

Report of the Principal (2008-2009)

I present a brief report on the activities of our College during the academic year 2008-2009.

ENROLLMENT

Our office staff successfully completed online admissions for the Degree & Junior College & created a student database. We have an impressive strength of students in the Degree & Junior college both aided & unaided. The faculty wise break up is as follows –

Faculty	Degree	Junior
Arts	943	607
Commerce	1542	1006
Unaided	1357	236
Total	3842	1849

Total strength 5691 + 4 Research Students in Philosophy = 5695

New Courses

We have started a new unaided course B.com with Financial Market with an enrolment of 35 students and an additional division of FYBMS.

On 10th August 2008 a post graduate diploma in Library Automation and Networking has been introduced by the Department of Library & Information Science. This autonomous course is a first of its kind in the Mumbai University.

EXAMINATIONS

Success at the Examination is an important index to evaluate the performance of an Institution. Judged from that angle we have acquitted ourselves creditably.

Our **H.S.C.** results have been impressive.

In the **Commerce Faculty** our pass percentage is 92.58%.

61 students secured Distinction &

244 students were awarded First Class.

Gujar Shweta R. stood first in Board in the Subject Marathi among the girls.

Rankers in COMM. Faculty

Patankar Rajesh Prakash 84.50 %

Jadhav Tushar Tanaji 82.67 %

Singh Vishal Rajesh 82.17 %

In the **Arts faculty** our results are 78.57% with

4 Distinctions & 49 First Classes.

Rankers in ARTS faculty

Jadhav Sonal Ramesh 78.33 %

Tipnis Prajakta Pramod 76.83 %

Padale Akshata Vilas 76.00 %

Our Degree College students have secured rank and distinction in their subjects.

Rankers from T.Y.B.A are

1 .429/ 600 Dhembre Priyanka Sushil (71.50%) (Philosophy)

2. 424/600 Jaiswal Sneha Vijay (70.66%) (Philosophy)

2. 424/600 Thakkar Sagar Harishbhai (70.66%) (Economics)

3. 422/600 Yadav Pramila Ransjeevan (70.33%) (Hindi)

Rankers from T.Y.B.Com are

1. 587/ 700 Joshi Prashant Laxman.(83.85%)

2. 580/700 Agarwal Sarika Bipin. (82.85%)

3. 572/700 Samant Bhagyashree Vishwanath (81.71%)

Rankers from TYBMS are

- 1. 819/1200 Chavan Sarvesh Aba (68.25%)**
2. 819/1200 Hardikar Kalpita Vilas (68.25%)
3. 813/1200 Udas Avantika Kunjan (67.75%)
4. 800/1200 Fernando Jemiton Jawahar (66.66%)

Rankers from TYBCOM (A&F) are

- 1. 997/1200 Sovani Sunetra Shankar (83.08%)**
2. 985/1200 Gala Tamanna Rasik (82.08%)
3. 977/1200 Kharpude Yogita Eknath (81.41%)

Rankers from TYBCOM (B&I) are

- 1. 1051/1400 Tripathi Puja Shivprakash (75.07%)**
2. 1043/1400 Aundhekar Mukul Vijay (74.50%)
3. 1008/1400 Sawant Rohan Manohar (72.00%)

The Department of Library and Information Science brought glory to the college by securing first and second rank in the examination conducted by the Mumbai University. Priyadarshani Surve & Pradnya Pawar stood first & second respectively in the BLISc Examination.

Rankers from M.Lib.I.Sc. are

- 1. 470/1000 Pawar Sanam Kishor (47.00%)**
2. 465/1000 Navghare Ramakant Amar (46.5%)

Rankers from M.Com - II are

- 1. 450/800 Singh Mamata Rajendra (56.25%)**
2. 433/800 Pai Neeta Sudhakar (54.12%)
3. 413/800 Jambhulkar Rachana Ishwar (51.63%)
3. 413/800 Taru Vrushali Dilip (51.63%)

CO-CURRICULAR & CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Co-curricular & extra-curricular activities are important in the development of our students' personality.

SPORTS

Our College has established a formidable reputation in the field of sports. A separate report on the sports activities will be read later. However, some of our distinctive achievements must be highlighted.

Dhiraj Mishra 12th Com. Represented India and secured Gold Medal in triple jump at Youth Commonwealth Games 2008 at Balewadi, Pune.

