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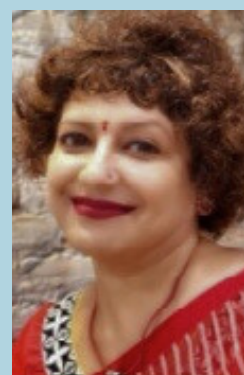
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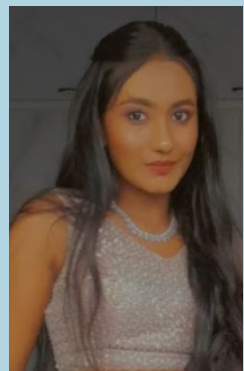
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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON'S DESK DR. DEEPNA RAO

**Should no false kindness lure to loose delight,
Nor praise relax, nor difficulty fright;
Should tempting Novelty thy cell refrain
And Sloth effuse her opiate fumes in vain (...)
From 'The Vanity of Human Wishes' by Samuel Johnson**

The past year has been a challenging yet stimulating one, where we at Jai Hind College (Autonomous and Empowered) had to deal with three Ns: the long awaited NAAC Accreditation Process, the implementation of the New Education Policy (NEP) and last but not the least, getting acquainted with the New Principal, Professor (Dr.) Vijay Dabholkar. To this end, we have all come together synergistically, and have worked unitedly and assiduously to compile data and syllabi, simultaneously with lectures, examination duties and conduct of various activities: academic, cocurricular, extracurricular, research and for community engagement and outreach. To best encapsulate the sum of all our efforts, this year's chosen theme is 'Novelty'.



It is also true that the sentiments and responses towards 'Novelty' are diverse. Some may embrace change willingly, others may be circumspect and cautious and others may even oppose it. Yet, as an institution, we stand as a totality, a unity amidst our diverse. Under the new leadership of Professor Dabholkar, various new initiatives have been given an impetus, while other initiatives have had a resurgence and have been re-branded, as we have come out of the Pandemic stronger. These have been featured in the Magazine. As Terence McKenna has stated: 'Nature preserves, prefers Novelty.'

T.S. Eliot, one of the greatest writers and critics of the Modern Age, had written a particular essay 'Tradition and the Individual Talent', wherein he expresses, "the past should be altered by the present as much as the present is directed by the past." Here, Eliot is writing about the great Modern Anglo-American tradition. The only way that we can develop a tradition, is to respect the classics, and to innovate and re-invigorate these old forms with the creative zest of invention, relying on our individual talent. Our College too, is reviving its traditions with a new vision and new missions that may help us scale new heights and reach the pinnacle of success.

The College is also in the process of signing various Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs), and to this effect, a number of clubs are also in the process of emergence. These have had a test run, such as the Green Club and Yoga Club, but will come in full force next year. Various Departments are also transforming their scope of activities and are trying their hands at organizing Fests.

There is a particular Sanskrit Shlok that is as follows:

नवनीतं घृतं दुग्धं दधि तक्रं च पञ्चमम् ।
सर्वमेककुलाज्जाता मूल्यं सर्वस्य वै पृथक् ॥

It translates roughly to: 'Ghee, Milk, Yogurt, Butter and Panchamrit (mixture of five elements offered to God) may all originate in the same family and same source, yet they are made new, and have different value or prices, irrespective of their origin. The shlok is often cited to invoke the doctrine of karma, that we may all be born from the same source, but karma determines the end result and value of the person. However, one may also see this from the lens of 'novelty', that whatever the end result of our karma, we are creating new ventures, new editions to events and novel initiatives. 'Make it New!' was the modernist credo, and Jai Hind indeed is redefining excellence.


The College Magazine, Saraswati too documents the united efforts of staff and students alike, at all levels and in four languages: English, Hindi, Marathi and Sindhi. It is this spirit of innovation and enterprise that we present to you this edition of Saraswati. We hope you have a great time reading the Magazine!

Dr. Deepna Rao,
Chairperson, College Magazine Committee

Acknowledgments

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A TRANSFORMATIVE ERA EMBRACING NOVELTY IN EDUCATION

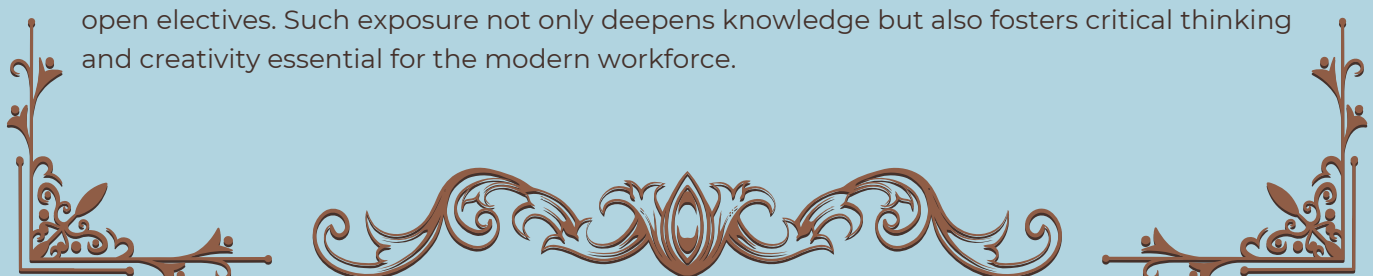
This year, our magazine proudly features the theme of novelty, reflecting the transformative vision brought to our college by our new principal, Prof. Dr. Vijay Dabholkar. His leadership is characterized by a commitment to enhancing the educational experience, focusing on various aspects that foster students' academic excellence and personal growth. Another major shift we saw in the functioning of Jai Hind was the introduction of the National Education Policy (NEP) which aims to revolutionize our approach to education, prioritizing holistic development.

Dr. Dabholkar is dedicated to creating a holistic learning atmosphere where students are nurtured academically, socially, and personally. Known for his immense interest in research & development, he emphasizes the importance of research as a cornerstone of our academic environment.

With a keen awareness of the challenges students face today, the principal prioritizes mental health, providing support systems to ensure the well-being of every individual by taking measures like anti-ragging committees and grievance boxes. He believes in empowering students through leadership opportunities, allowing them to take initiative inside and outside the college. He also believes in giving freedom to students to branch out via various clubs and courses provided by our college. This collaborative leadership approach fosters self-confidence and equips students with the skills necessary to navigate future challenges effectively.

Additionally, the principal advocates for sustainable practices within the college community through various green initiatives, encouraging students to engage in eco-friendly projects that promote environmental consciousness. Under his guidance, Jai Hind has taken strides in green initiatives including segregated dustbins, recycling and reusing paper and plastic, and e-waste drives inside and outside the college.

As we explore the changes initiated by our principal, we recognize their alignment with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP). The NEP introduces a ground-breaking framework for education, emphasizing credit-based learning that allows students to tailor their academic journeys according to their interests. This encourages a multidisciplinary approach, where students can explore subjects outside their main fields of study through open electives. Such exposure not only deepens knowledge but also fosters critical thinking and creativity essential for the modern workforce.



Central to the NEP is the focus on skill building through vocational and skill enhancement courses. This initiative ensures that students acquire practical abilities alongside their theoretical knowledge, enhancing their employability and adaptability in an ever-evolving job market. The policy also emphasizes holistic development by integrating co-curricular activities, on-the-job training, and community engagement programs into the academic framework in the form of credit points. Each student's participation in these initiatives is crucial, providing them with opportunities for personal growth while instilling a sense of social responsibility.

Moreover, the NEP introduces flexible undergraduate programs with multiple exit options, which cater to students' evolving interests and aspirations. This allows students to pursue education at their own pace while engaging in research and innovation that push the boundaries of knowledge.

Various committees have been introduced including the CC committee, and NEP implementation committee to assist students and faculty alike in making this transition smooth. These committees are working diligently to make it as easy as possible for students to adjust to this change in policy.

These changes are a significant adjustment, but they come with numerous benefits that promise to shape a brighter future for the college and its students. It wasn't easy for students to adjust, especially with new subjects and credit-based activities added to their already busy schedules. But they tackled these challenges with determination, proving their resilience and ability to excel even in tough times.

This transformative era in education equips them with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive and instills the values of leadership, responsibility, and global citizenship. Through these novel initiatives, we are confident that our students will emerge as well-rounded individuals ready to make meaningful contributions to society. This magazine highlights the efforts, achievements, and progress our college has made over the past year. It's a heartfelt celebration of the dedication and hard work of our students, faculty, and staff—a reflection of how much we've accomplished together.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

PROFESSOR (DR.) VIJAY DABHOLKAR

Jai Hind College stands as a beacon of innovation and intellectual rigor. It imparts ideals of academic excellence, social responsibility, and global citizenship to our students, who embody these values in their pursuits both inside and outside the classroom. It is truly an honor to lead such an institution, and I am constantly inspired by the enthusiasm and dedication of our students, faculty, and staff.

At Jai Hind College, we are committed to fostering a holistic learning environment that extends beyond academics, nurturing personal growth and social responsibility. Our vision emphasizes not only academic excellence but also innovative teaching methods and real-world skill development through increased access to



internships and fieldwork opportunities. We uphold the highest standards of education with a strong focus on faculty development, student engagement, and well-being, particularly mental health. Aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP), we actively promote community engagement through programmes integrated into the curriculum. Diversity and inclusion remain at the heart of our mission, ensuring a vibrant exchange of ideas and cultures among students and staff alike. Additionally, we are working towards securing financial support through government schemes to further enhance the resources available to our students and faculty.

Reflecting on our students, I feel immense pride in their conduct and character. They are well-behaved, polite, humble, and come from diverse backgrounds. A significant number of outstation students contribute to a rich cultural exchange, and I am particularly pleased with how our local students take care of their peers from other regions. I'm especially impressed by the innovative spirit of our students and the excellence they demonstrate in organizing various programmes and events.

Our administration operates on the principles of inclusion, collaborative leadership, and a student-centric philosophy. We prioritize prompt and effective service to meet the needs of students, parents, alumni, and staff. My open-door policy ensures that students feel heard and supported because I believe a leader should be approachable and proactive in addressing challenges. As we prepare for the upcoming NAAC accreditation process, I'm pleased with the significant progress we've made, including extensive data collection by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell. I sincerely appreciate the hard work of

our faculty, staff and especially the Student Council, which serves as a vital bridge between the administration and the students during this preparation.

As we continue to grow, I'm excited about the role our clubs and associations—such as the Entrepreneurship Cell, Green Club, Research Hub, and Wellness Cell—play in shaping well-rounded, future-ready students. By 2040, I envision most of our graduates becoming entrepreneurs, equipped with the skills to lead in their fields. The Green Club, in particular, has made a significant impact by teaching sustainability through practical initiatives like waste segregation and recycling, helping students develop a deep sense of environmental responsibility.

Environmental consciousness remains a cornerstone of our efforts. Through partnerships with organizations like BARC and Stree Mukti Sanghatana, we have implemented programmes to process organic waste on campus and convert it into manure, which is then used for our plants. These initiatives, led by the Green Club, are student-driven and reinforce our commitment to sustainability. Additionally, departments organize collection drives for plastic, paper, and e-waste, encouraging students to bring materials from home and collaborate with neighboring colleges. These efforts not only educate our students but also create a ripple effect of awareness in the community.

As an autonomous institution, we have tailored our syllabus to include environment-related topics, ensuring our students are well-informed about issues such as pollution and environmental policies. I am particularly proud that many of our students have taken these lessons beyond the classroom by joining NGOs and actively contributing to community welfare projects.

The NEP has added another layer of opportunities for student engagement. By integrating community engagement programmes, co-curricular activities, and on-the-job training into the grading system, we provide students the flexibility to pursue their interests while earning credits. This approach has encouraged active participation and is shaping our students into responsible citizens who carry these values beyond academics.

Leadership within the institution remains a critical focus. For our vice principals, I emphasize collaboration, inclusivity, and student-centric leadership. For our faculty, I stress the importance of research and academic growth. Publishing papers in reputed journals and guiding PhD students will enhance their academic profiles and contribute globally. Our faculty is already approachable and student-centric, and I encourage them to continue fostering these qualities while advancing in their own pursuits.

To our students, my message is simple yet significant: strive to be global citizens and ambassadors of Jai Hind College.

While excelling academically, cultivate leadership qualities, seek internships, and acquire diverse skills. I encourage you to explore entrepreneurship—become job creators rather than job seekers.

At the same time, remember to prioritize your health—both physical and mental. Technology and AI are remarkable tools, but over-reliance can hinder creativity. Take breaks from screens, engage in sports, and build meaningful interpersonal connections. Visit old-age homes or similar places to gain perspective and gratitude.

Learning is a lifelong journey. Never stop acquiring new skills—they may serve you in ways you cannot foresee. Develop a mindset of growth, leadership, and empathy as you navigate life.

Finally, our college magazine is a platform for students to express themselves, rekindle their writing habits, and showcase the achievements of our institution. It reflects the essence of Jai Hind College and offers both faculty and students an opportunity to share their ideas and accomplishments.

This is just the beginning. Together, we are building a legacy where students excel not only as scholars but also as individuals and global citizens, ready to make a meaningful impact on the world.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR





Noteworthy Events and New Endeavours

Novel Initiatives

The Jai Hind Business Conclave 2023-24: The Bridge Between Academia and Industry

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The Jai Hind Business Conclave 2023-24, hosted by Jai Hind College's BBA department in partnership with TCS, brought together budding business leaders, industry experts, and students from across the country in a grand two-day event on December 15 and 16, 2023. Held at the college campus in Mumbai, the Conclave aimed to bridge the gap between education and the corporate world, providing students with immersive, real-world experiences. This year's Conclave was a resounding success, with over 3000 attendees engaging in dynamic events, speaker sessions, and workshops.

Sponsors and Media Partners

Aequitas Investment served as the Title Sponsor, alongside co-sponsors i.e. Mutual Fund partner SBI Mutual Fund, Study Abroad Partner Riya Study Abroad, Gifting Partner Plum Body Lovin, Dessert Partner Belgian Waffle, Broadcast Partner Evepaper, Beverage Partner Coffee by Di Bella, Snacking Partner Shriram Papad, and Beauty Partner Lakme Academy. These brands added vibrancy to the event, with each contributing unique touchpoints, samples, and interactive experiences.

Media partners, including Sachi Shiksha, Nava Bharat, and Sach Kahoon, extended the Conclave's reach, capturing key moments and sharing highlights with a broader audience. Additionally, JBC was featured in online editions of newspapers like the Business Standard, The Print, The Hindustan Express, Mid-Day, Daily Hunt and ANI.

Engaging Management Events

The Conclave's first day was a thrilling showcase of competitive spirit and innovative thinking, with participants taking part in five signature management events designed to challenge their business acumen, strategic thinking, and problem-solving skills.

1. Surviving on 0 Rupees 2.0

A continuation of last year's flagship event, this game gave each team Rs. 50 as starting capital, which they were required to grow through buying, selling, and creative business transactions. The team with the highest earnings was crowned the winner.

2. Corporate Crucible

A multi-round, elimination-based competition, Corporate Crucible required participants to prove their resilience, critical thinking, and agility through a series of intellectually demanding tasks.

3. BizTown Bonanza

BizTown Bonanza was a life-sized game that combined luck with strategic decision-making, challenging players to take calculated risks, and leverage their resources to come out on top.

4. To Be Blunt

This diplomatic debate event, structured in an MUN format, required teams to argue for or against a designated topic on behalf of their assigned country.

5. Risk Hai Toh Ishq Hai

A high-stakes quiz game that required participants to weigh risk against reward, this event allowed teams to select question categories based on difficulty levels and corresponding monetary values.

Insightful Speaker Sessions and Workshops

The second day of the Conclave featured a series of enriching sessions with industry leaders, who shared insights into various facets of business and career growth. These sessions provided attendees with invaluable guidance on how to navigate the professional world, adapt to evolving industry demands, and balance innovation with tradition.

1. Arjun Vaidya – Founder of Dr. Vaidya and V3 Ventures, Mr. Vaidya discussed how to balance tradition with innovation in family businesses, sharing the journey of taking a heritage brand to a new-age marketplace. With his vast social media presence and experience, he managed to keep the students engaged throughout.

2. Anahita Kumar – As Legal Director at Kellogg, South Asia, Mrs. Kumar explored the complexities of navigating legal challenges in the food processing industry and provided a novel and intriguing point of view.

3. Manish Mehta – Joint President and National Head of Sales at Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Co. Ltd., Mr. Mehta demystified mutual funds, breaking down the fundamentals of investment for aspiring finance professionals and sharing his learnings from his long tenure working at one of the leading financial institutions in India.

4. Srinivas Jain – Executive Director of SBI Mutual Funds, Mr. Jain led a session on optimizing capital, addressing both the theoretical and practical aspects of fund management, risk assessment, and portfolio balancing. A clear insight from an industry leader, that truly inspired all the students, and especially the finance enthusiasts, in the audience.

The day also featured an engaging workshop by Harsh and Hetvi Kamdar, founders of Trading Secrets, who provided an introduction to stock markets and technical analysis. This hands-on session enabled participants to better understand the dynamics of trading and investment strategies, equipping them with tools to navigate the stock market.

JBC 2023-24 was a memorable celebration of learning, innovation, and collaboration, embodying the college's commitment to nurturing future business leaders. With a diverse lineup of events and insightful sessions, the Conclave provided students with practical tools, knowledge, and industry connections to thrive in their future careers. As Jai Hind College looks forward to future editions, the Conclave remains a shining example of its dedication to fostering holistic education, preparing students to excel in the ever-evolving corporate world.



THE FAMILY MANAGED BUSINESS HUB

Faculty Advisor and Chairperson: Dr Rakhi Sharma

Student Secretary: Aasiya Gheewala

The Family Managed Business Hub at Jai Hind College serves as a dynamic platform aimed at nurturing and empowering aspiring entrepreneurs within family-run enterprises. With a vision to become a leading center for fostering entrepreneurial excellence, the Hub aspires to equip students with innovative strategies, strong leadership qualities, and sustainable business practices.

Recognizing the unique challenges and opportunities inherent in such businesses, the hub provides tailored support, mentorship, and resources to equip students and alumni with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in the competitive business landscape. Its establishment underscores the College's commitment to fostering innovation and sustainability in family-owned enterprises, addressing a critical need in today's evolving economic landscape.

On **February 24, 2024**, Jai Hind College (Autonomous) celebrated a momentous occasion in its rich history as it marked its 75th Anniversary with the inauguration of the Family Managed Business Hub, a groundbreaking initiative by the Bachelors of Management Studies (BMS) and Business Administration (BBA). This event not only underscored the college's commitment to fostering entrepreneurship but also heralded a new era of innovation and collaboration.

The launch event was graced by an illustrious gathering of students, esteemed alumni, and industry leaders, all gathered to commemorate this significant milestone. Among the distinguished attendees was **Mrs. Pooja Choudary**, the esteemed **owner and founder of Infinity Cars Pvt. Ltd.** Mrs. Choudary's presence added an aura of prestige as she showcased the BMW 6GT and shared her inspiring entrepreneurial journey, emphasizing the importance of seizing opportunities and inspiring students to pursue their dreams relentlessly.

Also present was **Mr. Sam Samaya**, the visionary owner and founder of the **USA skincare brand Vitamins Sea & Beauty**, who traveled from Washington DC to share insights into his remarkable business journey. Mr. Samaya's discourse illuminated the challenges of international relocation and underscored the indispensable role of teamwork in achieving remarkable success, leaving attendees captivated and inspired.

The **Networking Meet**, a central highlight of the event, commenced with stirring addresses from esteemed figures including Dr. Vijay Dabholkar, the Principal of Jai Hind College, Dr. Rakhi Sharma, Head of the Management Department, and Aasiyah Gheewala, Student Secretary, alongside esteemed Chief Guests. Following these insightful speeches, attendees engaged in networking over high tea, facilitating the exchange of ideas, experiences, and knowledge among current and future family business owners.

This unique gathering provided a fertile ground for participants to share their expertise and glean insights from one another, fostering a culture of collaboration and innovation within the family business community. Additionally, attendees had the opportunity to reminisce and cherish fond memories through engaging activities such as a write-up banner and a photo wall, adding a nostalgic touch to the occasion.

Behind the scenes, the Managing team, under the guidance of Academic head Dr. Rakhi Sharma, consists of Student Secretary Aasiyah Gheewala and Student Joint Secretaries. Additionally, the founding team, comprising Usman Gheewala, Hormuz Hansotia, Yogansh Banthia, Chinkal Tulsiani, Trisha Kanuga, Ishika Somani, and Adit Patel, played a pivotal role in bringing the Family Managed Business Hub to fruition. Their unwavering dedication and visionary leadership have laid a robust foundation for future generations of entrepreneurs to thrive and succeed, epitomizing the spirit of innovation and excellence that defines Jai Hind College.

Furthermore, the event garnered widespread media coverage, with prominent publications such as Mumbai Mirror featuring the celebration. A press release about the event was disseminated across over 196 sites, including notable platforms such as Times of India and Google News, amplifying its reach and impact on a global scale.

As the curtains closed on this historic event, the Jai Hind College community stood united in its commitment to nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit and driving positive change in the world of business. The launch of the Family Managed Business Hub signifies not just a milestone, but a promise of boundless opportunities and transformative growth in the years to come.



NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

CONCOURSE 2023

Faculty Advisor: Prof. Yasmin Singaporewala

Student Members: Jaithra Sood , Karan Bathija, Vanshika Makhijani , Hiya Meghani, Tamanna Lillani , Pritika Mulchandani

ConCourse, the prestigious speakers' committee of Jai Hind College, affiliated with the BAF, BBI and BFM Departments, is dedicated to bridging the gap between academia and the professional world. Our mission is to provide students with unparalleled exposure to experts across various industries, fostering a holistic approach to education that encourages both personal and intellectual growth. Over the years, ConCourse has become an integral part of the college experience, serving as a beacon of knowledge, insight and opportunity for students seeking to broaden their horizons.

ConCourse consistently serves as a vibrant platform where distinguished professionals and luminaries from a wide range of industries converge. The rationale behind inviting such a diverse array of speakers is to ensure that students are exposed to multiple perspectives, enriching their understanding of various career paths and industries. These sessions are meticulously curated to cater to the intellectual curiosity of every student, offering them not just information but an immersive experience that delves into the intricacies of different professions.

Our committee's emphasis on leveraging an extensive network of industry experts is rooted in the belief that real-world exposure is crucial for preparing students for the complexities of the modern workforce. By creating a dynamic and engaging environment, ConCourse enables students to expand their professional networks, gain firsthand knowledge about their desired career paths and receive invaluable guidance on navigating their professional journeys.

In the academic year 2023, ConCourse took great strides in enhancing the learning experience for students by hosting a diverse array of sessions covering a wide spectrum of topics. The year was kickstarted with the much-anticipated '**Welcoming the FYs' series**, designed with the specific purpose of providing freshers with a warm and informative introduction to college life. This initiative was born out of the recognition that the transition to college can be overwhelming and by offering insights and advice from beloved alumni like **Mr. Craig Travasso** and **Mr. Tarang Gupta**, we aimed to ease this transition.

Their personal journeys served as relatable examples for the students, demonstrating how to navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in their college experience. These sessions have become a perennial favorite among students, setting a positive and motivational tone for the year.

Building on the momentum of the 'Welcoming the FYs' series, ConCourse collaborated with the department's flagship financial fest, **Entourage**, to host a powerful session with renowned investigative journalist **Mr. Sanjay Singh**. Known for his groundbreaking work in exposing the **Abdul Telgi scam**, Mr. Singh's session was carefully selected to provide students with a rare and valuable glimpse into the world of investigative journalism. The purpose of this session was not only to captivate the audience with its gripping narrative but also to inspire students to consider the ethical and societal implications of their future careers. By highlighting the critical role that media plays in shaping public opinion and holding power to account, we aimed to encourage students to think critically about the impact they can have on society.

Another standout session of the year was led by **Mr. Hitesh Parmar**, a highly respected visiting faculty member whose engaging teaching style and deep knowledge of the subject matter made a lasting impression on the students. The decision to invite Mr. Parmar was based on his ability to make complex topics accessible and engaging, thereby ensuring that students not only understand the material but also appreciate its relevance to their future careers.

In addition to these highlighted sessions, ConCourse hosted a series of discussions that explored a broad range of topics, reflecting the diverse interests and aspirations of our student body. These discussions were carefully chosen to address current trends and issues that are shaping the future of work. For instance, a deep dive into the **rising influence of Artificial Intelligence** was organized to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate an increasingly automated world. An exploration of **the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) course** was included to provide clarity on a key pathway to a successful career in finance, while an in-depth analysis of the geopolitical ramifications of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine War was designed to provoke thoughtful discussion and critical thinking among students. Each of these sessions was intended to not only inform but also to challenge students to think critically and engage with complex global issues.

Beyond the confines of the classroom, ConCourse expanded its reach

by organizing visits and collaborative events that provided students with practical, real-world experiences. One such event was a visit to the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), where students attended an exclusive session with the Association of National Exchanges Members of India (ANMI). This visit was strategically planned to offer students a firsthand look at the workings of financial markets, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. By witnessing the operations of one of the world's leading stock exchanges, students were able to gain valuable insights into the dynamics of financial markets, enhancing their understanding of the subject matter.

Furthermore, ConCourse collaborated with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), a leading think tank, to offer students the unique opportunity to attend the ORF Spark Dialogue 2024 at the TISS Convention Center. This prestigious event brought together thought leaders, policymakers and academics to discuss pressing global issues. The decision to collaborate with ORF was driven by our commitment to providing students with a platform to engage with experts and expand their understanding of international relations and geopolitics. The experience was both intellectually stimulating and professionally enriching, underscoring the importance of interdisciplinary learning in today's interconnected world. By exposing students to such high-caliber discussions, we aimed to broaden their perspectives and encourage them to think critically about global challenges.

ConCourse is more than just a committee; it is a journey of enlightenment, empowerment and connection. Our mission is rooted in the belief that education extends beyond the classroom, encompassing experiences that prepare students not only for academic success but also for the challenges and opportunities of the real world. As we look forward to the future, we are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for ConCourse. We are committed to reaching even greater heights, continuing to shape the minds, aspirations and careers of students. Our vision is to ensure that every student who participates in ConCourse leaves with a richer understanding of the world, a stronger professional network, and the confidence to pursue their dreams with passion and purpose. The foundation we have laid will serve as a stepping stone for future successes, as we strive to create an even more impactful and enriching experience for our students.

ENDEAVOUR 2023

Faculty Advisor: Prof. Yasmin Singaporewala

*Student Members: Nandini Karani, Saahib Gera, Krish Tanwani,
Zoya Lala, Khushi Shah, Aaditya Khare, Nishka Dixit*

Endeavour, established in 2018, has quickly grown into a reputable **Editorial Club** that plays a vital role within the BAF, BBI and BFM departments of Jai Hind College. The club is dedicated to fostering a range of communication and critical thinking skills, offering students an opportunity to engage in a holistic and multidisciplinary environment. It provides a platform for students to develop talents that not only enhance their academic journeys but also prepare them for real-world challenges. Over the years, Endeavour has expanded its activities and its vision, establishing itself as a pillar of intellectual and creative growth for students across these departments.

The mission of Endeavour is clear: to create a space where students can refine their skills through meaningful projects that stretch beyond the traditional classroom environment. By offering a diverse array of teams and initiatives, the club enables its members to delve deeper into their passions, whether it be writing, research, social media or alumni relations. The club's structure is designed to nurture talent, encourage intellectual curiosity, and provide students with the tools they need to succeed in both their academic and professional lives.

One of the key teams within Endeavour is the **Blog Team**, where students have the chance to sharpen their writing abilities and experiment with different genres. This team contributes to the club's WordPress blog, covering an eclectic range of topics. Recent blog posts have ranged from discussing the '**History of the World According to Bread**' to delving into more personal and introspective topics like '**Finding Beauty in the Art of Letting Go.**' These pieces exemplify the diversity of thought and creativity that the Blog Team fosters. By encouraging students to write about topics that interest them, the club allows its members to develop their voice and writing style, which will serve them well in future academic or professional writing tasks.

The **Research Club** is another cornerstone of Endeavour, providing students with opportunities to engage in critical discussions and conduct research on a wide variety of topics. The focus of the Research Club is to cultivate analytical thinking, enabling students to develop their research skills in a practical, hands-on way.

Some of the club's recent research projects have been particularly innovative and relevant to today's fast-evolving world. For example, studies on **"ChatGPT's Impact on the Higher Education System in Mumbai"** and **"The Influence of Unified Payment Interface (UPI) on Student Lifestyles in Big Cities"** reflect the club's commitment to exploring topics that are current and impactful.

Additionally, the research project on **"Marketing Strategies in the Digital Age, Specifically Leveraging Social Media"** demonstrates the club's focus on understanding modern business and marketing trends, providing valuable insights for students interested in careers in finance, business, or marketing. These research endeavors offer students a deeper understanding of current economic, technological and societal trends, giving them a competitive edge as they prepare for their future careers. Participation in competitions, such as those at Pillai College of Arts Commerce and Science and Laxmichand Golwala College of Commerce, allows students to showcase their research and analytical skills while gaining exposure to real-world academic challenges. These events are crucial for fostering intellectual growth, as they encourage students to apply their learning in competitive environments and sharpen their critical thinking abilities.

The **Alumni Team** plays a pivotal role in connecting current students with the distinguished alumni of Jai Hind College. By facilitating insightful discussions and fostering lasting professional relationships, the team helps students gain access to invaluable career advice, industry insights, and networking opportunities. Alumni can provide mentorship, share their professional journeys and offer guidance that can help students navigate their own career paths. One of the recent highlights was a session with Zain Al Hussain Naqvi, an alumnus who spoke on how to crack the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) exams. Sessions like these are designed to give students practical, actionable advice, providing them with the tools and knowledge they need to succeed in competitive professional environments. Alumni engagement has always been crucial to the mission of Endeavour, as it creates a bridge between academia and industry, ensuring that students are prepared for the challenges that lie ahead.

The **Social Media Team** within Endeavour has taken on the critical role of driving online engagement and expanding the club's presence across various platforms.

In today's digital age, having a strong online presence is essential and Endeavour's social media team works tirelessly to create compelling content that promotes the club's events, achievements, and initiatives. The team focuses on creating dynamic posts that resonate with their audience, using a combination of graphics, storytelling and timely updates to keep students engaged. By expanding the club's presence on platforms such as Instagram, the Social Media Team ensures that Endeavour remains relevant in the digital space, attracting new members and maintaining its reputation as a hub for intellectual and creative exploration.

A notable achievement of Endeavour in 2023 was the rebranding of the club's logo. This redesign reflects the club's evolving identity and commitment to innovation. The updated logo was created to better align with the club's vision of modernity, creativity and professionalism, and it serves as a visual representation of the progress that Endeavour has made over the years. The rebranding also signals the club's readiness to embrace change while staying true to its core mission of nurturing student talent.

Endeavour's contributions are not limited to internal projects. These activities showcase the students' ability to apply their learning in real-world situations, thereby solidifying their reputation as academically competent and versatile individuals. Such external engagements also provide students with opportunities to network with peers from other institutions, further broadening their professional circles.

In summary, Endeavour has made significant strides in creating an environment where students can grow intellectually, creatively, and professionally. The club's diverse range of teams and projects ensures that every student can find a place where their talents are nurtured and their ambitions are supported. From conducting cutting-edge research and creating engaging blogs to fostering strong alumni connections and enhancing the club's digital footprint, Endeavour is a testament to Jai Hind College's commitment to holistic education. The club's future is bright, with plans to continue expanding its activities, hosting more events and providing students with the tools they need to succeed in both their academic and professional pursuits. As Endeavour moves forward, it remains dedicated to its mission of shaping the minds and careers of future generations.

ENTOURAGE 2023

Coordinator: Prof. Yasmin Singaporewala.

Core Committee: Shreya Shah (Chairperson), Jaithra Sood (Vice Chairperson), Pranav (Vice Chairperson), Tanishka Puntambekar (Vice Chairperson), Shikhar Jain (Vice Chairperson), Prachi Aidasani (Vice Chairperson)

Entourage, the flagship financial fest of Jai Hind College, organized by the departments of BAF, BBI and BFM, was meticulously crafted to redefine the perception of finance as a dry and monotonous field. The fest aimed to provide a dynamic platform where students could explore, learn, and compete in the world of finance, fostering a vibrant exchange of ideas and attracting participants from various colleges. The primary objective was not only to educate but also to inspire students by providing them with opportunities to network with industry experts and renowned figures from the finance world.

The journey of Entourage 2023 began with the strategic election of the core committee. This team, comprising 26 members from six different departments, was carefully selected based on their skills, areas of expertise, and a shared vision of making Entourage 2023 an unparalleled success.

Preparation for Entourage 2023 went beyond the logistical aspects of event management. The team emphasized the importance of community engagement and real-world learning experiences. This approach was exemplified by the team's visit to Door Step School to celebrate Independence Day with the students. This activity was not just a gesture of goodwill but a deliberate effort to instill a sense of social responsibility among the team members and participants. The visit underscored the idea that finance professionals should be aware of and contribute to the broader community, reflecting the fest's ethos that true success in finance involves giving back to society.

To further enrich the participants' experience, Entourage 2023 included a series of **educational sessions** aimed at providing deep insights into the financial world. One such session was conducted by Mr. Sanjay Singh, who discussed the Abdul Telgi scam. This session was strategically included to align with the fest's goal of promoting financial ethics and integrity. By exposing students to real-world examples of financial malpractice, the fest aimed to underscore the importance of ethical behavior in finance, preparing students to navigate the industry with a strong moral compass.

Amidst the rigorous preparations, the Entourage Premier League (EPL) was introduced as the first pre-event. This cricket tournament, where teams were owned by the core committee, served multiple purposes. It provided a much-needed break from the intense planning process, allowing team members to relax and bond in a fun, informal setting. Additionally, it fostered a sense of camaraderie and team spirit, which were essential for maintaining high morale and ensuring smooth collaboration among the organizing committee members. The EPL was not just a game but a strategic tool to build a cohesive team environment, which was crucial for the successful execution of the fest.

The grand reveal of the 'Finarcade' theme was a pivotal moment in the fest's preparations. The theme, an innovative blend of finance and arcade, was chosen to make the subject of finance more accessible and engaging for students. By integrating gaming elements with financial challenges, the fest aimed to capture the interest of participants and demonstrate that finance can be both exciting and intellectually stimulating. This theme was also intended to challenge participants to think creatively and approach financial problems from a fresh, innovative perspective. On the 12th of December 2023, the team visited the Access Life Assistance Foundation, where they spent time with children battling cancer. This visit was a crucial part of Entourage's commitment to holistic development. This experience was designed to instill a sense of compassion and responsibility in the participants, encouraging them to use their financial skills for the greater good.

As the main event days approached, the excitement was palpable. The committee organized 'Double Trouble Day,' a pre-event where students dressed as iconic pairs. This event was not only a fun way to build anticipation for the fest but also a strategic move to encourage creativity and team spirit among participants. The light-hearted nature of the event helped to alleviate stress and foster a positive, energetic atmosphere in the lead-up to the main event.

When the main event days finally arrived, the venue was transformed into a vibrant representation of the Finarcade theme. This transformation was carefully planned to create an immersive experience for attendees, transporting them into an arcade-like atmosphere where finance was the central focus. The events, including Wall Street Saga, Market Mayhem, and Portfolio Palooza, were designed not just to test participants' financial knowledge but

also to enhance their critical thinking, teamwork, and real-world application skills. Each event was crafted with the intention of providing participants with a comprehensive learning experience that would prepare them for future challenges in the financial world. The fest culminated in the flagship event, Mr. and Ms. Entourage, followed by an emotional closing ceremony. The success of Entourage 2023 was a testament to the dedication and hard work of the 214 members who had devoted five months to its preparation. This event not only achieved its goal of redefining finance for students but also forged lasting friendships, built strong networks, and created memories that will be cherished forever.

Looking ahead, the entire team is motivated to take Entourage to even greater heights next year, armed with the experiences and lessons learned from this unforgettable journey. The foundation laid by Entourage 2023 will serve as a stepping stone for future successes.



TALAASH 2023-24

Faculty Advisor: Dr Rakhi Sharma

Student Secretary: Aadit Agarwal

Team Talash Organizing Committee: Aashna Doctor (Events), Meghashree Somani (Legal & Compliance), Saptami Somaiya (Creatives & Media), Nakuul Shahani (Public Relations), Tanya Bhambani (Finance), Shariya Khan (Executions), Jeremiah Bobbetti (Marketing)

Jai Hind College (Empowered Autonomous) has long been recognized for nurturing creative, adaptive, and innovative learning among its students. As a proud part of this institution, TALAASH stands as a distinguished legacy of the BMS and BBA departments. Spanning over 24 remarkable years, this iconic event has earned its place as one of the oldest and most celebrated festivals within Jai Hind College and across Mumbai. TALAASH offers numerous opportunities for students to learn, grow, and showcase their talents through a diverse range of engaging events such as the Treasure Hunt and the Fashion Show.

The 24th edition of TALAASH was a testament to tradition and innovation. The two-day cultural extravaganza, held on **January 27 and 29, 2024**, highlighted the dedication and creativity of the Management Department and the student organizing team.

Day 1: Management Meets Creativity

The first day of TALAASH was packed with intellectually stimulating management games that challenged participants to think quickly and strategically. Events like **'Yin to My Yang'** and **'IQ-EQ'** tested participants' skills in creative problem-solving and critical thinking. The day wasn't limited to managerial challenges; it also featured enthralling cultural performances that captivated the audience. **'Dramastra'** and **'Shock On!'** showcased the incredible talent of students, judged by a star-studded panel including **Mr. Namit Shah, Ms. Inayat Sood, and Mr. Aadesh Shah**, among others.

Day 2: A Grand Cultural Finale

The second day marked the grand finale of TALAASH and was dedicated entirely to cultural performances, providing a platform for participants to shine and express themselves creatively. The day began with a wildly entertaining **'Just A Minute (JAM)'** session, hosted by the charismatic **Hormuz Ragina**, affectionately known as "Jam Master HoHo." His infectious energy had the audience thoroughly engaged and entertained.

Following this, the **'Mr. and Ms. Regalia'** pageant allowed participants to showcase their unique talents and personalities. The day continued with **'Plot Twist,'** a high-energy dance competition judged by industry experts **Shehzaan Khan, Sachin Sharma, and Shraddha Tiwari.** Colleges from all over Mumbai brought their best performances, dazzling the audience with their creativity and dedication. The finale of the day featured the much-anticipated fashion show, **'Quill & Couture,'** where participating colleges presented captivating runway displays, leaving a lasting impression on everyone in attendance.

