
Vidya Prasarak Mandal was founded in the year 1935. Its founding fathers led by late Dr. V. N. Bedekar, a medical practitioner were men imbued with idealism and desire to serve the educational needs of the people of Thane.

Beginning with a primary school, Dr. Bedekar and his team, worked with missionary zeal. Today, the educational institutions established by Vidya Prasarak Mandal in Thane include :-

Dr. Bedekar Vidya Mandir (Marathi Medium)

Sou. A. K. Joshi English Medium School

B. N. Bandodkar College of Science

K. G. Joshi College of Arts

N. G. Bedekar College of Commerce

VPM's TMC Law College

VPM's Polytechnic

VPM's Polytechnic IT Centre

Advanced Study Centre

Dr. V.N. Bedekar Institute of Research & Management Studies

K. G. Joshi and N. G. Bedekar College was the first institution of higher learning to be established in Thane city in 1969. Strategically located, the college is at walking distance from Thane railway station on the central railway line. It is well connected with bus services to every part of the city including Navi Mumbai.

The college received permanent affiliation, in January 1988 with effect from June 1982. It was awarded B++ by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) set up by UGC in January 2004. The college has 4596 students registered on its rolls in 2005 - 2006.

Courses

The college offers a number of courses. They are as follows :

- * B.A. with specialization in English, Marathi, Hindi, Sanskrit, Philosophy, Economics, Politics, History, Geography (6 papers) and Statistics (3 papers)
- * B.Com with specialization in Advanced Accounting and Auditing and Business Management.
- * Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS)
- * B. Com (Accounting and Finance)

- * B. Com (Banking and Insurance)
- * Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLIS)
- * M. Com in Business Management
- * M. A. by Research and Ph.D in Philosophy. The college is a recognised centre for MA by research and Ph.D in Philosophy. Dr. (Mrs.) S. A. Singh I/C Principal is the recognised research guide.
- * Masters in Library and Information Science (MLIS). The college has received recognition for MLIS. It is the first college in Mumbai University to receive such recognition.

ENVIRONMENT

The college admits students from a variety of backgrounds. The student profile ranges from first generation learners to children of established professionals. The college provides an atmosphere of learning and encouragement to all its students irrespective of their background. The environment in the college is such that even a student from the most humble background is motivated towards achieving excellence.

The college is part of a vast campus aptly called Jnanadweepa. It offers all modern facilities such as spacious classrooms and reading hall, rich library, ladies room, gymkhana, conference hall, and amphitheatre. The campus has a large canteen and a well equipped auditorium called Thorale Bajirao Peshwe Sabhagruha. A speciality of the campus are the open air classrooms. A well laid path circumnavigating the campus offers an idyllic walk amidst trees and flowering plants. Jnanpath as it is called is a haven in a city starved of open spaces.

Physical Facilities are no doubt important, but it is the encouragement and support given to students at every stage that goes towards developing the personality of the student. Keeping this objective in view, the college offers a host of opportunities and facilities for the students.

BOOK BANK

The college has a book bank scheme for needy students. The rules and regulations relating to the book bank scheme are available with the Librarian.

GYMKHANA

A committee consisting of professors and a physical instructor manage the activities of the gymkhana. Students are encouraged to participate in various sports and avail of the facilities provided in the gymkhana.

National Service Scheme (NSS)

The college has a NSS unit. Students interested in undertaking social work are invited to join the NSS unit.

NCC

The college has a NCC army boys and girls unit and a navy boys unit. Aspirants to a career in the defence services will find it rewarding to join the NCC.

Cultural Activities

To help students in developing their multifaceted talents in arts and other cultural activities, there is a cultural committee. The committee consisting of professors and a student cultural secretary, encourage students to showcase their talents in inter college competitions and our own cultural festival NAVRANG.

Counselling

The college has a counselling cell. Students with personal and career related problems are welcome to approach the counselling cell. All matters discussed in the counselling cell will be kept confidential.

Student's Council

A student's council is formed in accordance with the provisions of the Mumbai University Act, 1994. It consists of class representatives and secretaries of different associations. The council acts as a liaison between the students and the Principal.

Scholars Academy

To encourage academic excellence, a scholars academy has been formed. Academic toppers are invited to become members of the academy. The academy arranges for its students to attend lectures and discussions on varied subjects in the college and outside, pursue academic interests and develop ones personality.

Remedial Courses and Coaching for entry into Civil Services

Under the UGC scheme, remedial courses and coaching for entry into civil services are available for students belonging to scheduled caste and tribes. Students interested in taking these programmes may contact the co-ordinator in charge of the programme.

Scholarships / Freeships

A number of scholarships and freeships are available for needy and deserving students. Students who wish to apply for SC/ST/OBC/SBC/VJNT

Scholarship are required to keep the following documents ready.

1. Income certificate 2005-06
2. Caste Certificate
3. Caste Validity Certificate for ST
4. Ration Card
5. Non creamy layer certificate for OBC freeship

Rules and regulations governing scholarships and freeships are available in the office.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

To enable the smooth working of the college students are expected to observe rules and regulations that are in force.

