Report of the Principal (2015)

I present a brief report on the activities of our College from January to December 2015.

Enrollment

The student strength in the Degree & Junior College including unaided sections is as following,

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Total strength 7029 + 4 Research Students in Philosophy = 7033

Results

Our H.S.C. result is as follows,

- **Commerce Faculty** passing percentage - 98.50 % with 173 Distinctions and 280 First Classes. The topper in H.S.C. Commerce is Bhaskar Naina Rajesh - who scored 88.92%

- **Arts faculty** passing percentage- 84.82% with 8 Distinctions and 89 First Classes. The Topper in H.S.C. Arts is Shirke Shraddha Shyam - who scored 84.62%

Our Degree College result is as follows:

- In **Arts faculty** our result is, 73.61% with 12 O’ Grades. The Topper in TYBA is Govande Rutuja Ulhas – 83.16%

- In **Commerce faculty** our result is 83.07% with 32 ‘O’ Grades. The Topper in T.Y.B.Com is, Kuvalekar Shruti Girish who scored 85.42%
• In BMS faculty our result is 65.11% with 29 ‘A’ Grades. The Topper in TYBMS is, Verma Nikita Shyamsundar who scored – 75.28%

• In T.Y.B.Com Accounts and Finance our result is 93.64% with 44 ‘A’ Grades. The Topper in T.Y.B.Com (Accounts and Finance) is Malusare Smita Balaram who scored – 84.33%

• In T.Y.B.Com Banking and Insurance our result is 81.98% with 17 ‘A’ Grades. The Topper in T.Y.B.Com Banking and Insurance is Narke Yogita Nandaram who scored – 83.28%

• In T.Y.B.Com Financial Markets our result is 97.50% with 5 ‘A’ Grade. The Topper in T.Y.B.Com (Financial Markets) is Raje Aishwarya Sadanand who scored –74.57%

• In TYBMM (Marathi Medium) our result is 94.44% with 3 ‘A’ Grade. The Topper in TYBMM is Nagare Yogita Madan who scored –60.57%

• In TYBMM (English Medium) our result is 83.70% with 3 ‘A’ Grade. The Topper in TYBMM is Singh Ravindra Jaiprakash who scored -57.28%

• The BLISc. result is 86.96% with 2 'A' Grade and Topper is Sachdev Mukta Gopaldas who scored –74.07%

• The M.LISc. result is 100% with 5 First Classes and the Toppers are Gogari Siddhi Ramesh who scored – 65.75%

• M.Com (Business Management) Sem-IV result is 92.86% with 2 'O' Grade and topper is Monteiro Jennifer Melvin with ‘O’ Grade.

• M.Com (Advanced Accountancy) Sem-IV result is 87.76% with 2 'O' Grade and topper is Nayak Gayatri Narayan with 'O' Grade.

• M.Com (Banking & Finance) Sem-IV result is 86.96% with 5 'A' Grade and topper is Gurav Supriya Ramchandra with 'A' Grade.

• Master of Arts in Communication & Journalism (MACJ) Sem- IV result is 100% and the Toper is Kshetri Sunita Uttam with 'A' Grade.
• M.A. In Hindi – Part II (Sem -IV) result is 87.50% with 1 'A' Grade and topper is Ram Seema Bholanath with ‘A’ Grade.

• M.A. In Philosophy – Part II (Sem -IV) result is 87.50% with 1 ‘O’ Grade and 4 'A' Grade and topper is Shikasangi Jyoti Madival with 'O' Grade.

**Important - Toppers**

• 1st in HSC Board in Secretarial Practice - Menon Kaniz Fatima and Kadam Darshana (97 marks) (12th Commerce).
• 1st in HSC Board in Economics – Katdare Shweta (97 marks)

• Secured 100/100 marks in Financial Accounting & Audit I (TYBCOM) Kulkarni Omkar
• 1st in University of Mumbai (B.Lib.Sc.) – Naik Arundhati

**Sports Degree College**

• Akshaya Jadyar - won Gold Medal in Cross Country and 1000 meter running Silver medal in 5000 meter running in University of Mumbai. Won silver medal in National level and state level 1500 meter running. Silver medal at west Zones athletics in 1500 mtrs.
• Ashish Pande – Gold medal in Javelin throw at Intercollegiate University of Mumbai
• Pritesh Goankar – won Gold medal in Judo (men) 90 kg at Intercollegiate University of Mumbai. Silver medal in state level and Bronze medal in National level Judo.
• Nisha Gaikward – won Silver medal in Boxing
• Ganesh Mahale won gold medal in badminton championship
• Pranjali Gokhale of 12th Commerce represented Maharashtra at National level Carrom Tournaments at Chennai
• Himani Gaonkar represented Maharashtra at National Level Judo competition held at Vadodara

**Talent Academy 2014-2015**

Youth Festival 2015 (University of Mumbai)

**Final Result**
• First Prize - Poster Making
• second prize - Elocution (Marathi & English) , Cartooning, Mono Act (Marathi & Hindi)
• Third Prize – on the spot Painting , Installation
• Consolation – Group Dance, Clay Modelling, Classical Singing, Hindi Skit, Debate (Marathi)

**Indian National Theatre – 2015**
• Best Music – Muskat – ‘Natyamay’
• Best Writer – Muskat – Hrishikesh kohle

**Aamdar Chashak – 2015**
• Cousollation Actor – Divya Mohite

**Student’s Forum**
• Lecture on ‘Understanding Soft Skills’ jointly organized with counseling cell.
• Visited State legislature – to observe live session. Mumbai Marathi Patrakar Sangh Press Club of India along with BMM (Marathi) Department.
• Model Youth Parliament session National Round – at University of Mumbai Kalina Campus.
• Quiz Competition – Scholars Academy Celebration of Human Rights Day
• PPT competitions on topics – Tolerant to intolerant India, are we?
Right to live in clean and healthy Environment with respect to ‘Swachha Bharat Abhiyan’.