No TALAASH would be complete without its flagship event—the **Treasure Hunt.** Spanning a vast area across Mumbai, this exhilarating challenge put participants through a whirlwind of emotions as they raced against time to solve intricate clues crafted by the organizing team.

A Collective Triumph

The seamless execution of TALAASH 2024 was a testament to the hard work, passion, and meticulous planning of the student team, led by Student Secretary Aadit Aggarwal. Working alongside him were the dedicated Student Joint Secretaries. Their collaborative efforts, combined with the support of the faculty, ensured that TALAASH 2024 was an unforgettable experience for all participants and attendees. The event truly celebrated creativity, resilience, and the enduring spirit of Jai Hind College.



TEDx AT JAI HIND COLLEGE

Faculty Advisor: Dr Rakhi Sharma

Student Facilitators: Jai Melwani, Maanav Chugani, Tanya Thapar and Mahek Jain

On December 9, 2023, TEDx Jai Hind College made a grand return, bringing together a compelling line up of 10 speakers, 2 performers, and an alumni host. The highly anticipated event centered around the resonant theme of (r)evolution, capturing stories of change, resilience, and transformation from diverse fields. The program commenced with opening remarks by Principal Dr. Vijay Dabholkar, followed by Dr. Rajesh Thadani, President of the Board, who spoke passionately about the ongoing social shifts aligned with the day's theme.

Session 1: Transformative Journeys

The first session kicked off at 10:30 AM, captivating both students and guests with a memorable roster of speakers who shared stories of power, resilience, creativity, and triumph.

The session began with **Hon. Judge Shelyna V. Brown**, recipient of the 100 Black Women of Silicon Valley's Excellence in Advocacy Award. Judge Brown explored themes of power and liberation that transcended the confines of the courtroom, offering a deeply moving narrative on justice and advocacy.

Next, the stage was graced by **Amar Mangrulkar**, a self-taught musical prodigy who, at 30, left the corporate grind to pursue his passion for music. His compositions, which have found their way into TV ads, Netflix series, and hit movies, have earned him three Abby Awards and a Filmfare nomination. Mangrulkar's journey showcased the transformative power of following one's dreams.

Dr. Ravi Lalwani, a global martial arts maestro and recipient of the prestigious Bharat Gaurav Puruskar, followed with a gripping narrative. Having been knighted by the Government of Italy, his story underscored the discipline, commitment, and impact of martial arts. Lalwani's insights were as impactful as his judo techniques, inspiring attendees to channel strength from within.

The first session concluded with **Pralav Dhyani**, whose harrowing experience surviving a pirate hijacking on a voyage from Seychelles Island to Zanzibar gave way to a successful career as a founder of a shipping firm in the UAE. His story of determination and courage deeply resonated with the audience, demonstrating the ability to overcome life's fiercest storms.

Session 2: Inspiring Perspectives

The second session resumed at 1:30 PM with **Hormuz Ragina**, a celebrated cultural figure and "JAM Master." Known for his contagious enthusiasm and light hearted storytelling, Ragina had the audience

laughing and energized, bringing joy and a fresh spirit to the event. Next up was **Dar Gai**, a Ukrainian filmmaker, screenwriter, and director known for her evocative music videos. Gai spoke about the intense struggles and doubts faced by artists, sharing personal anecdotes that resonated deeply with the creative minds in attendance. Her heartfelt talk offered a raw and candid view of the artistic journey, leaving a lasting impact.

The session continued with **Hitesh Matlani**, famously known as Paco de la India. A visionary in cryptocurrency, Matlani detailed his 'Run with Bitcoin' adventure, an audacious journey spanning 40 countries in 400 days, funded entirely by Bitcoin. His tales of challenges and triumphs captivated the audience, illustrating the potential of decentralized finance.

Dr. Sheetal Sabharwal, a renowned gynaecologist, concluded Session 2 with a powerful presentation on her groundbreaking '**Water Birth**' campaign of 2003. Dr. Sabharwal passionately highlighted the benefits of water birth and discussed innovative perspectives on female reproductive health, sparking meaningful dialogue among attendees.

Concluding Talks

Hussein Dalal, a celebrated Bollywood actor, director, and dialogue writer, took the stage to exemplify the core ethos of TEDx Jai Hind College: hope. Dalal shared his personal and professional journey, inspiring the audience with reflections on perseverance and creativity within the entertainment industry.

The event concluded with **Parul Gulati**, a successful entrepreneur and social media influencer. Gulati's motivational talk resonated with students, emphasizing self-belief, resilience, and the pursuit of dreams. Her words offered a fitting close to a day filled with inspiration and insight.

Curtain Call

The event ended with a heartfelt curtain call led by host **Shashwat Mathur**, who expressed gratitude to the speakers, performers, organizers, and attendees for making TEDx Jai Hind College 2023 a resounding success.

STUDENT INDUCTION PROGRAMME - DEEKSHARAMBH

*Faculty Coordinators: Dr Anamika Purohit, Ms Firdous Sarnoubat,
Ms Radhika Rajwani*

The Student Induction Programme - Deeksharambh (2023-24) started with a bang this year with its first offline session - Orientation - in the Auditorium of Jai Hind College. The First Year students from different streams came in big numbers to get initiated into this unique induction programme specially curated for them at Jai Hind College, Autonomous, by Faculty Coordinators - Dr. Anamika Purohit; Ms Firdous Sarnoubat; and Ms Radhika Rajwani under the guidance of Dr. Sreela Dasgupta (Dean - Academic Affairs) and Principal Sir, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Dabholkar.

The Orientation was a means to initiate the FY students into the spirit of Jai Hind College, helping them recognise the rationale of an induction programme that was meant to ensure a smooth transition from school-life to college-life. This session facilitated a semi-formal interaction of the FY students with their seniors in the Second and Third Year as well as Alumni who especially came on board to share their college-life experiences with the young students. Dr. Dabholkar and Dr. Dasgupta shared their insights with the students too.

The second offline session that was on the concept of Self and was convened by Ms Mahek Punjabi (the college-counsellor), who helped students explore a plethora of concerns related to self - such as, identity construction, body-image issues, loneliness, peer-pressure, need to inculcate self-love etc. This was followed by the third session, which was online, on Family and Society conducted by the three Faculty Coordinators, Dr. Purohit, Ms Sarnoubat, and Ms Rajwani, and was all about exploring the next two concentric circles in the course of self-development. Evolution of familial relationships; need for bonding; expanding the community-circle; individual contribution; harmonious coexistence were some of the concerns discussed.

The subsequent session was on concepts of Nature and World conducted online by Dr. Devangi Chanchad and Ms N.K. Jyothi respectively. The session explored the importance of conserving our environment, taking responsibility as youngsters to preserve nature, avoid wastage, be inclusive and open to change, explore self in connection with the world. This was followed by a Concluding Session, which was about tying the strings of all the sessions as well as help the students perceive their college life experiences creatively. Students were asked to send in their creative expressions on college-life or any of the SIP topics, and the response overwhelmed us. The students were finally asked to submit their reflective journal for SIP and provide valuable feedback to us.

A special thanks to the Student Council and our dedicated team of Student Volunteers, who've been an important source of support for all of us in this endeavour.

XPLORE: FUN WITH SCIENCE ON NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

Chairperson: Niloufer K. Kotwal

Committee Members: Dr. Shuchita Deepak, Dr. Kruti Pandya, Dr. Manisha Deshpande, Dr. Devangi Chachad, Ms. Khatija Atthar, Dr. Onkar Lotlikar, Mr Pranil Waiker, Ms Shraddhadevi Singh

'Xplore' is an Annual Intra-collegiate Science Exhibition held each year to commemorate National Science Day which falls on 28th February and celebrates the occasion of Sir C.V. Raman's Birth Anniversary. It encourages young, bright and innovative students to hone their research ideas and skills. This event helps in inculcating scientific temperament among students. Some students make models, posters to explain a scientific theme/concept of their choice, while others are involved in multidisciplinary research project, literature review and exhibit their work in the form of either poster presentation or oral presentation. While this exhibition brings out the creativity in them, it also promotes the culture of pure science. By participating in this event students get an exposure to not only research but also to other soft skills like presentation, managing and teamwork. Xplore is an endeavour to make students think outside the box and go beyond their curriculum.

The main objective of 'Xplore' is to spread the joy of discovering facts while doing science, and have fun at the same time. Through this exhibition we try to inculcate into young minds love for science. Since Xplore caters to all undergraduate students, the objectives change as per their level.

First Year students – They select a topic/concept which interests them and prepare charts or models to explain the same. Main aim is to make them read beyond the syllabus and to apply the theoretical knowledge learnt throughout the Academic year.

Second Year students – They select a topic/concept which interests them and prepare charts or models to explain the same. However, as compared to the First-Year level, the Second-year students are expected to do review literature. Main objective is to improve their presentation skills, learn to review and apply literature, and increase their understanding of a particular topic of interest thus building stronger concepts.

Third Year students – At the Third-Year level, students are expected to identify a problem and attempt to find a solution for the same. The main aim is to inculcate a research aptitude, that includes reading and analysing research papers from various peer reviewed journals, and applying the techniques reviewed in literature in finding a solution to the problem identified.

By participating in Xplore, our students realise that even seemingly abstract concepts can have real life applications. Students develop curiosity and are self-motivated. As team-work is encouraged and demonstration of their work is effectively communicated, they also develop problem solving skills, improved presentation skills and soft skills.

The Xplore Exhibition is open to students of other institutions, and our participating students explain various concepts of science in a lucid language to school children. Our students ensure that “Science is Learning with fun” for school children and teachers from non-science backgrounds, thus helping promote the underlying beauty of sciences.

This year Xplore had an overall participation of about 150 Teams with a total of over 300 participants. We are eternally grateful for the support we have received year after year from Teachers and Students alike, and we hope to expand Xplore each year to make students not only have “Fun with Science”, but help in their personality development and hone their soft-skills.



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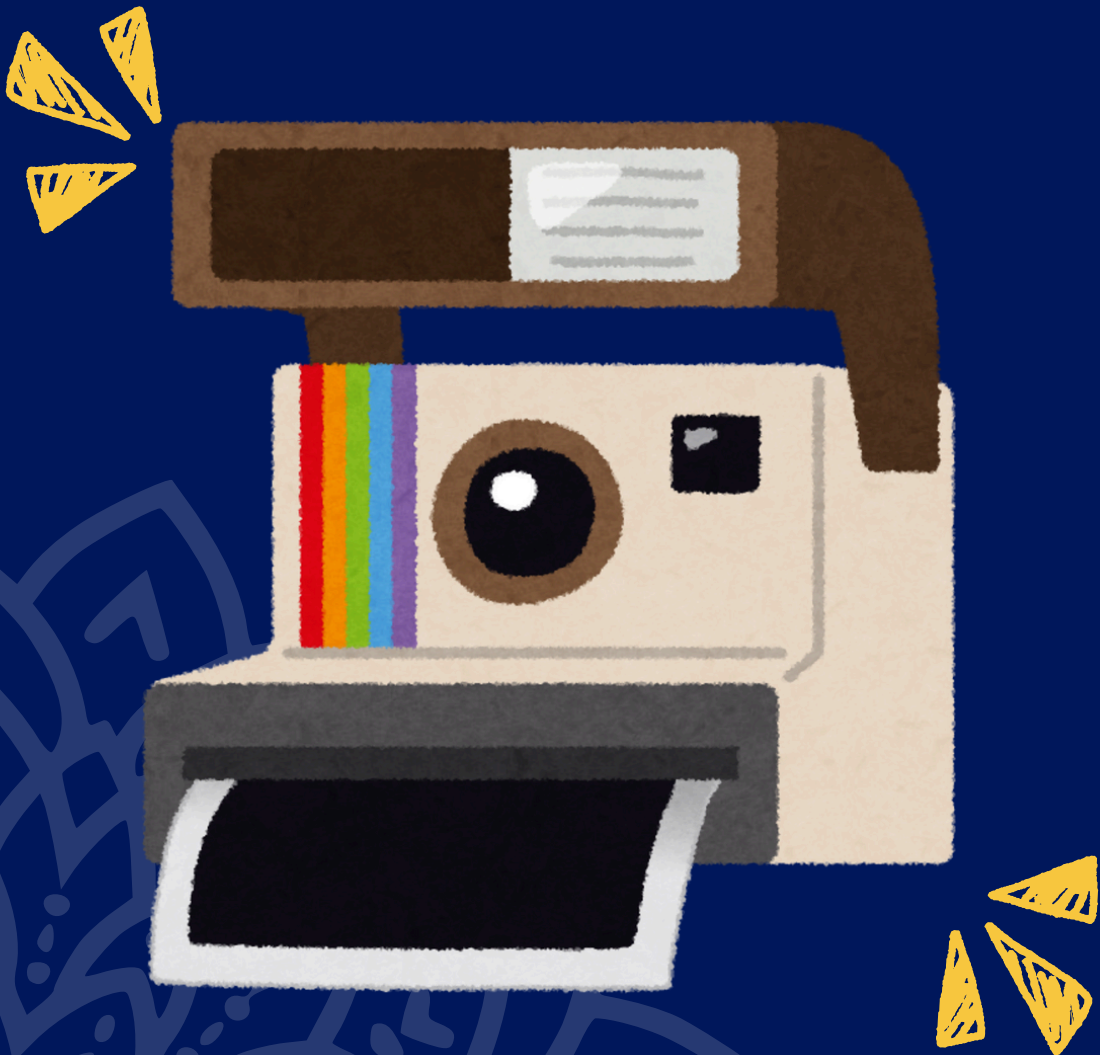
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Ms. Anshita Saxena	BSc	TY
Mr. Harsh Jain	BSC	TY
Mr. Viraj Jitendra Shah	BSc-IT	SY
Ms. Urvi Harshal Patel	BSc-IT	SY

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Diamonds Under Pressure

In the heart of Earth, beneath pressures deep,
A tale unfolds where secrets keep.
Diamonds emerge, in darkness born,
from weighty burdens, quietly worn.

Crystalline whispers beneath the ground,
A symphony of carbon, tightly bound.
Under pressure, a transformation rare,
A dance of atoms, beyond compare.

Coal to gem, through time's embrace,
majestic diamonds find their space.
In the crucible of stress, they find their light,
sparkling miracles, born of night.

Each facet tells a story untold,
of resilience, of grace, and secrets bold.
Pressure's artistry, a sublime caress,
crafting diamonds, in nature's dress.

So let life's burdens shape your soul,
like diamonds formed, you reach your goal.
Under pressure, let strength refine,
A radiant spirit, forever to shine.

*By Asavi Kapadia
FYBA*

We Will Watch You Fade

**I am on your right, I am on your left,
I am every place your eyes can rest.
I am above and beyond,
In the deepest depths of Tartarus
And on the darker side of the moon**

**Come out and play, my little honey bear,
I will show you just how true, our cruelest stories fare.
We hold your thread, so small and frail.
For you shall alone on our waters sail.
Then my sibling will cut
Your life force short
And we will watch your carcass rot.**

**We will watch as your blood will seep
Into the ground, as you grow feeble and weak
We will watch as you replay your short life,
Oh how fun it is to witness young girls die.
Your parents will see you writhe and cry
And they will forever blame it on their negligent eye.**

**Because death isn't what rips the families apart,
He just helps the souls to depart.
It is us who pave the road to the Underworld gate
We - The Goddesses of Fate.**

**By Mariya Chinchawala
SYBCOM**

Autumn Again

Sitting under a tree,
A leaf fell on my book unnoticed and i closed it,
I looked up at the excruciating skies,
It was autumn again.

It was the time I realised the striking of my awry malady,
It was the time dusty old books opened with squeaky old
memoirs of people I've canonised
Into and plummeted like snow falling on people's shoes
and getting rubbed on the door mat the next day.

It was the time of angst and heart ache,
Of the amorphous holograms of the unbearable
cacophony of my heart.
Skies all red with the pretty dust of love,
It was autumn again.

By Pujita Arora
SYBA

Child of Cosmos

First prize winner

I was raised by the Cosmos;
There is chaos in my soul;
My heart, untamed and wild,
If I were to unleash myself
The stars would revolt.

I was raised by the Cosmos;
There is chaos in my soul;
Eyes that see beyond horizons,
A heart that feels so deeply,
Like the beautiful depth of the ocean.

The Galaxies taught me to love,
To forgive and to heal,
To leap without landing,
I was raised by the Cosmos,
There is chaos in my soul.

The moon helped me shine;
Venus held my hands and
Gave me a gift, that of Love and Care,
Surrounded by the majestic miracles,
That's how I was raised.

I was raised by the Cosmos;
There is chaos in my soul;
My heart, untamed and wild,
If I were to unleash myself
The stars would revolt.

By Zunaira Khan

My Heart Will Always Remember You

Second prize winner

He was building a treasure trove of memories old.
Capturing the moments, grasping onto the memories
before they faded away as he was bound by time.
Half a century with her, he wanted to remember it all,
From those young hopeful eyes to their grey hair and wrinkled skin.

Days passed by, and he kept adding to his trove.
Sometimes the jokes she laughed at,
Other times the movie scene that made her smile.
The name of her favourite flower,
And the sound of her favourite song.

Months passed by, and she watched his body wither away.
He would look at her like how someone looks at a stranger,
Keen eyes, deep interest, and wandering mind.

She would open up the box of memories and lay them beside him.
And as the morning sun was set, he would look at her with that old
cheeky smile.

He would hold her hands and whisper,
I don't recognize you, but my heart remembers.
Years passed by, and the place beside her bed turned cold.
She would open the trove each night and cherish it whole.
Now it was filled with memories of him too, the painting she made
when he was plucking out the lily from the garden for her.
The sound of his voice recorded in a cassette when he used to hum
her favourite song.
And the letter which said in her writing,
My heart will always remember you.

By Mossadeka Malick

जदीद भारत में हुब अल्वतनी

हिम्मत लाइ केसरी, अछे लाइ शांति ऐं भरोसे लाइ साओ,
टिनि रंगनि लाइ, भारत जो फ़ख़ुरू आहे इन्तहाई.
माण्हुनि जे दिल ऐं दिमाग़ ते छांयल टे लफ़्ज़ 'जन गण मन',
इन्हनि में मिले थी असां खे आत्मिक रहनुमाई.

जनता जे, जनता पारां, जनता लाइ;
इन्हनि भावनाउनि में असां ऐकता में रहूं ता ऐं इन्हनि जो पालनु था कारियूं.
भारत जूं फ़ौजुं; हवाई, ज़मीनी ऐं बहरी लशकर,
मज़बूतीअ सां कहिड़ी बि मुसीबत जो मुक़ाबिलो करे सघनि थियूं.

शींहूं, बैक्स ऐं कंवल जो गुलु, असां जे क़ौमि निशान में,
गड् 'सत्य मेव जयते' जीअं असां सच जी रुहूं लागू करे था सघिनि.
सो बहिरी क़ान्ती, सफ़ेद क़ान्ती ऐं साईं क़ान्ती अज्र ताई क़ायम आहे,
जिनि में भारत जा वसीला समायल आहिनि.

आइ आइ एम, आइ आइ टी जेरी भारत जूं शानदार संस्थाऊं,
इन्हनि जे मदद सां असां लगातार अगिते तरक़ी कंदा था रहूं.
केतिरनि ई दहकनि खां असां जे देश भगतनि कुल्हे सां कुल्हो मिलाये,
मुहिकम इरादे सां गड् अगिते क़दम वधाये,
उन्हनि जी ताक़त ऐं पको इरादो त पधरा आहिनि,
छो त फ़क़त पघर ऐं खून में ई ज़िन्दगी घारी आहे उन्हनि.

जदीद भारत जा देश भगत वडे वाके, हमलो करण या मखसूसियत में विश्वास न कंदड़ आहिनि,
उन्हनि जूं हासिलात करण जूं इच्छाऊं कड़हि बि ख़तम न थियूं.
उन्हनि त सदा बियनि जा सपना पूरा करण ऐं उन्हनि खे डियण में ई ज़िंदगी गुज़ारी आहे,
कड़हियुं बि मुसीबतु उन्हनि खे हाराये न थी सगियुं,
भारत जा देश भगत कष्ट कशाला सहंदे तमाम बहतरीन तब्दीलियूं आंदियूं आहिनि.

जदीद भारत जा देश भगत असां खे हिक बिये खां जुदा करण खां बचाइनि था,
जीअं असां भारत जे आशाउनि, इंसानियत ऐं शान लाए गडजी एकता में रहूं.
आज़ादीअ जी खुशिअ में असां जी भारत माता सदा अगते रहे,
ऐं असां सभु क़ौमी तिरंगे जे रंगनि में सदा रडिज्यल रहूं.

By Nidhi Dodeja

प्रेम ऐं प्रेमी

प्यार जी परिभाषा नथी थी सघे।
प्यार महसूस थी थो सघे।
प्यार जतायणु मुश्किल थी थो सघे,
पर हिन गाल्हि मूंखे शयुन ए माणहुनि सां प्यार सां न रोकियो आहे।

मां इंसानियत जो प्रेमी आहियां,
मां साधारण शयुन जो प्रेमी आहियां।
मूंखे ही एहसास थिया कि प्यार जतायणु मुश्किल कोन आहे,
ऐं असां सभई प्रेमी आहियूं।

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پريس ۽ پريمي

پيار جي پريپاشا نٿي ٿي سگهي.

پيار محسوس ٿي ٿو سگهي

پيار جتائڻ مُشڪل ٿي ٿو سگهي

پر هن ڳالهه مونکي شين ۽ ماڻهن سان پيار سان نه روڪيو آهي

مان انسانيت جو پريمي آهيان

مان ساڌارڻ شين جو پريمي آهيان

مونکي هيءُ احساس ٿيا ڪ پيار جتائڻ مُشڪل ڪونه آهي،

۽ آسان ٿي پريمي آهيون.

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जे असां वटि रुगो २४ कलाक गडु हुजनि

मुंहिजे लाए डाढो डुखियो हूंदो
तोखे मुंहिजी यादुन खां विसारण।
ऐं अगर मां विसारे भी छडियां,
मुंहिजो दिल तुंहिजे अगियां पुठियां घुमंदो रहंदो।
मां कीअं विसारियां उन जगह खे जो मुंहिजो घर हो।
हूअ जगह जिते मूखे दिलासो मिलियो अकेली रातुन में।

अजु तूं उते आहीं जंहिं जगह जी मूखे खबर कान आहे।
अहिड़ी जगह जिते असां गाल्हाए कान था सघूं।
अहिड़ी जगह जिते मां पहुची कान थी सघां।
पर मां अक्सर अंबर सां थी गाल्हायां,
तोखे याद कंदे कंदे।

अंबर सां गाल्हाए करे मूखे सुकून मिलियो,
छो कि मूखे ही लगियो पे की तूं मुंहिजे करीब आहीं।
काश मूखे खबर हूंदी की ही तुंहिजो आखरी समय आहे।
२४ कलाक तोसां गडु,
मां तोखे बुधायां हा
तूं मुंहिजे लाइ छा आहीं।

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جي آسان وٽ رڳو ۲۴ ڪلاڪ گڏ هجن

منهنجي لاءِ ڏاڍو ڏکيو هوندو
توڪي منهنجي يادن کان وسارڻ
۽ اگر مان وساري نه ڇڏيان
منهنجو دل تنهنجي اڳيان پٺيان گهمندو رهندو
مان ڪيئن وساريان ان جڳهه کي جو منهنجو گهر هو
هوءَ جڳهه جتي مونکي دلاسو مليو اڪيلي راتن ۾

اڄ تُو اُتي آهين جنهن جڳهه جي مونکي خبر ڪانه آهي
اهڙي جڳهه جتي آسان ڳالهائي ڪانه ٿا سگهون
اهڙي جڳهه جتي مان پهچي ڪانه ٿي سگهان
پر مان اڪثر امير سان ٿي ڳالهايان
توڪي ياد ڪندي ڪندي

امير سان ڳالهائي ڪري مونکي سڪون مليو
ڇوڪ مونکي هي لڳيو پئي ڪ تون منهنجي قريب آهين
ڪاش مونکي خبر هوندي ڪ هي تنهنجو آخري سميه آهي
۲۴ ڪلاڪ توسان گڏ
مان توڪي ٻڌايان ها
تون منهنجي لاءِ ڇا آهين.

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छा हिनखे प्यार चड़बो आहे ?

खबर न आहे हिनखे प्यार चड़बो कि न,
पर हुन डीहं तूं पंहिंजो रुमाल भुलजी वयो हुं,
उहो हाणे बि मां संभाले रखियो आहे।
तुंहिंजो हरु हिकु तौफो मूं वटि हाणे बि महफूज पयो आहे।

तोखे जडी बि मिलण ईदी आहियां,
तडी तूं मुंहिंजो हथु ज़ोर सां पकड़ींदो आहे,
हुन जगह ते मिलण ईदी आहियां
जिते असां जूं जामु यादूं आहिनि,
ऐं हाणे बि मां तोखे मूंसां गाल्हाईदे डिसंदी आहियां,
हिकदम खिली खिली।

त तडी मां इहो सुवाल भुलजी वेंदी आहियां कि
“तूं मूंखे छो छडे हली वंऐं?”
छो त असल में तूं छडियो ही नथी,
तूं मूं सां गडु न आहीं,
तूं हाणे मुंहिंजो न आहीं,
पर तूं अजु बि मूंखे मुंहिंजे आसे पासे डिसणु ईंदो आहीं।

खबर न आहे किअं त बि तुंहिंजे हुजण सां
सज़ी दुनिया खिलल्या लगंदी हुई,
हाणे बस ऊंदहि थी डिसणु अचे,
ऐं हिन ऊंदहि जो सोजरो बस तूं हीं आहीं।
त पक्क आ छा
कि हिनखे प्यार न चड़बो आ ?

By Aarvi Tulsani

ڇا هنڪي پيار چئبو آهي؟

خبر نه آهي هنڪي پيار چئبو آهي ڪ نه،
پر هن ڏينهن تون پنهنجو رومال ڀڙجي ويو هئين
اُهو هاڻي به مان سنڀالي رکيو آهي.
تنهنجو هر هڪ تعفو مون وٽ هاڻي به محفوظ پيو آهي.

توڪي جڏي به ملڻ ايندي آهيان
تڏي تون منهنجو هٿ زور سان پڪڙيندو آهين
هن جڳهه تي ملڻ ايندي آهيان
جتي اسان جون جام يادون آهن،
۽ هاڻي به مان توڪي مون سان ڳالهائيندي ڏسندي آهيان
هڪدم ڪلي ڪلي.

ته تڏي مان اهو سوال ڀڙجي ويندي آهيان ڪ
”تون مونڪي ڇو ڇڏي هلي وئين؟“
ڇو ته اصل ۾ تون ڇڏيو ئي نٿي
تون مون سان گڏ نه آهين
تون هاڻي منهنجو نه آهين،
پر تون اڄ به مونڪي منهنجي آسي پاسي ڏسڻ ايندو آهين.

خبر نه آهي ڪيئن ته به تنهنجي هجڻ سان
سڄي دنيا کليل لڳندي هئي،
هاڻي بس اونداهه ٿي ڏسڻ اچي،
۽ هن اونداهه جو سوجهرو بس تون هي آهين.
ته پڪ آ ڇا
ڪ هنڪي پيار نه چئبو آ؟

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SO MOVED...AND YET, SO STATIONERY

~ SIYA NARWEKAR
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Pencil. Pencil was otherworldly, Pencil was ethereal, Pencil was a dream, Pencil was his dream. Eraser gaped in wonder - what with her shiny, pointed head and her long, striped sundress - Pencil was incomparable, a goddess in disguise. And today was the day, the day he would 'rub off' the right and smart way. Today he won't don Apsara or even Camlin; today was the day for Staedtler. Oh, how she'd sharpen her edges and dance across the notebook pages on their first date today!

He hadn't known her for long, perhaps just a week now. They'd met at work - this haunted house the giants in suits and ties around them seemed to call 'Bright Paper Publishing House'. It most certainly wasn't a place for the lily-livered. They were both severely overworked. It was sheer terror - they would demand her to run and dance across the pages, sometimes for hours on end.

It had started with timid glances across the 'editor's' desk - hesitant, doubting, wanting; and yet so deliriously passionate that he ached all over with desire. And yet, they'd never dared to trespass the chaste line of formal etiquette into the blazing realm of impulse-driven longing.

They'd never dared to, they'd never dared to; until that one fateful night when unbridled carnality seized their rationale. The editor's auto ride home was choppy and chaotic; and veiled in the shadowy darkness of her handbag, concealed from the probing eyes of light, they had shuffled close; their surfaces grazing, but barely so; brushing, but barely so; touching, but barely so. It had been too much to shoulder.

There had been too much rubbing and too much friction - and SO MUCH heat. Driven by desire, overtaken by impulse, he had grabbed hold of her slender curve - and sparks had flown; as had wooden shavings and rubber dust....

The Rise of Entrepreneurial Spirit in Indian Women

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"What? There's a woman behind this entire business? You've got to be kidding!" That's a cringe-worthy response you're likely to hear from an archetypal Indian.

Women owning and running businesses is not an entirely alien phenomenon, since we're all aware of the tiny cottage industries we learnt about in school. But that's that. For a long time, women have had to confine themselves to petty businesses.

But why have women not been as dominant as their male counterparts in business? Well, for starters, here are some of the most common problems women face in India:

The all-too-familiar red tape.

- Skeptical bankers denying credit and questioning credibility despite the proof that their loan repayment rates are higher than that of men. (United Nations Industrial Development Organization)

- Competition from the organized sector & the male-dominant entrepreneurial India
- Family ties and homemaking responsibilities
- Illiteracy and the lack of sound education
- A patriarchal society that doesn't willingly support or encourage women in business
- A lack of the entrepreneurial spirit and the drive to take big risks
- A so-called lack of self-confidence

This is India – the land of 'rivaaz' (tradition). As a country, we had been lagging behind on the development front in terms of 'women power' – and quite understandably so, given the orthodoxy and prevailing attitude towards the weaker sex, especially when it came to the 'role' of a woman in society. The very fact that we still read terms like 'the weaker sex' shows that this nauseating bias is ingrained in our patriarchal minds.

The winds of change have finally arrived, albeit a little late. Better late than never, right?

Welcome to modern-day India – a growing hub of opportunities waiting to be grabbed, a diverse mishmash of industries in the metropolitans, an open stage for all genders to take control of, and a marginally more open-minded community that welcomes change (for good).

It has been (and still is), however, a struggle for some women to break the shackles to aim big, take the plunge, and realize their dreams. Some get lost in oblivion, some are held back by fear and pressure, some lack conviction, some do not get the support they need, and then there are some who, despite all of the above, make it through to the top.

Here's looking at some of the most interesting and awe-inspiring stories of women who made a choice, stuck to it, and set an example for us to follow:

1. The 'compassionate capitalist' who did not build Biocon overnight Corporate-Secretary, Dr. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw CMD, Biocon Ltd.

Yes, she is the chairperson & MD of Biocon Ltd. (the stellar biotechnology company), the current chairperson of IIM-Bangalore, and one of Forbes' World's 100 Most Powerful Women. But life wasn't easy for her when she forayed into the industry.

With the degree and some experience as a trainee in Aussieland, she came back to India to explore opportunities for growth. But to her dismay, she was told off here because apparently "being a Master Brewer is a man's thing."

With solid educational credentials behind her, she met Leslie Auchincloss, who was incidentally looking for an entrepreneur to help set up an Indian subsidiary of his company, Biocon Bio chemicals Ltd. Her loan application was turned down thrice by Indian banks. Biocon India was finally born in 1978 in the garage of Kiran's rented house in Bangalore with a seed capital of rs. 10,000. From heading a company that started in a tiny garage to become India's largest publicly traded Biopharmaceutical Company (with \$460 billion in revenue in 2014) that dispenses products in 85 countries, it's been one hell of a rollercoaster ride for Kiran.

2. The multitasking, multitalented serial entrepreneur, Corporate-Secretary, Sairee Chahal, Founder & CEO, Sheroes.in & Fleximoms

As the founder and CEO of Sheroes.in and Fleximoms, Sairee Chahal has crafted two businesses based on the struggles she

had to deal with, being a family-oriented woman in India, thus empowering Indian women to find excellent and flexible work opportunities and enabling businesses to find the right female candidates. Sheroes was launched in 2014, and has already witnessed a footfall of 6,000 companies and over half a million women across 5,000 locations.

The need for establishing a career shop like Fleximom arose from the fact that things had gotten difficult at the workplace for Sairee when she became a mother, thanks largely to the inflexible work formats. Disinclined towards giving up what would've been a highly successful corporate career, Sairee found another way out – a better way out.

The two companies that she heads are meant for women like Sairee – women like you – who wish to strike the perfect work-life balance.

3. Breaking the social stigma with comics, Corporate-Secretary, Aditi Gupta, Founder, Menstrupedia

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Amongst the most inspirational social entrepreneurs out there, Aditi Gupta is easily the gutsiest. With an aim to depict the concept of menstruation in a positive light, Aditi founded Menstrupedia in 2012, and has already managed to garner an average of 2 lac visits per month.

The idea behind the business stemmed from her own alarming experience as a child, when she got her first period at the age of 12 (and was asked to keep mum about it). A subject that is considered taboo in our society, 'menstruation' got a delightful makeover when Aditi and her husband Tuhin created the online database of comic books that aim to educate young girls about the natural human phenomenon.

Aditi's struggles and inhuman experiences as a child have translated into a social cause that will educate millions of people. Touching story, that.

4. Making the world a better place with data, Corporate-Secretary, Prukalpa Sankar, Co-founder, SocialCops

The gifted 10-year-old Prukalpa coded an HTML website for Harry Potter fans and could have gone on to become whatever she wanted. But she chose to do something for the betterment of the society. Enter SocialCops, a social enterprise that uses technology to harness the voice of the citizens to help make synergistic data-driven decisions in health, education and infrastructure.

With a dwindling bank balance of \$5000, there were problems galore, in spite of promises to fund the startup initially. But SocialCops managed to raise \$320,000 in the first round of funding and Prukalpa hasn't looked back ever since

5. Two good to be true, Corporate-Secretary, Aardra Chandra Mouli and Gayathri Thankachi V. , Founders, Aeka Biochemicals Pvt. Ltd.

Establishing a biotech company in Kerala is no child's play. Ask the owners of Aeka Biochemicals Pvt. Ltd. – the first biotech and biochemical startup venture based out of Trivandrum in Kerala wholly owned by women – and they will tell you the range of challenges they came face-to-face with.

From the usual red tape to lack of information availability, and from complex legal processes to uncooperative officials, Aardra and Gayatri have a whole bunch of appalling-yet-funny anecdotes to share.

Aimed at putting the environment first and meeting the needs of the local community, Aeka was born in 2014 and is growing from strength-to-strength.

From technology to finance, and from art to retail, players like Anisha Singh, Purnima Rao, Suruchi Wagh, Surabhi Dewra, Rashi Choudhary, Ankita Gaba, Ashwini Asokan and Rashi Narang are just some examples of the hordes of startup owners who are beseeching other women to stand up and do what they believe in. They fought all odds to compete with the prevailing male dominance in the business world. All it took was a little bit of courage, belief and the readiness to go all-guns-blazing.

Entrepreneurship has become a new wave among women in recent years. Women have become aware of their existence their rights and their work situation. However, women of the middle class are not too eager to alter their role in fear of social backlash. Highly educated technically sound and professionally qualified women should be encouraged for managing their own business rather than dependent on wage employment outlets. The unexplored talents of young women can be identified, trained and used for various types of industries to increase productivity in the industrial sector. A desirable environment is necessary for every woman to inculcate entrepreneurial values and involve greatly in business dealing. In this manner, more women should be encouraged for to take up entrepreneurial ventures.