Navin Singh from FYBcom represented India in high jump at Youth Commonwealth Games 2008 and secured 5th place at Balewadi, Pune.

Shankar Thevar of TYBCom won the Gold Medal at West Zone Open Competition and also won the Gold Medal in 90 kg weight group at State Level Competition held at Mumbai.

Sanchita Gaikar of TYBA won the Bronze Medal at Open Group Competition.

Samrudhi Patil from SYBcom won the silver medal in Swimming. (50 m. freestyle).

Pandarinath Dalvi from SYBA won Bronze medal in Wrestling at Mumbai University.

Surendra Inerkar won the gold medal in Carom at Thane district inter junior College tournament at Vasai and also won the Gold Medal at Mumbai Division Competition.

Sampada Raut of XIIth Com. won the Gold Medal in 38 kg group at Thane District inter junior collegiate competition.

Manali Deshpande of XIIth Com. won the silver medal in 60 kg group in Karate at Thane inter junior collegiate competition.

Kanad Meshram of XIIth Com. won the Silver Medal at Thane district SQAY Marshal Arts held at Thane. He also won the Bronze Medal at Mumbai division held at Wadala.

Mangesh Yadav, XII th Com. won the Gold Medal in 65 kg group at Thane District Inter Junior Collegiate Judo Competition.

Manali Shinde of XIIth Com. won the Gold Medal in Heavy weight group at Thane District taekwondo Competition.

Dnyanda Limaye of XIIth Com. won the Gold Medal in light weight kg group in the above mentioned tournament. In the Mumbai Zonal Taekwondo Competition Manali Shinde won the Silver Medal and Dnyanda Limaye won the Bronze Medal

Chinmay Agharkar of XIIth Com. was selected to represent Mumbai Division at State Level inter junior collegiate tournament held at Aurangabad.

Ajinkya Mauli won the Gold Medal in Long Junp and Bronze Medal in high jump at Thane District Inter Junior Collegiate Athletic Meet.

Our junior college boys and girls of the kho-kho team won at the Taluka level, at the inter junior college tournament, in September 2008 at Thane. The boys team were winners at Thane District inter junior collegiate kho-kho tournament.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

In the field of cultural activities our students have won a number of prizes.

Mayuri Pawar won the third prize in Classical Dance in inter-collegiate Youth Festival organized by the Mumbai University.

Kailas Kadam was awarded consolation prize for acting in inter-collegiate Youth Festival organized by the Mumbai University.

Sanjyoti Redkar of SYBA won first prize in Rangoli in NKT College, 1st prize in T-Shirt Painting and On the Spot Painting in Adarsh College, first prize in T-Shirt Painting in Dnyandashana College & 7 second prizes for creative activities in Ratnam, Somaiya & Adarsh College.

Venkatesh Kadam of SYBA won First Prize in Cartooning, Best out of Waste, Paper Bag Making in Ratnam College, First Prize in Tattoo making in Somaiya College and first in Rangoli in Dnyansadhana College.

Tejashree Parchure was awarded first prize for solo singing in Pragati College.

The Student Council Members under the guidance of Cultural Committee Members organized “**Gandharva Mahotsav**” an Inter-Collegiate Cultural Competition. 16 colleges participated in the Festival comprising of 16 events.

The Vivekananda Kendra (KanyaKumari) organized a State Level Contest and Camp **Vijay Poorna Vijay** in our College. An Orientation Programme, an Entrance Test and a one day camp was conducted. The one day camp included Yoga, Meditation and Vedic Mantras. 10 students of our college have been selected for State Level contest to be held from 31st Dec. to 4th Jan.

N.C.C.

Our College has NCC Army and Navy Unit for Boys and Girls. Our cadets are actively involved in attending Training Camps in different parts of the Country. In addition to this they are encouraged to participate in community activities like Tree Plantation, Blood Donation and Personality Development Programmes.

N.S.S.

The NSS Unit of our college increased its strength from 50 to 100 students. During the first term a number of programmes were organized. A few important ones are highlighted.

On 2nd August a District-Zonal Level programme was held along with ANIS. The topic was creating Scientific Approach and Awareness among students in the Community.

On 12th & 13th Sept. NSS volunteers along with Zilla Parishad officials went to remote areas of Thane District to measure the extent of malnutrition among children living there. The project was an eye-opener for our students.