Counseling Cell

The activities of the Cell have covered a wide spectrum. The cell has undertaken personal Counseling as well as group counseling. Various issues like emotional management, acquisition of study skills, examination anxiety Management, adjustment difficulties, and anger management were addressed in personal counseling. Therapies such as Retinal, Emotive Behaviour Therapy (REBT), Art therapy, eclectic approach, and parental counseling were applied. Nearly 150 students approached cell for personal counseling.

The year 2015-16 saw a number of activities. Session by expert counselors were held for students on Goal Setting and Time Management and confidence Building, as also on study skills, what is research, and stress Management.

The extended services include counseling by Dr. Suchitra Naik and Ms. Akshata Sonpatki in VPM’s Polytechnic and consultancy to Kendriya Vidyalay IIT, Pawai.

Looking at the need of students the cell has appointed a visiting psychiatrist (Dr. Shrirang Joshi). The manthan wing of cell, which is dedicated to social causes, has entered MOU with Parivartan Mahila Sanstha, (NGO) Dombivli. Teaching English to young children and conducting workshops on personality development for College going students and raising funds would be the main commitment of the cell.

Women Development Cell

- Knowing the problem of low level of haemoglobin WDC decided to conduct blood test to know level of haemoglobin of girl students. On 28th July 2015 in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi Blood Bank this test was conducted for 70 girl students. Out of these 70, almost 40 girls students have haemoglobin less than normal level
- For these girl students a lecture was organized to make them understand gravity of the problem. This lecture was delivered by Dr. Priya Sunder, Gynaecologist associated with Jupiter Hospital

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• In the second term food supplement and if necessary medicines will be provided and at term end once against blood test will be conducted for these girl students to find out level of change.
• Along with sport academy WDC organized self – defence training for girl students. This training was for weeks in which 25 girl students participated.
• During adolescence, both boys and girls face number of problems. (Both physical and psychological) Therefore One Day workshop titled ‘Being Young and Wise’ was organised. It covered two session one knowing your body and personality Development. The resource persons were Dr. Swati Shiradkar, Dr. Sunita Doibole and Mrs. Archana Narsapur.

Placement and Career Guidance Cell

• Career Guidance – This programme/activity helps to invoke importance of career planning in life a student. It also help to know the skills of students and different career options available. Total 8 programmes were conducted related to this activity.
• Training Programme – To enhance the skills and for developing personality of students 2 Youth Employability programme of 90 hrs.were conducted free of cost for all TY courses.
• Placement Programme – Total 14 companies visited our campus for Internship, part-time and full-time job recruitment. Total 125 students were selected.

Staff Academy – organized following programmes,

• Talk by Dr. Prakash Khandge, Director Lokkala Academy, University of Mumbai on Folk Culture.
• Speech by Dr. Mrudula Bele Expert in Pharmaceutical Science and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) on Parents and Access to Medicine'.
• Send-off to Prof. D.K. Morey on 28th February 2015 on his retirement.

Research Academy

The Academy was formally inaugurated on 31st August 2015. 26 students were registered as members. The academy met thrice this year to discuss the various facets of research and activities to be undertaken this academic year. With Avishkar- Research Competition of University of Mumbai as focus different methods of conducting research and preparing questionnaire were included in the discussions. A guest lecture was conducted on ‘Research with Reference to

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Avishkar’ by Dr. Manali Londhe, Director, Department of Student Welfare, University of Mumbai on 21st Nov 2015. A total of five students represented the college for the competition on 5th December, 2015.

**Research Committee (Degree College)**

The Research Committee was constituted in the Institution to monitor and encourage research culture among the teachers. Lecture on ‘Overseas Research Scholarships’ by Mr. Vivek Panchpande, Practical and Guidance Lecture on Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) by Asst.Prof. Mohini Kulkarni and Guest Lecture on Avishkar-2015 (Research Competition for Teachers and Students) by Dr. Manali Londhe, Director of Students Welfare Department, University of Mumbai and Co-convenor of Avishkar 2015 were some of the major activities of the Research Committee.

The following teachers have successfully completed their U.G.C Minor Research Projects:

1. Asst.Prof. Neeta Phatak (Principal Investigator) 
   Asst.Prof. Sagar Thakar (Co-Investigator) 
   Asst.Prof. Geetanjali Raut (Co-Investigator)

2. Assoc.Prof. Geeta Luktuke

3. Asst.Prof. Dr. Indrani Roy

4. Dr. Suja Roy Abraham (Principal Investigator) 
   Asst.Prof. Tanvi Pokhare (Co-Investigator)

Asst.Prof. Archana Prabhudesai is pursuing her U.G.C Minor Research Project.