संस्कृति और सभ्यता

सामान्य आदमी और कभी-कभी विद्वान भी संस्कृति एवं सभ्यता को एक ही मानने की भूल कर बैठते हैं। जिसके कारण 'शरीर' रूपी सभ्यता का महल तो बड़ा आकर्षक बना रहता है, लेकिन संस्कृति रूपी 'आत्मा' खंडहर होने लगती है। इस आत्मा रूपी संस्कृति को बनाए रखने के लिए सभ्यता एवं संस्कृति के बीच एक महीन आवरण अदृश्य रूप से पड़ा रहता है। इस संदर्भ में अंग्रेजी की वह कहावत काफी हद तक सटीक दिखती है, जो यह बताती है कि "सभ्यता वह चीज है जो हमारे पास है, संस्कृति वह गुण है जो हममें व्याप्त है।" या दूसरे शब्दों में कहना चाहे तो- संस्कृति अभ्यंतरणीय चेतना का गहन परिष्कृत तत्त्व है तो सभ्यता बाह्य तत्त्व या उपादान है।

सभ्यता और संस्कृति के पारस्परिक संबंध को हम आत्मा एवं शरीर के उदाहरण से भलीभाँति समझ सकते हैं। यदि हम शरीर को ही (भारतीय संदर्भ में) महत्त्वपूर्ण मान लेंगे तो आत्मा तक पहुँचाना संभव नहीं होगा, और आत्मा को संपूर्ण समझकर शरीर को उपेक्षित करेंगे तो आत्मा का निवास (जीवित अवस्थाओं में) संभव नहीं होगा। क्योंकि आत्मा शरीर में ही निवास करती है। शायद इसीलिए गौतम बुद्ध ने 'मंझिम निकाय' की बात कही थी। इसीलिए सभ्यता को ही सर्वस्व मान लेने से हम संस्कृति का आत्मसाक्षात्कार नहीं कर पायेंगे।

लेकिन जिस प्रकार शरीर के बिना आत्मा का अवतरण संभव नहीं, उसी प्रकार सभ्यता को जाने बिना हम संस्कृति की पहचान नहीं कर सकेंगे। तभी तो कहा जाता है कि- "सभ्यता शरीर है और संस्कृति आत्मा।" इन दोनों के बीच बिंब और प्रतिबिंब का संबंध है। संस्कृति यदि कारण है तो सभ्यता कार्य।

सभ्यता से तात्पर्य उन भौतिक साधनों, आविष्कारों, उत्पादन के साधनों एवं सामाजिक, राजनैतिक, आर्थिक संस्थाओं से समझना चाहिए, जिनके द्वारा मनुष्य की जीवन-यात्रा सरल होती है। इसके विपरीत संस्कृति का अर्थ चिंतन तथा कलात्मक सर्जन की वे क्रियाएँ समझनी चाहिए, जो मानव व्यक्तित्व और जीवन के लिए साक्षात् उपयोगी न होते हुए भी उसे समृद्ध बनाती है। सभ्यता और संस्कृति का अंतर ही दोनों के पारस्परिक संबंध को समझने में सहायक सिद्ध होते हैं।

सभ्यता और संस्कृति के अन्तः संबंधों को स्पष्ट करते हुए 'वाचस्पति गैरोला' के विचार हैं- संस्कृति का आधार मुख्यतः आचारों और सभ्यता का आधार मुख्यतः विचारों से है। आचारों से संस्कृति का और विचारों से सभ्यता का निर्माण हुआ है। इस दृष्टि से आचारों और विचारों का जो पारस्परिक संबंध है, संस्कृति और सभ्यता का वही सामान्यतः संबंध है। किसी दुराचारी व्यक्ति में सद्विचारों का योग होना संभव नहीं है। इसी प्रकार किसी विचार शून्य व्यक्ति में सदाचारों का होना प्रायः कठिन है। इससे यह सिद्ध होता है कि आचारों और विचारों का परस्पर अभिन्न संबंध है। अतः संस्कृति और सभ्यता दोनों परस्परापेक्ष्य सिद्ध होती हैं। सभ्यता और संस्कृति के अन्तः संबंधों को कुछ इसी प्रकार से स्पष्ट करते हुए 'बाबूराम मैहला' का कथन भी देखा जा सकता है।

"सभ्यता निश्चित रूप से भौतिक है। यह बाह्य आभूषण मात्र है। संस्कृति आत्मा का श्रृंगार करती है, वह हृदय भाव की उदात्तता है तथा मन को विमल विचारों से सुशोभित करती है। सभ्यता बहिर्मुखी है तो संस्कृति अन्तर्मुखी। सभ्यता नवीन आविष्कारों, उत्पादन के साधनों तथा सामाजिक संस्थाओं से अपने स्वरूप को उन्नत करती हुई जीवन-यात्रा को सुगम और सरल बनाती है, पर संस्कृति इनसे बेखबर रहकर भी अपना जीवन दर्शन विकसित कर सकती है।

इस प्रकार हम कह सकते हैं कि संस्कृति सभ्यता की अपेक्षा अधिक सूक्ष्म होती है। यह सभ्यता में उसी तरह व्याप्त रहती है, जैसे फूल में सुगंध। संस्कृति जीवन जीने की एक शैली है, और यह शैली सदियों से जमा होकर उस समाज में छायी रहती है, जिसमें हम जन्म लेते हैं। संस्कार या संस्कृति वास्तव में शरीर का नहीं आत्मा का गुण है, और सभ्यता से हमारा नाता शरीर के साथ ही टूट जाता है। किन्तु संस्कृति का प्रभाव हमारी आत्मा के साथ जन्म-जन्मांतर तक चलता रहता है। आदान-प्रदान की प्रक्रिया ही संस्कृति की जान है और इसी के सहारे वह अपने आपको जिंदा रखती है।

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आचार्य रामचंद्र शुक्ल ने कहा है कि "साहित्य समाज का दर्पण होता है। जिस युग की जैसी संस्कृति होती है, वैसा ही साहित्य समाज में आता है और उस साहित्य का समाज की संस्कृति एवं संस्कार पर भी असर पड़ता है। उन सांस्कृतिक मूल्यों का वास्तविक आधार मानव व्यक्तित्व की वे अवस्थाएँ या रूप हैं, जो वांछनीय और अनुकरणीय जान पड़ते हैं। किसी देश के साहित्य में हम मानव जीवन अथवा मानव व्यक्तित्व के उन रूपों का वर्णन पाते हैं, जिन्हें वहाँ के साहित्यकारों ने भावात्मक अथवा निषेधात्मक रूप में अर्थवान अथवा उल्लेखनीय समझा है। यह सच है कि किसी देश की संस्कृति के प्रधान प्रतिनिधि वहाँ के साहित्यकार होते हैं।

देश या समाज में मानव व्यक्तित्व तथा जीवन में संबंधित छोटे-बड़े असंख्य भाव प्रचलित या प्रतिष्ठित होते हैं, उनका पूर्ण आकलन वहाँ के साहित्य में ही हो पाता है। इस प्रकार संस्कृति और साहित्य में अटूट संबंध है। संस्कृति की शाश्वतता ही उसे अजर-अमर करती है और वही साहित्य की अचल संपत्ति है। ऐसे साहित्य में संस्कृति के मूल्य खोजने की आवश्यकता नहीं पड़ती, बल्कि संस्कृति साहित्य का प्राण बनकर उसमें घुली-मिली रहती है।

संस्कृति एवं साहित्य की अन्योन्याश्रितता के संदर्भ में विद्यानिवास मिश्र जी का मंतव्य द्रष्टव्य है- "प्रत्येक संस्कृति की सर्वश्रेष्ठ अभिव्यंजना साहित्य में होती है। दूसरे शब्दों में, संस्कृति को पहचानने की कई आँखें हैं, कलाएँ हैं, दर्शन हैं, आचार-पद्धतियाँ हैं, हमारी अपनी शब्दावली में धर्म है, इतिहास-पुराण हैं, इतिहास-पुरुष हैं। परंतु साहित्य वाली आँख कुछ ज्यादा देखती हैं, और उस देखने में एक विशेषता होती है, वह अपने को देखती है। संस्कृति का जो चित्र साहित्य में मिलता है, वह संस्कृति के मूल प्रयोजन, मूल्यों के सर्जन की प्रक्रिया को आगे बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य से चित्रित मिलता है। वह चित्र ऐसा होता है जो पढ़ने वाले को तो उस चित्र की प्रक्रिया का साझीदार बनाता ही है, उसके भीतर के चित्रकार को, रचनाकार को भी उभार देता है, उसकी सर्जक आँख खोल देता है।

भारतीय साहित्य में वेद और लोक (पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश की सरल जनता इसे वेद के तुकांत के रूप में 'लवेद' कहती है।) ये दो शब्द विभिन्न प्रकार के सांस्कृतिक समुदाय को संकेतित करते हैं। जो अपने बौद्धिक विकास के कारण संस्कृति की दो पृथक-पृथक धाराओं के रूप में दिखाई देते हैं- (1) शिष्ट संस्कृति (2) लोक संस्कृति। शिष्ट संस्कृति से तात्पर्य उस अभिजात वर्ग की संस्कृति से है जो बौद्धिक विकास के उच्चतम शिखर पर पहुँचा हुआ था। यह वर्ग अपनी प्रतिभा के कारण समाज का अग्रणी और पथ-प्रदर्शक था। इसकी संस्कृति का स्रोत वेद और शास्त्र थे। किंतु लोक-संस्कृति जन साधारण की वह संस्कृति है जो अपनी प्रेरणा लोक से प्राप्त करती थी, जिसकी उत्स भूमि जनता थी जो बौद्धिक विकास की दृष्टि से निम्न धरातल पर थी।

शिष्ट संस्कृति एवं लोक संस्कृति पर अपना मत स्पष्ट करते हुए पं. बलदेव उपाध्याय ने लिखा है कि "लोक संस्कृति शिष्ट संस्कृति की सहायक होती है। किसी देश के धार्मिक विश्वासों, अनुष्ठानों तथा क्रिया कलापों के पूर्ण परिचय के लिए दोनों संस्कृतियों में सहयोग अपेक्षित रहता है। इस दृष्टि से अथर्ववेद, ऋग्वेद का पूरक है। ये दोनों संहिताएँ दो विभिन्न संस्कृतियों के स्वरूप की परिचायिकाएँ हैं। अथर्ववेद लोक संस्कृति का परिचायक है तो ऋग्वेद शिष्ट संस्कृति का। अथर्ववेद के विचारों का धरातल सामान्य जनजीवन है तो ऋग्वेद का विशिष्ट जनजीवन है।

जहाँ ऋग्वेद में यज्ञ-यज्ञादिक का विधान पाया जाता है। वहीं अथर्ववेद में अंधविश्वास, टोना टोटका, जादू, मंत्र आदि का। इस प्रकार ऋग्वेद शिष्ट संस्कृति के जन के विचारों की झाँकी प्रस्तुत करता है तो अथर्ववेद में लोक-संस्कृति का चित्रण उपलब्ध होता है। अतः ये दोनों वेद दो भिन्न संस्कृतियों के प्रतीक हैं। उपनिषद् काल में भी दोनों संस्कृतियाँ स्पष्ट रूप से दिखाई पड़ती हैं। जिन उपनिषदों में आत्मा, परमात्मा, जीव, जगत, ब्रह्म, माया, प्रकृति आदि का वर्णन है, वे अभिजात संस्कृति के ग्रंथ हैं। परंतु जिनमें लोक जीवन का वर्णन है, लोक-विश्वास और लोक-परंपराओं का उल्लेख है उनका संबंध निश्चय ही लोक-संस्कृति और लोक-परंपराओं का उल्लेख है उनका संबंध निश्चय ही लोक-संस्कृति से है। गृह्यसूत्रों को यदि लोक संस्कृति का विश्वकोष कहें तो कुछ अत्युक्ति न होगी।

पाली जातकों में लोक-संस्कृति का सजीव चित्रण किया गया है। आदि कवि वाल्मीकी से लेकर कविकुल गुरु कालिदास तक की रचनाओं में शिष्ट-जन एवं साधारण जन में प्रचलित दो भाषाओं का उल्लेख मिलता है, जिससे ध्वनित होता है तत्कालीन समाज में दो पृथक सांस्कृतिक धाराएँ थी। स्वयं भगवान कृष्ण ने श्रीमद्भागवद् गीता में स्वीकार किया है कि- यस्मात्क्षरमतीतोऽहमक्षरादपि चोत्तमः ।

अतोऽस्मि लोके वेदे च प्रथितः पुरुषोत्तमः ।।

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अर्थात् "मैं क्षर-अक्षर दोनों से परे हूँ, चूँकि मैं सर्वश्रेष्ठ हूँ अतएव मैं इस लोक तथा वेद में परमपुरुष के नाम से विख्यात हूँ।" संस्कृत के नाटकों में श्रेष्ठ पात्रों के लिए संस्कृत भाषा का व्यवहार किया गया है तथा चेरी (दासी) एवं अन्य निम्न कोटि के पात्र विभिन्न प्रकार की प्राकृत बोलते पाए गये हैं। इस प्रकार हम देख सकते हैं कि वैदिक काल से ही इस देश में शिष्ट संस्कृति और लोक संस्कृति की दो पृथक धाराएँ बहती रही हैं जो मध्यकाल तक प्रवाहित होती रही।

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अष्टांग योग जो सिरिश्तो तमाम सुठे नमूने सां बयां कियल आहे. हिन सिरिश्ते खे डाढी लिच्केदारी आहे. को भी शरुखु जंहिंखे योग ऐं उनजे विज्ञान में दिलचस्पी हुजे हुनजे लाइ तमाम सुठो ऐं सौलो रस्तो कढियो वयो आहे.

- यम : - हिन में पाबंदियूं शामिल आहिनि अहिंसा, सत्य, असत्य, ब्रह्मचर्य ऐं अपरिग्रह.

- नियम :- हिन में गाल्हियूं शामिल आहिनि आंत्रिक ऐं शारिरिक सौच, संतोश, तप, स्वध्याय ऐं ईश्वर प्रनिधानी (ईश्वर खे सम्पूर्ण हवाले करण) ईदियूं आहिनि .
- आसन :- बीहक, जंहिं में शरूखु पुख्ताई ऐं आनन्द में वेही सघे. जडहिं शरूखु बीहक जो, डाढी मेहनत जे बिना ऐं तमाम ध्यान सां अभ्यास कंदो, तहिं ई हुन जे शरीर खे तन्दुरुस्तीअ जी हिक आदर्श सतह ऐं लिच्वकेदारी मिलन्दी.शरीर खे तन्दुरुस्तीअ जी हिक आदर्श सतह ऐं लिच्वकेदारी मिलन्दी. माहूअ जो शरीर हुन जे मन ऐं आत्मा लाइ हिकु सुठो वाहणु हुजण खपे. आसन शरीर खे सही नमूने कमु करण में मदद कंदा आहिनि. आसन शरीर खे सही नमूने कमु करण में मदद कंदा.
- प्राणायाम :- माना श्वास प्रश्वास छडण जी क्रिया. प्राण जो मतलब हूंदो आहे जीवन शक्ति ऐं आयम जो मतलब आहे जापितो. जडहिं माण्हू प्राणायाम कंदो आहे, त हू पंहिंजे जीवन शक्ति, मात्र श्वास प्रश्वास छडुण जी क्रिया ते ज़ापितो करे पंहिंजे मन खे इच्छाउनि खां मुक्त करे, ध्यान करण लाइ तैयार कंदो आहे.
- प्रत्यहार :- जंहिं में माण्हू पंहिंजे मन खे पाण ज़ापितो करे उन जो श्वास ध्यान पंहिंजे ह्वास खां सोरे करे पंहिंजी इंद्रियुनि ते डींदो आहे. हिन ह्वास खे पंहिंजी मर्जी खां छडण जो मतलब आहे प्रत्याहार.
- धारणा :- माना पंहिंजे मन खे हिक शइ ते एकाग्र कजे, आंत्रिक ऐं सारिरिक रूप सां, ईऐं करण सां मन खे आदत थी वेंदी आहे ऐं हुनि जो बी कंहिं बि शइ जे तरफ़ ध्यान न भिटकंदो आहे. इहो दिमागी तन्तुनि जो नये सिर अडुवत जो हिकु रूप आहे. इहो दिमागी तन्तुनि जो नये सिर अडवत जो हिकु रूप आहे.
- ध्यान :- हिन खे अष्टांग योग जो सभिनी खां ज़रूरी अवस्था भी चयो वेंदो आहे. योग जो शागिर्द सफलता सां पंहिंजे मन जा सभी खलल कढी करे पंहिंजे मन खे तमाम मज़बूत ठाहींदो आहे. माण्डू जो मनु व्याकुल थियण बिना, जेतिरे वक्रत लाइ हुन खे खपे, ध्यान करे तो सघे.
- समाधी :- जेका सजो जज़ब करण जी अवस्था आहे. जंहिं में माण्हूअ खे सजो ज्ञान आहे उन शइ जो, जंहिंजे मथां उहो ध्यान पयो करे ऐं हुन खे पंहिंजे तन ऐं मन जी सुद्धबुद्ध कान्हे. माण्हू ऐं जंहिं शइ ते उहो ध्यान पयो करे उहे हिकु थी वेंदा आहिनि, बिनी में को बि फ़र्कु न रहंदो आहे.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS



DEPARTMENT AND ASSOCIATION/ SOCIETY/FORUM REPORTS

Accountancy

Head of Department: Dr. Reshma Jaisinghani

Members: CA. Jimy Wankadia, Dr. Fatema Fanuswala, Prachi Mane, Pratishtha Sharma

Student Secretary: Khushi Shah and Raksha Ravichandran

Student Members: Khushi Shah, Raksha Ravichandran, Mithilesh Shahani, Iqra Ahmed Vraddhee Khatter, Riya Madan, Farzaan Pachha, Saharsh Singhal, Sukriti Sen, Kaustubh Mane, Saumya Kessar, Alshifa Khan

The Accountancy Department was set up in 1980 and is engaged in Accountancy Subjects of B.Com., M.Com. and B.A. Courses. The main objective is to make the students knowledgeable and skilled to improve their employability and making them professionally competent locally, as well. Our department profile is as follows:-

- 1) Dr. Reshma Jaisinghani (HOD, Accountancy, Member of E-Cell, Accountancy Association, IIC, Sindhi Circle, BOS member of the JHC Accountancy Department)
- 2) C.A. Jimy Wankadia (Patron & Member of Accountancy Association, BOS member of the Accountancy Department, Chairman of Finance Committee, Sind Educationists' Association, Parent Trust)
- 3) Dr. Fatema Fanuswala (Member of Accountancy Association, CSR Committee, BOS member of the JHC Accountancy Department, V.C. Nominee of B.Com/B.B.I of KBP College)
- 4) Prachi Mane (Member of Accountancy Association, CSR Committee, BOS member of the JHC Accountancy Department, NAAC Criterion III)
- 5) Pratishtha Sharma (Member of Accountancy Association, CSR Committee, NAAC Criterion II, BOS member of St. Mira's College, Pune & Jai Hind College Accountancy)

Being first year of NEP we have strived our level best in framing and setting up the curriculum of our courses. Our Department had its BOS for A.Y. 23-24 on February 6, 2023 to discuss and approve subjects as per NEP pattern. At present we offered subjects like Taxation, Financial Accountancy, Cost Accountancy, Management Accountancy and the like at the UG level where Accounts is a Major Subject (4 credits). Under NEP, we also offered one Accountancy subject to B.A.; B.Sc students as their "Open Elective". We organised many seminars in areas of Accountancy & Finance. One of which is on "Career opportunities in FinX" for UG and PG students. In order to foster Accounting culture amongst students we have one "Accountancy Association" which conducts 4 events primarily related to Accounts. In the Academic Year 23-24 we have conducted following 4 events:

- 1) Personal Financial Planning on August 1, 2024
- 2) Chat GPT and uses of AI in Business Guidance on ACCA on September 15, 2024
- 3) Elevation on December 24, 2024
- 4) Budget Analysis on February 3, 2024

Our department is enriched by one more Ph.D this year i.e. Dr. Reshma Jaisinghani got awarded with degree in February, 2024. This year we have 2 research papers published by Dr. Reshma Jaisinghani 'Adoption of Digital Payment in the wholesale market of South Mumbai' and Prachi Mane's 'A study on evaluating role of lead bank scheme in financial inclusion of Rural Areas'. Additionally, Dr. Reshma Jaisinghani and Ms. Pratishtha Sharma have co-authored a book titled 'Financial Accountancy for Proprietorship' published by Sheth Publishers Pvt. Ltd. We have mentored 32 students of PG for Research Project. Ms. Reshma guided one team for the Avishkar Research Convention.

Our aim is to promote Accounting & research culture amongst students and faculties through our teachings and activities. We aim to start our own "Accountancy Library" for Commerce students so as to elevate their learning process.

We continuously strive to work & develop academically which will benefit students and the institution at large; therefore we have attended following seminars/FDP:

Dr. Reshma Jaisinghani

- 1) Invited as a Resource person for the workshop on Generation of Ideas by L.D. Sonavane College, Kalyan and Bhavans College, Chowpatty.
- 2) Invited as a peer team member for the Academic Audit of Tolani College of Commerce, Andheri in May 2024
- 3) Attended 2 days workshop on Implementation of NEP organised by Sathaye College, in March 2024.

Prachi Mane

- 1) Attended "JHC-NEP Implementation Series Talks" conducted by Jai Hind College in August, 2024
- 2) Attended an FDP on "Research Tools and Techniques with Reference to Chat GPT" organized by Mohindar Kabal Singh Degree College of Arts and Commerce in August, 2023
- 3) Research Workshop conducted by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Somani College in August, 2023
- 4) Attended online webinar on " Tips on publishing Research Papers in Reputed Journals" in September, 2023

Pratishtha Sharma

- 1) Attended FDP on "Research Tools and Techniques with Reference to Chat GPT" organized by Mohindar Kabal Singh Degree College of Arts & Commerce in August, 2023
- 2) Attended an online webinar on " Tips on publishing Research Papers in Reputed Journals" in September, 2023.

Retirement: CA Jimy Wankadia retired on 31 st May, 24 after a dedicated service of more than 25 years

At Jai Hind, the Accountancy Association stands as a cornerstone for students passionate about the world of finance and accounting. The objective of the association is to include an urge in students to empower themselves with the knowledge of international standards and apply the same for the benefit of the student community. Our association is dedicated to fostering a deep understanding of accounting principles and practices, while also providing a platform for networking and professional growth. Through a range of activities including workshops, seminars, and interactive events, we aim to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world application. The Accountancy Association hosted various events and seminars to enhance the personality of students and provide them with practical knowledge.

The first seminar hosted by the association for Academic Year 2023-24 was on Personal and Financial Planning on August 1, 2023, Tuesday at 11 am. The speaker for the seminar was CA. Karan Gupta focused on topics related to loans and various types of interests. Second event was on Chat GPT and uses of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Business and Guidance on ACCA on Friday, September 15, 2023 in the AV Room. The Speaker, Professor Yogita Rawat, gave an insightful presentation on AI and its applications in the field of accountancy, advancements in chatbots and AI technologies, emphasising their impact on the accounting profession. The Accountancy Association of Jai Hind College (Autonomous) had their Accountancy Fair – ELEVATION on December 14, 2023. This was a collaboration with the E-Cell Committee. The fair was divided into five different competitions. The first competition was the IPL Auction (I like it I bought it). fusion of IPL auction drama and financial finesse where you unleash your inner tycoon, build a winning team, and master the art of fiscal strategy! There were 31 participants for the same and 6 teams. Concluding event of the association was on Union Budget which was held on February 3, 2024 ,Saturday. CA. MURTAZA Q. GHADIALI was the speaker of the event. A brief insight into various taxation schemes was given, fund allocation, tax planning etc.

As we reflect on our achievements and look forward to future endeavors, the Accountancy Association at Jai Hind College remains committed to excellence in both academic and professional realms. Our vibrant community of students, faculty, and industry professionals continues to drive our objectives forward, fostering a deeper understanding of accountancy and its impact on the global economy. We are proud of the progress we've made and excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. Together, we will continue to inspire, innovate, and excel in the world of finance.



Session by CA. MURTAZA Q.
GHADIALI

Head of Department: Prof. Yasmin Singaporewala

Members: Prof. Evelyn Corriea, Prof. Dhriti Rathod, Prof. Afreen Mazgaonkar

The Departments of BAF (Bachelor of Accounting and Finance), BBI (Bachelor of Banking and Insurance), and BFM (Bachelor of Financial Markets) at Jai Hind College have continually strived to provide students with a strong academic foundation in finance and business-related subjects while encouraging personal and professional growth outside the academic curriculum. These Departments have made significant progress over the years, ensuring students are equipped with the skills and knowledge required to excel in the competitive and evolving financial world. Their focus extends beyond academic achievements, encouraging students to participate in activities that foster both personal and professional growth.

The Departments offer students a rigorous academic experience, evident in the excellent results achieved year after year. However, the faculty's commitment to student success is not limited to academics. In the academic year 2023-24, the departments introduced various courses that go beyond the traditional curriculum to prepare students for real-world challenges. Among these is the 'Advanced MS Office with ChatGPT and AI' course, conducted by Mr. Pankaj Singhal. This course equipped students with essential IT skills, including advanced Excel functions, financial functions and an introduction to the use of AI tools like ChatGPT. These skills are crucial for any professional entering today's digital workplace. Similarly, students were given an opportunity to gain insights into the stock market through a 'Basics of the Stock Market' course, led by Mr. Hemal Shah. This session provided an overview of key concepts, including market operations and trading strategies, invaluable for students looking to pursue a career in finance and investments. Another standout offering was the 'Financial Modelling Valuation' course by Mr. Ronak Gala, which focused on developing critical skills in building financial models and performing business valuations. This practical knowledge is particularly relevant for those pursuing careers in investment banking, financial analysis and corporate finance. Students were also introduced to the rapidly advancing world of AI in a session by Mr. Chinmay Soni on "AI Tools and Their Use Cases", ensuring they are well-versed in cutting-edge technologies transforming industries globally.

Beyond academics, the Departments have taken initiatives to support students in their journey through the Mentor-Mentee Program. Here, senior students offer mentorship to juniors, providing them with guidance on academics and college life. This program fosters a supportive learning environment, where first-year students receive advice and support as they navigate their way through the challenges of college. It also promotes camaraderie among students, ensuring that the knowledge and experiences of seniors are passed down to younger students.

The Departments also offered a series of co-curricular activities as part of their focus on holistic student development. These activities included yoga sessions and beach clean-up drives, popular among first-year students as part of the Departments' CC Points system. Such activities not only encourage physical well-being and environmental consciousness but also instill a sense of teamwork and community involvement among students.

In addition to these initiatives, the Departments also organized several signature events, including B3, Diversity Day and Entourage, each designed to foster creativity. B3 (Being Beyond Brainy) is an intra-department competition that brings together first-year students for a range of activities, from quizzes to talent showcases, such as singing and dancing. This event helps build bonds, teamwork and friendly

rivalry among students, all while creating an engaging and fun atmosphere. Diversity Day celebrates the rich cultural diversity within the departments. Diversity Day is a vibrant celebration of ethnicity and culture where the students adorned traditional Indian attire to celebrate their heritage. Students competed in an inter-class competition, with FYBAF emerging victorious. The day was sealed off with class photographs as mementos.

One of the most anticipated events of the year was Entourage, the Departments' flagship financial festival. Entourage is more than just a finance fest; it serves as a platform for students to network with industry professionals, participate in workshops and showcase their financial acumen in competitions. This event draws participants from across various colleges and provides a unique blend of education and competition, allowing students to explore topics like stock trading, financial analysis and global economic trends.

The success of the Departments is further reflected in their performance in inter-collegiate competitions. The Departments shone in several prestigious competitions in 2024, including Managma 2024 hosted by KC College, where they secured the first podium, Goonj 2024 hosted by NMIMS and NM Tech Fest 2024 hosted by NM College, where they once again achieved first podium finishes. Additionally, they were awarded the Best Contingent Leader Award at Blaze 2024, hosted by HR College and won multiple events at Moneta 2024 hosted by RA Podar College. These achievements highlight the dedication, talent, and hard work of the students and the support provided by the Department's faculty.

As the academic year of 2023-24 continues, the Departments of BAF, BBI and BFM remain steadfast in their commitment to student growth, ensuring they are equipped with the knowledge, skills and opportunities required to succeed both academically and professionally. From cutting-edge courses and mentorship programs to engaging events and competitive achievements, these departments create an environment where students can thrive. By offering diverse opportunities for learning, leadership and growth, the Departments ensure that their students are well-prepared for the dynamic and ever-changing world of finance.

Bachelor of Business Administration - BBA in Collaboration with TCS

Head of Department: Dr Rakhi Sharma

Faculty: Ms. Aditi Saini

The Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) program at Jai Hind College is designed in collaboration with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and focuses on industry integration, providing students with practical exposure to business processes and management practices. The Department offers an innovative and forward-thinking curriculum that is regularly updated to meet industry standards and trends. The Department has strengthened its collaboration with TCS, offering sessions for BBA students and increasing industry exposure through internships and project-based learning.

The National Education Policy (NEP) aims to make Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) programs more holistic, multidisciplinary, and industry-aligned, emphasizing practical and experiential learning. The focus within the BBA curriculum is on nurturing entrepreneurial and managerial skills, fostering critical thinking, and enhancing problem-solving capabilities. Through a blend of foundational business

knowledge, specialization options, internships, and projects, students will develop the competencies needed to thrive in dynamic and complex business environments. The NEP also encourages integrating technology, ethical leadership, and global perspectives to prepare graduates for leadership roles in a rapidly changing economic landscape.

Efforts are being made to achieve 100% internship and placement. Currently, 94 out of 120 students secured internships, with some converting to pre-placement offers and third year students had 100 percent internship record. Internships are a significant part of the BBA program, with a strong network of companies like Morgan Stanley, HDFC Life, and Taj Hotels offering placements. A notable achievement is the conversion of three student internships into pre-placement offers at Morgan Stanley. The BBA graduating batch of 2024 at Jai Hind College has set a remarkable precedent with its excellent placement record. This achievement is a testament to the students' hard work, resilience, and industry-readiness cultivated during their academic journey. Leading organizations across diverse sectors, including finance, marketing, consulting, and technology, have recruited our graduates, offering lucrative packages and promising career paths. The success stems from robust industry collaborations, practical training modules, and dedicated career guidance provided. Our graduates' ability to adapt, innovate, and excel in dynamic work environments has made them highly sought-after by employers, reflecting the institution's commitment to holistic and quality education.

The curriculum is structured to offer both theoretical knowledge and practical insights into various aspects of business management, including entrepreneurship, finance, marketing, human resources, and business ethics. The courses are designed to meet the evolving needs of industries.

The specialization areas include Business Process Management which focus on managing and improving business processes to achieve operational efficiency, Entrepreneurship and Innovation which offering hands-on exposure to starting and managing new ventures and Digital Marketing and E-commerce that equip students with digital skills required in today's business environment. The department offers value-added certificate courses in partnership with organizations like Wadhvani Foundation and IIDE, enhancing students' practical skills in areas such as advertising, trading, and marketing. Students are actively encouraged to participate in research activities, with various courses promoting research-oriented projects. Workshops on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and research publications are integral to the Department's research culture.

The Department has a robust mentoring system in place, with structured sessions that focus on goal setting, career planning, conflict resolution, and communication skills. The student-teacher ratio of 5:1 (FY BBA) and 3:1 (SY BBA) ensures personalized attention for academic and career guidance. Regular feedback is collected from students to ensure quality improvement and responsiveness to student needs.

Students participated in various national and international business events, such as the 'Study Australia Entrepreneurship Challenge'. Students have been involved in live projects with companies like Bombay Shirt Company. Jai Hind College BMS and BBA represented India at The HSBC/ HKU Case competition (the largest undergraduate case competition in the world) in Hong Kong this year and secured 1st place in round one in Hong Kong. The APAC level was preceded by a rigorous couple of rounds in India where 780 teams participated. The TYBBA Student Kaamiya Makhija along with three other BMS student represented India in HSBC/HKU Asia Pacific Business Case Competition 2024 organised by HKU business School and ACRC supported by HSBC. The faculty and students actively engage in academic research,

contributing to national and international conferences. Faculty members have presented research on topics such as ‘Start-ups in India’ and ‘Impact of Films on Youth’ at various events.

The Vocational Journal 2023-2024 of the BBA programme of Jai Hind College is a testament to the collaborative spirit and dedication of its students, who played an integral role in its creation. The Journal showcases a diverse range of contributions that highlight their creativity, entrepreneurial ventures, academic achievements, and experiences in various fields such as environmental projects, sustainable fashion initiatives, and digital marketing. Students have contributed personal stories of founding businesses, such as jewellery and apparel brands, reflecting their entrepreneurial zeal. The editorial team of the Journal, composed of enthusiastic students, worked to ensure the publication serves as a rich resource for knowledge and motivation. It features insights from guest speakers, management projects, and workshops aimed at developing business acumen and soft skills. The Journal is more than a publication—it is a collaborative platform that inspires peers to excel and bridges academic learning with real-world applications.

The Department encourages student participation in activities like Talaash (cultural events), the Entrepreneurship Cell Skill Hub, and the Jai Hind Business Conclave. The Jai Hind Business Conclave 2023-24, hosted by Jai Hind College’s BBA department, brought together budding business leaders, industry experts, and students from across the country in a grand two-day event on December 15th and 16th, 2023. Held at the college campus in Mumbai, the Conclave aimed to bridge the gap between education and the corporate world, providing students with immersive, real-world experiences. This year’s Conclave was a resounding success, with over 3000 attendees engaging in dynamic events, speaker sessions, and workshops. The department focuses on social responsibility through projects like the Clean Marine Project, Project Tech Shiksha, and Mental Health Awareness Drives. The Entrepreneurship Cell and Skill Hub provide a platform for students to develop entrepreneurial skills and launch start-ups. The department is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities including smart classrooms, Wi-Fi, projectors, and a smartboard to facilitate modern teaching methodologies.

Looking ahead, the Department plans to further enhance industry collaborations, expand international linkages, and explore the possibility of introducing post-graduate programs. The Department will continue to focus on experiential learning, student involvement in real-world business projects, and maintaining a curriculum that reflects contemporary industry trends. In summary, the BBA department at Jai Hind College is well-positioned to offer students an education that blends academic rigor with practical industry exposure, preparing them to succeed in the competitive business landscape.

Biotechnology

Head of Department: Dr. Kruti Pandya, Dr. Nissey Sunil

Members: Dr. Hiral Pandya, Dr. Monalisa Chakraborty, Ms. Vedika Bane, Ms. Nandini Desai, Ms. Ruqayya Manasawala

The Department of Biotechnology has had an exciting and productive academic year, 2023-24, characterized by several enriching academic and co-curricular activities aimed at promoting holistic student development and aligning with the latest educational reforms. The Department continuously strives to promote research, innovation, and entrepreneurial culture along with sustainable practices.

To welcome the incoming batch of students, the Department hosted a vibrant **Orientation Program on July 15, 2023**. The program introduced first year students to the academic structure, departmental facilities, faculty members, and the support systems available. Special emphasis was placed on familiarizing students with research opportunities, industry collaborations, and career prospects in biotechnology.

In compliance with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Department organized a Board of Studies (BoS) meeting on **July 30, 2023** to finalise the new curriculum for the first-year students. During this meeting, esteemed academicians, industry experts, and faculty members and alumni came together to frame a syllabus that not only adheres to NEP 2020 guidelines but also reflects the latest advancements in biotechnology.

On **August 8, 2023**, **Ms. Dievya Gohil**, an alumnus of the department and Ph D Scholar at the Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer delivered an engaging and insightful talk on Transplantation Biology with special focus on Graft Versus Host Disease. Over 100 students from the various biosciences departments attended the session and learnt about the scope and challenges related to transplantation. In another seminar attended by over 80 students of Biotechnology, **Ms. Srika Amin**, an alumnus of the Department and a certified Genetic Counsellor at Miami Cancer hospital, Florida State, USA, delivered an interesting talk on “Genetic counselling with special emphasis on cancer counselling.”

The highlight of the academic year was the two-day intercollegiate festival, **Genaces 2023** held on **8th and 9th September 2023**, which saw participation from various colleges in the city. The event was organised under the aegis of IIC and was planned mainly by the second-year students with support from the final year students and first-year students. The first day featured expert speakers **Dr. Girish Walawalkar** and **Ms Jagruti Bhatia** from different fields of Biotechnology. These sessions provided insights on how to become an entrepreneur and the future scope of Biotechnology. On the second day, the festival transformed into a lively, interactive event with science-based games, marketing events, quizzes, and hands-on activities designed to make learning fun. The student-led event demonstrated team spirit, creativity, and a passion for scientific inquiry. The combination of knowledge sharing and playful competition made Genaces 2023 a resounding success and a much-anticipated event in the academic calendar.

In response to the growing demand for professionals in the field of genetic counselling, the Department introduced a 30-hour value-added certificate course in Genetic Counselling. Ms. Srika Amin, a certified Genetic Counsellor at Miami Cancer hospital, Florida State, USA, conducted most of the sessions. Dr. Kruti Pandya coordinated the course and served as resource person along with other faculty members, viz., Ms. Nandini Desai and Ms. Ruqayya Manasawala. This course, conducted in a hybrid mode during the time of November 2023 to January 2024 totaling to over 30 hours, equipped students with insights into genetic disorders, diagnostic techniques, and the ethical considerations surrounding genetic testing. The sessions were highly engaging and informative experience for all participants. The course received excellent feedback and added significant value to the academic offerings of the Department.

A bridge course in Mathematics was conducted by Ms. Vedika Bane and Ms. Ruqayya Manasawala during the first term for helping the first-year students who did not have Mathematics in their board curriculum. A debate on the topics of Sustainable Technology is a reality today and AI is a boon for Biotechnology advancement, were conducted by the Biotechnology Society under the aegis of IQAC on July 31, 2023. It served to provide a platform for the students to explore and express their

thoughts and opinions on sustainable technology and the pros and cons of AI.

The Department organized a Parent-Teacher Interaction Meeting on September 19, 2023, aimed at building a strong connection between faculty and the families of students. This meeting offered an open platform for parents to understand their ward's academic performance, address concerns, and engage in discussions with faculty members regarding career guidance and the future scope of biotechnology. The collaborative discussions were well-received and strengthened the Department's commitment to maintaining transparent communication with stakeholders.

The final-year students exhibited their projects via "Nutripreneur" on nutrition and dietetics as part of their Applied Component assessment at the end of their fifth semester. On December 20, 2023, the final year and second-year Biotechnology students had the opportunity to visit the Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai and understand the various topics of research and development at the institute.

In November 2023, a team of three second year students – Ms. Kanak Joshi, Ms. Koushani Hom Roy, and Mr. Rushabh Mujumdar, mentored by Dr. Kruti Pandya, participated in the Australian National University Health and Medicine case study competition, and won the first position among participants from all over the country. A team of three final year students – Ms. Divayanka Tanna, Ms. Anishka Anilkumar and Ms. Aisha Ansari, mentored by Ms. Ruqayya Manasawala, participated in the 18th Intercollegiate Research Convention Aavishkar held by the University of Mumbai at Lala Lajpat Rai college on December 09, 2023, and was selected further for the podium round. Faculty member, Ms. Ruqayya Manasawala, too presented a project at Aavishkar at Lala Lajpatrai College on December 09, 2023, and the poster was selected for the podium round followed by selection for the Final Round of Aavishkar held at Vaze Kelkar College on December 18, 2023.

Two teams of final year students (team 1: Ms. Arunima Chattopadhyay; team 2: Ms. Divyanka Tanna, Anisha Anilkumar and Aisha Ansari) mentored by Dr. Monalisa Chakraborty and Ms. Ruqayya Manasawala won the first and second positions respectively at research meet – E Shodh 2024 held on January 6, 2024. Students of the department also won several prizes at an exhibition event – Xplore 2024 held on February 28, 2024, with the first-year and second-year students winning the first and second positions, the final year students winning the second position.

The Department organised a one-day workshop on February 16, 2024, on column chromatography under the guidance of Dr. Hiral Pandya and Dr. Kruti Pandya. The workshop provided hands-on experience to approximately 60 students of the various science departments of the college. The students learnt many practical aspects of the technique and enjoyed performing the practical. The final year students worked on various research projects as part of their sixth semester requirement and presented their findings in the month of March 2024.

The faculty of the Department worked towards improving their competencies by participating in Faculty Development Programmes, seminars, and workshops. The staff were also external examiners for graduate and post graduate examinations at various colleges in the city. Dr. Kruti Pandya published a chapter in IIP series titled Genotyping- New Era in Disease Typing in April 2024. Dr. Kruti Pandya was appointed as Faculty Coordinator for IIC and Dr. Nissey Sunil was appointed as the Green Club Faculty Coordinator at the College.

The Biotechnology Department continues to strive for excellence in academic innovation, student engagement, and community building. We look forward to furthering our contributions to the academic and scientific community in the coming years.

Botany

Head of Department: Dr. Sangeeta Godbole

Members: Dr. Devangi Chachad, Dr. Payal Acharekar, Dr. Archana Ashtekar, Dr. Bharati Bist

Botany is the only science that people will derive pleasure from, yearn for, indulge themselves with, touch, and find absolute beauty and relief in, day after day after day without the need for books.” – Andi Mellis

One of the oldest Departments in Jai Hind College since 1962, Botany is offered as a Major subject (6 units) along with Horticulture and Gardening as an Applied Component. It is also being offered as a Major and Minor subject at the NEP level from 2023 - 2024. The Department was recognized by the University of Mumbai for M. Phil., M. Sc. (By Research) from 1980, and Ph.D. (Science) in the subject of Botany from the year 1984.