NSS Unit organized a 10 days Camp at Mammoli, from 11th to 18th November 2008. In this camp attempt was made to cover different issues related to the village and issues related to the personality development of NSS volunteers.

On World AIDS Day - 1st Dec. 80 volunteers of the NSS join the rally organized by Thane Civil Hospital to create AIDS Awareness.

Scholar's Academy

The Scholar's Academy continues to encourage our young scholars in the pursuit of knowledge & academic excellence. For the convenience of the students the academy has bifurcated the activities of the Degree and the Junior College scholars. A number of interactive lectures have been organized for the students of the academy both in the Degree and the Junior College

Talent Academy

The Talent Academy has become an important forum for nurturing and encouraging creative talents of our students. Three workshops were organized by the Talent Academy. These were Dance, Rangoli & Light Vocal Music. Students enthusiastically participated in the Workshop.

Vyas Sabha

Vyas Sabha has been established for the staff members. As the name suggests it is a forum for discussing societal issues of significance. Members of Staff assemble once a week - Degree Staff on every Friday and Junior Staff on every Wednesday and discuss a pre-decided issue.

The following topics were discussed in the Vyas Sabha

- Violence in Campus
- Work life Balance
- Terrorism causes and solution
- Psychology of money.
- Book reviews
- Poetry reading
- Dress Code
- Jobs in Call Center
- Role of Electronic Media
- Problem of working women
- Talent Hunt or Tension Hunt
- Sex Education in Education field

An interesting aspect of the Vyas Sabha is a 15 minute Sanskrit Learning Session conducted by Professors Mugdha Kulkarni & Mathur Vaishya.

Workshops for Junior College

A workshop on XI std. online Admission was held in our College. Mrs.Sardesai, Chairman of Maharashtra Secondary & Higher Secondary Board, Mrs. Sheila Tiwari, Deputy Director and Shri.Mhatre, Asst.Director attended the workshop.

Parent Teacher Meeting

Teachers-Parents relationship is important for smooth functioning of the Institution.

A parent- teachers meeting was held for 11th classes on 23rd Aug.08, nearly 200 parents attended the meeting.

Fourth coming National Seminar

The College will be hosting a National Seminar on Post Independence Indian Literature. The seminar is organized by Sanskrit, Marathi, Hindi and English Departments.

Two pre-seminar workshops - on Post Independence Indian Literature was conducted on 22nd August 2008 & 20th November 2008. 14 members of our teaching staff presented papers along with other resource persons on various aspects related to the theme of the seminar. The National Seminar will be held on 16th & 17th January 2009. Eminent Scholars will be presenting papers on the occasion.

Students

Our students are our strength. Well behaved & disciplined they have contributed to the growing stature of our college. Our visitors have again and again complimented our students for their good behavior.

We have prizes in the category of **Best Students** Arts, Commerce, Self-financing (Degree College) and Arts & Commerce (Junior College). The prizes are awarded to the students for academic excellence, participation in extra curricular activities and exemplary behaviour.

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(For Best Student of the College) | Harshad Chitre |
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| 3) Best student of the College | Sanjyoti Redkar |
| 4) Best Student (Arts Faculty Deg. College) | Harshala Gulvi |
| 5) Best Student (Comm. Faculty Deg. College) | Gayatri Kumar |
| 6) Best Students Self-financing Courses | Madhur Wadhavane
Sarika Chiplunkar |
| 7) Best Student (Arts Faculty Junior College) | Mohini Nadkarni |
| 8) Best Student (Comm. Faculty Junior College) | Pratik Chaugule |

Achievements of Teaching Staff

We are fortunate in having a band of dedicated teachers and supporting staff who are engaged in a number of academic and related activities. I would like to mention some of them.

(Dr.)**Mrs.Namita Nimbalkar** (Lecturer in Birla College) was awarded the Ph.D. by the Mumbai University. Her subject of research was “Gandhi’s Concept of Religion and Communal Harmony. She completed her Ph.D. from the Research Center in Philosophy of our College under the guidance of Dr.(Mrs.) S.A.Singh.

Dr.(Mrs.) Suja Roy Abraham was awarded tge Ph.D. from Madras Christian College, Chennai. Her subject of research was “ Women in the Agricultural Folksongs of Central Kerala”.

Prof.(Mrs.) Shaila Srivastava completed her M.Phil in Economics from Alagappa University in May 2008. She was also awarded the Masters Degree in Population Studies from International Institute of Population Science.