**Nature Club organized following programmes,**

- Nature Trek organized to Vikatgad (Neral-Karjat) on 5th July 2015 to explore Horal biodiversity in Monsoon. Total 24 students participated
- Field visit organized to Karnala Bird Sanctuary and Karnala Fort near Panvel. Total 44 students participated in this event
- Nature club initiated the project called ‘Sahyadri Biodiversity Park’ based on moral diversity of Sahyadri region. In this project more than 150 species of native plants of Sahyadri collected by students, same will be exhibited to make our students aware about the plant identification

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• Nature club member conducted the plant census in the college campus
• Nature club teachers and student members organized Green Audit of college on 18th November 2015 in association with Paryavaran Dakshata Mandal, Thane
• Pre-visit Trek to Kalsubai (Highest Peak) I Maharashtra organized on 21st November 2015

N.C.C. Naval Unit organised following programmes,

Our UNIT Celebrated Maharashtra Day on 1st May 2015 over there Cadet Captain Prashant Singh was the Parade Commandor and P.O. Cadet Rahul Gawai & P.O. Cadet Manish Sahani were the Pilots.

The Enrollment of 1st Year Cadets were Started in June 2015. On the Date 18th July 2015 our NCC Cadets went to Kalina University to Celebrated 159th Foundation Day of “Mumbai University”.

On 26th June 2015 our unit Celebrated this Day as a No Addiction Drug Day, Sr. Police Inspector Shri M.V. Dharmadhikari & Dr. Shailesh Umate were the Chief Guest.

On 27th June 2015 our Naval Unit were Planted 64 Trees in our College Campus.

On 4th July our Naval unit were Organised a Special Career Lecture on Merchant Navy For all NCC Cadets of Army (Girls and Boys) and For Naval Units.

On 14th July 2015 Our Naval Unit & Thane Traffic Police were Jointly Organised a Road Safety Programme by distributing 200 helmets to students for this Programme Joint Commissioner of Police Shri V.V. Laxminarayan and D.C.P. Ms. Rashmi Karandilkar were the Chief Guest.

On 25th July 2015 we celebrated this Day as a Vijay Kargil Diwas were the Guest of Speaker was Adv. Rajiv Pandey.

On 3rd August 2015, Blood Donation Camp was organized.

Our UNIT Celebrated Independence Day on 15th August 2014. From 24th August-2nd September our 40 Cadets were went for Combine Annual Training Camp which were held at Newzea Land Hostel,Goregaon. Captain Prashant Singh was selected as Camp Senior and were this year again we got a very Big Achievement our College unit won Drill Competition 2015, Alongwith this Cadet Captian Prashant Singh & Cadet Sanghmitra Gangurde were Selected as Best Cadet in SD & SW and from this camp Cadet Vishakha Rajivale selected for Nau Sainik Camp & Cadet Sanghmitra Gangurde, Cadet Aniket Khedekar,Cadet Sachin Verma selected for Republic Day Camp.

In Pulse-Polio Immunization Programme Nine Cadets Participated at Thane Railway Station.

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On 2nd October i.e. Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti on this special occasion 47 cadets were participated in Swachhata Abhiyan that we took in our College.

On the occasion i.e., on 31st October the birth anniversary of “Ironman Shri Sardar Vallabhai Patel” jayanti we celebrated this day as ‘RUN FOR UNITY’.

From 16th November to 21st November were we organised a Civil Defence Basic Course in our College were total 71 Students was Participated.

On 26th November 2015 we celebrated this day as Constitutional Day. We Conducted a Rally in our College Premises to make a awareness about Rules and Regulation in Youth.1st-3rd December NDRF Team & our NAVAL Unit were organised a three days Disaster Training Camp in Thorale Bajirao Peshave Auditorium. For NCC Day Camp Cadet Aniket Khedekar was selected for Gaurd of Honour

On 8th December 2015 in our college we organised NCC Drill Competition which was organized for Junior Division and Senior Division of NCC NAVAL UNIT, ARMY(GIRLS/BOYS) BATTALIAN & AIR FORCE WING in which Total 200 Cadets was Present in Drill Competition. Inauguration is Done by the our Honourable Principal Dr.(Mrs.) Shakuntala A. Singh and the Prize Distribution is done by Thane Traffic Police Officer Shri Deepak Chaudhary, M.D. Shah College were got 1st Prize and Shathey College got 2nd Prize.

N.C.C. Army Girls Unit

Following are the highlights,

Our Cadets from NCC Army girls Unit participated in the various Annual Training Camps as well as Inter Group Competition Camps and National Level Camps.
Cadet Ekta Goulkar attended Inter group Competition camp for athletics at Amravati and secured First position for 100 mts. running, Relay competition and Long Jump Competition. She won the two shields and one memento for the same.
Cadet Ekta Goulkar Represented Maharashtra State in 100 meters running in National Games held at Delhi in the month of November.
Cadet Pranali Patkare and Cadet Laxmi Anekar selected for the special cultural camp for lazim which is going to be held at Delhi from 20 Jan to 30 Jan 2016.

