

## **Report of the Principal**

I present a brief report on the activities of our College during the academic year 2011-2012.

### **Enrollment**

Our office staff completed online admissions for the Degree and Junior College. The student strength in the Degree and Junior College including both aided and unaided sections is impressive. The faculty wise break up is as follows:

| Faculty  | Degree | Junior |
|----------|--------|--------|
| Arts     | 894    | 391    |
| Commerce | 1428   | 972    |
| Unaided  | 1977   | 246    |
| Total    | 4299   | 1609   |

Total strength 5908 + 5 Research Students in Philosophy = 5913

### **New Courses Introduced**

- M.Com in Banking and Finance
- One additional division for F.Y.B.Com. Accounting and Finance and Banking and Insurance.

We have applied for M.A. in Communication and Journalism and B.A in Psychology.

### **Examinations**

Success at the Examination is an important index to evaluate the performance of an Institution. Judged from that angle, we have done well.

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

In **Commerce Faculty** our pass percentage is **95.20%**. **71** students secured Distinction and **292** students got First Class.

### **The Rankers in H.S.C. Commerce are:**

1. Mondkar Nikita Pravin - 85.67%
2. Rocha Crystal Amideus Hida - 85.00%

3. Sottany Masunkumar Rajesh - 84.67%

In **Arts faculty** our result is **70.83%** with **8** Distinctions and **50** First Classes.

**The Rankers in H.S.C. Arts are:**

1. Deshmukh Sayali Mukund- 83.83%
2. Rajeshirke Vasundhara S.- 82.00%
3. Thakur Shabnam Anwar - 80.33%

**Our Degree College results are as follows:**

In the **Arts faculty**, our result is **73%** with **64** First Classes.

**The Rankers in T.Y.B.A. are,**

1. Nadar Shamplin Joseph (Geography) - 74.66%
2. Jadhav Sonal Ramesh (Geography) - 72.05%
- Naik Pradnya Krishna (Geography) - 72.05%
3. Garje Sujata Y. (Geography) - 71.33%

In the **Commerce faculty** our result is **84.90%** with **24** Distinctions and **187** First Classes.

**The Rankers in T.Y.B.Com. are,**

1. Rane Manisha Ramchandra - 83.42%
2. Bhure Swapnil Ravindra - 82.57%
- Katkar Vijay Hanumant - 82.57%
3. Kambali Sneha Vilas - 82.28%

In the **BMS faculty**, our result is **64.29%** with **85** First Classes.

**The Rankers in TYBMS are:**

1. Patankar Rajesh Prakash -(74.08%)
2. Manda Durgavaraprasad - (73.67%)
3. Jaiswar Santosh Vasudev -(73.33%)

In the **T.Y.B.Com. Accounts and Finance**, our result is **98.28%** with **46** First Classes.

**The Rankers in T.Y.B.Com. (Accounts and Finance) are:**

1. Rahate Vikas Vasant - (83.58%)
2. Salekar Sudesh Gopal - (82.75%)
3. More Pranav Bharat - (82.50%)

In the **T.Y.B.Com. Banking and Insurance**, our result is 98.18% with 49 First Classes.

**The Rankers in T.Y.B.Com. Banking and Insurance are:**

1. Yadav Bharati Namdev - (77.75%)
2. D'souza Carol Aloysius - (75.08%)
3. Pawar Shreya Sudhakar - (74.75%)

In the **T.Y.B.Com. Financial Markets faculty**, our result is 96% with 18 First Classes.

**The Rankers in T.Y.B.Com. (Financial Markets) are:**

1. Khan Sana Atiquarrehman - (74%)
2. Chalke Lata Pandurang - (73.08%)
3. Rakhi Amita Vivek - (71.42%)

In the **TYBMM**, our result is **93.33%** with **7 Distinctions** and **21 First Classes**.

**The Rankers from TYBMM are:**

1. Gajaria Divya Arun - (75%)
2. Tripathi Pooja Radheshyam - (73.33%)
3. Gohil Dewang Bharat - (71.92%)

In the **B.Lib.Sc.** our result is **76.32%** with **1 First Class**.