The Department is currently recognized for Ph.D. with 3 active research guides and has produced 22 Ph.D. and 10 M.Sc. (By Research) Post Graduates to date. Currently, 3 Ph.D. students are registered under Dr. S. A. Godbole's guidance (Present HOD), 2 Ph.D. students are registered under the guidance of Dr. Devangi Chachad, and 1 PhD student is registered under the guidance of Dr. Payal Acharekar.

Our USP is that all faculty members are highly motivated towards research and improving their academic qualifications. The Department is funded under the Star DBT scheme. To inculcate a research temperament and culture in students, we encourage them to work on research projects and participate in intercollegiate research competitions and conferences. Being an autonomous college, we bring in quick modifications in syllabi, to suit industry requirements and job opportunities. Field excursions are made to interesting jungles to observe nature much more closely.

The Department of Botany has always been organising various student-friendly events like guest lectures along with the active participation of faculty members in various fields. The year 2023- 2024 was no different. The Department organised various workshops and guest lectures. Eminent speakers were invited to share their expertise and knowledge. WE collaborated with the Green Club and organised a workshop namely Plantastic which was to create awareness of the use of waste plastic pet bottles into planters.

A meeting of the Board of Studies was conducted to frame the NEP syllabus for Semester I and Semester II Major/Minor, VSC, SEC, and OE on 27th June 2023. A meeting of the Board of Studies was held to frame the NEP syllabus for SEM III and SEM IV Major, Minor, SEC and VSC.

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Dr. Sangeeta Godbole is a member of the Unfair Means Committee, Reading Room Committee, Academic Council. Dr. Devanagi Chachad is a member of the Research Committee, Admission Committee, Social and Dramatic Union, Academic Council and Internal Complaint Committee. Dr. Devangi Chachad, Dr. Payal Acharekar and Dr. Bharati Bist are active members of Nature Club. Dr. Payal Acharekar is an active member of the AAA committee, Admission committee, Gymkhana, Marathi Vangmay mandal and the Deputy for Green Club. She was also selected as a subject expert for MSc Environmental Botany syllabus formation at the University Level. Dr. Payal Acharekar is also appointed as a Class teacher for the T.Y.B.Sc. Division B (Biological Sciences). Dr. Archana Ashtekar is the Chairperson of Social and Dramatic Union (SDU) and AA committee. She is also actively involved in the Ragging prohibition committee. Dr. Bharati Bist is an active member for National Institute Ranking Framework Team (NIRF), AA committee, Nature club and Documentation Incharge for the Botany Department. Dr. Devangi Chachad, Dr. Payal Acharekar, Dr. Archana Ashtekar and Dr. Bharati Bist are active members of NAAC SSR committee and have worked on the submission of SSR.

Dr. Devangi Chachad was granted a patent. Dr. Devangi Chachad along with her Ph.D. students, published a total of four research papers. Two papers in peer-reviewed journals, one paper in the Web of Science listed journal, and one paper in Scopus listed journal. She, along with her Ph.D. students, Ms. Saloni Kothari and Ms. Ruqayya Manasawala, presented a total of three papers at the National Conference organised by Indian Botanical Society. Ms. Ruqayya Manasawala working under the guidance of Dr. Devangi Chachad for her Ph.D., participated in Avishkar and was selected for the next round. Dr. Payal Acharekar guided her student Ms. Munazzah to present her work at Avishkar. Dr. Bharati Bist along with her undergraduate student has successfully published a research article in a peer-reviewed journal. Dr. Bharati Bist has contributed a Chapter in a Reference book by the Indian Women Scientists' Association (IWSA). Dr. Archana Ashtekar published a paper in the Journal of Phyto Nanotechnology and Pharmaceutical Sciences and edited a book titled "Advances in Agriculture Sciences Volume III. She is on the editorial board of the Journal of Phyto Nanotechnology and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

TYBSc Botany and Life-Sciences students for a **1 day excursion to Go Green Nursery and Yusuf Meherally Centre, Panvel**. The **National Society of the Friends of Trees** organized the **61st Annual Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show** on **10th February, 2024** at D.G. Ruparel College, where our TYBSc Botany and Life-Sciences students participated.

A Seminar titled "**Sustainable Living: Revisiting Roots**" was organised on **6th February, 2024**, from 10 am to 2 pm in collaboration with the Department of Life Sciences and Nature Club. The talk was attended by all students and faculty of Biosciences.

A guest lecture was organised "**Unlocking the Mysteries of Stomata in Araceae: A case study**" in collaboration with The Indian Botanical Society, Mumbai Chapter on Friday, 4th August, 2023 at 2.00 PM. A total of more than 120 researchers, experts, educators, students, and enthusiasts attended the lecture.

Dr. Payal Acharekar attended various skill development programs in both online and offline mode such as 'Exploring Government Funds and Grants for Research and Development', 'Designing Vocational Skills Courses under NEP 2020 and Industry Academia collaboration', 'The Evolving Role of Teachers in 21st Century Classroom under NEP 2020 - Pedagogies and Assessments' and Applied and Basic Aspects

in Plant Sciences for Sustainable Future. She also has a Collaboration with the Environment Agency of South Africa. She also visited Khalsa college to deliver a guest lecture to all the Green club members. Dr. Archana Ashtekar and Dr. Bharati Bist have successfully completed and cleared a “10 weeks” SWAYAM COURSE on ‘Concepts and Application in Science’ by Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore and Chanakya University, Bangalore starting from 31st July 2023 to 31st October 2023. They have cleared the SWAYAM examination.

All in all, it was an enriching year for staff and students alike.

Chemistry

Head of Department: Dr. B.K.N. Singh

Members: Dr. Vijay Dabholkar, Dr. Shipra Biswas, Dr. Sreela Dasgupta, Dr. Sangeeta Parab, Dr. Supriya Deshmukh, Dr. Sajith Chandran, Mr. Gokul Ganesan, Dr. Shilpa Jain, Dr. Onkar Lotlikar, Dr. Aksh Hina Shaikh, Ms. Khatija Atthar

Chemical Society Chairperson: Mr. Gokul Ganesan

The Department of Chemistry at Jai Hind College is a thriving academic hub known for its commitment to excellence in teaching and research. With a dynamic blend of theoretical and practical approaches, the Department nurtures a vibrant community of students and scholars. Our faculty is dedicated to providing a holistic education that emphasizes hands-on learning, which is evident in initiatives under Chemical Society. The Department’s forward-thinking ethos prepares students for both academic research and industrial careers.

The Department’s guiding motto, “Igniting Minds, Fostering Innovation,” reflects its ongoing mission to cultivate intellectual curiosity and drive innovation. This year, our objectives revolved around bridging the gap between theory and practice. Through experiential learning opportunities, industry engagement, and student-led research projects, we sought to expose students to the real-world applications of their academic studies. The central focus was on advanced analytical techniques and fostering student independence in research, particularly through collaborative projects and interactive workshops.

The faculty of the Department have achieved significant milestones this year, further solidifying our reputation in the academic community. Dr. Supriya Deshmukh and Dr. Sajith Chandran were awarded Ph.D. guideship by the University of Mumbai, allowing them to further contribute to research mentorship. In addition, Dr. Shilpa Jain received her M.Sc. recognition from the Postgraduate Section of the University. Moreover, Dr. B.K.N. Singh continued to play a pivotal role in curriculum development by serving on the Board of Studies (BoS) at institutions like Somaiya College, K.C. College, and R.J. College. Dr. Sreela Dasgupta’s role as a resource person at a State-Level Faculty Development Program on ‘Understanding National Education Policy 2020’ demonstrated our faculty’s leadership in implementing educational reforms. Her insights on Outcome-Based Education helped other educators align their teaching strategies with the evolving national policies. In another significant achievement, Dr. Shilpa Jain was awarded second prize in the oral presentation category at the One-Day National Conference on Advances in Polymer Science and Technology, held at the University Department of Chemistry, University of Mumbai, on 16th March 2024.

Professional development has been a key focus for our faculty as well. Both Dr. B.K.N. Singh and Dr. Aksh Hina Shaikh attended a two-day workshop on Computational Chemistry at ICT Matunga, expanding their knowledge of computational tools and their applications in chemistry education. Additionally, faculty members Dr. Shilpa Jain and Dr. Onkar Lotlikar mentored students through various SWAYAM NPTEL courses, guiding them to achieve certifications that added immense value to their academic profiles. Dr. Onkar Lotlikar and Ms. Khatija Atthar further enhanced their teaching skills by attending a one-week Capacity Building Program for UG Science teachers, organized by the Maharashtra State Faculty Development Academy (MSFDA), held at TIFR-HBCSE, Mumbai, from 11th to 16th March 2024. The Department also continued its collaborative efforts with Sophia College, where faculty members of the Department led a 4-credit Research Methodology course for M.Sc. Part 1 students.

The **CheMentor Initiative** was the flagship program of the year, designed to enhance student understanding of sophisticated analytical instruments like High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) and Spectrofluorimetry. Through a series of hands-on workshops, this initiative provided invaluable training to over 149 students from esteemed colleges, such as St. Xavier's, Patkar College, and Bhavan's College. The sessions, conducted by our expert faculty including Mr. Gokul Ganesan, Dr. Shilpa Jain, and Dr. Aksh Hina Shaikh, covered practical applications of these instruments in fields ranging from pharmaceuticals to quantum dot detection. Students were guided through every stage of analysis, from sample preparation and instrument calibration to data interpretation, making them proficient in the use of these advanced tools. The CheMentor program not only enhanced students' technical skills but also cultivated their research capabilities, preparing them for future academic and industry challenges. Feedback from participants reflected a deep appreciation for the real-time experience with high-end instruments, which many students found transformative in their understanding of Analytical Chemistry.

In addition to CheMentor, the Department placed a strong emphasis on student research and professional development. M.Sc. Part 1 students secured prestigious internships at institutions like Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Meanwhile, our T.Y. B.Sc. students continued to excel, with two students securing placements at Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) as R&D trainees. This highlights the Department's ongoing commitment to not only providing quality education but also ensuring employability and career readiness.

Our Department takes immense pride in the accomplishments of our students who have secured prestigious positions in various PhD programs. Ms. Hritivi Doshi, a TY BSc student, successfully gained admission to the integrated PhD program at Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai, after clearing its highly competitive entrance examination and interview. From the M.Sc. program, Hummad Sayed and Shreyas Dindorkar secured PhD admissions at IIT Palakkad and IIT Gandhinagar, respectively. Additionally, Atharva Sapre and Aniket Chaudhari, both from the M.Sc. program, earned places in PhD programs at the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, and the Polish Academy of Sciences.

Our M.Sc. Part 2 students showcased their talents by winning the 'Best College' prize at Chemscope, an intercollegiate festival hosted by Sophia College. Moreover, SYBSc students actively participated in the University of Mumbai's Avishkar Research Meet. Under the

mentorship of our dedicated faculty, three teams presented their research findings, exemplifying the Department's commitment to research and innovation.

Additionally, our students had enriching experiences outside the college through industrial and institutional visits. On 19th October 2023, M.Sc. Part 1 and 2 students visited Anton Paar Ltd., where they were given a demonstration on the Particle Size Analyzer, helping them understand its applications in particle analysis. Furthermore, the students visited the Center for Excellence in Basic Sciences (UoM-CEBS), a Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) initiative, on National Science Day (28th February 2024). This visit offered them a glimpse into cutting-edge scientific research and national advancements in basic sciences.

Research has been another cornerstone of our department's activities. Several S.Y. B.Sc. students engaged in short-term research projects under faculty mentorship, presenting their findings to the broader student body. These presentations were particularly impactful for F.Y. B.Sc. students, encouraging them to consider early involvement in research. The department also held interactive sessions, such as the ice-breaking event for F.Y. B.Sc. students, where 70 participants engaged in team-building activities. These sessions fostered a sense of community within the department, creating a supportive learning environment that will continue to benefit students throughout their academic journey.

The Chemistry Department at Jai Hind College continues to stand out as a beacon of academic excellence and innovation. With initiatives like CheMentor, collaborations with leading institutions, and a focus on research-driven education, we are committed to shaping the next generation of scientists and professionals. Our emphasis on experiential learning, professional development, and industry engagement ensures that our students are not only academically equipped but also well-prepared for the dynamic world of chemical sciences.



M.Sc. Part 2 Students with the Chemscope trophy for the 'Best College'



CheMentor activity of the Department, from top clockwise (a) Principal Prof. Vijay Dabholkar addressing students; (b-d) Faculty members of the department demonstrating HPLC and Spectrofluorimetric techniques in the Central Instrumentation Facility (CIF) of Jai Hind College

Commerce

Head of the Department: Dr. Reshma Jaisinghani

Faculty Members: Mr. Ashutosh Saxena, Ms. Nital Kothari, Dr. Saudah Khatri, Mr. Mohammad Ibrahim Shaikh

The Department of Commerce demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence and innovation throughout the year. With a focus on enhancing the learning experience for students and fostering faculty development, the Department engaged in numerous impactful activities.

The academic year began with a Board of Studies (BoS) meeting to review and finalize the FYBA and FYBCom syllabi. Faculty members also outlined their objectives for the year through goal-setting forms, detailing their innovative teaching approaches and plans for curricular and co-curricular activities. Professional development was prioritized with a series of sessions, including a Faculty Development Program (FDP) and an IELTS overview and master class in collaboration with IDP.

To ensure high academic standards, faculty participated in the academic audit presentation and attended a College Development Committee meeting focused on institutional enhancements. A Workshop on the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) provided faculty with valuable insights into career progression.

The Department played a vital role in the prestigious Avishkar Research Convention, mentoring four student teams. Under the guidance of Dr. Saudah Khatri, one team advanced to the university-level final round, while two additional teams, mentored by Mr. Ibrahim Shaikh, also represented the Department. These achievements highlight the department's dedication to nurturing research and innovation among students.

Throughout the year, faculty members remained engaged in academic planning, regularly participating in online meetings to update syllabi, verify examination papers, and contribute to the internal NAAC audit preparations.

The Department also celebrated notable research contributions. Mr. Ashutosh Saxena presented and published papers on early investing for entrepreneurs and the role of social media in environmental causes. Additionally, his article on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Indian retail was featured in an academic book. Mr. Saxena further showcased his expertise by chairing a session at a prominent conference.

In recognition of leadership and academic achievement, Dr. Reshma Jaisinghani, Head of the Department and Vice Principal of Commerce, successfully completed her Ph.D. viva, marking a proud milestone for the Department.

The year concluded with a collaborative term-end meeting and a faculty lunch, fostering camaraderie and setting the stage for continued success in the future.

Economics

Head of Department: Sarita Jaishankar

Members: Sarita Jaishankar, Vaidehi Dhamankar, Vibhuti Gunjal

The Department of Economics is dedicated to fostering academic growth, intellectual curiosity, and practical understanding of economic principles. The Department consists over 150 students, and in 2023, strived to organize a diverse range of events that encourage both professional development and social responsibility.

The 10th edition of Arthanomics, Jai Hind College's flagship Economics and Business festival, was held on August 11 and 12, 2023. Led by Ms. Sarita Jaishankar as faculty-in-charge, Sarthak Giri Goswami as chairperson, and Angel Mahajan as vice chairperson, the festival attracted over 350 participants from 14+ colleges across Mumbai, including NMIMS and KC College, with an impressive footfall of over 5000 students. The event kicked off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Principal. The public relations team, led by Shivangi Nanwani, and the sponsorship team, led by Kirti Sewani, secured sponsors like Fazlani Foods and Belgian Waffles.

Ten diverse events organized by **Prisha Shah**, such as **'War at Wall Street'** (a stock market simulation), **'Fantasy Football'** (a sports auction event), and **'The Case Conquest'** (a case-study competition), were some of the major highlights. Judges from various industries provided expert feedback, ensuring the participants gained valuable insights. The MAC team, led by Nandini Johri and Sanaea Katpitia, transformed the venue with breathtaking decorations, while the smooth coordination by Puneet Kaur's logistics team ensured flawless execution throughout the festival. On December 3, 2023, Arthanomics collaborated with the Robin Hood Army for a CSR event where students helped children create six calendars. The event took place in a local garden, with members assisting the children in crafting calendars while fostering a sense of teamwork and creativity. This initiative provided a fun and productive experience for both the children and the volunteers.

Organized by **The Contrarian**, the Department's official publication, the **Fundamentals of Taxation Masterclass** was held on **December 6 and 7, 2023**. At its helm were **Mahek Kanungo** and **Mahek Sadhwani** as **Editor-in-chief** and **Managing Editor** respectively, with Ms. Sarita Jaishankar as the faculty-in-charge. Tax expert Amit Gupta, with over two decades of experience, guided 55 Arts FY, SY, and TY students through the complexities of tax filing and saving. The session featured hands-on demonstrations and Q&A segments, equipping students with the tools to confidently navigate tax regulations as they enter the workforce. The masterclass was praised for simplifying tax concepts and empowering students to manage their finances effectively.

On **January 9, 2024**, students from the Economics Association participated in the ORF Spark Dialogue at TISS, Mumbai with Ms. Vaidehi Dhamankar and Ms. Vibhuti Gunjal. The event, titled **"Horizons of Hope: The Youth and Global Futures,"** featured experts discussing how young people can contribute to shaping global futures. TY students from the Department benefited from these forward-thinking discussions, gaining a better understanding of youth challenges and opportunities in a global context.

CONceptual 2024, the flagship event of The Contrarian, was held on February 21 and 22, 2024, under the theme **'A Rich Man's World,'** focusing on late-stage capitalism. Ms. Sarita Jaishankar oversaw the event, which attracted 90 participants. On day one, experts Zubin Mehta, Karthik Jaishankar, Achala Jethmalani, and Snehi Shah engaged in a lively panel discussion. Day two featured an interactive session where participants designed alternative economic systems, judged by Sanika Mehta. The event concluded with the launch of E-Manifest, the department's annual magazine, celebrating innovative ideas and discussions on the future of economics.

The Annual Economics Symposium, held on February 9, 2023 under the guidance of Ms. Vaidehi Dhamankar, explored the theme **'Beyond the 9-to-5: Unleashing Unconventional Economies.'** The event featured five teams presenting research papers on topics such as the Shadow Economy and Silver Economy, highlighting challenges and opportunities in India. The symposium also marked the launch of the Young Investor's Guide (YIG) Gazette, a new initiative by the Department. A panel discussion on 'SIP and Mutual Funds vs. Equity Investments' further expanded students' understanding of finance. The symposium concluded with a trivia game, ensuring an engaging experience for all attendees. On **February 9, 2024**, the Association launched the **Young Investor's Guide (YIG) Gazette**, a new initiative aimed at fostering discussions on finance and investment. During the launch, core committee members explained the initiative and its role in bringing together students interested in the world of finance.

In conclusion, the Department's initiatives in 2023-2024 have showcased our commitment to academic excellence, social responsibility, and professional development. Through engaging

activities, CSR efforts, and investment in student growth, we have strengthened our community's intellectual and creative potential. Looking ahead, we aim to further expand our horizons by introducing more interdisciplinary collaborations and fostering a global outlook, ensuring our students are well-prepared for the dynamic challenges of the future economy.

English

Head of Department and Chairperson, English Association: Ms. June Dias

Members: Dr. Seema Sharma, Dr. Deepna Rao, Dr. Anamika Purohit and Ms. Radhika Rajwani

Secretaries: Kaushal Lakeshri and Tanisha Chhajer

In search of the great perhaps - Anand Nair

The Department of English, Jai Hind College, is one of the oldest departments dating back to the foundation of the College in 1948. The Department of English has always boasted of dynamic academicians and scholars, as well as talented and versatile alumni, all of whom have contributed to making it one of the most sought after departments in the city. The English Association, the cultural wing of the Department, regularly holds seminars, workshops and hosts talks by various eminent guest speakers from reputed universities across the world.

In accordance with the principles of Horizontal Governance, there is diffusion of responsibilities in the Department. Ms June Dias was the teacher-in-charge of the Book and Bake Sale, the Festival 'Kalki' and the Workshop on Journalistic Ethics and Fact-checking. She was also in charge of the Film Room with Dr Deepna Rao. Dr Deepna Rao was the teacher in charge of the Novel Room and the Film Room, the two discussion clubs under the aegis of the Department. Dr Anamika Purohit, Staff Editor of the Department Magazine Hwaethwugu and finally Ms. Radhika Rajwani is the teacher in charge of the Annual English Seminar.

The year began on the theme of '**The Absurd at Play**', for the **Annual Fundraiser, the Book and Bake Sale** on **August 1, 2023**. Featuring over 200 books on sale, as well as a photo booth, and various food and merchandise stalls, this event was one of the most memorable on the calendar. The event successfully achieved its goal of providing fun and enjoyment for all, fostering a sense of community among the students, as well as giving the organisers a taste of entrepreneurial spirit. The event marked the advent of the English Association on the scene and set a benchmark for the students, for future gatherings.

To inculcate a research temperament in the students, the **Annual English Research Seminar 2023-24** was conducted on **26th (Tuesday) and 27th September (Wednesday), 2023** by the English Association of the English Department on the theme 'The Complexity of Good and Evil'. The process and the initiation of the seminar began in July, 2023 when interested participants submitted their abstracts after attending the orientation. The Teacher Mentors from the English faculty were allotted to each participant who mentored the participants throughout their writing process. Drafts were submitted according to the deadlines and after three months, participants proudly presented their research in the AV Room. What was noteworthy was the presentation of research papers by participants on a wide array of topics encompassing the theme. The diverse range of topics reflected the dynamism of the English research field and allowed for engaging conversations that expanded participants'

understanding of the blurring lines between good and evil in literary works throughout the ages. The themes covered in the papers ranged from pop culture to literary analysis, highlighting the breadth and depth of the research being conducted in the English language domain. Some of the paper titles were, 'Exploring The Complexity Of Morality In Riichiro Inagaki And Boichi's Dr. Stone', 'Navigating The Labyrinth Of Motherhood - A Deep Dive Into Complex Mothers', 'Shakuni's Tragic Odyssey: a comparative exploration of his character in relation to the Aristotelian Tragic Hero' and many more. The Principal's speech at the seminar was a moment of inspiration and appreciation for the participants. The Principal, Professor Dr. Dabholkar expressed deep appreciation for the efforts and contributions made by the participants in advancing the field of English research. He emphasised the importance of such seminars in fostering a culture of academic inquiry and the sharing of knowledge. The best five research papers were published in Hwaethwugu 2024, the Annual English Magazine of the English Department. All the participants as well as attendees were provided with certificates for their outstanding contribution in making it a success.

The Novel Room and **the Film Room**, the two discussion clubs under the aegis of the English Department, conducted events throughout the year, from August till February. The detailed reports of the sessions are presented separately in this Magazine. Both clubs contributed to the academic enrichment of the students and provided them with a safe space for discussing various issues and texts, both literary and cinematic.

Kalki 2023 was a vibrant and inclusive celebration of artistic talent and expression. The Annual English Magazine 'Hwaethwugu' was launched in the fest 'Kalki' as well. The launch of the Magazine was the inaugural event of the Festival. A compendium of original and creative works submitted by students across various disciplines were compiled by the dedicated Magazine team. Two alumni of the Department, who were special invitees for the Launch, **Amrita Chakraborty** and **Aakriti Jadwani**, graced the occasion and addressed the students with an inspiring appeal to contribute to the Magazine, as well as shared their individual experience of working on the Magazine. A lot of events were thoughtfully curated to provide students from all over the city with a platform to showcase their creativity in a non-competitive, judgement-free environment. This approach allowed participants to explore and express their artistic visions without fear of criticism, fostering a sense of freedom and confidence. Indigenous artists were invited as judges, not to rank or critique, but to share their wealth of experience and offer constructive feedback. They were more than happy to engage with the students, offering insights that enriched the participants' understanding of their craft, be it singing, dancing, story-telling, stand-up comedy, debating or painting. For those who sought quieter moments amidst the excitement, Kalki offered a range of serene spaces as well like 'The Book Nook Corner' is perfect for introverts who want to curl up with a book and escape into another world for a while. These thoughtful touches ensured that Kalki catered to a wide range of preferences, making it a truly inclusive event that has something for everyone. **The Annual English Play**, a fantastic rendition of the film '**La La Land**' by the students, served as the festival's pinnacle. The performance made for an absolutely remarkable experience by encapsulating the spirit of the movie and incorporating original elements that connected with the audience.

The final event was the '**Journalistic Ethics and Fact Checking Workshop**' that provided valuable insights into the world of journalism. Journalism today is plagued with clickbait news and the Workshop underscored the need for trustworthy news and headlines as well. Delivered by the Dean of the Indian Institute of Journalism and News Media, **Dr Kanchana**

Kaur, and Ms Surekha Deepak, a Professor at the same institution, the resource persons both provided a thought provoking journey through the process of articulating any news piece. Through various exercises, they engendered an understanding of the various tools and techniques for fact-checking, including government claims and commercial enterprises. The assignments were given in order to help students learn how to apply the techniques that were taught as well as to test students' understanding of the knowledge. Overall, the workshop was well organised and systematic.

The faculty are always in a quest to develop and better their skills in various domains, and to this end, two of our faculty members undertook online refresher courses. Dr Deepna Rao pursued a Refresher Course on 'Advanced Research Methodology' from October 23 to November 6, 2023 from the Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi. She also pursued two Faculty Development Programmes, one on 'Effective Grant Writing Strategies Using AI' conducted by Woxsen University and Texas Tech University, and the other on 'Introduction to Digital Humanities' by IIT Jodhpur. Dr Anamika Purohit also pursued a Refresher Course in English from the Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi. Both faculty members pursued these courses online, while conducting lectures full-time in College. Both members also pursued research and published a paper and chapters in books. Dr Rao had one publication in a UGC-CARE peer-reviewed journal, and two book chapters published; Dr Purohit had one book chapter publication. Both attended and presented papers at international seminars and conferences.

Our Department Faculty have enriched the academic landscape beyond College and have positions in various capacities that help build curricula and/or teach at the Postgraduate level. Ms. June Dias has been a Visiting Faculty and a paper-setter at the Postgraduate sub-centre at Mithibai College (Autonomous). Dr. Seema Sharma is a recognized PhD Guide and is serving as a University of Mumbai, Board of Studies Syllabus Sub-Committee Member for MA Part II on the elective Pandemic Studies and for SYBA Advertising. Dr. Deepna Rao is a Member, Board of Studies Syllabus Sub-committee for TYBA English Paper VIII (University of Mumbai); SYBA Women's Studies (with effect from 2022-23), and for MA Part II Elective IX (B): European Literature in English Translation (with effect from 2022-23). Additionally, she is also a Member of the Syllabus Sub-committee of the University of Mumbai's BOS for the BA-B.Ed course for 'Mass Communication'. All three members serve as Paper Setters for these papers at the University as well. Dr. Anamika Purohit is the Editor of the International Journal of Emotions, Expressions & Dimensions (IJEED) an International Multidisciplinary Double Blind Peer Reviewed Online Journal curated by Kaash Foundation, a registered NGO in Mumbai. Ms. Radhika Rajwani is a Visiting faculty and examiner for MA English at PG sub-centre at Mithibai College (Autonomous).

Our faculty also serve in various administrative and executive posts within our College. Ms. June Dias is a Member of IQAC Sub-committee for Criterion IV and Member, Admissions Team. Dr. Seema Sharma is a Member, Admissions Team; and IQAC Sub-committee for Criterion III (Research). Dr. Deepna Rao is Chairperson, Magazine Committee and Deputy Chairperson, Women's Development Cell; Class Teacher (TYBA Division B); Member, Admissions Team; Member, IQAC Sub-committee for Criterion VI (Governance); Member, Library and Reading Room Committee; and Visiting Faculty, MSc IT (BDA), Jai Hind College (Autonomous). Dr. Anamika Purohit is Coordinator (Degree College) - Language Lab; Class Teacher (TYBA Division A); Member, AAA Committee, College Magazine Committee, Member, Admission Committee for FYBCom; Member, Jai Hind Community Services (previously, Extension Cell); and Member, IQAC Sub-committee for Criterion II (Teaching, Learning and Evaluation Committee). Ms.

Radhika Rajwani is Member (AAA committee); Class teacher (FYBA Div B); Exam Coordinator (Arts- Even Semesters); and Member of IQAC Sub-committee for Criterion I (Curricular Aspects).

All in all, it has been an eventful year, and we hope to line up a set of new, interesting events for next year!

HINDI

Chairperson: Dr. Ravindranath Tiwari

Co-Chairperson: Neeta Singh

Members: Rajesh Joshi, Vineeta Bhatia and Ashutosh Tiwari

The language Department of any educational institution is very important. As per its name, the Hindi Department of the prestigious Jai Hind College provides a platform for the all-round development of students through its literary organization, Hindi Parishad. In the academic year 2023-24, Hindi Parishad organized a one-day seminar in collaboration with Maharashtra Rajya Sahitya Academy on August 26, 2023 for the promotion of official language Hindi, and to bring entrepreneurship along with linguistic uniformity among the students. The objective of this was to provide guidance for positive thinking and direction towards entrepreneurship among the students, especially among female students. This discussion session was very effective. Along with this, Hindi Parishad organized Hindi Week from September 7, 2023 to September 14, 2023. Here, competitions like poetry recitation, story recitation, essay writing, Antakshari were organised in which the participation of student was commendable. The Hindi Department also organized Reading Motivation Day on a large scale in the memory of former President Dr. Abdul Kalam on 14th October. The entire library was full of students.

Any nation is identified by its culture and traditions. The Hindi Parishad, steadfast in its belief in the power of civilization and culture, organized a colourful Traditional Day program on November 28th. The event saw enthusiastic participation from all the students. Hindi Parishad has always been working towards giving the official language the status of national language. It is our wish that we succeed in keeping this legacy intact.

HISTORY

Head of Department and Association: Mrs Safina Rakhangli

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History helps us to comprehend and appreciate our predecessors better and imbibe their teachings to build a superior future. It acquaints us with a critical understanding and a wider perspective of events around us; it enables us to recognize behavioural patterns of the societies around us and helps to broaden their perception about the World. At Jai Hind College the Department of History achieves this through its teaching-learning methods and organising various activities for students.

The motto of the History Association has been to be “Informative, Innovative and Inquisitive”. Through the diverse activities organised by the Department a focus is being laid on the fulfilment of this motto.

The International Relations Program (2023) Certificate Course, held in September 2023, offered participants an in-depth exploration of contemporary global politics and international relations. Organised and coordinated by Dr. Archana Mishra from the Department of History, the program featured renowned scholars and professionals as resource persons from institutions of repute such as ORF Mumbai, Gateway House, Association of Asia Scholars, Free Press Journal and Resource persons from Shiv Nadar University and Symbiosis, Gujarat University and from Consultants from Ministry of Defence.

The course began on September 1st, 2023, with an introduction, followed by the Principal's and HOD Ms Safina's opening remarks. The inaugural lecture, delivered by Prof. Swaran Singh (JNU head of Security Studies, Visiting faculty, University of British Columbia), focused on challenges in contemporary global politics and the historic expansion of BRICS in 2023.

Throughout the program, various experts delved into significant themes. On September 2nd, Mr. Kashish Parpiani (RIL) introduced participants to the theory of international relations and analyzed the evolution of India-US bilateral relations. Sessions on September 4th led by Mr. RN Bhaskar explored India-China relations and the geopolitical implications of the Ukrainian crisis. The program also addressed border relations, maritime security, and regional geopolitics. On September 6th, Ms. Soumya Awasthi discussed India-China border dynamics, while Prof. Atul Bhardwaj analysed 21st-century geopolitics. Further sessions by experts like Admiral Pradeep Chauhan and Dr. Sanjay Bhardwaj expanded on maritime security and India's neighbourhood policy. The course concluded with examinations of international law, nuclear diplomacy and feminist foreign policy. Participants were assessed through quizzes, essays, and video presentations, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of global issues and their multifaceted impacts.

The History Association conducted its annual film screening week called '**Shades**' from **14th to 19th August, 2023** with an objective to enable students to analyse the films on historical topics and to critically evaluate the credibility of these films. The films that were screened for the students were Darkest hour, Rang de Basanti, Rama Madhav, All quiet on the western front, Sardar and Rocky IV. The discussions that followed after the screening were interesting as it explored new areas for analysis and research. Students were required to write a review of at least one movie to enable the faculty to understand the student's point of view.

With an objective to develop critical thinking skills among students, to stimulate interdisciplinary discussions, to integrate knowledge from various disciplines and apply it significantly in the contemporary world, to develop creative and innovative skills among students and to encourage interest in research in interdisciplinary projects, The History Department in collaboration with the Philosophy Department organised **Seven Online Interdisciplinary Guest Lecture Series from 2nd September to 18th December, 2023**. Various scholars, academicians and industrial experts deliver interactive lectures through their expertise and experience.

The Department hosted a session on gender sensitization, led by **Men Against Violence and Abuse (MAVA)**, an organization dedicated to engaging boys and men in addressing gender inequality and ending gender-based violence. Mr. Altasmash Khan, MAVA's Project Coordinator, who oversees the Gender-Sensitization and Mentoring Program for college students, was the guest speaker. The session concluded successfully, leaving students with a

deeper understanding of gender norms and inequalities still prevalent today.

The FYBA students were taken to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) Museum as part of their curriculum. The museum visit aimed to enhance their understanding of architectural history and cultural preservation. The students were given an insightful tour of the museum's architectural features, including its Indo-Saracenic design, which blends Hindu, Islamic, and European elements. The teacher in charge, Dr Mishra explained how these architectural styles reflected Mumbai's colonial past and cultural amalgamation.

Inside the museum, students explored a wide range of exhibits, from ancient artifacts to contemporary art. Each student had been assigned specific exhibits beforehand, and they delivered presentations on these topics. Their presentations focused on the cultural significance of the objects and their historical relevance. Mudra has been the Annual Inter-collegiate History competition of Ruia College and the History Association has been participating regularly in this event. This year's Mudra theme was held on 12th January 2024 and the theme was to explore the legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. FYBA student Ms Hardika Gupta won the First Prize for the Cinekari event where students had to make cinematic masterpieces through the creation of movie posters, immortalizing the legends of Maratha history's Royal Period. Ms Lakshita Jain won the second prize for the Durgaveer event. For the Quiz Ranangan which was on Maratha History, SYBA students, Yash Jethwa and Yash Meher got the First Prize. Our TYBA student and Secretary of the History Association, Ms Nishi Jain was honored with the 'Best Contingent Leader' award. Adding another feather to its cap, Jai Hind College was bestowed with the coveted 'Best College' award. This victory marked the College's Fourth Consecutive win at MUDRA, dazzling the institution's consistent commitment to excellence across various events, and its reputation as a powerhouse of talent and creativity.



The History Department, for the first time, organised aetiHasik on 12th January, 2024. The objective of the cultural bonanza was to celebrate the diverse cultural heritage of India by showcasing various folk art forms and tradition. The event contained three captivating segments: Music, Dance, and Speech. The students geared up to enchant the audience with their talents and rejoice in the rich heritage of Indian Folklore. The students showcased the rich tapestry of Indian folk tradition that fostered a sense of connection and community building reverence for the legacy for the past.



The History Department organised an Online Guest Lecture by Professor Sangeeta Dutta on 7th March 2024 on 'Reading the Archive, Writing Advisai Histories'. The session was very informative which gave students enriching information to explore this area of research. Another lecture on 'History from the Gender Lens-Writings of Buddhist Nuns' by Prof.Kum Kum Roy was not only informative but also exposed the students to Philosophy, religion and gender in History. Through the Blogs written by the History Association a wide range of historical events were dealt with, engaging students with history in new methods for developing renewed angles. All in all, it was a satisfying experience and an eventful year.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Head of Department and Co-ordinator: Mr Wilson Rao

A Bachelor of Science in Information Technology comprises a detailed study in the field of software development, software testing and computer systems. The Department of BSc IT, established in 2013, strives to shape computer professionals of the future. It has a comprehensive curriculum on topics related to programming, electronics and networking, among others. Furthermore, the international collaboration with University of Fraser Valley extends to students an in-depth learning opportunity and exposure to a different study environment.

Special Features

Our Degree Programme offers several key advantages:

- **Relevant Industrial Experience:** Students benefit from practical, hands-on opportunities integrated into the curriculum, enabling them to apply their knowledge in real-world contexts.
- **In-Demand Skills:** The program is tailored to develop skills that are highly sought after by employers, ensuring graduates are well-prepared for the competitive job market.

- **Industry-Supported Projects and Modules:** Many projects and modules are crafted by students, ensuring they are in line with current industry standards and practices.

Departmental Activities:

- **An Orientation for First-Year Students:** On July 19, 2023, we held an orientation session for incoming first-year students to introduce them to the diverse opportunities available in their chosen field of study.

- **Seminars on Industry Trends:** To address the evolving needs of the industrial sector, the Department regularly organizes seminars and webinars. These events focus on emerging technologies, current research trends, and their potential impact on the industry.

□ Alumni Tech Talk Series

- o 'Microservices and Deployments', on January 6, 2024, by Shivam Chaubey, Software Engineer, J.P. Morgan Chase Co.
- o 'Big Data Analytics', on August 19, 2023, by Shardul Rane, Software Engineer, Deutsche Bank
- o 'Cloud Computing', on September 2, 2023, Diksha Bajpai, Cloud Devops Engineer, Indica Worldwide
- o 'IT Auditing', on December 9, 2023, Devasri Veerla, Assistant Manager, Grant Thornton
- o 'Big Data on Cloud', on February 10, 2024, Aadarsh Sarogi, Product Engineer 1, Experian

□ Expert Tech Talks

o 'Scientific research writing', on December 16, 2023, by Dr Manisha Divate

o 'Tech Start up and Generative AI', on January 6, 2024, by Raj Sanghavi

- **Student Research and Project Exhibitions:** Our students actively participate in various research and project exhibitions, showcasing their innovative work and contributing to the academic community. Here are some notable exhibitions:

□ **'Avishkar' Science Exhibition:** Our students presented their research projects and innovative ideas at the 'Avishkar' Science Exhibition, organized by the University of Mumbai on 9th December 2023. This platform allowed students to demonstrate their scientific inquiries and technical skills, contributing to a wider scientific dialogue.