NSS carried out the following activities,

- NSS Unit is continuously working for the betterment of society as well as of the students. This year’s activities started with the Each One Teach One Programme in the Summer Vacation period. NSS Unit has constructed “PANPOIS” for Birds in the college campus. NSS volunteers are helping blind
students for preparation of examination and also as a writer during the period of examination. NSS unit throughout the year celebrated various Days such as International Yoga Day, International Anti Narcotic Day, Independence Day, Saddbhavana Din, National Unity Day, Constitution day. 3 Tree plantation programmes were arranged with “Hariyali, Thane” and “Manashakti Kendra, Kharghar”. NSS volunteers have participated in different District level and State level camps and gave their breathless performances. In this year NSS volunteers prepared and distributed 350 handmade notebooks and 120 new notebooks to the utterly poverty stricken students.

Volunteers appealed the college students to collect and give their used clothes. NSS Unit distributed these clothes to the tribal children and adults at the ‘MasrundiPada’, which is an adopted village for 7 days residential camp. NSS unit organized lectures on various topics and invited experts in that field to give proper guidance to the students. Miss Padmashree Bainade, Dy. Collector Mumbai, guided the students for the preparation of competitive examination. Certificate Course in Social Work was organised by NSS unit for the volunteers in which 7 guest speakers were invited to talk on various social issues. Volunteers also did field work during those 7 days of the course. 50 volunteers attended Civil Defense Course. As an essential part of NSS, 7 Days residential camp was organised with 75 volunteers at Mamnoli, Murbad. Volunteers worked soul stirringly for 7 days and constructed Check Dam in the village and also conducted cleanliness campaign and Animal vaccination. NSS Unit on every Saturday conducts Cleanliness campaign in the college campus and even in the adopted area. NSS volunteers participated in Pulse Polio Immunization programme. In 2 Blood Donation Campaign conducted during the year, NSS Unit collected 227 Blood bottles. They also conducted Thalassemia tests for the students on the same day. To create awareness among society, NSS Unit, throughout the year participated and organised various awareness campaigns, Rallies, workshops, seminars, etc. volunteers has performed various Street Plays in the society to make people aware of the problems and their solutions.

Throughout the year NSS volunteers achieved laurels. Miss Siddhi Kambli selected and attended “Avhan 15” state level Disaster preparedness camp at SNDT Women’s University, Churchgate. The NSS volunteer MankeshDhayagude was selected for SRD/NRD camp. NSS volunteer VaradaPatil was selected for “Utkarsha camp” which is a cultural activity of NSS volunteers at university level. NSS Unit of ouecollage participated in Inter Collegiate Competition “Indradhanushya”, organised by M. L. Dahanukar College, NSS unit. They won Best College Trophy with 3 other trophies in 3 different competitions. NSS volunteers also participated in “YuvaTarang 2015” Inter-college festival organised by Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil College, Thane. They won “Karmaveer Chashak”, which was for Best College. With that 10 other trophies for individual performance in various competitions.
On 15th and 16th December, 2015. Our college participated in the “UTTUNG FESTIVAL” of N.S.S. Unit of R.A. Podar College, Matunga. In which we have participated 6 events namely:

- Photography.
- Zero Se Hero.
- Pestel the Poster.
- Short Film/Documentary.
- Street O Mamia.
- Scibber O Blabber.

The Winners are:

- Photography: 1st Prize - Snehal Main.
- Short Film/Documentary: 2nd Prize - 1. Nirmit sanaye.
  2. Snehal Main.
  2. Prerna Pawar
  3. Ankita Halaye
  4. Shraddha Thanekar.

We also won the **Best College Award Trophy of N.S.S. Unit**.

**N. S. S. Committee Junior College**

N.S.S. committee conducted following activities:

On 30th July 2015, 30 N.S.S. volunteers attended ‘Nisarg Mela’ in the month of August. N.S.S. volunteers sell the Rakhis which is made by Blind students and tried to help them.

On 30th July 2015 again 30 N.S.S. volunteers attended ‘Nisarg mela’ at Manpada Nisarg parichay Kendra, Thane and Many students participated in competitions like Nature Photography, quiz competition and street play.

On 2nd Oct 2015 all the N.S.S. volunteers joined the swacchata abhiyan and cleaned the college campus and tried to create awareness about clean India.

On 9th Dec 2015 40 N.S.S. volunteers attended ‘Environmental Film Festival’ organized by Paryawaran Dakshata Mandal, Thane.
**Generation Dialogue (Degree & Junior College) organised following programmes,**

- On 25th June speech on Personality Development by speaker Durgesh Parulekar was conducted.
- On 12th August, 2015 programme on Samarpan Dhyan Yog was conducted. Mr. Kirtibhai Asthik was invited to guide the students on Dhyan Yog.

**Speakers Academy organised following programmes,**

Speakers’s Academy inaugurated by Conveyor of this year’s National Seminar Prof. Mahesh Patil. Near about 35 students enrolled their names this year. Our students represented the college for a reputed newspaper Loksatta column ‘Kattyavarchi Golmej’. Another Marathi newspaper Maharashtra Times organized a debate on ‘Digital India’ in which 12 students gave their reviews. Students have achieved more than 25 prizes in this academic year till date. The students of this College have achieved a milestone known as ‘Youth Festival Literary Trophy’ in the year 2015-16.