Prof.(Mrs.) Leela Bhat successfully guided Prof.Rueen Ayaz Mirza for her M.Phil dissertation under Madurai Kamraj University. The topic of research was “Impact of Retail Management on the growth of Indian Economy”.

Prof.(Mrs.) Radha Natrajan presented a paper on Medical Tourism in India – Current Status on 20th Sept. under the auspices of the 3rd Deccan Geographical Society – India and International Geography Conference in Nagpur.

Prof.(Mrs.) Shobha Doshi has been granted leave under the UGC Faculty Improvement Programme to complete her Ph.D. in Philosophy. Her subject of research is “Man God Relations in the Systems of Vedanta”.

Prof.(Mrs.) Suchitra Naik counselor of the college was invited by several institutions to counsel students and teachers. Four colleges of Kalyan through Samaj Prabodhini invited her as a resource person for Premarital Counselling Programme. She was a resource person in the workshop conducted by Birla College for school teachers and resource person at the NSS Camp of Agarwal College. She has conducted workshops on Transactional Analysis, Lectures for Effective Parenting of teenagers & Effective Study Techniques for students for social organizations.

Prof.Tejaswini Nadgauda completed her Refresher Course in Mathematical Science organized by the Mumbai University & was awarded “A” Grade. She has authored a text book for FYBCOM in the subject of Mathematics & Statistics according to the Revised Syllabus of the Mumbai University.

Prof.(Mrs.) Priyamada Tokekar delivered a lecture of Women and Media in Birla College as part of Pre-Marital Counseling Programme of the College. She attended a two day teachers training programme on Gender and Sexuality organized by the Women’s Development Cell, Mumbai University.

Prof.N.S.Barse was invited as a resource person for one-day seminar, on “Changing Dimensions in College Librarianship by MD Shah College. He made a presentation on “Internet Access and Online Source of Information available on Web. Prof.Barse invited to present a paper on “Use of Information Communication Technology in Modern Libraries and Teachers Role” at the seminar organized by Karve Education Society College at Pune.

He was appointed as an expert by YCM Open University to guide M.Lib.I.Sc. students for the seminar at Sawantwadi Centre. He was invited to deliver a lecture on “Career Opportunities in Library and Information Science at Abhinav College. Prof.Barse was part of the syllabus revision committee for B.Lib.I.Sc. and M.Lib.I.Sc held at Department of Library and Information Science.

Prof.(Mrs.) Shaila Srivastava was invited as a resource person to give a lecture on “Impact of globalization on agricultural sector” on 13th Dec. 2008 by P.N.Doshi, U.R.Shah & Nanavati Women’s College of Arts, and Commerce & Home Science.

I would like to place on record the support & guidance from the Management, Teachers, Supporting Staff, and Students Council & Students. With such overwhelming goodwill we will be able to realize our vision of pursuing excellence in every field of activity.

I/c Principal

Our percentage of successful students at

TYBCOM	74.46%.
TYBA	93.00%
TYBMS	67.07%.
TYBCOM (A/ F)	100.00%.
TYBCOM (B/ I)	100.00%.
BLibIsc	79.31%
MLibIsc	100.00%
MCom.II	73.33%

Un-aided Section

- On 26th September 2008, LMC Committee of University of Mumbai visited college for Permanent Affiliation for BMS and B.Lib.ISc. They were very much impressed by the infra structure and functioning of the system and achievement of the students.
- Industrial visit of all F.Y. courses have been conducted regularly.
- Mr.Gupta delivered a guest lecture for Financial Market students.
- A Seminar was conducted on Library and Information Science conducted by Prof.N.S.Barse on 6th Dec.08. Principal Dr.(Mrs.) S.A.Singh was the guest of honour.
- On 13th Dec.08 an Un-aided section organized a seminar on How MBA as a career option and How it will change the Scenario Globally?

Forthcoming National Seminar

A UGC sponsored 2-day National Seminar on “Indian Philosophy: It’s Relevance in the 21st Century” will be held on 16th & 17th January 2009 at the Thorale Bajirao Peshwe Sabhagruha. Dr. R.Balasubramanian, Former Chairman, Indian Council for Philosophical Research and Former Director, Institute for Advanced Study in Philosophy, Chennai will deliver the keynote address. A special feature of the seminar will be a symposium on Texts, Tradition & Methods of Indian Philosophy to be chaired by Justice B.N.Srikrishna, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India.

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