□ **TechSrujan Project Exhibition:** TechSrujan is our Department's inaugural project exhibition held on 1st March 2024, designed to spotlight the innovative and technical prowess of our students. This event serves as a platform for students to showcase a diverse array of projects, from cutting-edge technology solutions to creative engineering designs.

● Extra Co-Curricular Activities

□ **Field Trip:** To provide students with hands-on learning experiences by exposing them to real-world applications of their studies, a field trip was organized to Net Magic Solutions Data Centre, Chandivali, Andheri(E) on 16th February 2024. These excursions are an integral part of our educational approach, offering insights into industries and practical knowledge.

□ **E-waste Drive:** Our E-Waste Drive aims to promote environmental sustainability and responsible disposal of electronic waste. This initiative encourages students and the community to recycle old or unused electronic devices in an eco-friendly manner. The event was organized on 3rd and 4th August 2023. To further promote awareness, a follow-up event was organized twice in the same academic year, on February 13th and 14th, 2024.

The IT Department Placement Cell

- **The prestigious Placement and Internship Cell** of our Department is dedicated to help our fresh graduates get placed in industries that align with their skills and potential.

- In the academic year of 2023-24, our students secured placements at esteemed organizations such as LTIMindTree, NIQ, TechMagify and The Innovation Story, with salary packages ranging from 3 Lakhs Per Annum to 5 Lakhs Per Annum.
- We also assist BSc IT students in obtaining internships and training programs, thereby shaping them into future IT professionals.
- Our students have been selected for internships at renowned companies including Reliance pvt Ltd. Zepto, CIMMRA Global services pvt Ltd, TekMons IT solutions pvt Ltd, The HR mindset, Techno Consultant Academy, Mugen Software Design LLC. They have taken on diverse roles such as Web Development, Software Development, IOT development, Information Security Analyst, Graphic Designer, and Social Media Manager.
- Apart from IT industry, students have also demonstrated their knowledge by interning at NGOs like Sarwa Connect, Connect For and Bhavyata Foundation as Web developers and Graphic Designers.



LIFE SCIENCES

Head of Department: Ms. Niloufer K. Kotwal

Members: Ms. Sakina Garothwala, Ms. Zeenia Avari, Ms. Kajal Sankhala

"Life is the canvas; Science is the brush that helps us paint it with meaning..."

The Life Science Department at Jai Hind College is dedicated to fostering a deep understanding of biological sciences, equipping students with the knowledge and skills necessary for careers in research, healthcare, and environmental conservation. Through a blend of rigorous academics and hands-on experience, the department nurtures future leaders in the arena of Life Sciences.

One of the standout moments this year was the introduction of the NEP for first-year students, which kicked off with great enthusiasm. The NEP 2020 is designed to build an education system that is deeply rooted in Indian values while also being globally relevant, preparing a generation of learners to face future challenges with confidence.

The year kicked off with a vibrant Orientation for first-year students, marking an energetic and enthusiastic start for the academic term. In the Department of Life Sciences, second and third-year students warmly welcomed their juniors, setting a positive tone for the new academic journey. The Orientation aimed to equip the students with the knowledge and confidence needed to start their studies successfully and to integrate them smoothly into the academic community.

The Department of Life Sciences offers various AAA courses for their students, and this year's course titled 'Science of Sleep' focused on understanding the concept, process and facets of sleep. It garnered strong interest, with many students from across the Biological Sciences Department enrolling and successfully completing the course.

A series of institutional visits were organised to give students firsthand experience of how research is conducted at national institutes and provide opportunities to interact with research scholars and scientists. On November 30th, 2023, the TY students visited the ACTREC institute during its open day, accompanied by Ms. Kajal Sankhala. Additionally, a field visit was conducted in collaboration with the Botany Department. TY students from both departments visited Go Green nursery as part of their Applied Component curriculum.

A Parent-Teacher meeting for TY students was organised on December 16th, 2023. This meeting allowed parents to gain insights into the subjects and assess their child's academic progress.

The faculty continuously strives to make the curriculum engaging through innovative teaching methods. As part of their Continuous Assessment, TY students showcased a series of documentaries they filmed on important environmental topics. These documentaries were also uploaded on the YouTube channel of the department at the end of the academic year. Besides mind-maps and crosswords, the SY students presented examples of public participation through skits, poems, and raps. Additionally, FY students had the opportunity to display their artistic talents by creatively explaining various concepts using reels and models.

The internships offered by the department are instrumental in shaping the aptitude and professional growth of students. Students from all bioscience departments have the opportunity to participate in summer internships, including a specialised program in the field of In Vitro Fertilization, organised in collaboration with the Embryology Academy for Research & Training (EART). Additionally, another significant internship is provided by REE Labs, focusing on the rapidly advancing field of Stem cells. These internships offer invaluable hands-on experience, equipping students with practical skills and deepening their understanding of cutting-edge scientific research.

In line with our commitment to fostering a robust research culture, every faculty member is actively engaged in guiding a group of Third Year students through an intensive research project during their final semester. This hands-on experience not only enhances the students' analytical and critical thinking skills, but also prepares them for academic and professional challenges ahead.

To further cultivate their research acumen, students are encouraged to showcase their work at various inter and intra-collegiate research meets, such as Avishkar 2023-24, National Science Day

In collaboration with the Botany department, a seminar titled “Sustainable Living: Revisiting the Roots” was held on 6th February, 2024. The seminar focused on educating participants about the principles of sustainability, highlighting strategies to minimize environmental impact, conserve resources, and promote sustainable practices across different sectors. The objective was to inspire practical solutions and encourage a commitment to incorporating sustainability into everyday activities and organizational practices.

The Department of Life Sciences, under the auspices of I.R.I.S, organizes an annual seminar or lecture to keep young minds updated on the latest scientific advancements. This year’s seminar, held on **10th February 2024**, focused on the topic ‘Forensic Science: Behind Every Crime, There Is a Clue!’ and was attended by over 111 students from the Biosciences departments. The lectures were delivered by **Ms. Riva Pocha, Ms. Sejal Gupta, Ms. Priya Dedhia, and Ms. Alok Doshi**. **Ms. Pocha, Ms. Gupta, and Ms. Doshi** are forensic educators at FACTS, while Ms. Dedhia is an IT security analyst and certified ethical hacker.

The Department of Life Sciences takes great pride in its alumni, who are excelling in various fields. To honour their achievements, we launched a new lecture series last year titled ‘Humans of JHC – Life Sciences,’ aimed at showcasing the experiences and stories of our Life Sciences alumni. The first session took place on 28th October, 2023, featuring two of our distinguished alumni, Mr. Riddhesh Ahire and Ms. Irshikaa Sharma. Mr. Ahire discussed his MSc project on Hydra, while Ms. Sharma shared insights from her MSc research on Zebrafish. The lectures were highly engaging, offering students the valuable opportunity to connect with senior alumni who were in their shoes just a few years ago.

The students' enthusiasm extended beyond these activities, culminating in the successful launch of our departmental magazine, ‘**The Catalyst - Issue 4**,’ under the aegis of I.R.I.S. This publication serves as a vibrant showcase of all the initiatives undertaken by the Department throughout the current academic year. It features a collection of research articles authored by our students, highlighting their scholarly achievements, alongside creative expressions such as sketches and photography. Additionally, ‘The Catalyst’ provides a platform for our faculty members to share their thoughts, making it a true reflection of the collective spirit and talents within our department.

Overall, this academic year has been highly productive, allowing us to organize and execute numerous activities. The faculty and students are excited for the next academic year, aiming to maintain our momentum and achieve even more for our department's pride. Additionally, all faculty members regularly attended workshops and seminars to stay updated on recent scientific developments.

The Life Sciences Department is committed to implementing similar initiatives in the future as we put “Life into Science and Science into Life”.

MANAGEMENT STUDIES

Head of Department: Dr Rakhi Sharma

Members: Ms. Sajari Dhumak

As an undergraduate Management programme, which is looked up to by the students as a repertory for MBA as well as Entrepreneurial training, BMS' curriculum is contemporary and its emphasis on practical aspects of Management along with theory is well appreciated. Known for its illustrious record of accolades and transforming young, energetic students to suave and smart graduates, Jai Hind BMS is continuing its legacy forward as another year progresses. We understand the importance of using case studies and application-based learning and recognize that the students need to prepare for a future which would be vastly different from our present. Consequently, a prime decision has been taken to actively encourage skill-building. Therefore, we view it as an opportunity to learn new skills with the students, and use those skills to further help the students reach new heights. These skills relate to different fields of study and include problem solving, logical reasoning, innovative thinking, Digital marketing, Risk Management, to name a few. The guest lectures, as well as the interactive master classes, enable the students to learn from others' experience and gain insight from the mentors.

Our support and knowledge has allowed many students to establish startups, where their true passions interact with their experience, to create an establishment where they can exercise exactly what they study. Our students have launched startups in various fields ranging from the real estate sector to digital marketing. Taking initiatives and participation in different competitions and college clubs is actively encouraged, which allows students to engage with a diverse set of peers and experience the power of peer-based learning. Owing to the consistently impressive results and the experiential learning, a lot of reputed companies offered placements to BMS students. Stalwarts of the corporate world have hired our students namely; Deloitte, Ernst& Young, KPMG, Edelweiss, WAT Consultants, Cushman Wakefield, India Jones Lang LaSalle, CRISIL and so on. Moreover, many students also did summer internships with various organizations such as HDFC, Lakme, Hindustan petroleum, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Kids stop press, IL&FS, Google and so on.

Students have done very well by converting internships into preplacement offers, getting placed and scored good ranks and percentile such as 99.89 in XAT and 99.48 in CAT. MOU has been signed to develop skills and linkages have been created with Industry and various other stakeholders such as Wadhwani Foundation to launch a Foundational Course in Entrepreneurship where students developed an entrepreneurial mindset through this course. In this course students learnt the concepts and developed skills for identifying new business opportunities and creating innovative products and services. They learnt how to translate these products /services into viable and sustainable businesses. The course journey included ideation to a prototype and early customers. Various certificate courses were done by the department such as Social Media Marketing in collaboration with IIDE and Foundational Course in Financial Markets.

Department USP is experiential learning through initiatives such as -Entrepreneurship Cell and Skill Hub (Under RUSA) which conducts yearlong activities, sessions, master classes etc. E-nnovate which is a 5-day long initiative consisting of speaker sessions, workshops and business competitions on a variety of relevant and upcoming topics related to the world of Business and Entrepreneurship. There were speaker sessions and workshops on crucial topics never covered before like AI Tech by Microsoft for Startups, The Fintech Web: World of Payments, Risk Competition and much more.

This year's Global Summit event partnered with renowned organizations like IDBI and Jio News, attracting a prestigious lineup of speakers, industry leaders and founders gracing the Summit with their presence which were Mr. Chandrakant Salukhe the Founder and President of SME Chamber of India, Mr. Manish Chowdhary the Co-Founder of WOW Skin Science, Mr. Vishal Gondal the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of GOQii, Mr. Argenio Antao the Chief Operating Officer at Colliers India, Mr. Sneh Vaswani the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Miko, Mr. Vedant Lamba the founder of Mainstreet and Forbes 30 under 30 honouree, and Mr. Hersh Shah the CEO of IRM India Affiliate all graced the stage with their insights and expertise. This group of 30+ accomplished individuals brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the summit, enriching the dialogue and inspiring attendees.

The department also took initiative by setting up Incubator and Accelerator Centre at institutional level The Incubator & Accelerator Centre has been bustling with activity, hosting 70 tailored one-on-one mentoring sessions to guide startups on their entrepreneurial journey. These sessions aim to bridge the knowledge gap between seasoned professionals and budding entrepreneurs, offering practical insights and strategic guidance. One notable session was conducted by Ms.Kavita Bothra, partner at Primassure LLP. The focus of this session was on understanding the basics of personal finance. Another illuminating session was led by Mr. Avik Ashar, a seasoned VC Scout at Saison Capital and Angel Investor. This session delved into the crucial aspects that investors look for when startups approach them for funding. Participants gained firsthand insights into the investor's mindset, honing their pitches and strategic approaches to align with investor expectations.

The mentoring sessions create an interactive learning environment where startups receive guidance on immediate challenges and gain a broader perspective on industry trends, market dynamics, and strategic planning. Startups have learned to refine their business models, develop robust financial strategies, and create compelling pitches that resonate with potential investors. The real-world experiences shared by mentors have proven invaluable, helping startups navigate the complexities of the startup landscape.

The Incubator & Accelerator Centre hosted the second edition of "The Start-Up Exposition". The event provided a platform for start-ups from various sectors including Nutraceuticals, Healthcare, Cosmetology, Fine Art, Printing, Green Technology, Technology, Home Decoration and Home Textiles, Accessories, Networking Apps, FMCG and many more, to showcase their prototypes and products and get opportunities to network with mentors, industry specialists, and investors. Apart from that, the incubator continued with the Pre-incubation Program hosted the guest sessions on the following topics: 'E-Commerce Funnel and Brand Placement' by Mr. Upamanyu Acharya, Asst. Brand Manager at E- Commerce Reckitt, IIM Ahmedabad alumni, 'Entrepreneurial Mindset' by Mr. Ayush Raniwala, Co Founder in Immutly, ESADE Business School Alumni, Mr. Ganesh Malani: 'Sustainable Growth Strategies', Managing Partner at Apex Hatchers, Sustainable Strategy Specialist, Mr. Dhaval Chheda: 'Competitive Advantage', Founder and Managing Partner at DC & Co., Consultant to Fortune 500 companies, and finally Mr. Deekshant Boolchandani: 'Start-Up Finances', Entrepreneur, Ex-Founder, Finance and Strategy Consultant.

FMB Family Managed Business hub has been the recent initiative by the department with the following objectives: Supporting Family Businesses, Networking, Education and Training, Succession Planning, Promoting Sustainability, Cultural Preservation. On February 24, 2024, Jai Hind College (Autonomous) celebrated a momentous occasion in its rich history as it marked its 75th Anniversary with the inauguration of the Family Managed Business Hub. The launch event was graced by an illustrious gathering of students, esteemed alumni, and industry leaders, all gathered to commemorate this significant milestone.

Among the distinguished attendees was Mrs. Pooja Choudary, the esteemed owner and founder of Infinity Cars Pvt. Ltd. Mrs. Choudary's presence added an aura of prestige as she showcased the BMW 6GT and shared her inspiring entrepreneurial journey, emphasizing the importance of seizing opportunities and inspiring students to pursue their dreams relentlessly.

The Case Study Cohort of Jai Hind College has a successful term with three Case Study discussions. Jai Hind College BMS and BBA represented India at the HSBC/ HKU Case competition (the largest undergraduate case competition in the world) in Hong Kong this year and secured 1st place in round one in Hong Kong. The APAC level was preceded by a rigorous couple of rounds in India where 780 teams participated. The TYBMS Students Hormuz Hansotia, Aakaash Jethani, Tanya Nair represented India in HSBC/HKU Asia Pacific Business Case Competition 2024 organised by HKU business School and ACRC supported by HSBC. This is the second time when BMS students made the college and country proud.

Enactus– Jai Hind College has been an integral part of our journey and has been a member of Enactus since 2015, providing a platform to apply our knowledge and skills for social impact. The initiative helps students engage with real-world challenges and fosters leadership, teamwork, and a spirit of community service. The projects undertaken this year have tackled a wide range of issues including education, waste management and women's empowerment. It's a unique opportunity that has enriched students' academic and personal growth.

The Department believes in holistic development so another remarkable Cultural event organized is Talaash. Talaash had a diverse range of events to cater to its wide audience. The events were divided into various categories, including management events like Bazinga, Fanatics judged by Dr. Yogesh Lakhani and Mr. Harish Parmar, and Eureka, informal events like Bull's Eye and Connection Contention, and sports events like Capture the Flag and SuperBall, which were a new addition to the festival this year. Our theme for the year was: the literary labyrinth, an invitation to explore the depths of storytelling. Beyond mere observation, immersing oneself in the enigma of narratives, where every genre breathes life into its tales. We embarked on this journey to break free from norms, discovering uncharted literary territories and the magic woven into language. As you navigate this labyrinth, embrace the unknown, unleashing the power within the pages of your favourite stories. Prepare for an extraordinary adventure through twists and turns, where your creations within the maze of words define your journey beyond reality's chaos. A literary odyssey unlike any other. Azorte recently partnered with us to coordinate a spectacular intra-collegiate gathering. The "Campus Originalists" initiative launched an Instagram contest that encouraged participants to submit photos for likes, with the top performers winning exciting Azorte prizes and the chance to showcase their work in designer fashion shows. The events of the day were designed to challenge the participants' mental agility, with unique activities like 'Yin to my Yang' and 'IQ-EQ'. However, the day's excitement did not stop there; two cultural performances, 'Dramastra' and 'Shock on!', were showcased with celebrity judges like Mr. Namit Shah, Ms. Inayat Sood, Mr. Aadesh Shah, and many others adding to the excitement and thrill of the event. The day began with the "Just a Minute" session, hosted by Mr. Hormuz Ragina, popularly known as Jam Master HoHo. The event also included the "Mr. and Ms. Regalia" pageant, which showcased the participants' inner talents, and the "Plot Twist" dance competition, judged by Shehzaan Khan, Sachin Sharma, and Shraddha Tiwari, featuring performances from colleges across Mumbai.

The recognition that our family expands with every new batch, helps us to always earnestly aspire to be there for them, whenever they seek our guidance or support. We hope to pass on the torch of passion to every student and will always continue to nurture talent, with the hope of creating a better, brighter tomorrow.

MASS MEDIA

Head of Department: Saiprasad Shetty and Naziya Khan

Members: Mr Mohit Patel

Media Lab Assistant: Prathmesh Matondkar

"The camera is much more than a recording apparatus, it is a medium of influence and communication." - Daisaku Ikeda

The Mass Media Department at Jai Hind College has actively engaged in a variety of events and activities during the academic year 2023-2024. These activities were aimed at enhancing students' practical exposure to media, fostering collaboration with industry professionals, and encouraging community engagement. Below is a summary of key activities undertaken by the Department.

The Meeting of the Board of Studies for Mass Media was conducted on June 27th, 2023 and April 22nd, 2024, focusing on advancing the implementation of the National Education Policy. During these sessions, we discussed and adapted the program to align with the policy's guidelines, ensuring that our curriculum meets the latest educational standards and effectively addresses the evolving needs of the media industry.

The Department partnered with Alliance Française de Bombay to organise a special screening event for students on August 29th, 2023. The screening featured the film 'France' by Bruno Dumont, offering students an immersive experience into the realm of sensational journalism, followed by an interactive discussion.

The Department conducted its annual exhibit titled 'Brand Odyssey' on September 8th and 9th 2023, showcasing product prototypes developed by students. These prototypes represented the culmination of lessons in brand building, advertising, and marketing research, taking projects from ideation to creation. Students presented their innovative products, highlighting their understanding of market trends, and creative advertising strategies.

The Annual Media Conclave titled 'Constellation', one of the flagship events of the department, was conducted on December 22nd and 23rd, 2023. Media professionals, including Foley artists, journalists, content creators, and meme marketers, were invited to share their insights and lead panel discussions and workshops on current trends and challenges in the media industry. The conclave offered students valuable opportunities to engage with industry experts and deepen their understanding of the field.

The Department organised 'Detour', the intercollegiate mass media festival, attracting participation from colleges across the region on January 15th and 16th, 2024. The festival included a range of competitions such as film-making, advertising campaigns, media quizzes, creative writing, photography, fashion and more, offering students a platform to showcase their talents and engage in constructive competition. Industry experts were invited to judge the events and share valuable insights.

Earlier, the department, in partnership with local environmental organisations, had organised a beach cleaning drive on January 6th, 2024. As part of the Department's social responsibility initiative, this effort aimed to engage students in community service while promoting awareness of environmental conservation. In the lead-up to the on-day media fest, the Detour Athletic Meet (D.A.M) was held on January 11th, 2024. The event fostered a spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie among participants, highlighting the Department's dedication to promoting holistic development.

As in previous years, the Mass Media Department has continued its tradition of offering a diverse array of value-added courses designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of our students. These courses cover a wide range of topics, namely Ad Film Production, Advanced Communication, Creative Writing, Film Appreciation, Motion Design, Niche Photography, Short Film Study and Editing. By incorporating practical, hands-on learning experiences and insights from industry professionals, we ensure that our students are well-prepared for the evolving media landscape.

The Department hosted its annual documentary film screening on February 16th and 17th 2024 showcasing student-made films addressing a range of social, political, and environmental issues. Mr Hardik Mehta, Director of 'Decoupled' and Writer of Paatal Lok, 'Trapped' among other films, was an external jury member in addition to Mr Arun Varghese with experience in Direction, Editing and Screenwriting. This event provided students with a platform to share their work with a broader audience and gain valuable feedback from professionals in the documentary filmmaking industry.

In addition to the above, The Performing Arts Club conducted a 'Game-A-Palooza,' a dynamic lineup of games and activities on June 21st, 2023 and The Literary Club organised 'Impressions', a series of engaging language and creativity-centric activities, including games, poetry, and witty exchanges on July 5th, 2023. The department in association with the Asiatic Society of Mumbai participated in a play reading event titled 'Mumbai Traps' curated by Ms Anju Makhija on August 18th, 2023. Through these diverse initiatives, the Mass Media Department remains committed to fostering creativity, critical thinking, and professional growth, preparing students to excel in the ever-evolving media landscape.

Mr Mohit Patel had written a paper titled 'How Artificial Intelligence is Helping the Marketing Team of Small Businesses to Scale up their Operations' in a peer reviewed journal with an impact factor of 7.428.

Manish Kharage, from the Batch of 2019, has been making a name for himself in content creation as a popular artist. He consistently produces engaging and humorous content across his platforms. Additionally, he has worked with Dice Media and FilterCopy as both an actor and director.

Saiprasad Shetty is the Vice Chancellor's Nominee in the Board of Studies for Mass Media at Sophia College (Autonomous). He is also a Faculty Member of the Innovation Cell (under the aegis of the Ministry of Education) and Innovation Ambassador. He is a Faculty Member of the Training and Placement Cell of Jai Hind College. Mr Mohit Patel is a Faculty Member of the Internship Cell of Jai Hind College.

Over the past year, the Mass Media Department has advanced our media production, broadened our reach, and engaged diverse audiences. We've launched innovative projects, tackled industry challenges, and reinforced our dedication to quality and creativity. Looking ahead, our vision for the coming year is to harness emerging technologies and trends to further elevate our media strategies and content creation. Our focus will be on adaptability, innovation, and excellence as we continue to shape the future of communication and media.

MATHEMATICS

Head of Department: Ms. Leena Upadhye

Members: Dr Vijay Tiwari, Mr Pranil Waikar and Ms Nisha Prajapati

“Mathematics is everywhere, so look around and be amazed!”

National Mathematics Day is celebrated on December 22 every year to mark the birth anniversary of legendary mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. The celebration aims at spreading the importance of Mathematics and the contributions made by Ramanujan to the subject. To commemorate this day the Department organized a quiz competition and poster presentation. A short documentary on the life and work of Ramanujan was shown. Students also staged two plays on Ramanujan. The day ended with a group discussion on “AI a boon or a bane”. Thus, the Department tried to inculcate the spirit of curiosity and exploration that mathematics needs.

MICROBIOLOGY

Head of Department: Ms Roonal Kataria

Members: Ms Roonal Kataria, Dr Shuchita Deepak, Ms. Snehal Dabhade, Ms. Neha Ailani

"To know the world, one must get intimately acquainted with its tiniest inhabitants" - Antonie Van Leeuwenhoek

The Department of Microbiology was established in the year 1981 with the option of Microbiology as a major subject at the T.Y. B.Sc level. The B.Sc in Microbiology degree program at Jai Hind College allows students to gain an Introduction to the Microbiology and to explore the specific areas such as Microbial Genetics, Medical Microbiology and Immunology, Microbial Biochemistry and Bioprocess Technology. The main objective of the Department is to impart quality education in the field of Microbiology and to create skilled microbiologists to contribute to the fields of food production, pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, environment, agriculture and public health research. The Department of Microbiology aims at using Microbial research as a tool for the benefit of mankind.

The Microbiology Department has conducted several activities at departmental level for the skill enhancement of the students as well as staff. The year started with scheduling BOS Meeting on June 30, 2023 with an agenda to revise Semester I and Semester II syllabi as per NEP and Discuss the Evaluation pattern. A student activity of Water analysis of neighbouring societies conducted on August, 10, 2023 during the rainy season as water in the tanks can get contaminated. The SYBSc students performed experiments to test the microbiological quality of water.

This activity helped the students to apply this learning concept to the benefit of the society. The societies in turn appreciated the hard work of the students and were happy to note the quality of the water sample. Another activity conducted by the Department for maintaining a healthy lifestyle is 'Diet Planning and Management' on September 07, 2023. The aim of the activity was to understand the importance of healthy eating habits, and a balanced diet and to learn the concept of constructing meal plans based on the needs of an individual. This was an interactive session planned for students to help students build their own diet charts keeping in mind all the necessities of a balanced diet. Students enjoyed the session where they were able to calculate their caloric intake and plan their own meal based on their daily requirements.

To acquaint the students with the practical knowledge about the wastewater treatment processes, One-day Field Visit to the MCGM water treatment plant was scheduled on September 13, 2023. The activity proved very beneficial to students as they gained a deeper understanding of the concepts related to waste water treatment. They appreciated the opportunity to witness the practical application of water treatment technologies firsthand, which enhanced their comprehension significantly. To enhance industrial skills and boost the students' experience, the Department conducted hands-on training sessions titled as 'Skill Development In Food And Pharma Technology' from October 28 to November 3, 2023. Students learned designing of growth media, executing aseptic techniques and optimising bioreactor conditions. They were also able to examine the fermentation parameters and the quality of the product formed. Students also evaluated and conducted antimicrobial assays and analysed the results using statistical analysis. This year, the students were taken to visit The Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research & Education (ACTREC) on November 30, 2023 to inculcate the inquisitiveness among the students for research and Higher education. Students intricately understood about the in vitro studies carried out in model animals. The experiments that were carried out were observed by the students. Apart from lab knowledge, the students even learnt about the different opportunities and fellowships from the PhD students working in the institution.

The Department is actively involved in taking up consultancy services for the MSc and PhD students for completion of their dissertation work. The consultancy offers the institute the opportunity to conduct and expand research in interdisciplinary areas which can lead to new collaborations, grants and publications. The Department actively participated in Science Open Day and Xplore, 2024 organised by the College. A guided tour of the Microbiology Laboratory provided a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the state-of-the-art facilities available at Jai Hind College, fostering interest and curiosity among attendees. This exhibition successfully engaged students in meaningful discussions, encouraging them to consider pursuing careers in microbiology and related fields. Department focuses not just on learning but celebrates learning by organising the Department Fest. The annual fest 'FESTCHERICHIA' 24 - MICRO APOCALYPSE was conducted on January 06, 2023, aimed to illuminate lesser-known biological science streams, often overshadowed by mainstream career courses. It served as an interdisciplinary platform, drawing participants from colleges across Mumbai. The Departmental Newsletter - MICRO-BULLETIN was also released in this event.

The Department is actively involved in spreading science awareness for which the Science Awareness Program was scheduled on February 8, 2024. It inspires the young minds to take pure science subjects as a career option. It opened the minds of the school students to various fields in Microbiology. As the learning is a continuous process, specialised visits are conducted by the department. A Visit to Breach Candy Hospital Clinical Microbiology Laboratory on March 16, 2024. Students gained a deeper understanding of microbiology testing methodologies, including specimen processing, culture techniques, and culture identification methods. They could understand the general workflow of a clinical microbiology laboratory and a better understanding of the automated equipment and procedures that are commonly employed.

We are proud of our S.Y.B.Sc. student, Ms. Diksha Gurav, & T.Y.B.Sc. student, Ms. Nimisha Rath and Ms. Anshita Saxena who have been awarded the Sumitomo Scholarship. Not only students, staff are equally active learners to keep pace with fast developing technology. Mrs. Roonal Kataria & Ms. Abhilasha Upadhyay has completed a four weeks long MOOC titled Let us fight AMR: An awareness about antimicrobial resistance organized by Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College, under the aegis of UNESCO's Open education for better world initiative in May 2023. Mrs. Roonal Kataria has completed one week FDP on developing MOOCs organised by TLC Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching under the Ministry of Education, from September 26 - October 2, 2023.

Staff is also engaged in research and have publications on record. Mrs. Roonal Kataria published a paper entitled "Development of Flat Lima Beans Pickles Enriched with Spirulina" in International Journal of Trend in Scientific Research and Development and one chapter in the book "Research & Reviews in Microbiology". Mrs. Smita Menon has published 2 research papers in Springer Journal and presented a poster on "Exploring phages as a sustainable approach for waste water treatment in the 4th International Conference on Bacteriophage Research and Antimicrobial resistance on September 28 and 30, 2023.

We aspire to cultivate a dynamic learning environment where students are inspired to explore the vast potential of Microbiology.



Water Treatment Plant Visit



Department Fest



Skill development course in Food and Pharma Technology



Science Open Day

PHILOSOPHY

Head of Department and Chairperson – Ms. Simmin Bawa
General Secretary – Ms Sesha Pangam

Academic year 2023-24 was a phenomenal year for the Philosophy department. Besides various activities conducted, students participated in inter-collegiate fests and came back with laurels and even on the research front, our students have excelled.

The year began with a guest lecture on ‘Ethics of the Beauty Industry’ delivered by our alumnus Ms. Nidhi Lulla jointly organized by Women’s Development Cell (WDC) on August 4, 2023 which was very well received by students. The department collaborated with the Women’s Development Cell (WDC) once again on August 31, 2023, and organized a one-day Symposium titled ‘Critical Issues Affecting Society and Women’ for which we had speakers like Advocate Prashant Mali, who spoke on ‘Safe Cyber Spaces for Women’, celebrity nutritionist Ms. Karishma Chawla did an interactive workshop on ‘**Diet and Lifestyle for Women**’, we showed students the film ‘Juice’ and had a discussion on the same, **Ms. Aekta Khubchandani** held a workshop on ‘**Mapping Gender Across the Spectrum**’ and lastly, our students put up thought-provoking skits and songs on the theme of the Symposium. **October 10, 2023**, on the occasion of **World Mental Health Day**, our alumnus, **Ms Deepali Pandit** enlightened students by holding a talk on ‘**Decoding Anxiety The Philosophy Way**’ which focused on causes and many solutions on tackling this growing issue of anxiety. Ms Deepali Pandit also facilitated a workshop on “Philosophy and Psychology of Auras and Chakras” on December 16, 2023 which was a hands-on experience for students who also meditated on the core aspects of one’s personal energyYour paragraph text

TYBA students were taken for a **one-day Yoga Camp** to **Kaivalyadhama Yoga Institute** on **February 1, 2024** where they learnt about history of Yoga, practised asanas and pranayama and played some yogic fun games too. Dr Amita Valmiki, delivered a guest lecture on February 3, 2024 titled “Revisiting Gandhian Aesthetics: Gandhi on and in Cinema” which was jointly organised with the History Department and very well received by young thinking minds. On February 5, 2024, the Philosophy Department collaborated once again with the History Department and organised an event on the Commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi for which we had students from St Peter's School, Mumbai who sang songs on Gandhi, role plays by students and Dr Neeta Khandpekar from the Department of History, University of Mumbai delivered a guest lecture on the relevance of Mahatma in today’s times. The Philosophy Department collaborated with the History Department for a seven-part lecture series titled “Interdisciplinary Guest Lecture Series” which was successfully completed by 95 students from Arts, Science and Commerce faculties. Further, the Department of Philosophy organised a ten-day Co-Curricular 30 hours activity titled “**From Asana to Action: Building Balance with Yoga, Sports & Nutrition**” from **March 13 to March 23, 2024**. The teachers in-charge and resource persons of this activity were Ms Simmin Bawa (Department of Philosophy) and Ms Vibhuti Gunjal (Department of Economics). Asanas, Pranayama, Diet Management and Nutrition, Physical Fitness Exercises, Games, Holistic Activities, Meditation, Laughter Yoga and other related activities were a part of the activity contents. This activity was open for all faculties and 206 students were beneficiaries of this activity.

Students participated in the intercollegiate fest “ATHENA 2024” organised by The Department of Philosophy of D G Ruparel College of Arts, Science and Commerce in January 2024 where students won prizes for Fashion Show, Treasure Hunt, One Piece and Dialectics of Defense. SYBA student Mr Yash Jethwa won the award for best contingent leader. A contingent was also sent to the intercollegiate fest ‘TRUSHNA’ organised by The Department of Philosophy of Mithibai College in February 2024. We won the first prize, SYBA student Ms Drashti Sanghvi won the best contingent leader award, and students participated in various events like the debate, quiz, photography event and nine research papers were also presented.

Under the guideship of Ms Simmin Bawa, three students Ms Teesha Sukhani, Ms Krisha Shah and Ms Samruddhi Rangnekar presented a research paper titled ‘Life After Death and the Paranormal World’ at the Global Interdisciplinary Conference on “Global Dynamics in Education, Research. Social Science and Sciences for Sustainable Development” at Gandhi Memorial National College, Ambala Cantt. jointly organized by ICERT on April 22, 2024. This paper was nominated as the best of that track and will also be published in E-Shodh which is an online journal.

Ms Simmin Bawa presented a research paper titled “Grihastha Ashrama and the Kamasutra” at a one-day International Multidisciplinary Conference on “Changing Global Dynamics in Law, Social Science, Science and Engineering” on September 13, 2023 organised by International Council for Education Research and Training (ICERT) and PGDAV College (Evening) University of Mumbai. Ms. Simmin Bawa also published a research paper titled “Grihastha Ashrama and the Kamasutra” in Shodh Sari-An International Multidisciplinary Journal (2023, Vol.02, Issue 04, Pages 425-436), ISSN: 2959 1376 and a chapter titled ‘Ancient Indian Vedic Philosophy of Purusharthas in Vatyayana’s Kamasutra’ in a book titled ‘Religious Philosophy and Praxis: An Introspection’ edited by Prof. Dr Amita Valmiki and Dr Reena Puradkar published by RJ College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Empowered Autonomous).

Our goal is to sustain students' drive to reach greater heights of achievement and develop into knowledgeable, world-aware citizens.



PHYSICS

Head of Department: Dr Manisha Deshpande

Staff Members: Mr. Sharad Dange, Ms. Jyoti Mayekar, Dr. Balakrishna Rongali, Dr. Niyaz Ahmed, Mr. Kishor Kumbhar

The Physics Society has been organising various events every year for the last several years. The motto of the society is to encourage students to participate in various co-curricular activities to enable all round growth of the students. This aspiration was paired with our objective of the Physics Department to open up new avenues where students can discuss, pursue creative activities and gain a comprehensive understanding of physics and science. The activities and events thus envisaged allow students not only to gain new vistas into the subject but also the life skills and the encouragement to share ideas and present them effectively.

On Wednesday, **September 13, 2023**, Kishor Kumbhar, delivered an insightful talk on space exploration, focusing on the Chandrayaan mission, Aditya L1, and the significance of studying the sun. provided details on India's lunar exploration missions, Chandrayaan-1, -2, and the upcoming -3, highlighting their objectives and achievements. The talk elucidated the objectives of the Aditya L1 mission, aiming to study the sun's outermost layer and its impact on space weather. Professor Kumbhar underscored the broader importance of studying the sun, elucidating its role in shaping our solar system and influencing Earth's climate. The speaker highlighted the advantages of studying the sun from space, shedding light on the unique perspectives and data collection capabilities it offers.

The event concluded with Professors Mr Kumbhar and Mr Sharad Dange taking charge, wrapping up a thought-provoking session that deepened our appreciation for space exploration. The event delved into the depths of space exploration, particularly focusing on Aditya L1's journey to the sun. The enthusiasm of the audience was palpable as teachers from the physics faculty addressed inquiries, providing detailed insights into the mission and answering various space-related questions. The session's success was evident in its interactive nature, where participants actively engaged with the speakers, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas. The depth of the discussions, coupled with the expertise of the physics faculty, contributed to an overall interesting and informative experience.

On Saturday, **December 16, 2023**, the **Physics Quiz event**, at the Degree College Physics Lab, was a dynamic and engaging platform that brought together participants from various backgrounds to showcase their knowledge of physics. The quiz, structured with multiple rounds including question answers and rapid fire covering fundamental principles to advanced topics, created a competitive yet collaborative atmosphere. The format included multiple-choice questions. The event concluded with the recognition of winning teams, underscoring the success of fostering a community of physics enthusiasts and promoting continuous learning in the field. Overall it was an amazing experience for everyone and everyone gained a lot of knowledge about Physics.

On January 18, 19, 2024, we had the Physics Exhibition. Held over two days, it attracted a large audience including students, faculty, industry professionals. Projects ranged from renewable energy prototypes to technology advancements and robotics innovations. Interactive demonstrations and workshops captivated attendees, encouraging active participation and dialogue. Special guest speakers from renowned research institutions provided insights into emerging trends and opportunities in STEM fields. The exhibition concluded with an awards ceremony recognizing outstanding projects and achievements, further motivating

participants to continue their scientific pursuits. Overall, the event served as a catalyst for inspiration, collaboration, and exploration in science and technology. The science exhibition sparked inspiration and motivation among students. Through hands-on projects, participants developed valuable skills in research, problem-solving, and communication, contributing to their academic and professional growth. By raising awareness about scientific issues and sustainable practices, the exhibition cultivated a more environmentally conscious society. The long-term impact includes shaping students' academic and career trajectories, fostering confidence and recognition, and encouraging lifelong learning beyond the classroom, leaving a lasting legacy of excellence in science education and research.