**Vyas Sabha**

It is a forum for teachers to discuss issues of societal importance.

Some of the topics discussed in the Vyas Sabha are:

- Review of Modi Government
- How safe is instant and package food?
- शिक्षण पद्धतीय योगविषयोंचे स्थान
- Major academy issues and University of Mumbai
- Internet addiction
- Financial crisis in Greece
- Online shopping
- Yoga practice workshop
- A tribute to Dr. A.P.J Abdul kalam
- My favourite book
- Concept of Digital India

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Postponement of Mumbai University Senate Elections and its implication
भारतीय उत्तर (सं) आणि आपण
Concept of payment bank

The Vyas Sabha of Jr. College started from 6th July 2015. Jr. College conducts Vyas Sabha on every Monday at 4.55 p.m. in the staff room. Various current issues like Role of Yoga in Education, Economic Crisis in Greece, Online shopping, A tribute to Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Concept of Digital India and so on were discussed by the teachers. Till date 12 Vyas Sabha's were conducted by Jr. College. All teachers are actively and enthusiastically participating in the discussion of Vyas Sabha.

Vivekananda Study Circle


Swadhyay Varg is conducted by study circle once in a week to give training to the students of self-learning, group discussion and developing logical thinking.

Junior College Yoga Committee has conducted 3 months Yoga for students and 82 students had completed 3 months course under the guidance of Prof. Neelima Shastri madam. Students had participated enthusiastically.

Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension (DLLE)

This Department with the objective of “To Reach the Unreached”, offers extension work projects to encompassing social issues.

→ 176 students both from aided and unaided enrolled under four different projects:

1) Status of women in Society. (SWS)
2) National Institute of Open schooling. (NIOS)
3) Population Education Club. (PEC)
4) Career Project under DLLE. (CP)

→ First and Second Term in house training programme for extension work students was conducted by Chairperson Mrs. Sangeeta Mohanty on 19th October,
2015 and 12th December, 2015 respectively.

→ SWS, NIOS, PEC students conducted Surveys, Poster making, Lectures, Debate, Powada, Campaigning at community level on Right to education, Child Labour, Violence against Women, Laws protecting to women, importance of
→ Essay Writing Competition conducted on “Intolerance in India” and “Environmental Hazards” at college level dated 14th December, 2015.
→ Debate and Elocution Competition conducted at the college level dated 17th
→ Street Play on “HIV AIDS Awareness” was performed by DLLE students and was awarded 2nd Position in UDAAN Festival Mumbai University.

→ CP group conducted Career Exhibitions, Interviews, Talks, Pamphlets, Posters and brochures on different professions.

**Parent-Teachers Association ( Jr.College )**

To fill up the gap of communication and to give better attention to the pupil, the Parent-Teacher Association had arranged parents meeting and Principal's address program for FYJC & SYJC in the academic year 2015-16.

**Arts Circle ( Jr.College )**

The inauguration of Literary Association Jr. College was done by renowned artist Sampada Joglekar on 4th July 2015. We conducted workshop for the students in the field of anchoring and presentation skills. Ms.Sampada Joglekar guided the students about presentation skills.

Literary Association also conducted the Essay Competition for the students in which around 150 students participated very actively.

**Scholars' Academy ( Jr.College )**

Scholar’s Academy has organised an inaugural function on 30th June 2015. The Chief Guest of the programme was Prof. Suchitra Naik, Professor of Psychology and Philosophy and an official councilor of our college. Prof. Suchitra Naik delivered an excellent speech on the topic, “On Threshold of youth”. It was like a councelling workshop specially for the teenagers.
On 10th July 2015, a guest lecture was organized on “Yoga as a Stress Buster” by Prof. Vijaya Khare. The Chief Guest expressed her views on how to deal with stress with the help of yoga.

Students performed different Yoga Postures and finally the programme ended with Meditation.

In the month of October we have conducted library orientation programme for two days for Arts and Commerce Students.

On 9th December, 2015 Scholars’ Academy Students attended “Environmental film festival” organized by Paryavaran Dakshata Mandal, Thane.

**Speakers' Academy (Jr. College)**

Speakers academy organized various programmes for all round development. A One day workshop organized by the academy and the programme was headed by Sampada Kulkarni a well known TV star. Lectures on personal development were organized. Three months programme with swami Vivekananda Centre of Joshi Bedekar College was organized on behalf of Late President Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam’s memorable day academy organized Elocution and Essay Competition.
National Seminar

The following seminars were organized in academic year 2014-15,

- One day National Seminar on ‘Article 370 of Indian Constitution’ in association with Jammu-Kashmir Study Centre, Thane
- “Women's Quest for Equality in India-Promises, Problems and Prospects”
- ‘3rd Cycle of NAAC and Role of IQAC in Higher Education Institutes’

Forth-coming National Conference

The Film Society of our College is going to organize a Two Day National Conference on ‘Indian Cinema: Post, Present and Future’ on 8th & 9th January 2016.