**The Rankers in B.Lib.Sc. are:**

1. Gulvi Harshala Govind - (62.30%)
2. Tawade Gulab Satyawar - (61.20%)
3. Shinde Rupali Dnyanadeo - (57.10%)

In the **M.Lib.Sc.** our result is **100%**.

**The Rankers from M.Lib.Sc. are:**

1. Lone Sanjay Anil - (57.13%)
2. Mehari Rupa Dipak - (53.38%)
3. Mahashabde Anita Chandrakant - (54%)

**The Rankers from M.Com. Part-II are,**

Hora Twinkal Swaran - (58.50%)

1. Agravat Miraj Mukund - (55.25%)
2. Chemburkar Radhika Rajendra -(50%)  
Vekhande Nilam Tukaram -(50%)

## **NAAC Re-Accreditation**

Our College was awarded B++ Grade by NAAC in 2004. We completed the process of Re-Accreditation in academic year 2010-11. The NAAC Peer Team visited our College on 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and validated the information given in the Re-Accreditation Report (RAR). We were awarded 'A' Grade by NAAC on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

## **CO-CURRICULAR AND CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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

### **SPORTS**

Our College has established a formidable reputation in the field of sports. Some of our distinct achievements in sports are as follows -

#### **Degree College**

Our College has won Silver Medal in University of Mumbai at General Athletic Championship.

**Dhiraj Mishra** won Gold Medal at 'All India University Athletic Competition' held at Guntur and at Ashwamedh. He won Silver Medal at the National Level held at Bhopal.

**Pranali Mandovkar** of F.Y.B.Com. represented Maharashtra State in 37<sup>th</sup> National Sports Festival for Women 2011-12 in the sports discipline of Gymnastic and secured Bronze Medal in Team Champ events and the State Women Gymnastics competition held at Amravati from 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

**Pranali Mandovkar, Shruti Ghag and Nishad Thakaar** are selected to represent University of Mumbai to participate in Inter-University Gymkhana tournament 2011-12.

**Sanket Shribhate** of T.Y.B.Com. won Silver Medal at Inter-Collegiate University of Mumbai Individual Badminton Championship. He is selected to represent University of Mumbai for West Zone University tournaments.

For the first time our College had organised Zone III University of Mumbai Inter-Collegiate Chess tournament and *Kabbadi* tournament.

## **Junior College**

**Vallari Bukane** of XIth Commerce was selected to represent Maharashtra for School National Badminton Tournament, which is going to be held in January 2012. She represented Maharashtra for National Women Badminton tournament and she also won the Bronze Medal in individual Championship and won Silver Medal in doubles event. She also represented Maharashtra and won Gold Medal at all India West Zone Inter-State Badminton Championship in the month of September held at Bhopal.

**Our Junior College Badminton Girls Team** won Gold Medal at Maharashtra State Badminton tournament organised by Director of Sports, Pune.

**Pritesh Gaonkar** of XIth Commerce participated in Maharashtra State level Inter Junior College Judo Competition held at Kudal, in Sindhudurg District in October 2011. These Competitions were organised by Director of Sports.

## **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Talent Academy**

In the academic year 2011-12, Talent Academy of our College entered its 6<sup>th</sup> year. The nurturing of students' talents, encouragement given to them over last 4-5 years and the increased investment in the Talent Academy this year has paid rich dividends with our students reaching new heights of achievement in the extra-curricular activities open to them up to the University level.

Due to enthusiasm of students, Talent Academy started Theatre and Dance Workshops before the re-opening of the First Term.

Students of our College participated in 20 events at the Youth Festival conducted by the University of Mumbai. We entered final rounds of the Competition in 15 events by securing 1<sup>st</sup> position in 9 events, 2<sup>nd</sup> position in 5 and 3<sup>rd</sup> position in one event at the qualifying round.

Our College had entered in the 'Mime' event for the first time this year and secured first prize amongst over 200 colleges. Skit won the first award. Shreyas Raje of our College won the Best Actor award in One Act Play. The One Act Play

'*Algad*' won 2nd award. With such all round performances, our College was the proud recipient of the 'Theatre Trophy' as overall winner in the Theatre Section. We thank Shri. Amol Bhor and Vinayak Said, the Directors of One Act Play and Mime; Shri. Hrishikesh Koli, writer of One Act Play and Skit for their valuable contribution in these efforts.