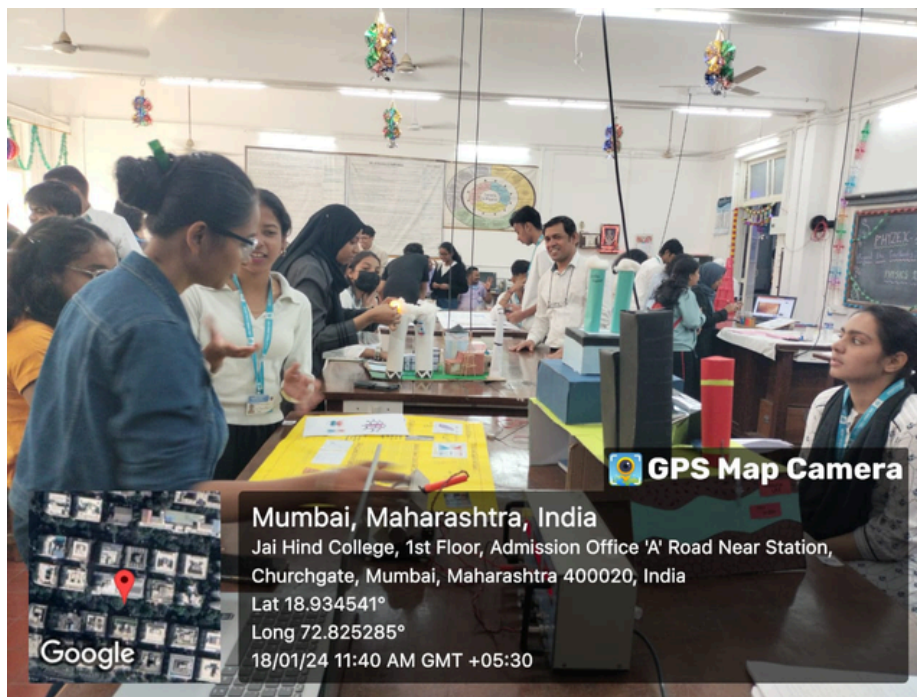
The Debate Competition held on December 21, 2023 in 2A (new building) was on the forthcoming threat of nanoparticles to life and environment. Mrs. Khatija Atthar and Mrs. Pooja Dubey judged the event. The event came out to be very informative and interesting and left a question in everybody's minds. The topic had a great impact on everybody and gave food for a thought which was our main objective. Our knowledge about nano particles increased a lot and we came to know about its threat to life and environment.

The first year BSc students immersed themselves in the world of physics through an exhilarating video-making event. Guided by their curiosity and fueled by their passion for the subject, they embarked on a journey to translate complex concepts into captivating visual narratives. From exploring the intricacies of quantum mechanics to unraveling the mysteries of celestial bodies, each participant delved deep into the realms of physics, weaving together creativity and scientific inquiry. They transformed equations and theories into engaging stories, showcasing the beauty and relevance of Physics in our everyday lives. Through this dynamic experience, the students not only honed their video-making skills but also deepened their understanding and appreciation for the wonders of the universe. The participants transformed equations and theories into engaging stories, showcasing the beauty and relevance of physics in our everyday lives. Through this dynamic experience, the students not only honed their video-making skills but also deepened their understanding and appreciation for the wonders of the universe.

The Circuit Express held at Electronics Lab, was an engaging event in Phyzex. The event aimed at fostering creativity, innovation, and understanding the basic circuitry principles among the participants. The event attracted & gave enthusiastic students a chance to showcase their technical skills in designing and making functional circuits. The participants were required to make analog circuits based on circuit diagrams provided by the organizers. Each participant was provided with the well-equipped basic components required in building circuits. The circuits were required to be made in a particular time frame of 30 minutes. The judging was based on the Accuracy and correctness of the circuit made in the shortest time frame. Almost all the participants made correct circuits within a short period and with this, the event came to an end with a vote of thanks by organizers. The winners of the Circuit Express were to be announced in the prize distribution ceremony held at the closing ceremony of Phyzex.

The first-year BSc students had an exciting time at the coding competition. They were eager to learn and showed great interest in solving coding problems. From understanding how algorithms work to writing code, each student explored different aspects of programming. They made connections between coding and real-life applications, showing how important coding is in today's digital age. Through this event, students not only improved their coding skills but also gained a better understanding of the world of computer science. The participants translated complex coding problems into practical solutions, demonstrating the importance of coding in various domains. Through this hands-on experience, students not only sharpened their programming skills but also gained a deeper understanding of the role of technology in our daily lives.

We also celebrated National Science Day and X-PLORE where many students participated. These activities cultivated research culture among students. We had an overall enthusiastic response for all activities and had a fruitful year. Next year we plan to increase the activities and reach out to maximum students.



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Head of the Department: Dr. Reema Julka

General Secretary: Soumya.

Joint Secretaries: Vipasha Vora, Aditya Srinivasan, Nandini Pursnani, Affan Mujawar, Vishakha Aswani and Jai Melwani

The Department of Political Science at Jai Hind College (Empowered, Autonomous) believes in bridging the theories and concepts taught in the classroom, with the myriad ways in which politics plays out in the real world. We recognise the ubiquity of politics in our personal as well as public life and ensure that the curriculum and extra-academic activities are well-adapted to current issues and debates.

The activities and events of the Department are organised by the Political Science Forum, a student-body that works under the overall guidance of the Head of the Department, Dr. Reema Julka. For the year 2023-24, the Forum was composed of a General-Secretary and six Joint-Secretaries heading various departments. The motto of the Forum is 'Expand, Discuss, Express, and Understand.'

A five-part Workshop Series on ‘**Understanding Contemporary Politics**’ was held from **August 2, 2023 to August 30, 2023**, in collaboration with **One Future Collective (OFC)**, a non-profit working for fostering youth leadership and feminist causes. The workshops were conducted by two facilitators from OFC: **Ms. Shreya Joshi and Ms. Kuhoo Tiwari**. The sessions covered a comprehensive array of topics which included Constitutional and Human Rights, an Introduction to Public Policy, gender justice, climate change, and careers in Public Policy. The attendees were thus provided the basic theoretical tools to actively engage in critical debates in politics and policy.

Students from the Department of Political Science attended a talk on **G20: The India Way** delivered by **Dr. Samir Saran** at Sophia College for Women (Autonomous) on **29th August, 2023**. The talk was organised collaboratively by the Departments of Political Science at Jai Hind College, St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous) and the International Relations Club of Sophia College for Women. The speaker put forth the perspective of the Global South in calling for a need to meaningfully restructure the multilateral system, to better reflect the current priorities. The role that India’s presidency of the G20 could play in facilitating this transition was the keynote of the talk.

On **September 29, 2023**, the Political Science Forum organised the **Youth Parliament** which witnessed the participation of over 50 students in diverse roles and portfolios. Current policy issues of national importance were selected for the segments of the session including the Question Hour, Short-Duration Discussion, Calling Attention Motion, and Legislative Business. The activity enabled the participants, particularly the students studying Legislative Procedure as a skill-enhancement course, to get hands-on-experience with parliamentary procedures and formats and engage in a fruitful and civil exchange of views on pressing issues of the day.

The **Annual Students’ Research Seminar** was held on **January 11, 2024**. The theme for this year’s seminar was ‘Digital Politics: Power, Governance and Participation in the Digital Age’. Participants explored different areas of application of digital technologies in Public Policy as well the challenges arising from the digitisation of political processes. Issues of digital diplomacy, political polarisation on digital media, digital queer activism, and the use of digital tools for reforming the legal system were some of the topics examined by the paper-presenters.

The TYBA batch of the Department of Political Science undertook a Field Visit to Yusuf Meherally Centre, Panvel on March 6, 2024. Yusuf Meherally is a non-profit that seeks to implement Gandhian principles by working in the domains of rural development, vocational training, and sustainable livelihoods. The students witnessed traditional crafts such as pottery, carpentry, organic soap-making being preserved by skilled artisans. The visit enabled them to understand how the concepts of Gandhian thought in their curriculum could be put into practice.

The Political Science Forum brought out the 2023 edition of the Annual Departmental Magazine, Yours Politically. The magazine contains policy briefs and other feature-articles contributed by students on a range of issues, selected research papers presented in the Research Seminar, reports of all the events/activities organised by the Political Science Forum in 2023-24, as well as sections on photography and book-reviews. It has provided a platform for students to add their perceptive inputs to the discourse on political and policy issues.

To ensure upgradation of the curriculum, the Department held the BoS meeting on & 12th April, 2024. With a view to updating with the latest research, trends, innovations, tools and methodologies that can improve teaching and learning, the faculty attended the following webinars.

- On August 4, 2023, the faculty participated in NEP 2020 Implementation Series Talks organized by Jai Hind College, Autonomous on “Designing Vocational Skill Courses under NEP 2020 and Industry Academia Collaboration” and 7th August 2023 on 'The Evolving Role of Teachers in 21st Century Classroom under NEP 2020- Pedagogies and Assessments'.
- The faculty attended a webinar on ‘Understanding Upcoming New Changes, Binary Accreditation and its Methodology in NAAC’. It was organized by IQAC Cluster India on 5th February, 2024.
- Dr. Reema Julka participated in two day National Webinar held on February 10 & 11, 2023 on ‘Transforming Higher Educational Institutions’ organized by R.J.College, Ghatkopar (W).
- She attended a webinar on ‘Intellectual Property Rights’ organized by St. Francis Institute of Management and Research in collaboration with Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, Anna University, Chennai on February 25, 2023.
- She participated in a two-day workshop on “NEP 2020 Sentization-Train the Trainers’ on 4th and 5th March, 2024.
- The faculty also attended a National Webinar on “Understanding the New NEP Guidelines for Better Implementation” held on March 24, 2023 organized by VPM’s R.Z.Shah College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Mulund (E) and IQAC Cluster.

Thus, the Department of Political Science and the Political Science Forum enabled students to acquire an enriched understanding of politics through lectures, workshops and other participatory activities. The Department shall continue with the same vigour and enthusiasm to enhance the academic knowledge of our faculty and students.



PSYCHOLOGY

Head of Department: Ms. N.K. Jyothi

Members: Dr. Ruchi Dubey Chaturvedi, Dr. Freyana Shinde

The Psychology Department has had a dynamic and successful year in implementing activities in our Department. It was marked by a variety of activities that engaged both the mind and the heart. From insightful guest lectures and interactive workshops to hands-on research projects and community outreach.

The Certificate Course for Life Skills (CCLS) conducted from July to August 2023 is an insightful and intellectually stimulating course conducted by the psychology department of Jai Hind College. The objective was to enlighten students beyond their usual curriculum and give an enlightening understanding on basic life skills such as decision making, coping mechanism and management skills.

Our Annual Psychology festival 'Psyc Insight' which was held on September 3 and 4, 2023, aimed to create an environment of fun filled learning with games such as creating a business idea, treasure hunt based on psychological clues and to enhance psychological knowledge. Appreciating different schools of thought of Psychology, different perspectives, Psychologist's viewpoints, psychology based therapies and different countries perspectives regarding mental health.

The seminar was conducted on the occasion of 'World Suicide Prevention Day' titled 'Suicide prevention - Creating hope through action' which began with the introduction of the esteemed resource person, Dr. Avinash Desouza. The speaker maintained that every suicide is preventable and that being equipped with the necessary information, people can assist individuals with suicidal ideation to receive vital help from mental health professionals. The speaker also stated that individuals who receive training via the Gatekeeping Program are instructed in a scientific manner which equips them to be of assistance to individuals with suicidal tendencies by introduction to a mental health practitioner, thus, saving a life. Individuals with suicidal tendencies require hope and reassurance. These trained individuals are expected to make them realise that suicide is not a solution to the problem and there is hope to solve the problem they are faced with. The speaker also stressed upon the fact that post identification of individual with suicidal ideation (SI), it is important to be an active listener as these individuals require a patient, non-judgemental ear. He recommended that these individuals should be accompanied most of the time. A "no suicide pact" was another recommendation made by the speaker, where individuals with SI are to contact the trained person when feeling suicidal, and under no circumstances make a suicidal attempt.

The next was the Certificate Course for Research Methodology (CCRM), held in the months of January and February 2024. The objective was to enlighten students beyond their usual curriculum and give them a brief but profound glimpse into the usage of softwares for research methodology. The curriculum for each of the levels included basics of research and report writing, qualitative analysis tools and quantitative analysis tools with respect to JASP and Excel.

A research Convention for our TYBA psychology major students, 'Manthan' was held on February 8,9, and 10, 2024. The primary objectives included exploring cutting-edge research methodologies, novel psychological phenomena, ground-breaking findings, replicating and testing classical concepts and experiments of psychology and fostering a deeper understanding of the complex interplay of various psychological variables to push the boundaries of human understanding,

A psychoeducational program was conducted on 'Stress and its Management' by the SYBA students from Psychology of Adjustment (POA) from January to February, 2024, for the youth who belonged to a non-psychology background. The workshop began with a quick round of 'Would You Rather' to break the ice with the participants and to make them feel comfortable. The workshop then progressed wherein the volunteers went on to discuss what Stress is and different types of Stress with the aim of making it relatable and very easy to comprehend.

In order to make the participants aware of different factors and reasons that causes stress we performed two brief rounds of Rapid Fire wherein they were asked some trivia questions on pop culture and general knowledge followed by a quick explanation and discussion on various causes of stress ranging from Daily hassles to Catastrophic events. The workshop then adeptly transitioned into the end with complete focus on participants with activities like Charades and 4-7-8 breathing exercises with an aim to help the participants tune in with their stressors.

Various webinars and seminars were conducted for our students to enhance their knowledge in the field of psychology. Empower X – Campus to Corporate - EmpowerX, a FriendsSquare CSR initiative, focuses on empowering university students with essential soft skills—networking, communication, and accountability—vital for success in the corporate world. The workshop was conducted in January 29th, 2024. Through workshops and mentorship, the program equips students with practical knowledge and mental resilience. By bridging the gap between academia and industry demands, EmpowerX aims to cultivate well-rounded professionals ready to excel in diverse corporate environments. The seminar was conducted for the TYBA Psychology major students and was very fruitful in making students understand the importance a LinkedIn profile has to build a strong resume. The speaker showed us the fine intricacies of the application and how we can start building a professional profile. The presentation for these instructions was done in a structured, seamless and meaningful manner. The session helped in clearing all our doubts and it will definitely be detrimental in the future

The webinar, 'PG courses and career options in Psychology' featured a panel of distinguished speakers including professors, researchers, clinical practitioners, psychology professionals, and notable alumni. This webinar was conducted on February 28, 2024. Each speaker was an expert in their respective fields, providing comprehensive information on postgraduate courses offered by various institutions such as Delhi University, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Christ University, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Mithibhai College, K.C. College, SNDT Women's University, IIT Gandhinagar, Amity University, Ashoka University, and TISS. A wide range of psychology courses were discussed during the webinar, including clinical, counseling, industrial, and cognitive neuroscience. The speakers elaborated on the eligibility criteria, admission process, and course structure of each program. Additionally, they highlighted any changes brought about by the New Education Policy within the course curriculum.

TYBA psychology majors, under the guidance of Dr. Ruchi Dubey Chaturvedi and Dr. Freyana Shinde, have made significant contributions to the field of psychology through their research presentations and publications in peer-reviewed journals. Their work spans a diverse range of psychological dimensions, including the impact of artificial intelligence in education, where they explore the intersection of technology and learning processes. Additionally, their research on parenting styles delves into how different approaches affect child development and well-being. Another research focuses on the crucial area of women's mental health, specifically examining the psychological challenges faced during menopause. These collaborative efforts have not only enhanced academic understanding but also contributed valuable insights to ongoing discussions in these critical areas of psychology.

'Basics of Excel' was a webinar delivered by alumni Mr. Soochit Bhatt. The session aimed to familiarize students with Microsoft Excel, emphasizing its utility in statistical analysis and research data management. The workshop was attended by 41 students, all of whom are budding psychology professionals keen on enhancing their technical skills. The workshop commenced with an overview of Excel's interface, followed by a demonstration of basic functions such as data entry, sorting, and filtering. Students were introduced to essential statistical functions, including mean, median, standard deviation, and how to use Excel for creating descriptive statistics. The facilitator also covered the application of Excel in data visualization, teaching students how to generate histograms, pie charts, and scatter plots, which are crucial for presenting research findings effectively.

Practical exercises were integrated into the workshop, allowing students to apply what they had learned by working with sample datasets. This hands-on experience was invaluable in reinforcing their understanding of Excel's capabilities in handling research data. The workshop concluded with a discussion on the importance of Excel in conducting psychological research, data interpretation, and report writing.

Our faculty members contribute to the academic community, professional bodies and subject-related disciplines. Ms. N. K. Jyothi was a part of SVT College of Home Science. Dr. Ruchi Dubey Chaturvedi VC Nominee at NK College, Malad; NM College of Commerce and Economics, SVKM, Vile Parle and was a BOS Member inducted in KC College, Churchgate; a subject expert in the BOS of K J Somaiya College, Vidya Vihar, and the Department of Applied Psychology and Counseling Center, University of Mumbai.

As we conclude another successful year, our vision for the Psychology Department remains rooted in fostering an environment of intellectual curiosity, innovation, and practical application. Our activities this year have not only expanded our students' knowledge but also empowered them to apply psychological principles in real-world contexts, from community outreach programs to interdisciplinary research initiatives.

B.VOC SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Coordinator: Wilson Rao

The domain of Software Development has expanded to include a diverse array of complex operations, impacting a vast number of industries and almost every facet of human activity. Given that, in today's world a company's success is significantly dependent on its software development initiatives, there is a growing need to align higher education with the shifting demands of the economy to ensure that graduates are equipped with the knowledge and skills required for both employment and entrepreneurship.

Objectives:

- The programme syllabi is revised as per the New Education Policy (NEP) and will provide a comprehensive curriculum covering a wide range of IT disciplines.
- To provide flexibility to the students by means of pre-defined entry and multiple exit points with diploma certificates.
- To provide vertical mobility to students coming out of 10+2 with vocational subjects.

Integration of NSQF:

- In order to integrate NSQF with the undergraduate level of higher education we along with our skill sector council National Association of Software and Service Companies(NASSCOM) conduct assessments which are aligned with various Qualification Packs provided by them.
- In the month of April 2024, we conducted the assessment for job roles of Junior Software Developer and Software Developer based on the Qualification Packs(QP) which provides a set of NOS(National Occupational Standards) set by NASSCOM.

Departmental Activities:

- Orientation for First-Year Students: On July 19th, 2023, we held an orientation session for incoming first-year students to introduce them to the diverse opportunities available in their chosen field of study.
- Seminars on Industry Trends: To address the evolving needs of the industrial sector, the Department regularly organizes seminars and webinars. These events focus on emerging technologies, current research trends, and their potential impact on the industry.
 - Alumni Tech Talk Series
 - 'Microservices and Deployments', 6 January 2024 by Shivam Chaubey, Software Engineer, J.P. Morgan Chase Co.
 - 'Big Data Analytics', 19 August 2023 by Shardul Rane, Software Engineer, Deutsche Bank
 - 'IT Auditing', 9 December 2023, Devasri Veerla, Assistant Manager, Grant Thornton
 - 'Big Data on Cloud', 10 February 2024, Aadarsh Sarogi, Product Engineer 1, Experian
 - 'Cloud Computing', 2 September 2023, Diksha Bajpai, Cloud Devops Engineer, Indica Worldwide
 - Expert Tech Talks
 - 'Scientific research writing', 16th December 2023 by Dr Manisha Divate
 - 'Tech Start up and Generative AI', 6th January, 2024 by Raj Sanghavi
- Student Research and Project Exhibitions: Our students actively participate in various research and project exhibitions, showcasing their innovative work and contributing to the academic community. Here are some notable exhibitions:
 - 'Avishkar' Science Exhibition: Our students presented their research projects and innovative ideas at the 'Avishkar' Science Exhibition, organized by the University of Mumbai on 9th December 2023. This platform allowed students to demonstrate their scientific inquiries and technical skills, contributing to a wider scientific dialogue.
 - TechSrujan Project Exhibition: TechSrujan is our department's inaugural project exhibition held on 1st March 2024, designed to spotlight the innovative and technical prowess of our students. This event serves as a platform for students to showcase a diverse array of projects, from cutting-edge technology solutions to creative engineering designs.
- Extra Co-Curricular Activities
 - Field Trip: To provide students with hands-on learning experiences by exposing them to real-world applications of their studies a field trip was organized to Net Magic Solutions Data Center, Chandivali, Andheri(E) on 17th February 2024. These excursions are an integral part of our educational approach, offering insights into industries and practical knowledge.
 - E-waste Drive: Our E-Waste Drive aims to promote environmental sustainability and responsible disposal of electronic waste. This initiative encourages students and the community to recycle old or unused electronic devices in an eco-friendly manner. The event was organized on 3rd and 4th August 2023. To further promote awareness, a follow-up event was organized twice in the same academic year, on February 13th and 14th, 2024.

Department Placement Cell

- The prestigious Placement and Internship Cell of our Department is dedicated to helping our fresh graduates to get placed in the Industries that align with their skills and potential.
- In the 2023-24 academic year, our students secured placements at esteemed organizations such as NIQ and The innovation story, with salary packages ranging from 3 Lakhs Per Annum to 5 Lakhs Per Annum.
- We also assist BVoc SD students in obtaining internships and training programs, thereby shaping them into future IT professionals.
- Our students have been selected for internships at renowned companies including Techknow consultant Academy, and ConnectFor. They have taken on diverse roles such as Web Development, Software Development, Graphic Designing, among others.
- Apart from the IT industry, Students have also demonstrated their knowledge by doing internships with NGO Real Happiness of Life Foundation as a Web developer.

BVOC TRAVEL AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Head of Department: Dr. Archana Mishra

Members: Ms Tanvi More and Ms. Pratibha Thevar

The BVOC Travel and Tourism Management Department prepares students for careers in travel, tourism, hospitality, and entrepreneurship with a comprehensive curriculum. The Department upheld educational standards through workshops, webinars, and expert guest lectures. These sessions covered practical insights into industry trends, including destination training and tourism investment strategies. By emphasizing real-world applications, the department ensures students are competitive and ready for a successful career in travel and tourism.

The Department organized a series of webinars and workshops to keep students informed and active. These events included Destination Training: New Zealand on August 9, 2023, the Study in New Zealand & Switzerland Fair on September 9, 2023, and a session on Sports Tourism by Mr. Shashank Mishra on 11-08-2023. Additionally, there was a webinar on Good Practices in Tourism Investment scheduled for September 25, 2023, an Infographics Workshop by Mr. Tarun Paul on December 9, 2023, and a session on LinkedIn for Professional Use led by Mr. Rushikesh Pandit on February 14, 2024. Mr. R. Venkatesh's workshop, "Creating Heritage Experiences," introduced key elements for designing enriching heritage experiences using Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) as a case study. Mr. Mani Mahesh Aurora's workshop on "Returning to Green Future" focused on sustainability and grassroots investments in Indian tourism.

The BVoc Travel and Tourism Management Department organized a Cruise Tourism Certificate Course from August 30 to September 15, 2023, along with a visit to Cordelia Cruises on October 9, 2023. The course aimed to prepare students for careers in the rapidly growing cruise industry, which is seeing immense growth potential, particularly in India. Key topics included cruise geography, types of ships, itinerary planning, sales and marketing, and non-technical career opportunities. Students also gained insights into health and safety protocols on board and event management. The department collaborated with Cordelia Cruises and industry experts, providing students with valuable exposure and knowledge needed for success in the global cruise industry. A Visit to Cordelia Cruise for 32 students on 9 October 2023 at Alexandra Docks, Mumbai. Students toured key areas such as the restaurant, theatre, gaming arcade, casino, and the ship's bridge, gaining insights into cruise operations. They learned about job roles in areas like hospitality and spa management, along with

the technical aspects of sailing. The visit concluded with a Q&A session with the CEO and other officials, where students explored career opportunities and sustainable practices in the cruise industry.

The BVOC Travel and Tourism Management Department celebrated World Tourism Day 2023 on September 27th with an Industry Symposium centered on the UNWTO theme "Tourism and Green Investments." The symposium highlighted the importance of targeted investments in people, the planet, and prosperity for tourism's recovery and growth.

Ms. Rupinder Brar, IRS, the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker, emphasized tourism's significant contribution to India's GDP and employment. She outlined the UNWTO's focus on investments in education, sustainable infrastructure, and innovation. The event also recommended enhancing the Jai Hind College YUVA Tourism Club and aligning with the G20 'Goa Roadmap for Tourism,' which prioritizes green tourism, digitalization, skills, MSMEs, and destination management.

Guest speakers included Ms. Mona Cheriyan, who stressed integrating green investment topics into curricula; Mr. Amit Madhan, who discussed ESG frameworks; Mr. Mani Mahesh Aurora, who shared insights on sustainable rural tourism; Mr. Rahul Himalayan, who presented IRCTC's green initiatives; and Mr. Sandeep Kotak, who talked about MURA MICE's green efforts and the need for skills in this area.

Voyage Fest 2023, organized by the BVoc Travel and Tourism Management Department, is an annual celebration held around World Tourism Day. Launched three years ago out of a passion for travel, Voyage Fest features a variety of events such as dance, drama, fashion shows, singing, student seminars, and symposiums.

This year, student heads Sanika Talkar, Shubh Zaveri, Mubeen Khan, and Ayaan Ahmed led the festival, introducing a new addition: the Tourism Fair 'Paryatan Haat.' Held on September 26-27, 2023, Paryatan Haat included an exhibition with travel companies, art, food stalls, and live demos, inaugurated by Principal Dr. Vijay Dabholkar. The event provided students with a platform to showcase their organizational and leadership skills.

Students completed a Wine Tourism Course from 02/02/2024 – 15/02/2024, covering global wine regions, vineyard management, and marketing strategies. The course included a visit to Sula Vineyards in Nashik, where students toured the vineyards, observed winemaking, and participated in a wine-tasting session. This experience provided practical insights into the wine tourism industry and its opportunities.

The Convocation celebrated the graduating students' achievements with a well-organized program, including an invocation, degree awards, and inspiring speeches. Organized by FY and SY BVoc students, the event marked a significant milestone and set an optimistic tone for the graduates' futures.

The FY BVoc TTM embarked on an educational trip to Elephanta Caves, exploring the ancient rock-cut temples and gaining insights into their historical and cultural significance. Additionally, all BVoc TTM students enjoyed an adventure trip to Khopoli, which included engaging outdoor activities and team-building experiences. The heritage walk to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya provided a deep dive into Mumbai's rich history and art. These trips offered students valuable learning experiences outside the classroom, blending education with exploration and adventure.

The students of TYBVOC TTM had dissertation for International and National Travel Circuits. Dr Archana Mishra along with visiting faculty Ms. Shardha Prabhu provided mentoring to the students. Twenty eight students of TYBVOC TTM submitted dissertations successfully.

MSc. Big Data Analytics

Coordinator: Mr Wilson Rao

The Department of MSc.BDA was established in 2020. This course is entirely designed by TCS along with Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata. It has a comprehensive curriculum on topics related to Big Data, Data mining, Machine Learning, and Cloud computing. The course aims to provide computational techniques and proficiency in data analysis. The knowledge gained through this course will help students acquire a plethora of opportunities to serve the industries in various capacities like Big Data Analyst, Big Data Manager, Data Engineer, Data Scientist.

Department Activities:

Orientation for MSc Big Data Analytics part 1 Students:

On July 21st 2023, we held an orientation session for incoming MSc Big Data Analytics Part 1 students to introduce them to the diverse opportunities available in their chosen field of study.

Seminars on Industry Trends:

The Department has organized various seminars and webinars. This includes discussing emerging technologies, current research trends, and their potential impact on the industry.

- Expert Session on 'Big Data on Cloud', 10th February 2024
- TCS Expert Session on 'AI/ML', 1st December 2023
- TCS Expert session on 'Introduction to Identify & Access Management', 30th November 2023
- TCS Expert session 'Importance and relevance of Cyber Security', 23rd November 2023
- Expert session on 'Soft Skills and CV Writing', 11th October 2023
- TCS Expert Python session for 'Industry Preparedness', from 6th to 8th July 2023

Project Exhibition:

TechSrujan Project Exhibition: TechSrujan is our Department's inaugural project exhibition held on 1st March 2024, designed to spotlight the innovative and technical prowess of our students. This event serves as a platform for students to showcase a diverse array of projects, from cutting-edge technology

solutions to creative engineering designs. One of our Big Data Analytics students, Mr. Vinayak Bedekar has presented his research project on "Safe Tag" based on Traffic signal analysis.

Extra Co-Curricular Activities:

Field Trip: To provide students with hands-on learning experiences by exposing them to real-world applications of their studies, a field trip was organized to Net Magic Solutions Data Center, Chandivali, Andheri (E) on 17th February 2024. These excursions are an integral part of our educational approach, offering insights into industries and practical knowledge.

Internship:

By facilitating internships in Semester IV with prestigious companies and good compensation packages, we are equipping our students with valuable experiences, networks, and credentials that will greatly benefit their professional growth and future prospects.

Our Department placement cell has provided the opportunities to all of our 23 students of MSc Big Data Analytics to get associated with the companies' like Mactores, GoDigital, Data Astraa, Anunta, Magic 9 Media, End Point, Pluck, Prudential and many more with the stipend ranging from 5K – 60K.

Research Area:

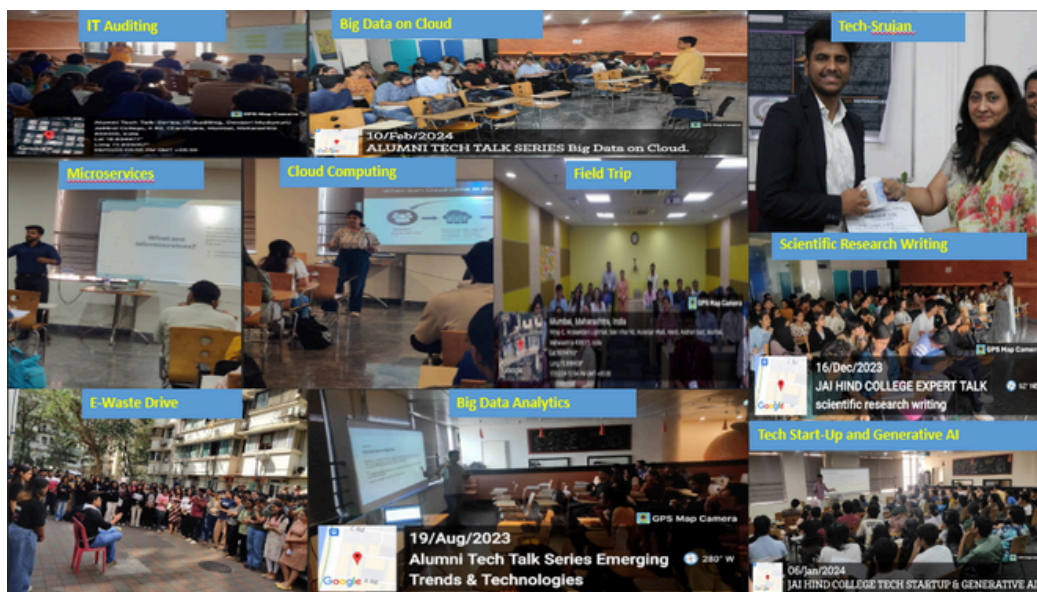
Presenting research papers is an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their findings, contribute to the academic community, and gain valuable experience in public speaking and professional communication.

As a result of this few of our students have presented research papers in various domains such as:

Name of Student	Title of Paper
Seefa Shaikh	Impact of E-banking on India in the context of Big Data.
Apurva Gawde	Scope of Artificial Intelligence in Business Intelligence
Kalpo Mukhopadhyay	Big Data-Driven Strategies For Optimizing Urban Traffic Management: A Comprehensive Review And Analysis

Students Certification and Projects:

- One of our students, Apurva Gawde recently completed her summer internship at Prodigy Infotech, and it was an incredible learning experience. She had the opportunity to work on real-world projects and enhance my technical skills.
- One of our students, Dinakar Saipogu, has completed the certification of NPTEL course along with Summer Internship with Prodigy Infotech.
- Our student, Vinayak Bedekar summer internship with The Sparks Foundations as Data Science and Business Analytics Intern along with certification in Data Analytics and Visualization Job Simulation provided by Accenture.
- Our student Seefa Shaikh, had participated in India's first nation wise social impact competition on raising awareness about malnutrition called Fuel the Future along with completed summer internship with CodSoft as Data Science Intern



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CELLS, SOCIETIES, COMMITTEES AND CLUBS

COLLEGE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Dr Fatema Fanuswala

Members: Ms. Prachi Mane and Ms Pratishtha Sharma

The College Social Responsibility Committee undertakes various initiatives for the betterment of society and the main motto of this committee is 'To Give Back To The Society'. The first such initiative was a visit to an Old Age Home, at Our Lady of Piety Home at Marine Lines on September 14, 2023. The Visit was headed by Khushi Shah (TYBCOM) and Raksha Ravichandran (TYBCOM). A total of 20 members participated in the Visit. Ms. Prachi Mane addressed all the golden agers, and the volunteers then distributed hampers which included day-to-day uses of utilities as a token of love. The CSR Committee donated hand towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, oil, comb, soap, and Vicks Vaporub jars at the Old Age Home.



The next event was the 'Bachat Gat' Fair put up, where various NGOs, small scale and home run cottage industries, women's groups and tribal communities get a chance to showcase their entrepreneurial ability. A fair like atmosphere was created in the College Foyer; giving them the platform to showcase their individual talent and at same time gather recognition for the same. Various stalls showcasing different items like accessories, clothing, handmade bags, perfumes, food items, imitations, purses, coasters, and mugs were put up; all things catering to our daily basic needs. The event was embraced by most of the teacher-student body.



Overall all the events were well organized and thought of by the view of giving back to the society and also ensuring participation by the members throughout.

ENACTUS, JAI HIND COLLEGE

Faculty Advisor : Dr. Rakhi Sharma

Student Secretary : Rupanki Dedhia

Student Joint Secretary : Aashna Doctor, Hetvi Sheth

Enactus is a global, student-driven organization that uses entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better, more sustainable world. Through collaborative projects, Enactus empowers students to develop innovative solutions that address pressing social issues, combining business skills with a passion for change.

At Jai Hind College, Enactus has been an integral part of our journey and has been a member of Enactus since 2015, providing a platform to apply our knowledge and skills for social impact. The initiative helps students engage with real-world challenges and fosters leadership, teamwork, and a spirit of community service. The projects undertaken have tackled a wide range of issues including education, waste management and women's empowerment. It's a unique opportunity that has enriched our academic and personal growth.

TECH SHIKSHA

An initiative which was started with the objective of providing basic education to the underprivileged children through the online medium during COVID has been continued and is now a part of the offline mode of teaching focusing primarily on the need of bridging the gap between their reality and a future filled with opportunity.

In the year 2023-24, Tech Shiksha strived to create that world for the underprivileged children of Mumbai, especially those in Dharavi. By recognizing the number of children whose needs are uncatered to, concentrating in the slum areas with a population of 300,000 it provides an opportunity and interacts with 100 of these children with an aim to improve their lifestyle and providing education and other activities for their overall development.

As a part of this project we collaborated with the Community Outreach Programme (CORP) and taught the children at the Gulalwadi Hindi BMC School. We successfully targeted around 100 students with the age ranging from 5-15 with 30+ volunteers who helped the children in every way and taught them fundamentals of english, math and also engaged in extra curriculums like arts, craft and dance. The visits were scheduled every Saturday for a span of two months during the course of which we developed a strong connection with them.

With its motive of Teach while you learn, Learn while you teach, it focuses on education through volunteerism. The volunteers have used different and engaging ways of teaching to make the process and journey of imparting education enjoyable and memorable. They have ensured access to quality education despite the lack of quality resources and have achieved several goals.

The main goals achieved was that of holistic development which helps in nurturing a well-rounded skillset that goes beyond academics, fostering creativity and emotional intelligence and confidence building which was attained through interactive sessions and positive reinforcement to empower children to believe in themselves and their abilities

and become individuals who can stand up for themselves in the world.

Another benefit that was accomplished was the focus on critical thinking which was developed through the sessions we had with the children wherein they had to take part in interpersonal projects and problem solving exercises designed to make them think outside the box and come up with creative solutions.

The whole project was centered around the sustainable development goals of No Poverty, Quality Education and Reduced Inequalities. In conclusion Tech Shiksha helps overcome the difficulties faced by millions of children whose eye sparkle with curiosity and want to learn and grow by connecting them with volunteers and NGOs serving this purpose, and is a small step towards a more literate world.

**WE BELIEVE INVESTING IN STUDENTS WHO TAKE
ENTREPRENEURIAL
ACTION FOR OTHERS
CREATES A BETTER WORLD FOR
US ALL.**

THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP CELL AND SKILL HUB

Chairperson: Dr Rakhi Sharma

Student Secretary: Brinda Dhorda

The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) was launched by the Ministry of Education of the Government of India in collaboration with AICTE. The purpose of it is to systematically foster the culture of innovation and the start-up ecosystem in all Higher Education Institutions across the country. Jai Hind College's E-Cell and Skill Hub has joined hands with IIC to foster the growing entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The E-Cell and Skill Hub operates with an arrant focus of transforming job-seekers into the job-makers of tomorrow through consistent re-skilling and empirical learning opportunities. It conducts speaker sessions, workshops and business competitions throughout the year ensuring continuous learning, and organizes its flagship event, The Global Entrepreneurship Summit.

This year it conducted 13 insightful sessions and events on diverse topics like Rise of Cloud Kitchens in India, Rural Marketing Strategies and Implementation, The Rise of Indian Startups: Drivers, Challenges and Opportunities, Creative and Content Marketing and many more, benefitting more than 2000 students and helping them upskill.

These sessions were conducted by industry experts like Mr. Nishant Jhaveri the Co-Founder at Nino Foods, Mr. Nirvaan Birla the Managing Director at Birla Brainiacs and Birla Open Minds, Mr. Pradeep Malu the Mentor of Change at NITI Aayog and an accomplished Startup & Business Mentor, Ms. Tara Kapur the India Marketing Head, Duolingo English Test & atop Content Development voice and many more.

The Prototype Demonstration, an event organized by the Cell helped attendees put their business idea into a practical and physical model, by making a prototype for their product/service so that students could understand how people are reacting to their business idea

and how viable their product/service actually is.

These initiatives not only enhance students' understanding of the industries they are entering into but also to expand their professional network by connecting them with seasoned professionals other students. The E-Leaders Meet was organized with a similar objective. It had attendees from 30+ colleges across India who added value to the session which proved to be highly interactive, innovative, and informative, making the engagement with each participant truly enriching. This gathering provided a privileged opportunity for all participants, showcasing meaningful communication and connections between young entrepreneurs and the future architects of leadership.

The E-Cell and Skill Hub hosted the 8th edition of The Global Entrepreneurship Summit on January 19th and 20th, 2024. This two-day event aimed to foster entrepreneurial spirit among students and to provide a platform for 120+ startups across the country for funding, mentorship, and networking opportunities through the flagship event, The Startup Competition. The Global E-Summit this year received approximately 700 registrations and saw 350 - 450 attendees on an average per session.

The Global E-Summit was associated with various Governmental, Non-Governmental and International Organisations like Startup India, Make in India, Maharashtra State Innovation Society, Microsoft for Startups, Peta India, TIE India Angels, 100X.VC, Wadhwani Foundation, Ah! Ventures Fund, Jio GENNEXT, and many more who have recognised the Summit's positive impact on the youth and continue to share their support.