Achievements of Teaching Staff

We are fortunate to have a band of dedicated teachers and supporting staff.

Following are some of the achievements of our teaching and non-teaching staff

Principal, Dr.(Mrs.) Shakuntala A. Singh

- She is the NAAC Assessor/Peer Team Member.
- Participated in the one day ‘Exploratory Workshop on Quality Circle and Graduate Attributes’ held at KET’s V.G. Vaze College, Mulund on 2nd March 2015.
- University sports committee and Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor has nominated as Chairperson of the University Tournament and Section Committee for Badminton for the year 2014-15
- K.J. Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce was invited as member of the subject Board on 13th January 2015.
• Birla College, Kalyan was invited as a resource person for One day Awareness Programme on “NAAC Assessment and Accreditation for Non Accredited College” on 28th February 2015.

• University of Mumbai has appointed as member of the Expert Committee to visit the Sonubhau Baswant Arts and Commerce College

• Actively participated in the One Day ‘Exploratory Workshop on Quality Grade and Graduate Attributes’ held at KET’s V.G. Vaze College.

• Appointed as an expert in Local Inquiry Committee,(University of Mumbai) to visit Ishwardas Chunilal Yogic Health Centre, Kaivalyadham to enroll students for Ph. D (Arts) degree Course in the subject of Yoga from the academic year 2014-15.

• Appointed as a convener of Local Inquiry Committee, by University of Mumbai to visit Suyash College of Arts, Commerce and Science – Murbad and Sonubh66au Baswant Arts and Commerce College – Shahapur.

Asst. Prof. Suchitra Naik

• Completed Ph.D on ‘Philosophy of Education: A Constructive Analysis and Evaluation of Aims Methods and Constructs’

• Presentation on the theme of Reconstruction of Nai Talim; Speculations was done at Bombay Philosophical Society.

Dr. Deepak Sable

• Recognized as Ph.D guide in business Economics (Commerce) by the University of Mumbai.

• Recognized as Ph.D guide in Economics by Jagadish Prasad Jhabarmal Tibrewala University, Rajasthan

• One Week Short Term Courses (STC) in organized by UGC Academic Staff College.

• Paper presented in one day National Conference on Status of Women in Transitional Society organized by Amlani College, Vile Parle, Mumbai

• Paper presented in National Conference on Indian Women: Local to Global organized by Pragati College, Dombivli
• Paper Presented in International Conference on Cultivating New Avenues in Service Sector Industry in Globalized Era”. Organized by Nanavati Women’s College and Amlani College, Mumbai
• Paper presented and published in International Conference on “A Tool for Socio-Economic Development” jointly organized by Golvala College, DAV College and JIJTU
• Paper presented and published in International Conference on Skill Development: The Key to Economic Prosperity”, organized by DAV College, Bhandup, Mumbai.
• Research paper presented and Published on “Gender Budgeting (GB) in Local Body Government: a Case study of Budgetary Provision of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai, organized by Women Development Cell (WDC) of VPM’s Joshi-Bedekar College Thane, Maharashtra. This research paper has been won the adjudge the “Best paper” from the technical session no.5.
• Research paper presented and published on “Obligations of State Governments in Food Security of India: A study of Maharashtra State.”, organized by the Department of Economics, Pragati College, Dombivli, Thane, Maharashtra.
• Research paper presented and published on “An Affordable Mechanism for the Indian Educational Institutions: A “Chalk-dust on Duster” Remover Machine” on organized by VPM’s Polytechnic College, Thane, Maharashtra.
• Research paper presented and published on “Financing Infrastructure: A study of All Scheduled Commercial Banks Credit to Infrastructure Sector in India.” organized by the Department of Economics, Dyansadhana College, Thane, Maharashtra.
• Research paper presented and published on “Bank Based Credit and Market Based Credit in India: A study of Pre and Post Liberalization.” On, Organized by the Department of Economics, Birla College, Kalyan, Thane, Maharashtra.

Dr. Anil Dhawale

V.P.M.’s Joshi-Bedekar College, Thane.
Delivered a lecture for Ph.D students at KTMH College. On the subject of ‘भारतीय वेदांत का भक्ति साहित्य पर प्रभाव’

Presented paper in the International seminar on ‘वैदिक स्तर पर हिंदी का बदलता ----- और अन्तर्जाल’ at Birla College.

Attended short term courses which was held on ASC, University of Mumbai

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**Dr. (Mrs.) Indrani Roy**

- Completed UGC Sanctioned Minor Research on ‘Archeological Heritages of Thane City’
- Published an article ‘Wailing Wall of Elmina’ in the book Heritage Tourism – Marketing Legacy Published by Bharati Publication New Delhi
- Published a article in ‘Multi-religious Heritages of Thane City’ in the book Konkan Itihas Sangrah published by Konkan Itihas parishad

**Dr. (Mrs.) Suja Roy Abraham**

- Successfully completed UGC Minor Research Project titled, ‘Widening the Scope of Folk Literature in University Curriculum –A Pragmatic pproach’
- Was awarded the Post Graduate Certificate in Teaching of English (P.G.C.T.E) from the English and Foreign Language University (EFLU) Hyderabad

**Dr.(Ms.) Jayshree Singh**

1. Published a research paper on the topic “Krishna Agnihotri ki Aatmakatha ka Parichay” in a book titled ‘Hindi Aatmakathayen : Sandarbh aur Prakriti’ Published by Paridrishya Prakashan, Kanpur.
2. Published a research paper on the topic “Harivanshray Bachchan krit Milanyamini ki Shringar Bhavana” in a Journal titled ‘Concept’ Published by Smt. MNP Shah Women’s College, Matunga.