Pallavi Lele won Consolation prize in Classical Dance.

Our College participated in various Inter-Collegiate festivals like 'Ideal *Jalosh*' of Jalosh Foundation, '*Muranjan*' of Sydenham College, '*Kshitij*' of Ruparel College etc. We won number of awards in Music, Dance, Theatre and Fine Arts in Cultural Festivals of various Colleges.

### **Gandharva**

Talent Academy and Students' Council together have been organising '*Gandharva Mahotsav*', an Inter-Collegiate festival since last 4 years. The number of Colleges participating has increased from 6 to 60 in these years.

### **N.C.C.**

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

Our Enrollment for N.C.C Army Girls in the year 2010-11 was 80. In ATC Camp held at Colaba, our College was selected as 'The Best Disciplined College'.

### **N.S.S.**

The present strength of the NSS Unit of our Degree and Junior College is 150 and 182 respectively.

### **N.S.S. - Degree College**

Our Volunteer Pratik Kulkarni was awarded as the 'Best Volunteer' of Thane District for the year 2011-12. N.S.S. Programme Officer, P.P. Tokekar is appointed as Area Co-ordinator of Thane.

The following two District-level programmes were organised by N.S.S. Unit: The theme of the first programme organised on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011 was 'Save Girl Child'. Dr. Amol Annadate was the Chief Speaker. Various District-level Competitions were organised as a part of this programme. The other District Level programme was on Disaster Management, organised in collaboration with the Collector's Office, Thane on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

Our NSS Volunteer Manisha Chavan was selected for NRD Training Camp at Amravati and Vardha and N.S.S. Volunteer Shambhuraje Nimbalkar was selected for Amravati Camp.

### **Generation Dialogue**

The purpose of Generation Dialogue is to invite respected Senior Citizens and have dialogue with them and learn from their experiences. One of the objectives of this endeavour is to bridge the Generation Gap.

The Generation Dialogue Committee invited following senior citizens.

- Veermata Anuradha Gore shared her thoughts about a soldier's life.
- Dr. Shilotri, Dean of D. Y. Patil College, had a dialogue with students on 'Ethics, Morals and Discipline'.

### **Scholars' Academy**

Scholar's Academy works for encouraging and motivating students to achieve Academic excellence. In academic year 2011-12, the Academy organised Poetry Competition, a Guest lecture by Mr. J.P. Kabra on 'Emotional Intelligence and Relationship Management' and a Guest lecture by Smt. Asha Bhide on '*Marathi Vinodi Kavita*'

### **Counselling Cell**

Our Counsellor Prof. Suchitra A. Naik provides Personal Counselling and Group Counselling to the students free of charge. This facility is provided to the students of our sister Institutes as well.

The core activities conducted by the Cell are: Career Guidance and Counselling for students, Counseling for Parents, Guidance to interns pursuing

masters in Counseling, Workshop for personality development, study skills, emotional management etc. and a Workshop for Teachers.

### **Vyas Sabha**

It is a forum for teachers to discuss societal issues of significance. Members of Degree and Junior College teaching Staff assemble once a week separately and discuss a pre-decided issue.

Some of the topics discussed in the *Vyas Sabha* are:

- Auctioning of IPL Players: A Shameful Exercise or Need of the Times,
- Experiences of Orientation Programme,
- Janlokal Bill and Civil Society Agitation: An overview,
- Credit Based Evaluation System: Pros and Cons,
- Teachers as Mentors,
- Declining Sex Ratio in India,
- Review of Mentorship,
- Use of Library OPAC and Databases,
- Why leaders are violently attacked?

### **Vivekananda Study Circle**

Vivekananda Study Circle conducted Yoga Course from July to September 2011 in collaboration with *Ambika Yog Kutir*. It organised a National Seminar on 'Dimensions of Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda and its Contemporary Relevance' in association with Department of Philosophy of Joshi-Bedekar College, Ruia College and University of Mumbai and Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari. It conducted Power Point Presentation, Wall Paper Making Competitions and Written Test on a book based on Vivekananda's life and thoughts in collaboration with Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari.

### **Guidance Lectures**

To give our Junior College students a competitive edge for the forthcoming Board Examinations, guidance lectures were arranged for all the subjects. Senior teachers from different Colleges were invited to advice the students and prepare them for the Board Examinations.