The Summit had distinguished mentors from diverse industries including Mr. Anjan Gupta, the Executive Director & Co CEO at Morgan Stanley, Mr. Mohit Shukla, the Managing Director and Legal Head at Barclays India, Mr. Tarun Davda, the MD at Matrix Partners, and Mr. Sachin Tagra, the Managing Partner at JSW Ventures, among others, who shared their insights and guidance with the startups.

There were speaker sessions and workshops on crucial topics never covered before like AI Tech by Microsoft for Startups, The Fintech Web: World of Payments, Risk Competition and much more.

This year's event partnered with renowned organizations like IDBI and JioNews, attracting a prestigious lineup of speakers, industry leaders and founders gracing the Summit with their presence which were Mr. Chandrakant Salukhe the Founder and President of SME Chamber of India, Mr. Manish Chowdhary the Co-Founder of WOW Skin Science, Mr. Vishal Gondal the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of GOQii, Mr. Argenio Antao the Chief Operating Officer at Colliers India, Mr. Sneha Vaswani the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Miko, Mr. Vedant Lamba the founder of Mainstreet and Forbes 30 under 30 honoree, and Mr. Hersh Shah the CEO of IRM India Affiliate all graced the stage with their insights and expertise. This group of 30+ accomplished individuals brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the summit, enriching the dialogue and inspiring attendees. The business competitions this year were Pitchlix in association with Spykar, Capital Conquest in association with Stockgro, and Corporate Clash in association with Global Shapers Navi Mumbai.

The Managing team, under the guidance of Academic head Dr. Rakhi Sharma consists of Student Secretary Brinda Dhorda and Student Joint Secretaries Khushi Tourani, Nishka Dixit, Ayush Agarwal, Atharva Pawar, Rishabh Gupta, Urvashi Matlani and Vaani Darke.



The Startup Competition 2024



The Jury for the final round of the Start Competition 2024

GYMKHANA

Chairperson: Dr BKN Singh

Faculty Members: Dr. Sanjay Tyagi, Dr. Vandana Sawant, Mr Sandhesh Sthavarmath

Student Secretary: Tanya Thappar and Aneeka Himayat

Jai Hind College, one of Mumbai's most reputed institutions, is renowned not only for its academic excellence but also for its dynamic Gymkhana. The Gymkhana plays a crucial role in organizing sports activities both within the college and at various external levels. This report details the key events and activities organized by the Gymkhana committee during this academic year.

Treasure Hunt (September 6, 2023)

The academic year kicked off with the highly anticipated Treasure Hunt, a flagship event of the Gymkhana. Held in support of social causes, this year's Treasure Hunt aimed to raise awareness about Women's Safety and various other causes. The event was a resounding success, engaging students in an exciting and educational experience that also contributed to a vital social cause.

National Sports Day (August 29, 2023)

Jai Hind College stood second at the District level, for their overall Junior College

performance. On the occasion, the Educational Minister, Mr Deepak Kesarkar felicitated the College.

Jai Hind College Gymkhana also conducted the following events:

- Intra-collegiate POWERLIFTING competition - 29th September, 2023
- Power-lifting Competition - 30th September, 2023
- Karma - 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th October, 2023
- Sportomania - 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th and 20th December, 2023
- Annual Athletic Meet - 9th January, 2024
- Victoire - 3rd February, 2024

The Achievements of Gymkhana are many.

Following are the Junior College Achievers:

- Jai Hind College U/19 girls Roll ball team won 1st place at Dso district and divisional level won 1st Place and also 1st place at State Level.
- Jai Hind College U/19 girls handball team won 1st place at Dso district and at divisional level won 2nd Place.
- Jai Hind College U/19 girls throwball boys team won 1st place at dso district and selected for divisional level.
- Soumyaa Bhardwaj, pistol shooter from FYJC Science played in the Maharashtra State competition and qualified for the zonal-level and district level U/19 Girls 10m air pistol shooting championship and won the Silver medal.
- Dhriti Yogesh Ahirwal from FYJC Science u/17 represented the State of Maharashtra at the 49th Junior National Aquatic Championship and won a National Bronze medal. She also participated in the 200m butterfly event held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. At DSO District level-400 meter individual medley she won FIRST place at the zonal Sport -400m IM second place, 200m fly First place, 100m fly First place, 200m butterfly and 100m butterfly won FIRST place in both events at the zonal level. She has qualified in all three events for the State.
- Pari Surana from SYJC-Arts won the District level 1st Place in 1m diving(swimming) and also 1st place in 3m diving, At Divisional level, she won 1st Place in 1m and 3m diving and represented at State level 2nd Place in 1m and 3m diving and Selected for National Level tournaments.
- Iniya Chavan from FYJC Arts handball represented the College at the National level.
- Daman Dipen Shah from SYJC Arts won the U/19 Boys swimming 50 meters freestyle 3rd Place at the zonal level and swimming 100 meters backstroke 1st place. 50 meters backstroke 2nd Sport event 100 Backstroke division, 2nd place, Zonal level, 3rd place.
- Maahir Sukhija, from FYJC Commerce represented U/19 Sport swimming 100 meter freestyle individual medley team, and won 2nd place at the zonal level.
- Nirav Vijla from 12-SYJC Science, represented the U/19 Boys swimming 100 meter freestyle (individual) and won 3rd place.
- Daisy Dinanath Maurya from FYJC Science Sport - Athletics -(Hexathlon) stood 3rd in Maharashtra State and also at U/17 District level -1st Place, Divisional-1st Place
- Our U/19 Girls Table tennis team won 3rd place at DSO district level.
- Abhijeet Tyagi from SYJC Science secured 3rd position in Hammer Throw U/19 37th Maharashtra State Athletic Meet held at Nashik.
- Sanaya Bhaskaran from SYJC-Commerce in the U/19 Speed Skating won 1st Place at District level.
- Mustafa Kapasi from FYJC-Science at the U/17 Skating (Inline) tournament, secured 1ST Place in long distance and short distance at the District level.

- Netra Dhadke from SYJC Science in the U/19 Speed skating, secured 2nd place at District level.
- Ishaanvi Tripathi, from FYJC Arts in the U/17 Judo at the DSO district level won 1st place.
- Smeet Karande from FYJC-Science in the U/17 Judo DSO district level won 2nd place.

We also did well in Degree College. Listed are our Achievements:

- Atharva Jaeel, from SY BBA, in Chess stood 2nd in the University Of Mumbai Zone-1 chess tournament, and represented the University Of Mumbai in the Krida Mahotsav.
- The Jai Hind College (M) Chess team, in Chess, stood at 3rd Place in the University of Mumbai Zone -1 Chess tournament.
- The Jai Hind College (M) Table Tennis Team lost in the University of Mumbai Zone-1, Quarterfinal.
- Yash Shinde(W) from SY BSC, in Swimming secured a Silver medal in the University Of Mumbai Inter-zonal tournament.
- Shweta Khile(W) from TYBCOM in Taekwondo, won Gold in the University of Mumbai, and represented the University Of Mumbai in the South-West Zone Inter-University tournament at J.J.T.U University, Rajasthan
- Yana Agrwal(W) from FYBMS, in Water-polo, won the bronze medal in the 37th National Games at Goa.
- Ramlakshmi Iyer (W) fro SYBCOM in Handball represented the Maharashtra Handball team in the 46th Jr.National Handball Championship
- Ruchita Guche (W) (52Kg) in TYBA, in Powerlifting, won the Silver medal in the University of Mumbai Inter-Zone competition.
- Vivek Salunkhe (105Kg) in MCOM-II, in Powerlifting, won the bronze medal in the University of Mumbai Inter-Zone competition.
- Sarthak Nagaonkar from TYBCOM, in Carrom, secured the Silver in the U/21 years, State Carrom Championship
- The Jai Hind College team (M) Cricket team, participated in the University Of Mumbai Zone -1 Cricket tournament.
- The Jai Hind College (M) Football team participated in University Of Mumbai Zone -1 Football tournament but lost in the 3rd round.
- The Jai Hind College (M) Badminton team participated in the University Of Mumbai Zone -1 Badminton tournament.
- The Jai Hind College (W) Badminton team participated in the University Of Mumbai Zone -1 Badminton tournament.
- Sumit Badaik (76kg) from FYBCOM, in Powerlifting, participated in the University Of Mumbai Zone -1 Powerlifting Competition and secured the 4th position.
- Pratham Thakur (105Kg) from TYIT, in Powerlifting, participated in the University Of Mumbai Zone -1 Powerlifting Competition and secured the 4th position.
- Raahat Khatri(W) (48Kg) from FYBCOM in Boxing, participated in the University Of Mumbai Zone -1 Boxing tournament.
- Shaikh Sumbul(W) (45Kg) from FYBSC, in Boxing, participated in the University Of Mumbai Zone -1 Boxing tournament.
- Mhapsekar Nidhish from FYBA in Swimming, participated in the University Of Mumbai Zone -1 Swimming tournament.
- Ramalakshmi Iyer from SYBCOM, played handball at the National level for Mumbai University and won the 'Best player award'. She represented India in Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.
- Sarthak Nagaonkar of TYBCOM, was selected for carrom at the National Level.

The Gymkhana of Jai Hind College has successfully organized a diverse array of sports and social events. Each event was marked by high levels of participation, enthusiasm, and a strong commitment to social causes. Through these activities, the Gymkhana committee not only promoted physical fitness and teamwork but also fostered a sense of community and social responsibility among the students. The success of these events underscores their dedication to enhancing the overall college experience through sports and social engagement.

INCUBATOR AND ACCELERATOR CENTRE

Faculty Mentor: Dr Rakhi Sharma

Student Secretary: Aahansh Bole

Deputy Secretaries: Karan Patil and Kuldeep Singh Rajpurohit

The Jai Hind College Incubator and Accelerator Centre (IAC) serves as a dynamic hub of innovation, dedicated to fostering and empowering entrepreneurial development among students. Through a combination of strategic mentorship, networking opportunities, tailored workshops, and a robust support system, the IAC accelerates the growth of student-led startups, enabling them to scale their ventures effectively and create a meaningful impact. Below is a comprehensive overview of the IAC's initiatives, milestones, and areas of focus during the 2023-2024 academic year, showcasing its commitment to nurturing young innovators.

Vision and Mission of the IAC:

The IAC at Jai Hind College is committed to developing a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship by creating a supportive ecosystem for student startups. The primary objectives of the IAC include:

- **Empowering Students:** The IAC aims to empower young entrepreneurs to take their ideas from the conceptual stage to the market through structured mentorship, access to resources, and exposure to industry leaders.
- **Fostering Collaboration:** The center is committed to building a strong network of student entrepreneurs and fostering collaboration among startups to create synergies and drive innovation.
- **Accelerating Growth:** Through tailored initiatives, workshops, and mentoring programs, the IAC focuses on accelerating the growth trajectory of startups, ensuring that student-led ventures can effectively scale and thrive in competitive markets.

Major Milestones and Events of 2023-2024

1. **Cohort Induction Ceremony (July 2023):** The IAC welcomed its 5th cohort of startups with an induction ceremony designed to inspire and orient the incoming batch. This event marked the beginning of their entrepreneurial journey, providing a glimpse into the programs and support structures available to help them succeed.
2. **Visit from Terna College (August 2023):** The IAC hosted a delegation of students from Terna Engineering College, Navi Mumbai. This interactive session allowed the visiting students to engage with Jai Hind College's incubated startups, gaining valuable insights into the practical workings of the incubation process, the challenges faced by entrepreneurs, and the opportunities available for growth and innovation.
3. **Intellectus: Innovation Hackathon (September 2023):** Continuing its tradition of fostering creativity and problem-solving, the IAC organized the Intellectus Innovation Hackathon. This event brought together aspiring entrepreneurs and innovators to solve complex real-world problems through technological and creative solutions. Participants showcased their

4. Startup Exposition (January 2024): The IAC's flagship Startup Exposition provided a platform for student entrepreneurs to demonstrate their innovations, pitch their business ideas, and connect with industry professionals. Taking place alongside the prestigious Global E-Summit hosted by Jai Hind College, the exposition highlighted some of the most exciting and promising ideas developed within the incubator.

5. Ignite Program (February 2024): Designed to accelerate the growth and development of student startups, the Ignite Program offered a series of intensive workshops, panel discussions, and one-on-one mentoring sessions. Key focus areas included market analysis, business strategy, funding, and operational challenges. Through this program, participants gained actionable insights to refine their business models and drive success.

Focus Areas and Sectoral Diversity

The IAC supports a diverse array of startups, reflecting the broad range of student interests and market demands. Some of the key focus areas include:

- **Clean Tech:** Startups dedicated to creating environmentally friendly and sustainable technologies that address pressing ecological issues.
- **Digital Marketing:** Ventures leveraging the power of digital media and technology to optimize marketing campaigns and engage customers.
- **E-commerce Aggregation:** Startups offering innovative solutions in the e-commerce space, simplifying and enhancing consumer buying experiences.
- **HealthTech:** Innovative healthcare solutions aimed at improving patient outcomes, accessibility, and healthcare efficiency.
- Additional sectors include FMCG, Real Estate, Cosmetics, E-Grocery, Home Bakery, Education, Gaming, Automobile, Advertising, Consultancy, Web and Logo Designing, FinTech, and Cosmetology.

Workshops, Seminars, and Educational Programs

Throughout the academic year, the IAC has conducted a diverse range of workshops and seminars to promote industry-specific literacy and skill development. Highlights include:

- **IPR (Intellectual Property Rights) Awareness Programs**
- **IPR in Technology** by Ms. Arrpita K. Bhatt, focusing on intellectual property challenges in the tech industry.
- **IPR in Pharmaceuticals** by Mr. Gaurav Sahal, highlighting the role of IP in the pharmaceutical sector
- **IPR in the Fashion Industry** by Ms. Ananya Agarwal, emphasizing the importance of brand protection and innovation.
- **E-commerce Strategies for Startups:** Conducted by industry experts such as Mr. Upamanyu Acharya and Mr. Craig Travasso, these sessions helped startups understand e-commerce dynamics, branding, and consumer engagement.
- **Communication and Pitching Skills:** Workshops focused on adapting communication styles for effective pitching, led by communication coach Mr. Vishal Rupani and TEDx speaker Mr. Craig Travasso.
- **Mastering Social Media and Brand Storytelling:** Conducted by Mr. Kunal Prabhu, these workshops provided insights on building strong brand identities and leveraging social media platforms for marketing success.

Networking and Mentorship Opportunities

The IAC places a strong emphasis on providing tailored mentoring, expert advice, and networking opportunities to student startups. This support is extended by a group of experienced mentors from diverse industries. Mentors provide one-on-one sessions, group workshops, and strategic guidance on various aspects of business development, including fundraising, market entry, and operational efficiency.

ability to think critically and work collaboratively, leading to a series of innovative outcomes.

Student Leadership and Organization

The success of the IAC is driven by a dedicated team of student leaders who work tirelessly to ensure the smooth execution of programs and events. Their collective effort, creativity, and hard work ensure that the IAC functions effectively as a nurturing environment for entrepreneurial growth.

The Jai Hind College Incubator and Accelerator Centre is a transformative space that empowers students to realize their entrepreneurial potential. By offering access to resources, expert mentorship, and unique learning experiences, the IAC provides a strong foundation for young innovators to launch and scale their ventures. With a focus on collaboration, innovation, and growth, the IAC continues to be a catalyst for change, shaping the leaders and businesses of tomorrow.

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

Student Secretary: Aahansh Bole

Co-ordinator: Dr Sreela Dasgupta

Co-coordinator: Ms. Niloufer Kotwal

Deputy Coordinator: Dr Reema Julka

The primary focus of IQAC in the academic session 2023-24 was geared towards documentation and compilation of data for the 4th cycle of NAAC Accreditation process. The task was mammoth in proportion as the data encompassed the previous 5 years from 2018-219 to 2022-23. To facilitate the process, a separate NAAC SSR team was formed wherein each quantitative query was assigned to a specific faculty. This ensured a targeted approach with faster results and greater accuracy. The team members were assigned a deadline to complete the task. In addition, a core committee was created with a dedicated responsibility to verify the documents collected. As the entire submission process was online, a technical team was also formed to upload the data and create the requisite links for additional data. All this was closely coordinated with the Website Committee as a lot of the data required to be uploaded on the College portal.

The NEP was successfully implemented in accordance with the curricular framework of the college for the first year of undergraduate and postgraduate programs. The Board of Studies meetings were subsequently held for the implementation of NEP in the 2nd year of all programs for the academic session 2024-25. Feedback was also collected from all students as well as faculty to understand lacunae, if any, in the 1st year of implementation. This feedback was then analyzed with academic peers at the BOS meetings and suggestions incorporated in the 2nd year.

As part of the 'Best Practice' of the institution, the green initiatives of the college were further expanded in the creation of a vertical garden, a vigorous Waste Segregation Drive and a 'No plastic' initiative. Seminars, talks, workshops were conducted for this purpose under the aegis of the newly formed 'Green Club'. Water conservation was another area which was focused upon to create awareness amongst students as also the neighboring community.

A new industry-oriented program with greater focus towards employability driven skill

development, Bachelors of Commerce in Digital Strategy was designed in the NEP format. This program was launched based on the specific requirements of the students. The Board of Studies for the program was constituted and the necessary permissions obtained from the affiliating University so as to enable the launch of the program from 2024-25 academic session.

Other mandatory quality audits such as the Academic and Administrative Audit, the Green Audit, the Gender Audit as well as the meetings of all statutory committees – the Academic Council, the governing Body were held as per norms.

INTERNSHIP CELL

Chairperson: Dr Rakhi Sharma

Faculty: Ms. Evelyn Correia (BAF, BFM, BBI), Mr. Mohit Patel (BMM), Mrs. Sajiri Dhumak (BMS), Ms. Aditi Saini (BBA), Dr. Saudah Khatir (BCOM), Ms. Vibhuti Gunjal (BA), Dr. Shilpa Jain (BSC), Dr. Kruti Pandya (BSC Biotech), Mr. Wilson Rao (BSC IT and B.Voc SD), and Ms. Jyoti Mayekar (BSC).

Student Secretary: Sneha Shorma

Student Internship Representatives: Kaamya Makhija, Vidhi Gurnani, Jitesh Mangtani, Tvisha Ravani Vrishti Pandey, Aryan Singhai, Mariya Chinchawala, Vishwas Gupta, Devanshi Shah, Samridhi Kapoor, Arshia Goel, Namita Doshi, Harsh Jain, Maithili Jogani, Prachi Pujari, Angela Biswas, Naman Baradia, Roshni Iddya, Nihar Kunder, Fatema Kapadia, Nandhini Anil, Tanvi Pelap, Krina Mehta, Vaani Darke, Masira Khan, Riya Mandan, Rajcy Gupta, Tanzil Jain, Amrita Jhaveri, Smruti Kasar, Judy Fernandes, and Divya Unni

The Internship Cell at Jai Hind College was established with a vision to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world professional exposure. With the unwavering support of the esteemed faculty, the Cell strives to ensure that students gain valuable practical experience through internships, helping them develop essential skills and gain insights into their potential career paths. Internships serve as a crucial step in transforming theoretical knowledge into hands-on expertise, playing a vital role in shaping students' professional and personal development.

The Internship Cell at Jai Hind College goes beyond simply providing opportunities. It ensures the quality and effectiveness of each internship by maintaining open communication with both students and partnering organizations. This consistent interaction allows the Cell to monitor progress, offer necessary support, and resolve any issues that may arise during internships. For the Academic Year 2023-2024, the Internship Cell successfully collaborated with over 60 reputable companies to offer enriching internships for second-year and third-year students, spanning a diverse range of disciplines.

Major Internship Roles Offered:

The internships spanned a wide range of roles, exposing students to multiple facets of industry and business operations. The positions included, but were not limited to: Research Analyst Intern, Sales Associate Intern, Developer Intern, Copywriter Intern, Content Moderator Intern, Social Media Intern, Business Development Intern, Operations Intern, Consultant Intern, Content Writing Intern, Brand Management Intern, Management Trainee Intern, HR Intern, Operations Business Analyst Intern and many more, providing students with the opportunity to develop their skills and gain practical experience relevant to their career aspirations.

Partnering Companies

During the 2023-2024 academic year, Jai Hind College partnered with numerous reputable companies across diverse sectors to offer enriching internship experiences. Some of the companies that onboarded students include Edelweiss, Morgan Stanley, Zouk, PVH, Calvin Klein, Schbang, Tommy Hilfiger, Stone Soup, Just Deliveries and many others.

Internships were offered across all 12 academic programmes. The Internship Cell at Jai Hind College is a vital component of students' professional journeys, connecting academic excellence with industry experience. Through strategic partnerships, committed faculty guidance, and dedicated student leadership, student leaders dedicated to enhancing the professional development of their peers and Student Internship Representatives, the Cell ensures that students are well-prepared to meet the challenges of the professional world. The internships not only equip students with practical skills but also nurture their confidence, industry awareness, and professional networks. As Jai Hind College moves into another academic year, the Internship Cell remains steadfast in its mission to shape industry-ready professionals, reinforcing the institution's legacy of excellence and innovation.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ms. Neesha Vinchu

Members: Dr Sangeeta Godbole, Dr Deepna Rao, Dr Balakrishna Rongali, Dr Nissey Sunil and Dr Saudah Khatri

"I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of Library" - Jorge Luis Borges

To update resources with easy access to satisfy the intellectual needs of the students has always been one of the top objectives of the library. Activities for the year were designed in alignment with the above objective.

The Library organized multiple Awareness Programs on the Access to e-Resources under N-LIST and Swayam, Orientation programs on library resources and E- services, and a Special Induction program for the newly appointed staff members. To promote information on awareness of the library activities and new facilities, the library uses a Telegram group named "JHC Library Updates". Jai Hind College Library website is updated on a regular basis to provide latest information to students. Students are encouraged to use "My Info feature" on the online catalog. These helped students to send requests for the books they required related to their course, competitive examinations, self interest or fiction. Their involvement in book recommendation enhances library collection and also creates their interest in the library and its activities.

The Library provides access to e- resources through INFLIBNET - NLIST. For this, the library has initiated continuous awareness programs for students and faculty. This has encouraged them to access online e-resources made available related to their course, research or any subject of interest.

The Book for Cause drive was organized on August 18, 2023. The Library collected books donated by library members. These books on various subjects were displayed in the library. This event was a great success as about 195 books were donated to almost 72 students. In order to encourage students to read books on various subjects, the library organized Theme based book displays on various days such as International Yoga Day, Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din, Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti, Hindi Diwas etc. Theme included

topics such as Reference sources, Travel and tourism, Ramayan, Read Japan, India. This practice helps students be aware of library collections on a wide range of subjects. Student's response to these book displays was overwhelming. In addition, subscribed Journals and magazines were displayed streamwise for arts, commerce and science subjects.



Vachan Prerna Diwas

Virtual book displays a special collection of open access e- books on topics such as Gandhian Literature: Repository of the rich Gandhian knowledge, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was made available on the library website. Additionally, during as well as post the pandemic time special efforts were made to select and display books related to themes such as Pandemic histories, Self improvement, Gentle reads, Upbeat and hopeful. These e books were made accessible to students and faculty by providing download links on the Library Website.

Digital Ink, presently an intercollegiate competition, although purely digital in nature, was started way back in 2013 by our library. This has continued till date and has helped to provide a platform to the students to share their writing skills in the form of poetry. Zunaira Khan, Mosaddeka Mallick and Ayur Rode won the prizes in poetry competition. To encourage students participation in this event, winning stories and poems are published in the College Magazine 'Saraswati'. The winner also gets digital certificates for their work.

Library provides a DrillBit Anti-Plagiarism software facility to its members. Teaching Staff members and Research students took advantage of this facility.

Jai Hind College Library also provides a learning platform to the future librarians. This is done by facilitating Internship training to students enrolled for Masters of the Library and Information Science at SNTD Women's University. The Librarian herself provides this guidance to these students for the entire training period of 200 hrs. This practical exposure provides the interns a better perspective of this profession. This year Ms. Farheen Khan completed her internship as a Library Intern in the Jai Hind library.

As a part of regular practice the Librarian Mrs. Neesha Vinchu updated her knowledge by attending various webinars organized by library associations and publishers.

Overall, it was a year filled with valuable experiences and exciting events for library members.

MARATHI VANGMAY MANDAL

Faculty: Dr Sheetal Vernekar

Marathi Vangmay Mandal is a statutory association that comes under the Marathi Department, where all students can participate. Though it is a language-based activity, a large number of Non- Marathi speaking students have actively contributed to the MVM activity.

The Marathi Vangmay Mandal organization is active throughout the academic year. This organisation can be considered as the most creative groups which tried to bring talents in each performer on the stage with mind blowing performance

MVM takes the lead in celebrating the auspicious occasion of Guru Pournima and organizes various competitions and events like Open Mic where it allows participation of Students in Poetry, Songs, literary pieces and stand up in Marathi Language. Rangoli Competitions was also held during Onam Festival in the month of Shravan. Organised Street play named as Bappa Aala Re during Ganapati festival. In line with the college vision and mission, MVM strives hard for the holistic development of the learner by spending a day with Underprivileged kids in collaboration with Khayaal NGO. Celebrated cultural events AAROH where dance, music, drama and a fashion show were conducted. On the occasion of Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Divas we conducted Akshar Mela where Marathi Books were exhibited in the Library. On occasion of Marathi Bhasha Samvardhan Pandhravada organised Kavya Maifil to all sections of students. Students not only showed their talent in their own college programs but showed their talents by participating in Inter college competition events such as Aamod held in St. Xavier's College, Hruturang held at Podar college and Asmita in K J Somaiya College. Students participated and also won First prize in Inter college competition for Drama at K J Somaiya College event.

Marathi Vangmaya Mandal (MVM) has been engaged in bringing students in touch with cultural movements outside their usual educational curriculum which lead to Leadership qualities, Creative activities, Communication skill, and Artistic Competence.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME UNIT (NSS) UNIT

Coordinator: Dr Balakrishna Rongali

General Secretary: Aditi Shedge

Joint Secretary: Manthan Bramhankar

Let us introduce to you, the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of Jai Hind College, a platform for students to actively engage with their communities and contribute to nation-building. Our NSS unit is driven by the belief that young people have the power to bring about positive change, highlighted by our motto, 'Not Me, But You'. Through various social service initiatives, we strive to instill a sense of responsibility and civic duty in our volunteers. Our mission extends beyond the college campus, aiming to deepen students' awareness of various social issues and guide them in becoming active, responsible members of the broader community.

The NSS Unit has emphasized on Education throughout its tenure, which illustrates our shared efforts in bringing about radical changes as well as spreading awareness about the current education system of the country. It has become one of the most dynamic units in the college, known for its enthusiastic participation in a wide range of activities aimed at social upliftment, educational development, and environmental conservation, among other things. With the support of a dedicated team of one hundred volunteers, our General Secretary Aditi and Joint Secretary Manthan, we are committed towards creating a lasting impression on the social activities of our college.

In January 2024, volunteers from the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of Jai Hind College embarked on a week-long residential camp in the serene area of Usgaon, christened with the theme “Education”. This camp is more than just an excursion; it’s an intensive community service project where volunteers work together to make a meaningful impact on the local area. The NSS Unit made notable contributions to Usgaon, including cleaning the Usgaon dam, interacting with students of the local school, and improving sanitation by cleaning cow sheds. The commitment to holistic community development was further demonstrated through interactive sessions during the camp. To keep the energy high, the volunteers organized a range of competitions, showcasing talents in sports, singing, street plays, dance, and delivering thought-provoking speeches. The friendly yet competitive atmosphere fostered respect and cooperation among participants, adding to the camp’s vibrancy. The annual residential camp in Usgaon became a hub of positive change, merging community service with dynamic interactions and spirited competitions. It beautifully encapsulated the NSS Unit’s dedication to community welfare and comprehensive development.

The NSS Day at Jai Hind College was celebrated with great passion, representing the values and achievements of the NSS unit. This annual event is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the students involved in various community service activities throughout the year. The celebration not only honors the spirit of selfless service but also reflects on the impact of the NSS unit’s initiatives and inspires continued commitment to social welfare. The celebration was marked by a series of cultural performances by students, showcasing their diverse talents, including music and dance performances, as well as a thought-provoking street play. Through cultural performance and various interactive activities, NSS Day highlighted the impact of the NSS unit’s initiatives and reinforced the importance of selfless service in building a better society. As the event concluded, there was a renewed sense of commitment among the volunteers, who left with a greater appreciation for their role in making a difference in their communities.

On the occasion of India's 76th Independence Day, the NSS unit of Jai Hind College organized a series of events that celebrated patriotism and social responsibility with great enthusiasm. The day began with the traditional flag hoisting, attended by approximately 60 children, setting an uplifting tone for the day’s activities. A highlight was the short poem by a college alumnus, which evoked feelings of patriotism and love for the nation in everyone’s hearts. Following the reflections on independence, the event featured an energetic dance performance by the NSS unit, culminating in an inspiring speech by the Honorable Principal Dr Vijay Dabholkar. A visit to our adopted area in Dharavi included a thought-provoking street play that addressed societal prejudices. The day concluded with a communal celebration that united diverse voices in a harmonious expression of freedom and community spirit.

In addition, the volunteers organized a spirited Republic Day celebration, reflecting democratic values and community engagement. The event began with a flag-hoisting ceremony led by the Honorable Principal. The NSS unit presented an engaging street play which was highly relatable to the modern generation. The cultural segment was filled with patriotic performances, including dance and singing, with eloquent contributions from Student Leaders Ms. Aditi and Mr. Manthan. After the campus festivities, volunteers visited Dharavi to conduct impactful door-to-door awareness campaigns on menstruation hygiene. The day ended with heartfelt farewells and expressions of gratitude, underscoring the NSS commitment to driving change and raising awareness beyond the College.

On November 30, 2023, the National Service Scheme Unit of Jai Hind College hosted its Annual Blood Donation Drive, transforming the campus into a center of compassion and community engagement. The event, inaugurated by Dr. Vijay Dabholkar, the College Principal, aimed not only at collecting blood but also at creating a positive impact on the college and society. Volunteers, equipped with creative slogans, spread awareness at Churchgate Station, Marine Drive, and other locations, significantly increasing participation. The enthusiasm and dedication of the volunteers were palpable throughout the day, leading to 102 successful donations and setting a commendable example. This success highlighted the importance of such initiatives and demonstrated the power of collective efforts in promoting blood donation and saving lives. The vibrant atmosphere, combined with the heartfelt commitment of volunteers and donors, marked the blood donation drive as a major achievement for Jai Hind College's NSS unit.

In this exceptional year at Jai Hind College, the NSS Unit has been a symbol of civic engagement and social responsibility. From the dynamic celebration of NSS Day, emphasizing the significance of the NSS unit, to the impactful week-long residential camp in Usgaon that combined service with lively competitions, the NSS Unit has embodied comprehensive community development. The Independence and Republic Day celebrations reflected a blend of patriotism and social responsibility, leaving a lasting impression. The year's highlight was the outstanding success of the Annual Blood Donation Drive, where 102 donors, driven by enthusiasm, showcased the power of collective compassion. This year highlights the NSS Unit's unwavering dedication to developing responsible and empathetic leaders for a better and brighter tomorrow.

We are delighted to announce that 23 NSS volunteers of Academic Years 22-23 and 23-24 have been awarded certificates by the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India. This remarkable achievement would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of our NSS Core Committee and the unwavering commitment of our volunteers and Teachers.

The NSS team also won First Place at the University of Mumbai NSS Street Play Competition, at the University level. We are proud of our students.



Aditi Shedge, an NSS volunteers who was sent to represent Jai Hind College in the state level Leadership Training Camp held in Badlapur from 21st February to 25th February, 2024 has brought great glory to the college as she was awarded with the 'Best Volunteer' award and Jai Hind College was given 'Best college' award. We are very proud of our budding leader.

The NSS Unit held various activities such as the Blood Donation Drive, Beach Clean-Up Drives and Visits to slums and rural areas. The Unit was active as always, and we shall continue to strive as per the motto, 'Not me, but you'.

ROTARACT CLUB, JAI HIND COLLEGE (RCJC)

Chairperson: Dr Ruchi Dubey Chaturvedi

Deputy Chairperson: Ms. Simmin Bawa

President: Vedika Bansal

Vice President: Krishabh Jain

Secretary: Nidhi Dodeja

Student Members: Rtr. Zainab Jetpurwala, Rtr. Khushi Shetty, Rtr. Arya Shah, Rtr. Nitanshi Bhageria, Rtr. Aneri Samtani, Rtr. Tansihka Kothari, Rtr. Jiya Devanani, Rtr. Mufaddal Babuji, Rtr. Mehek Bokadia.

The Rotaract Club Of Jai Hind College is a non-profit organization and is an integral part of Rotaract District 3141, which comprises over 135+ Clubs and 13,500+ Rotaractors all over Mumbai. We are the youth wing of the renowned Rotary Club Of Bombay. The organization focuses on personal development, Community service activities, networking opportunities, & a safe space to bond with members of the organization. The organization also celebrates international days and hosts entertainment activities to keep members involved. The theme for the year was "The Spark Within" which means RCJC is that platform which gives its members the opportunities to ignite the spark they have within them. The RCJC is known for its diverse range of events and one of the largest student organizations within College.

Following events were conducted during the academic year 2023-2024:

Pinnacle: Pinnacle 2023 was the 29th Installation Ceremony of the Rotaract Club of Jai Hind College held on August 18, 2023. It marked the departure of Rtr. Khushi Shetty - President 2022-23 and her team, and the incoming of Rtr. Vedika Bansal President 2023-24 and her team. The grand affair included farewells of 5 past members and the induction of 5 Core Team members and 23 Directors for the year 2023-24. The event was graced with the presence of Rtn. Siddhant and Rtn. Nikhil as Guests of Honour and Adv. Phf. Rtn. Rtr. DRR Nikhita Sunil as the Chief Guest. It recorded an attendance of 230 members.

Zodiak Fest 2023 was conducted on September 11, 2023. It was a day-long cultural event that focused on honing the different talents of the young Rotaractors. The theme for this fest was 'The Gala Affair', celebrating all the big festivals and fiestas of the world. The fest saw participation of four distinct Rotaract Clubs from Rotaract District 3141. The events took place in the basement of Jai Hind College, and consisted of the Dance Show, the Fashion Show, and a talent round known as Mr. & Ms. Zodiak. Along with the events, there was also a flea market set up in the Foyer of the college, that had stalls setHealth up by small businesses and established ventures alike. There was a plethora of small-scale businesses that were selling items like jewelry, tote bags, baked goodies, ice popsicles and much more. A lot of them were businesses started by the alumni of Jai Hind College. The flea market provided a platform for these businesses to grow and establish themselves in a better manner. All the businesses had an amazing experience, with a few getting sold out as well. The participating Rotaract Clubs had a blast performing in all events. The winner of the fest was the Rotaract Club of M. L. Dahanukar College, while the Rotaract Club of Churchgate bagged the runners-up position.

Silent Saturdays: It was a month-long community service initiative conducted during the month of november. The initiative focused on four main causes: Health, Hunger, Education and Safety. The team had adopted a slum in Bandra and carried out daily donation drives of basic necessities. Every Saturday the team conducted a street play based on the four causes. At the end of the month, the team performed one act that made a huge impact, to denote the highlight of Silent Saturdays 2023. They donated a sewing machine and basic necessities to a widow with two young daughters, who had recently lost her husband, along with all the savings in hospital bills. The items provided to her helped her start afresh and get back on her feet to support her daughters and herself. The Project impacted 195+ families, 1500+ people via street play and overall a total of 2100+ lives through the project.

Word War I was a project we conducted for school students. It was an event conducted on February 10th, 2024, where we invited Schools from around Mumbai to participate in a series of events that focused on Literary arts, Fine arts, and the General Knowledge of the students. The competition had events like Ex Tempore, General Knowledge Quiz, Clay Modelling and more. The event was conducted in the basement of Jai Hind College, and the premises were creatively decorated according to the theme of Harry Potter. There was a panel of esteemed judges invited to judge each event, who also provided valuable knowledge and insights to the students post each event. The competition was won by Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Parsee Charitable School, while the runners-up was bagged by the Childrens' Academy, Thakur Village.

Cheekh 2024 was a series of initiatives undertaken during International Womens' Week, in an attempt to raise a voice against Women's Trafficking. This year, the event consisted of a flashmob that depicted three different instances of how young girls end up in the racket of women trafficking, and how they together fought against it and punished the perpetrators of the heinous crime. These flash mobs were performed at public spaces like malls and

railway stations to reach the maximum audience. The team also shot a short film that highlighted 3 stories, each highlighting a traumatic event that affected the mental health of the woman in severe ways, which led to each woman eventually taking their life. Additionally, the team also did a photo shoot, and posted the shots on social media pages. There was an open mic also conducted, which gave people a chance to express their views on the cause.

By the end of the year we had conducted over 150+ projects, had won 62 certificates and 9 trophies at the Academy for Awarding Rotaract Achievements night in the entire Rotaract District 3141, and had over 150+ members in the Rotaract movement. The team indeed had one of the best years, improving in all aspects. The Team of 2024-25 aspires to continue the legacy and improve, scale, and achieve higher summits. The RCJC aims at creating more and more impact as the years pass by, making it a safe space for anyone and everyone.

THE TRAINING AND PLACEMENT CELL

Faculty Coordinator: Dr Rakhi Sharma

Faculty Placement Coordinators: Ms. Yasmin Singaporewala, Mr Sai Prasad Shetty, Mrs Shilpa More, Mr Ibrahim Shaikh, Ms Vibhuti Gunjal, Mr Gokul Ganesan, Ms Sunita Jena

Student Secretary (Placements): Yadith Nichani (TYBBA)

Deputy Student Secretaries (Placements): Diya Gurnani (TYBBA), Samridhi Kapoor (TYBMS)

Student Compliance Head: Krish Aggarwal (TYBBA)

Student Internship Head: Sneha Sharma (TYBBA)

Deputy Internship Head: Ankita Chugh (TYBMS)

Key representatives from each course: Kanishq Panchal (TYBA), Krish Aggarwal (TYBMS), Jaithra Sood (TYBAF), Husna Attarwala (TYBSC), Calista Dsouza (TYBCOM), Sneha Gupta (TYBSC IT), Lisa Ahuja (TYBFM), Fatema Kapadia (TYBVOC TTM), Tanishka Singh (TYBMM), Mubeen Khan (TYBVOC TTM).