3. Published a research paper on the topic “Aadi Mithkon evam Lokkathaon me Surya - Chandra” in a book titled ‘Prvottar Bharat ka loksahitya’ Published by Akhil Bharateey Sahitya Parishad Nyas, New Dehli.

4. Presented and Published a research paper on the topic “Vigyapan ki Duniyan me Apni Jameen ki Talash me Stri ka Sangharsh” in two days National Seminar titled ‘Women’s Quest for Equality in India : Promises, Problems and Prospects ’ organized by Joshi - Bedekar College, Thane.

5. Presented and Published a research paper on the topic “Vishwapatal Par Hindi” in two days International Conference organized by Birla College, Kalyan on 27th – 28th November, 2015


7. Presented a research paper on the topic “Samkaleen Hindi Kahaniyon me Samajik Sambandh” in two days National Seminar organized by S.I.E.S College, Sion, Mumbai.

8. Delivered 8 hrs Hindi Learning lectures to Japanese students of Kyoto Sangyo University in cultural Exchange Programme in the month of September, 2015.

9. Invited as a Guest Speaker for a Radio Talk on the topic “Hamare Tyohar Navratri” by All India Radio, Mumbai.

Asst.Prof.Ms.Pradnya Rajebahadur

- Successfully completed course work of Ph.D from Savitribai Phule, Pune University with ‘O’ Grade
- Presented paper at Vaze Kelkar College on the topic’ Development of Child Labour Juriprudence through Indian Judiciary – a Critique
- Attended seminar on ‘Human Rights, Labour Reforme, Research skills of Savitribai Phule Pune University.
- Presented paper at ‘Lala Lajpartrai College of Commerce and Economics on ‘Awarness Social Responsibility: Pharma Companies Prespective

V.P.M.’s Joshi-Bedekar College, Thane.
• Presented paper at K.B. College of Commerce on ‘Indian Companies Act. 2013: An overview with respect to Corporate Social Responsibility

**Asst.Prof.Shivaji Naik**

• Presented research paper entitled ‘Blocultural Community and role of Tribal Women in Hilly Tracks of Maharashtra in National Conference organized by Joshi Bedekar College
• Successfully completed Orientation Programm with ‘A’ Grade from Kumau University Nainital in March 2015
• Presented research paper entitled ‘Religious Traditions and Conservation practices in South Kokan organized by Academic Staff College, Nainital based on Science and Religion in March 2015
• UGC approved a minor research project entitled ‘Ecotourism: potential and possibilities of development in the Hilly forts of Karjat

**Asst.Prof.Ms.Archana Doifode**

• Presented paper in two Days International seminar at University of Pune entitled ‘The Role of Government Policies in Girl’s Education’
• Presented research paper ‘Impact of Tourism: A Resident’s perspective’ at M.V.P. Samaj’s Arts, Science and Commerce College, Ozar
• ‘Declining child Sex Ratio: An Alarm’ was presented a National Conference organized by Joshi Bedekar College, Thane
• Presented research paper ‘An Overview Study of Child Health In India’ organized by II PS Mumbai
• Presented research paper at National Conference at Fonda Ghat on ‘Rural Tourism and Conserving Biodiversity’
• UGC has approved the minor research project entitled ‘Development process and its Consequences : A Study of Parsik Hills in Thane

**Asst. Professor Ms. Archana Prabhudesai**

1. UGC sponsored two day National Conference on Women’s Quest for Equality in India Promises, Problems and Prospects 9th and 10th January
Theme of the Paper- A study of awareness about right to information act among female citizens’ (with reference to KalyanTaluka, Dist. Thane)

2. UGC sponsored one day National Conference on Indian Financial Markets-Issues and Challenges on 5th February 2015. organized by Pragati College, Dombivli
Theme of the paper- A study of Income and Investment pattern among working women in Thane City.

3. UGC sponsored one day Inter National Conference on Skill Development on 7th March 2015, organized by DAV College, Bhandup
Theme of the paper- The influence of persuasive skills of television advertising on youth buying behaviour

Received Best Research Paper Award for this conference


5. UGC sponsored two day Inter National Conference jointly organised by Mumbai University & Golwala College, Bhandup (W)
Theme of the Paper - A study of perceived influence of mim(mobile instant messaging) - whatsapp among the smartphone users w.r.t. Dombivali City

6. A One Day National Seminar jointly organized by KPB Hinduja College & ICSSR On Women Empowerment: A Feminist Discourse
Theme of the Paper - A case study on contribution of NGO’s towards women empowerment.

Dr. Sagar Thakkar
- Awarded Ph.D Degree by University of Pune
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Asst.Prof.Ms.Swati Bhalerao

- Presented a paper in National Seminar organised by Joshi Bedekar College on ‘वेदकालीन सिद्धांत’.

