Financed Courses

Programme Code	Programme name	Number of students appeared in the final year examination	Number of students passed in final semester/ year examination	Pass Percentage
Semester Five				
Science	T.Y.B.Sc.	179	153	85.47%
	T.Y.B.A.	198	161	81.31%
Arts	T.Y.B.M.M.	100	94	94%
	T.Y.B.M.S.	137	127	92.70%
Commerce	T.Y.B.A.F.	54	50	92.59%
Information Technology	T.Y.I.T.	51	44	86.27%
	M.Sc. Part One	49	42	85.71%
Post Graduate	(Sem One)			
	M.Sc. Part Two	47	39	82.97%
	(Sem Three)			
Semester Six				
Science	T.Y.B.Sc.	174	145	83.33%
	T.Y.B.A.	197	180	91.37%
Arts	T.Y.B.M.M.	95	89	93.68%
	T.Y.B.M.S.	147	144	97.96%
Commerce	T.Y.B.A.F.	54	51	94.44%
Information Technology	T.Y.I.T.	51	42	82.35%
	M.Sc. Part One	49	37	75.51%
Post Graduate	(Sem Two)			
	M.Sc. Part Two	47	39	82.97%
	(Sem Four)			

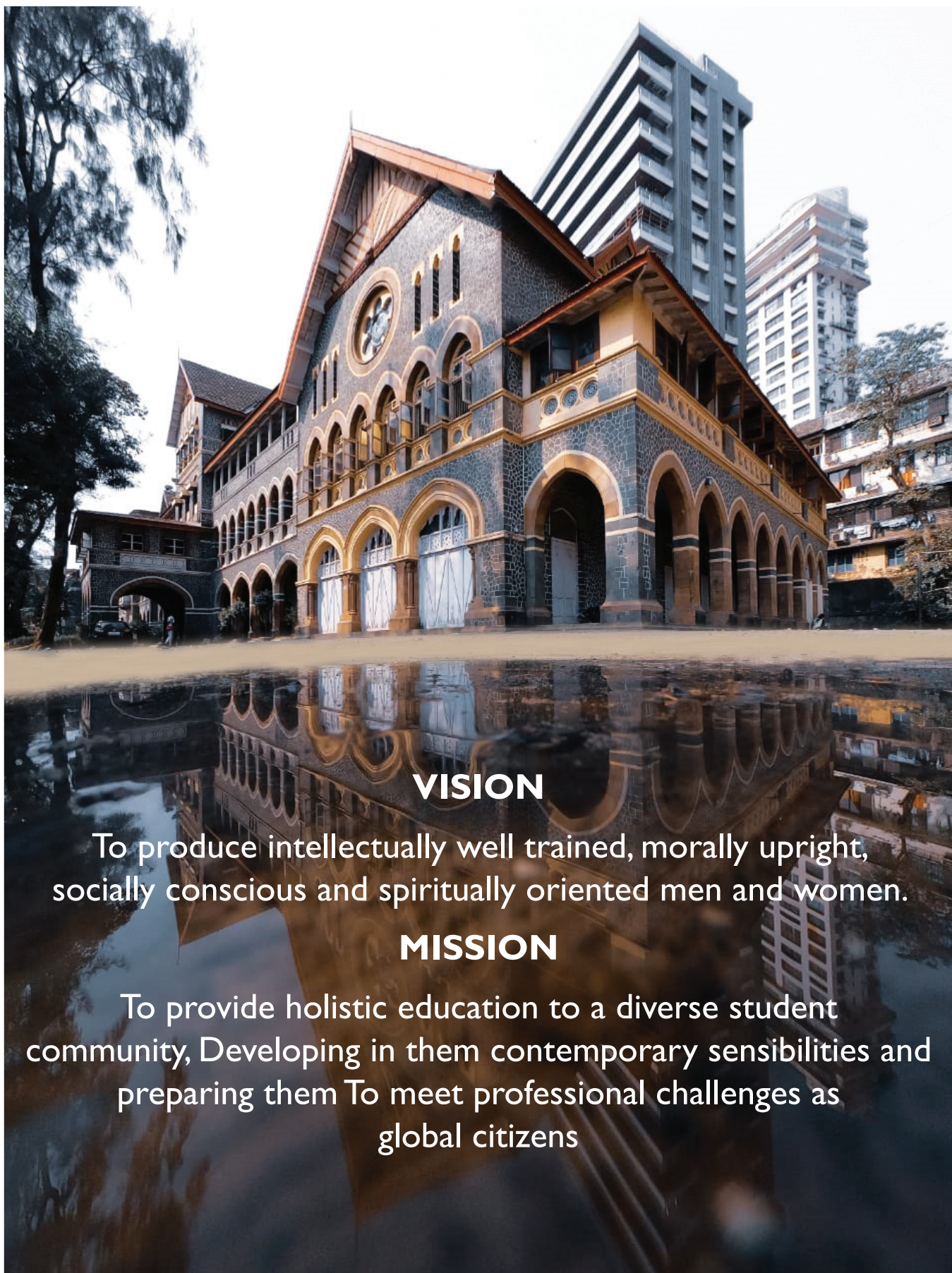
Result Analysis 2018-2019

Junior College

Class	Students appeared	Pass	Fail	Pass Percentage
XI th Arts	239	222	17	92.88
XI th Science	545	529	16	97.06
XII th Arts	248	244	4	98.38
XII th Science	486	308	78	83.95