## **Novel Endeavours**

UGC has granted **Remedial Coaching Scheme** and **Entry in Services Scheme** to our College under the XI<sup>th</sup> Plan. Both these schemes are going on with overwhelming response of the students.

We have also started Special Coaching for students in **Functional English**.

We have introduced **Mentor System** from academic year 2011-12. For each class, two teachers have been allotted as Mentors. Under this system, students are encouraged to open up and share their difficulties and personal problems and Mentors try to help them in solving it. Students are advised to see the Counsellor of College, if needed.

## **Parent-Teachers Meeting**

Parents-Teachers relationship is important for the smooth functioning of the Institution. A number of Departments in Degree College have arranged Meetings with the parents.

Parent- Teachers Meeting is conducted twice a year for Junior College.

## **National Seminar**

On 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011, a National Seminar on 'Post-Modernisation of Libraries: Challenges and Opportunities' was organised by the Department of Library and Information Science. More than 500 delegates attended this Seminar.

## **Forthcoming National Seminar**

The College will be organising a One-Day National Seminar on 'Geography of Change: Contemporary Issues in Development, Environment and Society' on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

## **Achievements of Teaching Staff**

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

**Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Shakuntala A. Singh** participated as a Chairperson in the National Seminar on 'Dimensions of Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda and its Contemporary Relevance' organised jointly by Swami Vivekananda Kendra

(Kanyakumari), University of Mumbai, Ramnarain Ruia College, Matunga and Joshi-Bedekar College, Thane. She was invited as a Guest of Honour in the National Seminar on Medical Ethics: Issues and Extensions. She is nominated as the Chairperson of the University Sports Tournament and Section Committee for Ball Badminton (Men and Women) for the year 2011-12. She was also invited as the Chief Guest for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Prize Distribution of KET's V. G. Vaze College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mulund.

She participated as Delegate in UGC sponsored Two-Day Workshop on the topic 'Autonomy to Colleges in Maharashtra State' organised by Birla College, Kalyan.

**Dr. Shobha H. Doshi**, from Department of Philosophy was awarded Ph.D. by the University of Mumbai in December 2011. The title of her thesis is 'Man-God Relation in the Systems of *Vedanta*'.

**Prof. Ms. Jayshree Singh** from Department of Hindi was awarded Ph.D. by the University of Mumbai in December 2011. The title of her thesis is '*Surendra Verma Ke Natkon Ka Anushilan*'.

**Dr. (Mrs.) Suja Roy Abraham** from the Department of English presented a paper titled 'Singing Women: Gender and Ecology' at the First Global Conference held at Mansfield College, Oxford University, United Kingdom. She also presented a paper in IVth International Conference in Organization for Studies in Literature held in Chennai.

**Prof. Ms. Aparna Phadke** from Department of Geography presented a paper titled 'Mumbai Metropolitan Region: Impact of the Recent Urban Changes on the Peripheral Areas of Mumbai' at the Annual Conference of Royal Geographical Society held at London.

**Prof. (Mrs.) Mugdha Keskar** from Unaided Section qualified NET Examination in Commerce.

**Prof. (Mrs.) Mrunamayee Thatte** from Unaided Section qualified NET Examination in Commerce.

**Prof. Ms. Shaikh Neelam Abdul Salim** from Unaided Section qualified NET-JRF Examination in Commerce.

**Prof. Ms. Deepti Kamble** from Unaided Section qualified SET Examination in Mass Communication and Journalism.

**Prof. Mr. Gajendra Devda** from Unaided Section qualified SET Examination in Mass Communication and Journalism.

**Ms. Diksha Ingole** from Junior College qualified SET Examination in Hindi.

Our Supporting Staff too has taken efforts to improve their academic qualifications.

**Mr. Rupesh Zagade** and **Mr. Rakesh Baing** completed graduation in History.

**Mr. Eknath Dant** qualified MS-CIT examination.

To conclude, I would like to place on record the support and guidance from the Management, co-operation from Teachers, Supporting Staff, Students' Council and Students. With such an overwhelming goodwill, we will be able to realize our vision of 'Moving from Information to Knowledge and Knowledge to Wisdom' and quest for excellence.

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