Ms. Aabha Pande

- Attended the 89th session of IPC (Indian Philosophical Congress) at Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh
- Attended IQAC sponsored National Level Research Methodology Workshop on ‘Emerging Trends In Research’ at B.L. Amlani College, Mumbai
- Attended a guest lecture by Dr. (Prof.) Panneerselvam at the Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai
- Attended a workshop on ‘Environmental Ethics organized by the department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai
- Attended one session on ‘Immanuel Kant’ among the lecture series ‘From Kant to Habermas’ organized by Max Muller Bhavan and University of Mumbai
- Attended ‘Gandhi and Tagore session’ organized by the Gandhi Centre. CHM College, Ulhasnagar

Mrs. Vineetha Nair

V.P.M.’s Joshi-Bedeakar College, Thane.
• Presented Paper entitled ‘Responsibility Tourism’ a case study of Kumarakom in Kerala’ in 2 days National Conference on ‘Tourism, Natural Resources and Biodiversity at A &C College Phondaghat.

Mr. Nitin Pagi

• Research paper presented entitled ‘ Bio-cultural community and Role of Tribal women in Hilly Tracks of Maharashtra’ organised by Joshi Bedekar College, Thane

Asst.Prof.Ms.Mugdha Keskar

1. Presented a paper titled ‘Corporate Governance by Banks’ in National Conference at Dnyansadhana College

Mrs. Sangita Mohanty

• Presented paper titled ‘Status and Role of Women in Media’ in the National Conference on ‘Women quest for equality’ organized by Joshi Bedekar College
• Published paper titled ‘Market Driven Economy and its Impact on live Style Management of Women Professionals’ –a Sociological study on women professionals in Mumbai City in International Journal of Social Science
• Worked as a member in syllabus framing committee of FYBMM, TYBMM at the University level

Ms. Mohini Kulkarni

• Completed M.Phil in statistics from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mumbai with 1st Class

Ms. Mugdha Bapat

• National Conference – 1 paper presented
  Title – Importance of Marketing Research in Tourism Development & its awareness among tour operators at SGM College, Mumbai.
  Awarded as outstanding research paper

Ms. Urmila Shetve

• National Seminar on Emerging trends in Business : Issues, opportunities and challenges held at SIA Coll of Higher Education Title of the Paper – Agro Tourism – An opportunity for Women Empowerment.

V.P.M.’s Joshi-Bedekar College, Thane.

In conclusion I would like to place on record the support & guidance from the Management, co-operation from Administrative Team, Teachers, Supporting Staff, and Students’ Council & Students. With such overwhelming goodwill we will be able to realize our vision of ‘Information to Knowledge and Knowledge to Wisdom” and quest for excellence.

Thank You

Student's Special Achievements 2015-16

1. Rolling Trophy to the Best Student - **Husain Rokadia** (TYBMS)
2. Ghanshamdas Saraf Trophy to the Best Student - **Kiran Bisht** (TYBcom) & **Asmita Sharma** (TYBA)

3. Late Shri. G.K. Dandekar Guruji Prize (through Shri. Suresh Dandekar) to the Best Student recommended by the Principal - **Pritesh Gaonkar** (TYBI)

4. Best Student (Arts Faculty Deg. College) - **Gokul Jadhav** & **Amrin Khan** (TYBA)

5. Best Student (Comm. Faculty Deg. College) - **Archana Dixit** &

*V.P.M.'s Joshi-Bedekar College, Thane.*
Suraj Kadhane  
(TYBCom)

6. Best Students unaided Courses - Tabinda Khan (TYAF)
7. Best Student (Arts Faculty Junior College) – Falguni Joshi
8. Best Student (Comm. Faculty Junior College) - Happy Chandalia

9. Late Shri Viju Natekar Smruti Prize of (through Shri D.S. and K.D. Natekar, Thane) to the Best Army cadet - Ekta A. Goulkar
10. Late Chi. Fanindra Kamlakant Chaubal Prize (through Smt. Padmaja Kamlakant Chaubal) to the Best Navy cadet - Cadet Sampada Mavlankar

11. Late Shri Viju Natekar Smruti Prize of (through Shri D.S. and K.D. Natekar, Thane) to the Best Sports Persons of the college - Akshaya Jadyar & Pritesh Gaonkar

12. Late Shri Viju Natekar Smruti Prize (through Shri D.S. and K.D. Natekar, Thane) to the Best Orator of the college - Pradnya Powale & Sagar Ranshoor

13. Late Shri Viju Natekar Smruti Prize (through Shri D.S. and K.D. Natekar, Thane) to the Best Essay Writer in the college - Harshada Shinkar

14. Best Student of Theatre - Pawan Thakare

15. Best Student of Creative Arts - Tanvesha Pande

16. Best Student of Music - Deepesh Kanekar & Dinesh Kanekar

17. Best NSS Volunteer (State Level) - Harshada Sonawane & Prasenjeet Waghmare

18. Active performance as a Students’ Council member – Nihar Sawade
19. Best Student of Community College – **Sayali Yenbhar – SY Smart**

20. Best student of Library and Information Science- **Jaya Warekar**