- 1) Students should wear their college identity card whenever in college or when representing the college at any other place. It should be produced whenever demanded by any of the college staff.
- 2) The use of mobile phones in the college premises is strictly prohibited.
- 3) During lecture hours, students should be present in the class. Students should not loiter around college premises.
- 4) Students are expected to observe decorum and decency in clothing and behaviour.
- 5) In case of any problem, students can approach the Vice Principal.
- 6) Students are directed not to bring any outsiders to the college premises.
- 7) Students should not collect any fund from other students or from outsiders without the written permission of the Principal.
- 8) Students shall not organize on their own picnics, excursion, trips, etc., without prior, written permission of the Principal.
- 9) Students should not write on benches/walls and should help in maintaining the learning environment neat and clean.
- 10) The powers relating to disciplinary action in the college will vest with the Principal and her decision in this respect shall be final.

ELIGIBILITY :-

- Students who have passed the new Xth S.S.C. examination of the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary Education will be admitted to the First Year Junior College Classes i.e. XI th Std., without production of any eligibility certificate.
- Students who have passed 10th S.S.C. Examination of any other Statutory Board in India will be admitted to the Higher Secondary Std XI, provided they have offered and passed in English as one of the subjects. They will be required to produce provisional eligibility certificate from the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary Education for the purpose of admission.

Admission Rules :-

- Admission to the F.Y.J.C classes will start immediately after the declaration of the S.S.C. examination results.
- Students are required to note that seats are reserved for different categories as follows :-

Category	Percentage
SC	8%
ST	22%
VJNT	11%
OBC	9%
SBC	2%
ON GOVT. TRANSFER	5%
EX-SERVICEMEN	
F.F./DEFENCE	
HANDICAPPED	
OPEN	16%
VPM SCHOOL	20%
SPORTS	2%
MANAGEMENT	5%
TOTAL	100%

- A student seeking admission to the Junior College shall present himself/herself with an application in the prescribed form duly filled in and signed by him/her and by his/her parent/guardian for an interview with the admission committee.
- While taking admission to F.Y.J.C., a student must submit the following documents duly completed.
 - i) Admission form to be filled online
 - ii) Original Mark Sheet of the S.S.C. (X Std) examination along with two xerox copies of the same.
 - iii) School Leaving Certificate with two xerox copies.
 - iv) Prescribed fees in CASH (Students are advised to keep some extra Xerox copies of the mark sheet & school leaving certificate with them as it may not be possible for the college to return their mark sheets soon. School Leaving Certificate remains with the college)
- All admissions are provisional until the necessary original certificates are submitted to the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary Education, Mumbai.
- All admissions are valid only for one academic year and are required to be renewed by application in the prescribed form for every subsequent year of study in the college.

Fees :-

The fees for F.Y.J.C / S.Y.J.C is as follows :-

	F.Y.J.C Arts & Com.	S.Y.J.C Arts & Com
Tuition Fees (per term)	216	240
Admission Fees (only once)	18	20
Term fees (per term)	36	40
Library Deposit (only once) (Refundable)	100	100
Annual Exam Fees	50	50
Miscellaneous Fees	100	100

Fees for F.Y.J.C. and S.Y.J.C classes will be collected on term basis.

Refund :-

- If a student informs the college before the commencement of the academic year that he/she wants to withdraw and he/she cannot continue his/her education in the same college for any reason, the college will refund the tuition fees and library deposit actually received from the students, in full. The admission fee will however, be retained by the college.
- If a student desires to withdraw and applies for refund of fees after commencement of the academic year, the college will retain admission fees in full and also the proportionate amount of the tuition fees till end of the month in which the refund is claimed. The remaining amount of the tuition fees, if any, will be refunded. The Library deposit will, however, be refunded in full.

SUBJECTS :-

XI and XII COMMERCE

Div. 'A'	Div. 'B'	Div. 'C'	Div. 'D'
English	English	English	English
Marathi/Sanskrit	Marathi	Hindi/Sanskrit	Marathi/Hindi
Economics	Economics	Economics	Economics
Book Keeping	Book Keeping	Book Keeping	Book Keeping
Organisation of Commerce	Organisation of Commerce	Organisation of Commerce	Organisation of Commerce
Maths	Secretarial Practice	Maths / S.P.	Maths / S. P.

XI and XII Arts

Div. A.	Div. B.	Div. C.
English	English	English
Marathi	Marathi	Marathi/Hindi
Hindi	Hindi/Sanskrit	Philosophy/Maths
Economics	Economics	Economics
Politics	Politics	Logic
Geography	History	History/Geography

EXAMINATION PATTERN :-

F.Y.J.C. Arts and Commerce

Name of Examination	Marks
1 st Unit Test and Assignment	50
1 st Terminal Examination	100
2 nd Unit Test and Assignment	50
Annual Examination	100

S.Y.J.C. Arts and Commerce

Name of Examination	Marks
1 st Terminal Examination	100
Preliminary Examination	100

- Unit Tests and Examinations are compulsory for all F.Y.J.C. Arts and Commerce students. Unit test marks and the examination results will be taken into consideration while promoting students to S.Y.J.C. class.
- S.Y.J.C. students must appear for both the college examination otherwise, they are not eligible to appear for the Board Examinations.

Attendance :-

- It is mandatory for students to have minimum attendance of 75% of lectures and tutorials, failing which, their terms will not be granted.
- Students are informed that, if their attendance and lectures fall short of 75% , they will not be eligible to appear for the annual examination.
- S.Y.J.C. students are required to note that their HSC examination forms are liable to be withdrawn if they fail to maintain the minimum attendance required.
- Applications of leave of absence, on account of illness or any other reason should be submitted to the designated class teacher.

Additional Note :-

- Parents are requested to contact the Vice Principal at least once in a term, to keep themselves acquainted with their wards' attendance and progress in college.