The Training and Placement Cell of Jai Hind College is a pivotal resource for students, dedicated to bridging the gap between academic learning and industry expectations. Founded with the collective vision and support of esteemed faculty, the cell aims to assist students in securing internships and placement opportunities, as well as offering comprehensive training programs that prepare them for the challenges of the corporate world. Jai Hind College graduates are well-prepared and skilled, bringing a variety of competencies to their future employers, which makes them highly valued in the professional sphere.

The 2023-24 academic year was a landmark period for the Training and Placement Cell, as it successfully brought companies to campus for placement recruitment, securing roles for the graduating batch across diverse domains. These companies included prestigious names such as Ernst & Young, KPMG, ICICI Bank, Deutsche Bank, Schbang, and Zomato, among others, and they offered opportunities in departments spanning banking, portfolio management, social media and marketing, and human resource management. The Training and Placement Cell operates under a structure that ensures each department's unique needs are met effectively. Faculty coordinators and a well-organized student leadership team work in tandem to handle placements. This team structure facilitates comprehensive support for students across all courses, ensuring seamless organization, coordination, and execution of activities.

Student Leadership and Core Team

The team also includes Student Course Representatives for placements and internships across various courses, ensuring thorough engagement, participation, and support for each programme.

Training Workshops and Skill-Building Sessions

To adequately prepare students for their corporate journeys, the Training and Placement Cell conducted a series of workshops focusing on essential professional skills. These sessions were highly beneficial, covering key areas such as CV building, interview techniques, and group discussions.

1. How to Build a Good CV

- Speaker: Mr. Upmanyu Acharya, an IIM Ahmedabad graduate and founding president of the Entrepreneurship Cell and Skill Hub at Jai Hind College, currently working at Reckitt. This session provided insights into crafting a professional CV, emphasizing accomplishments, skills, and relevant experiences to help students stand out.

2. Interview and Group Discussion Preparation

- Speaker: Mr. Moiz Lakdawalla, Director of Business Development at Visa. Mr. Lakdawalla's session focused on mastering the art of interviews and group discussions. Students learned techniques for showcasing their strengths, tackling challenging questions, and engaging effectively in team discussions. These sessions received highly positive feedback and were instrumental in equipping students with skills essential for navigating job interviews and other recruitment stages.

Notable Recruiters

The 2023-24 placement season witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 100 plus companies, including some of the most respected names in the industry. These companies offered placements and internships across various domains, catering to students from multiple streams. Major recruiters included:

Finance and Consulting: Ernst & Young, KPMG, ICICI Bank, Deutsche Bank

Media and Marketing: Schbang, Zomato

Banking and Portfolio Management: ICICI Bank, Deutsche Bank

These organizations offered roles in various departments such as banking, portfolio management, social media and marketing, and human resources, providing students with a well-rounded spectrum of career opportunities.

Major Profiles for Placements

Core Analyst Roles: Operations Analyst, Governance Risk Compliance Analyst, Business Operations Analyst

Specialized Roles: Portfolio Management Analyst, Venture Capital Analyst, Wealth Manager, Brand Solution Strategist

Creative and Marketing Roles: Digital Marketing Champion, Creative Strategist, Product Specialist

Human Resources and Sales: Talent Acquisition and Admin, Customer Relationship Officer, Sales Executive

These roles provide students with exposure to various industry verticals and practical work experience, helping them make informed decisions about their future careers. The Cell achieved notable milestones during the 2023-24 academic year. The Training and Placement Cell worked across all 12 academic programmes at Jai Hind College: BA, BAF, BBA, BBI, BCOM, BFM, BMM, BMS, BSC, BSC IT, BVOC SD, and BVOC TTM. This breadth of

participation underscores the Cell's success in ensuring that every eligible student receives access to meaningful opportunities aligned with their career aspirations.

SINDHI CIRCLE

Chairperson: Dr. Vijay Dhabolkar

Deputy Chairperson: Dr. Kajal Ramchandani

Executive Coordinator- Ms. Jyoti Thakur

Treasurer: Dr. Reshma Jaisinghani (V.P)

Co-ordinator- Ms. Rakhi Mirchandani

Advisory Member- Dr. Baldev Matlani

Co-opted Member- Mr. Vinay Amesu

Staff Members: Ms. Dhruvika Khushalani, Ms. Mala Vyas, Ms. Mahek Punjabi, Ms. Deepa Gagneja, Ms. Vinita Bhatia

Student Secretary: Maehek Gangwani

Other student members: Saachi Haseja, Saahas Haseja, Virtika Harjani

The Sindhi Circle at Jai Hind College stands as a dynamic group committed to celebrating and embracing the rich Sindhi culture through a range of inter-collegiate events. Events organized by the Sindhi Circle consistently draw large crowds, reflecting the widespread interest in experiencing and embracing Sindhi traditions. A highlight in the Sindhi Circle's history is the annual cultural festival, Hojamalo, which has been a cornerstone of their activities. This year's celebration marked a significant milestone, as it was the 10th edition of Hojamalo.

The year commenced with the members' participation in the Sindhu Sakha Sangam - Hik Sona Jo Rupayo event, held in Ulhasnagar on July 30, 2023. Demonstrating exceptional skills, the College contingent secured a well-deserved second place, setting a high standard for the year ahead. The next event, Shobha Mali event, was conducted in the auditorium of Jai Hind College on August 5, 2023. The following event, Twinning Fiesta, took place on August 7, 2023 and was designed to celebrate Friendship Day with a unique twist—participants matched outfits with their friends, fostering a sense of camaraderie and fun. An Orientation Session was held on August 8, 2023 to introduce new students to the Sindhi Circle, offering them an opportunity to join and become part of this dynamic group. This was followed by the Cultural Carousel on August 29, 2023, an event that celebrated the festival of Teej with vibrant and festive activities. On August 31, 2023 the Sindhi Cutie Talent event showcased the diverse talents within the committee, culminating in a commendable 3rd prize win.

Shortly thereafter, the Contingent participated in Idalia, hosted by D.M. Harish College from September 1 to 3, 2023. The Sindhi Circle demonstrated their versatility by participating in 29 out of 31 events and securing victories in 7 of them. A significant highlight of the year was the workshop on Preventing Suicidal Thoughts, conducted in collaboration with Yuva, Agatsu, and the Wellness Cell of Jai Hind College on September 12, 2023. This workshop, led by Ira Khan, provided valuable insights into mental health and well-being. From November 21 to 24, 2023 the Contingent participated in Shaan, a festival organized by H.R. College. For the second consecutive year, the Sindhi Circle won the 1st prize, showcasing their continued excellence and dedication. On December 7, 2023 the committee organized 'Jhalak,' a pre-event to the flagship Hojamalo festival, within the campus of Jai Hind College. On the same day, the CL Meet for all participating colleges was conducted, marking a

significant success.

On January 4, 2024 the Global Essay writing competition was conducted. The grand event of the year, 'Hojamalo,' was held on January 12 and 13, 2024 marking its 10th edition. The event, themed around royal blue, featured a rich and elegant color palette that highlighted the deep and regal Sindhi culture. This year's Hojamalo brought together students from over 25 colleges, attracting more than 200 participants from Mumbai and beyond. For the first time in the event's history, the Sindhi Circle ventured beyond traditional dance and drama, reflecting a commitment to innovation and diversity. Like every year, Shivy Award was awarded by Mr. Vinay Amesur to five students, Maehek Gangwani, Saachi Haseja, Saahas Haseja, Virtika Harjani and Sia Rohra. On January 27, 2024 the Contingent participated in Junoon-e-Sindhayat, a documentary filming event, where they won the 2nd prize. The year concluded with a collaborative event with Cadbury on February 9, 2024 hosted at Jai Hind College, underscoring the committee's ability to partner with major brands for impactful initiatives. The achievements of the Sindhi Circle throughout the year have been made possible by the steadfast support of Dr. Kajal Ramchandani and the dynamic efforts of the committee's members.

As they look forward to the upcoming year, the Sindhi Circle Committee is poised to build on their successes, striving to reach new heights. With dedication and enthusiasm, they aim to continue celebrating and embracing their rich Sindhi heritage while creating unforgettable experiences for all involved.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Chairperson: Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Dabholkar

Teacher Coordinators: Mrs. Sarita Jaishankar, Mrs. Yasmin Singaporewala, Ms. Niloufer K. Kotwal

General Secretary – Yohan Dube (T.Y.BCom)

Deputy General Secretary – Zenia D'souza (S.Y.BCom)

Supervisors – Arjun Nambissan (T.Y.BSc Biotechnology), Zoya Lala (S.Y.BBI)

Our Motto: "In order to succeed, we must first believe that we will and we can."

The Student Council of Jai Hind College Autonomous is recognized for its active, dynamic, and responsible role in supporting all major activities and any other proactive measure adopted by the college for the betterment of its primary stakeholder, the students. Comprising of nominated representatives from all academic programs across the years, including leaders from various other student bodies and societies, the council serves as the apex body representing the interests of the students. Their primary objective is to connect students, faculty, administration, and management, ensuring seamless flow of information and therefore contributing to overall institutional improvement.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Facilitation of Key Processes: The Student Council facilitates and ensures the conduct of a smooth admission process, involving answering general queries of parents/guardians and prospective students, collection of relevant documents and any other guidance requested from time to time. The 'Orientation' programs conducted for the first-year students across all programs as part of their Induction program, requires them to collaborate closely with the administrative staff, the Vice Principals, Program Coordinators and the Principal.

Support for Academic Processes: Ensuring timely dissemination of all exam-related information pertaining to conduct of internal assessments online and also Semester-end examination including conduct of supplementary examinations. They are also involved in supporting the institution during online examinations, Mock-tests for online practice, participation of students in Certificate Credit courses, Value-added courses, Swayam/NPTEL courses. The Student Council also plays an active role in the Internship and Placement Cell also.

Community Engagement: Collaborating with the Wellness cell (Counselling especially in non-academic issues) and supporting initiatives by VCAN to promote civic awareness and community engagement.

Organizational and Institutional Support: Organizing celebrations of national days, support system in conducting Academic and Administrative audits, representation in student body of NAAC for ensuring quality mechanisms.

Advocacy and Development: Voicing student views through the General Secretary in the College Development Cell, advocating for student welfare and institutional improvement. Voter Awareness and Civic Responsibilities: Initiatives to educate first-time voters and neighbouring societies on civic duties, fostering conscientious citizenship.

Membership in Administrative Committees: Active roles in committees such as College Development Committee, Grievance Redressal, Ragging Prohibition, Sexual Harassment Prevention, Canteen Committee (ensuring food hygiene), Green Club, Achiever's Nite (College Annual Day).

Overall Campus Improvement: Ensuring discipline, hygiene, and implementing innovative ideas for institutional enhancement.

In conclusion, the Student Council plays a pivotal role as the bridge between students and the institution's stakeholders, ensuring effective governance, representation, and support across various activities. Their proactive engagement in both academic and community initiatives underscore their commitment to fostering a vibrant and responsible student community.

WELLNESS CELL

Chairperson: Ms Mahek Punjabi

Student Secretary: Ms Khushi Jagetiya, Ms Ashnoor Kaur

Student Members: 120+ members

Wellness Cell is committed to the well-being of the students and staff of Jai Hind College. With a motto to Listen, Nurture and Support and aim for holistic wellbeing of Jai Hind College along with providing a safe space for every individual to promote mental, emotional, physical, financial and social well-being.

In 2023-24 Wellness cell had a total of 125 members from different streams all over the academic spectrum of Jai Hind College.

The following activities were conducted:

1.Session on Failure

The session on failure took place on 8th August, 2023. It emphasised that setbacks are learning opportunities rather than permanent marks. Five student speakers shared diverse experiences, including career missteps, the pressure to be perfect, struggles with societal beauty standards, and transitions from small towns to big cities. They highlighted how failure can lead to personal growth and resilience. A speaker also discussed overcoming the challenges of high expectations in an army school. Vice President Ashnoor Kaur concluded by reflecting on how sometimes even setbacks can eventually lead to positive outcomes. The session fostered empathy and underscored the importance of kindness towards oneself and others, reinforcing that failure is a temporary bruise rather than a lasting scar.

2. Preventing Suicidal Thoughts Workshop

On September 12, 2023, a workshop on preventing suicidal thoughts was conducted by the Wellness Cell and Sindhi Circle of Jai Hind College, in collaboration with the Agatsu Foundation. Held in the Annexe Building, the workshop focused on breaking the stigma, understanding warning signs, and providing support strategies. Participants engaged in discussions on recognizing suicidal thoughts, supporting those in need, and accessing resources. The session equipped students with practical tools and information on helplines, fostering a supportive environment for addressing and managing suicidal thoughts.

3. Seminar on Wellness: What's That?

On September 16, 2023, the seminar "Wellness: What's That?" provided a platform for exploring personal definitions of wellness. The session featured a circle-based format with participants passing around a box containing thought-provoking questions on various wellness topics. Each pause in music led to discussions on physical activity, self-care, mental health, relationships, work-life balance, and digital well-being. The event successfully fostered a safe space for students to share diverse perspectives and insights. Key outcomes included recognizing the multifaceted nature of wellness, emphasizing self-care, managing stress, understanding the impact of relationships, and promoting mental health awareness amongst Gen Z.

4. Navigating the Nexus: Substance Abuse and Society

On October 5, 2023, a panel discussion on Substance Abuse was held at Venue 1A. Organised by The Wellness Cell and the NSS unit, it featured Dr. Milan Gada, a Tobacco De-addiction Specialist, and Mr. Bosco Michael D'Souza, an Addiction Treatment Consultant. Dr. Gada addressed tobacco and alcohol addiction, while Mr. D'Souza shared personal anecdotes and insights from his 31 years of experience. The event, which also included an address from Principal Sir on the societal impact of substance abuse, was engaging and impactful, leaving a lasting impression on students.

5. Men's Mental Health Seminar

On December 1, 2023, a Men's Mental Health Seminar was held to raise awareness and commemorate Men's Day. The event featured an open discussion on men's mental health, followed by the screening of the film/documentary 'The Voices of Men,' highlighting the impact of anxiety and depression. Attendees engaged in discussions about stigma and participated in a creative activity addressing social stigma and solutions. The seminar concluded with the distribution of uplifting notes to promote a positive outlook. The event provided valuable insights into societal attitudes and emphasised the need for open discussions on men's mental health.

Career series-

On December 13, 2023, Rishabh Singh, a LinkedIn expert with over 60,000 followers, led a

webinar on resume building, interview skills, leadership, and team building, attended by 80+ students. A 2-time TEDx speaker, Rishabh shared insights from his experiences with volunteering, organizing TEDx Juhu, and internships. He emphasized the importance of confidence, effective communication, and networking. He also explained how AI now plays a crucial role in resume selection, making it vital to craft a strong resume. The session concluded with a group activity where participants identified key qualities essential for successful leadership.

Academic Series-

On December 18, 2023, Husna Vanjara, a clinical psychologist and psychotherapist with 27 years of experience, conducted a seminar on exam anxiety, which was attended by over 80 students. Specializing in anxiety disorders, depression, and personal disorders, she utilizes therapies like CBT, REBT, ACT, and Client-Centered Therapy. The seminar addressed the causes and symptoms of exam anxiety, offering practical strategies to manage stress. The speaker emphasized the distinction between normal exam nerves and more severe anxiety. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, where students received personalized guidance and coping techniques for dealing with academic pressure.

Financial Literacy Series

From January 10-12, 2024, a 3 session series of financial literacy series aimed to equip college students with essential financial knowledge for lifelong success.

Session 1: Mr Pravin Dongare, a financial expert, introduced key concepts such as inflation, budgeting, emergency funds, and investment basics, including stocks, bonds, and mutual funds.

Session 2: Ms Nita Menezes, a seasoned financial coach, provided insights on budgeting, investments, and strategic decision-making, featuring the 'Financially Smart' and 'Moneyprastha.com' platforms for wealth management.

Session 3: Urmila K. Singh, a certified financial planner, covered investment fundamentals, savings strategies, and various investment options, complemented by a discussion on the film "One Idiot."

All sessions enhanced students' financial literacy, empowering them with practical tools and renewed confidence for managing their financial futures.

VALEO: WELLNESS CELL 23-24 FEST

The Wellness Cell at Jai Hind College, dedicated to fostering Jai Hind students' well-being, successfully hosted its inaugural festival, 'Valeo,' on February 6th and 7th, blending Bollywood and Wellness themes. The event began with an energetic inauguration by Principal Dr. Vijay Dabholkar. Day one featured dance, talent rounds, and a movie screening, while day two included singing, stand-up performances, and a wellness panel. The festival provided a vibrant platform for students to showcase their talents, with events judged by esteemed professionals. Sponsored stalls drew large crowds, adding to the lively atmosphere. 'Valeo' was celebrated as a safe space for expression, with plans to expand its reach and continue promoting mental wellness in the coming years.

The Wellness Cell garnered exceptional feedback from participants, who commended the sessions for their organization, relevant topics, knowledgeable speakers, and overall impact on student well-being. The significance of these sessions was widely acknowledged, motivating the Cell to both continue and broaden its efforts. Looking ahead, the Cell plans to uphold its existing programs while also introducing new, engaging initiatives to further its goal of fostering a vibrant and supportive community focused on student health and

wellness.

In conclusion, Wellness Cell was successful in providing a platform to students in AY 2023-24 with a holistic approach and inclusive environment regardless of their backgrounds. We strive to hold inclusive, non-judgemental and safe spaces for the staff and students of Jai Hind College

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CELL

Chairperson: Mrs Safina Rakhangi

Deputy Chairperson: Dr Deepna Rao

Members: Ms Simmin Bawa, Dr Kruti Pandya, Mr Sai Prasad Shetty and Ms. Yasmin Hashmat Ullah

NSS Member: Dr Balakrishna Rongali

C.S.R Committee Member: Dr Fatema Fanuswala

Student Representative (Secretary): Kiran Wadhwa

Student Representative (Joint Secretary): Pujita Arora

Core Committee: Aditi Shegde, Bhumi Mohite, Disha Sahu

"Beauty is being the best possible version of Yourself" - Audrey Hepburn

The Women's Development Cell (WDC), Jai Hind College, has over the years, held several programs to create awareness amongst the youth about the ills plaguing the women in our society. The objectives of the Women's Development Cell include gender sensitization; healthcare; empowerment; the education of the girls through community interface; social awareness, and exploring entrepreneurship opportunities. Jai Hind has a very strong participation in events of the WDC, and our students are passionate about causes related to women's development and gender sensitization. This year, we took up the theme of 'Beauty Within' and considered the Beauty Industry and its influence on society at large.

Our Inaugural event was a guest lecture on "Ethics of the Beauty Industry" delivered by our alumna Nidhi Lulla on August 4, 2023. The objective of the guest lecture was to critically examine the ethical challenges within the beauty industry, focusing on issues such as consumerism, body image, and sustainability, while encouraging students to reflect on their roles as both consumers and future professionals in this field. Ms. Lulla, a seasoned expert in the beauty and fashion industry, provided the students with an in-depth analysis of the ethical dilemmas that are prevalent in the beauty sector today.

The session began with an overview of the beauty industry's evolution, highlighting how cultural and societal standards of beauty have shifted over time. Ms. Lulla then delved into the ethical concerns associated with these changes, such as the impact of advertising on body image, the exploitation of workers in production chains, and the environmental consequences of beauty products. Ms. Lulla also addressed the concept of "ethical consumerism," emphasising the importance of making informed choices about the products we use and the brands we support. She shared insights on the growing trend of sustainable and cruelty-free beauty, encouraging students to think critically about their purchasing decisions and the broader impact of the beauty industry on society and the environment. The lecture was interactive, with students posing questions and engaging in discussions about their own experiences and observations. Ms. Lulla's expertise and passion for ethical practices in the beauty industry were evident, making the session both informative and thought-provoking.

The next event was a Symposium on **‘Critical Issues Affecting Women’** on **August 31, 2023**. The symposium aimed to explore and address critical issues affecting women in society, covering topics such as online safety, health, and gender identity. The event sought to educate and empower students by providing them with knowledge and practical tools to navigate these challenges. The event began with a registration session, followed by the screening of the short film “Juice.” The film sparked a lively discussion among the participants, who engaged in a dialogue about the portrayal of gender roles and societal expectations in the movie.

Following the discussion, students performed a skit and songs that highlighted various issues faced by women in society, ranging from domestic challenges to broader social inequalities. The performances were well-received and set the tone for the subsequent sessions.

The first lecture was delivered by **Advocate Prashant Mali**, who focused on the topic **“Safe Cyber Spaces for Women.”** He provided valuable insights into the legal frameworks and practical measures that women can adopt to protect themselves online. His lecture was both informative and empowering, addressing concerns about privacy, cyberbullying, and digital harassment.

Next, **Ms. Karishma Chawla**, a renowned nutritionist, spoke on **“Diet and Lifestyle for Women.”** She emphasised the importance of a balanced diet and regular exercise, particularly in relation to women’s health issues. Her session was highly practical, offering students actionable tips on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle amidst their busy schedules.

The final session was an interactive workshop conducted by **Ms. Aekta Khubchandani**, titled **“Mapping Gender Across The Spectrum.”** Ms. Khubchandani facilitated a discussion on gender identity and expression, encouraging students to reflect on the complexities of gender beyond traditional binaries. The session was thought-provoking and fostered an inclusive environment where students could share their perspectives and experiences.

The WDC of Jai Hind College celebrates the birth anniversary of Savitri Bai Pule, 3rd January as Nari Mukti Divas and a variety of activities are organised. Mrs Safina Rakhangi who was attending the NSS camp of the college at Vajreshwari, organised a NAARI-depiction of the most influential woman in my life. A few NSS volunteers who were also members of WDC actively expressed their views and stories, deliberating the struggles made by women while playing the role of a mother, a sister, a daughter, a wife and a teacher in order to spread happiness, make others comfortable and enable them to achieve their goals. Many students became emotional and started to introspect how reciprocal they have been to the love, empathy and concern showered by these women. Ms. Simmin Bawa organised a discussion in the FYBA class on “Breaking Barriers, Building Futures” which covered the areas of Women in Leadership, Gender Equality in Education, Breaking Stereotypes and finally Women’s Health and Wellbeing.

The **International Women’s Day** coincides with the birth of the Revolutionary Poet of the Women and Working masses; **Sahir Ludhianvi** who was born in 1921. To mark the International Women’s Day, the Women’s Development Cell organised an Online discussion on Sahir Ludhianvi as Hindi cinema’s only and truly feminist poet. Through his verses written for 122 movies and 550 popular songs for Hindi Films, he kept the Hindi Film Industry (Bollywood) spellbound with his magical verse. A humble attempt was made to understand the unparalleled and all-round creativity of Shair Ludhianvi. The following five songs were screened to understand his works that encouraged the youth of his times,

intellectuals and social activists and also exercised similar influence on the present generation of music lovers and listeners:

- 'Aurat ne janam diya mardo ko' (Sadhana, 1953)
- 'Jinhe naza hai Hind pe' (Pyaasa, 1957)
- 'Tu mere pyaar ka phool hai ki meri bhool hai' (Dhool Ka Phool, 1959)
- 'Tere bachpann ko jawaani ki dua deti hoon' (Mujhe Jeene Do, 1963)
- 'Tu mere saath rahega munney' (Trishul, 1978)

Students tried to review and explore as the songs were screened and later discussed the spark fire of revolt, the social commentary and the typical male attitude of considering women inferior in his earlier poems, at the same time the clichéd nurturing attitude of women reflected in various songs. It was a befitting way to pay tribute to this legendary poet who was concerned about gender oppression and emancipation from patriarchal repression.

As always, the members of the Women's Development Cell ensured gender sensitization, and discussions and debates about issues concerning Women's Development in the classroom. Ms. Safina Rakhangi and Dr Deepna Rao, through the Foundation Course classes, highlighted a number of issues related to Women's Development such as the Constitutional Rights and Safeguards of Women, Ecofeminism and Women's Education. Students also had the screening of films and documentaries related to women's issues in the Foundation Course lectures. Ms. Simmin Bawa also has taught units related to gender as well as feminism. Thus, the Women's Development Cell achieved its objectives both inside and outside the classroom. Members have also been actively attending online national and international events related to gender issues. The staff and student members hope to return with renewed vigour next year and continue in this noble mission of fostering women's development.

DISCUSSION CLUBS

THE NOVEL ROOM (UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH)

Faculty in Charge: Dr Deepna Rao

Students: Aastha Singh (Head), Gopal Nambiar (Sub-head), Pujita Arora (Sub-head), Aarushi Morakhia (Sub-head), Revati Salunkhe, Shaina Bedi and Ria Punjabi (Co-ordinators)

The Novel Room is an affiliated Discussion Club of the English Association, and its ebullient spaces invite and engage just about anyone and everyone with a curious mind and a talkative temperament. The team in charge of curating the Novel Room sessions has one intention: to be as interactive and interlocutory as possible and give the audiences the literary experiences of a lifetime. Its core activities involve the discovery, exploration, interpretation and analysis of the literary genre as a whole. The Novel Room is dedicated to curating and conducting student-friendly sessions that aid in holistic development.

The Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) introduced the New Education Policy (NEP) in 2020, calling for imaginative and flexible co-curricular activities to be included into Degree Courses for students. Co-curricular Courses (CC) can be obtained via multiple activities such as Health and Wellness, Yoga Education, Sports, Fine/Applied/Performing Arts, Cultural Activities, etc. at the convenience, preference, and

necessity of the students. The Novel Room conducts sessions that fall under the Cultural and Extra-curricular level.

Learning (Expected) Objectives of Novel Room:

- To foster learning beyond traditional literature and inculcate critical thinking in students beyond classroom learning.
 - To encourage public speaking and develop communication skills among students.
 - To familiarise students of varying courses with the broad scope of literature and its relevance in society and daily life.
 - To encourage healthy and regular reading among students.
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- To promote research and analysis through deep cultural, political, psychological, historical and social discussions relevant in the context of literature.
 - To develop vocabulary, reading, writing, listening and speaking skills of students through various tasks and activities assigned to them in every session.
 - To facilitate imaginative and flexible interactions in regard to literature that align with the New Education Policy (NEP).

Duration and Frequency:

The Novel Room conducts 10 sessions throughout the year. These include bi-monthly sessions, each being around 2-3 hours.

The Novel Room organised 10 events in the Academic Year 2023-24, ranging between 2-3 hours per session. Each session also included an additional assignment that had to be submitted by each participant.

Event I / Inauguratory Session – “Animated Characters: From Monochrome to Technicolor”

The Inauguratory Event of the Novel Room was in collaboration with the Film Room, inculcating one of the most popular, student-friendly topics– comic and graphic novels in literature. Students were exposed to various discussion topics such as the Historical Evolution of Comics, Popularization of Queer Identity, the narrative of good v/s evil, the contribution of Indian Comics to Literature, and the mention of popular graphic novels of Barbie and Dragon Ball Z. The session was also marked by Film Room screenings of multiple nostalgic media.

Event II: “To the Reader, For the Readers: Storytelling through Epistolaries”

The second session of the novel room revolved around the concept of epistolaries and dove deep into the evolution, adaptations and significance of epistolaries in literature. From the history to modern digital use of letters with emphasis on romance and poetry, the participants were engaged in various in-depth discussions about the same. Further, the limitations and shortcomings of epistolaries were discussed and the students were allotted an assignment at the end of the session.

Event III: “Mythologies: From Gods to Gargoyles”

The third event of the Novel Room was one of the few online events held during the academic year, focusing on mythology as an important aspect of literature. In order to keep the audience engaged, the event was marked with games to keep the minds of the audience fresh. From bringing up the beloved Percy Jackson series to the underrated nature of Indian Mythology and the addition of the discovery of Christian, Norse and Mesopotamian Mythology, the third session of the Novel Room was one of the most well-

received online session, concluding with thoughtful discussion on the influence of mythology in modern-day life.

Event IV: “Symphony of the Pages: Music & Literature”

The fourth event of the Novel Room was held offline and centred around the theme of music and literature. It was an interactive session where students talked about their favourite artists, analysed the meanings of various lyrics and compared the lyrics used in different languages, and contexts. There was a focus on translations and meanings of lyrics with reference to culture. Students also engaged in a fun translation activity where they had to try to directly translate the given lyrics from one language to another.

Event V: “Twice Upon a Time: Fairy Tales Retold”

The fifth event of the Novel Room aimed to highlight fairytales from a literary perspective. The audience discussed the common fairy tales they grew up with, to their different adaptations that had arisen as society progressed. From Ethnic Fairytales to the true origins behind the fantastical story of Snow White and the Moral Ambiguity within fairytales, the Novel Room’s fifth session was filled with evoking long-buried childhood memories.

Event VI: “Reading Between the Miles: A Literary Expedition”

Conducted online, it took travel as a part of literature, discussed in detail along with a variety of topics, such as evolution of one’s personality through travel, fantasy travel literature used in books such as TinTin and Geronimo Stilton, travel and culture including immaterial culture such as places created in books that one is aware of but does not exist. The audience resonated with these experiences and could relate with the travel imagery created in these books.

Event VII: “The Novel Room x Kalki: The Binary Breaker”

The seventh session of the Novel Room welcomed Abhishek Lamba, one of the long-standing alumnus of Jai Hind College during “Kalki: An Eternal Expression.” Deviating from the regular nature of the Novel Room sessions, event seven saw a receptive audience enjoy interactive games challenging ‘Mr. Patriarchy’ or the traditional notion of gender being thoroughly assigned since birth. Thanks to Abhishek Lamba, the audience were able to engage in games and conversations that made us all put on our creative-thinking caps while encompassing the spirit of being true to oneself.

Event VIII: T(EA) Series - Event I

The eighth session of the Novel Room and the first session of the T(EA) Series (wordplay on the company T-Series implying a pun the spilling of “tea” with the EA i.e English Association). Held online, it was one of the most interactive sessions where students could freely express their opinions and debate on controversial topics. Some of these topics were about “cancel culture”: whether artists should be cancelled for their unpopular opinions and if that would affect their fanbases; queer interpretations of historical texts, the possibility of misinterpretations of queer characters in the time when it was not as accepted.

Event IX: T(EA) Series - Event II

Event Nine of the Novel Room was a successor to Event Eight, once again amplifying the platform for free expression without harsh critique. Conversation commenced on separation of art from the artist, on whether it was acceptable to glorify ‘good’ literature regardless of the background of the author or not. Opinions on the fact that social media heavily warped literature & its fandoms were also put forth, while some argued that social

media accelerated the popularity of various literature pieces. The notion of ill-representation in literature against inclusion of diverse, underrepresented groups also led to in-depth discussion, marking another fruitful T(EA) Series Session.

Event X / Closing Session: T(EA) Series Event III

The final session of the T(EA) Series concluded the run of the Novel Room for the year as well and experienced its largest offline participation of all time. It was a three hour long session with enthusiastic responses and exciting discussions. Revolving around 'trash literature' and glorification of authors such as Colleen Hoover, students offered a variety of opinions around topics such as the authenticity of fan fiction, the justification of controversial stories through banter and uninhibited speech. The session concluded with a humorous and ironic award ceremony for the most unpopular characters, plots and series for categories of which the audience voted upon and decided winners for. The participants were given their final assignment once the session ended.

All in all, each session brought in a special verve of energy, and encapsulated the spirit of curiosity and insight of all participants.

THE FILM ROOM (UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH)

Faculty in Charge: Ms June Dias and Dr Deepna Rao

Students: Satwick Gurram (Head) and Dipayan Kar (Sub-head)

In the 2023-24 academic year, the Film Room delivered an outstanding array of cinematic events that captured the imagination and engagement of our members. We kicked off with a dynamic collaboration with the Novel Room, on 'Animated Characters' exploring the fascinating intersection of comic and manga characters with their animated film adaptations, which sparked lively discussions on how animation can reshape audience perception. This session involved a comparative analysis of characters from comics and mangas and their animated film adaptations. Members discussed the portrayal and development of these characters in different media, exploring how animation can enhance or alter the audience's perception.



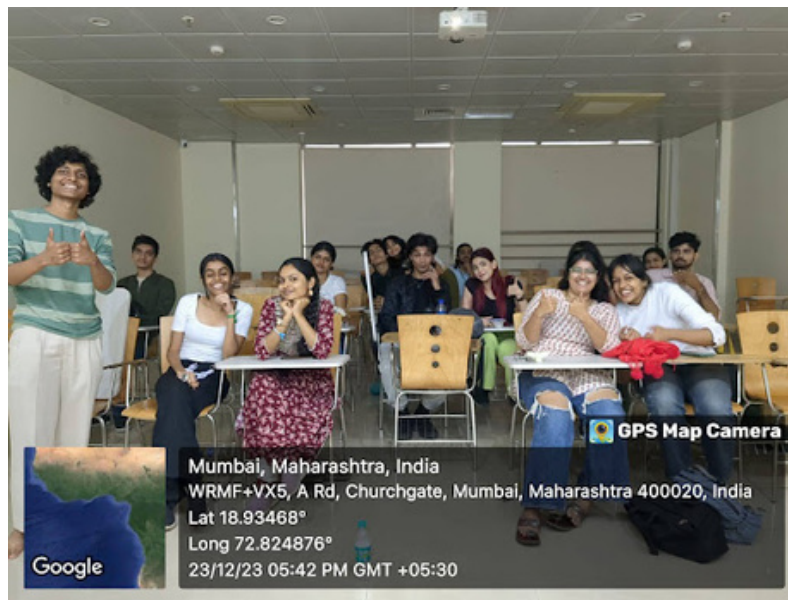
Our collaboration with the Social and Dramatics Union brought a gripping screening of “12 Angry Men,” attended by over 50 people, igniting profound discussions on persuasion, manipulation, and the film's psychological depth. The technical side of filmmaking was illuminated in a workshop covering lenses, screenplay writing, and cinematography, complemented by a fun guessing game of movie posters. The discussion focused on the art of persuasion, the power of manipulation, and the use of arguments. We also delved into the technical aspects of the film and its portrayal of human psychology, examining how these elements contribute to the film's enduring impact.



The next session was an outdoor session at Bake Live Studios, where we studied Film Theory in collaboration with Bake Live Studios. This external event featured an in-depth look into the technical aspects of filmmaking. The session covered various topics, including the different uses of lenses, screenplay writing methods, and the evolution of cinematography. Participants also engaged in a game of guessing movies through posters, which provided a fun and interactive way to test their creativity.



During the festive season, we celebrated with a screening of the beloved Christmas classic “Home Alone.” The event included a discussion on the history of Christmas in cinema and the physical techniques used in the film to depict humor. This screening was well-received and sparked a lively conversation among attendees.



The year continued with short film screenings featuring works by Martin Scorsese and Royal Stag directors. This was an online screening of short films, featuring works by renowned directors such as Martin Scorsese's "The Big Shave," and some Royal Stag's masterpieces such as "Café Interior," "Juice," and "Rogan Josh." These screenings provided a platform for analyzing the unique storytelling techniques and thematic elements present in short films.



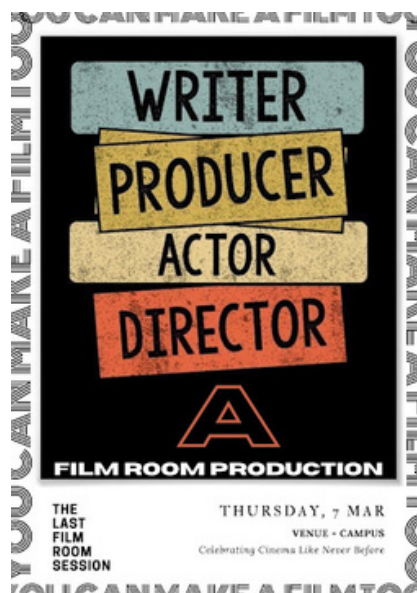
During the festival of "Kalki" the Film Room hosted an enlightening talk on film archiving by the Film Heritage Foundation. Film Heritage Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting the conservation, preservation and restoration of Indian cinema. The Foundation came to Jai Hind College on February 2, 2024 and the speakers talked about how films are archived and the importance of archiving classic cinema.



Next, we explored Western art cinema through the screening of "The Banshees of Inishire." The discussion focused on the minimalist story, in-depth character analysis, and themes of friendship, war, and human psychology. The film's unique approach to storytelling and character development was a highlight for many attendees.

The screening of "Garden of Words" allowed members to delve into themes of lonely sadness, subtle romances, and lingering emotions. The film's beautiful animation and poignant storytelling provided a rich basis for discussion on the emotional depth of animated cinema.

The year concluded with a hands-on filmmaking workshop where members created their own short films, embracing roles from actors to directors. Members took an active role in understanding the filmmaking process by using a prompt to create their own short film. Students participated as actors, writers, cinematographers, and directors. This hands-on experience was invaluable in teaching the practical aspects of film production and fostering teamwork and creativity among members.



The activities undertaken by the Film Room in the past year have significantly enriched our members' appreciation and understanding of cinema. Through screenings, discussions, and practical workshops, we have explored a wide range of topics and film genres. These events profoundly enriched everyone's understanding and appreciation of cinema, combining education with creativity in a memorable year and bringing together movie buffs in a room that was never dull, creating loyal members of the Film Room.

PHYSICS DISCUSSION CLUB (UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS)

Faculty in Charge: Dr Niyaz Ahmed

The Physics Discussion Club holds meetings every Thursday, for one and half hours. The Discussion Club is open to students from all disciplines. The students meet once a week, and one or two of them present a detailed overview, using a PowerPoint presentation, of a research paper or a topic of current research interest. The presentation will include data and graphs and will last approximately 30 minutes. This will be followed by a 10-minute Q&A session, where the speaker's preparation and understanding of the topic will be thoroughly examined. Students will select the topics they wish to present. Participation in the club is limited to interested students, and each member is required to present when it is their turn. In addition to giving presentations, all members are expected to actively participate in the discussions. After the presentations and discussions, students are welcome to share interesting news, ideas, or books they have recently encountered for group discussion.

Learning Objectives:

- Promote scientific communication and interaction among FY, SY, and TY students.
- Raise awareness of ongoing research activities worldwide.
- Make the concepts and equations from the curriculum more engaging and relatable by highlighting their real-world physical significance, moving beyond abstract mathematics.
- Provide training on effectively extracting valuable information from research papers.
- Encourage students to brainstorm and identify new research problems for future exploration.

Expected learning outcomes

- Improved ability to communicate physics related topics to both technical and popular audiences.
- Confidence in using ICT tools and scientific software.
- Ability to think and select topics for research.
- Participation in conferences/workshops/research meets.

Theme/topics discussed:

- Quantum Computing and Quantum Information
 - Dark Matter and Dark Energy
 - Gravitational Waves
 - Nanophotonics
 - Superconductivity
 - Particle Physics and the Standard Model
 - Quantum Entanglement and Nonlocality
 - Plasma Physics and Fusion Energy
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