TOTAL	1518	1403	115	92.42

STUDENT MUTUAL AID 20019- 2020

Section	Female Students	Male Students	Total no. of Students	Amount Disbursed
MSc	04	00	04	17,200
Aided Degree	20	21	41	1,76,300
Arts & Science				
Self- Financed Courses	11	14	25	1,07,500
Junior College				
Std. XI & XII	10	23	33	1,41,900
Arts and Science				
TOTAL	45	58	103	4,42,900



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To produce intellectually well trained, morally upright, socially conscious and spiritually oriented men and women.

MISSION

To provide holistic education to a diverse student community, Developing in them contemporary sensibilities and preparing them To meet professional challenges as global citizens



Pranthyad Padayachi



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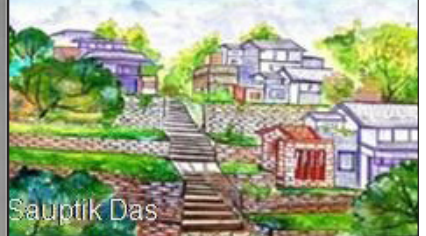
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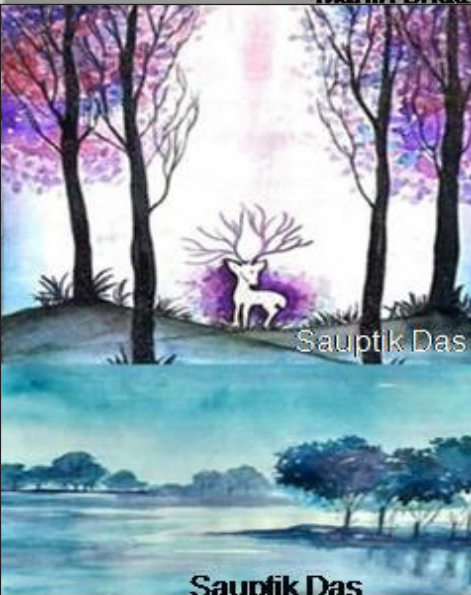
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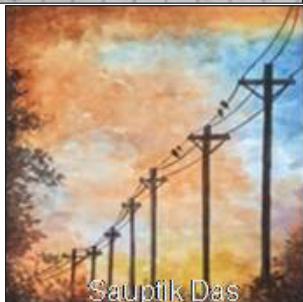
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