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The cover page mirrors the main theme of the magazine and the important events of the academic year. It brings out the narratives of the inner pages and gives a pictorial representation to the thoughts. This year the main theme of the magazine is "Life goes on...". The theme is set up in the background of the pandemic which crippled the world. We experienced the unforeseen disaster but somehow learnt to live with it. Hence the cover page shows images of life during the pandemic and the courageous fight of our covid warriors.

The back cover page showcases the most important event for MES GCC during the academic year 2020-21. The University Grants Commission has conferred the "Autonomous Status" to the College. It is an important milestone for us. We all hope that our journey towards educational excellence will be strengthened in the years to come.





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Dear Readers,

The Shreelekha team is very happy to present the fifty fourth issue of the college magazine. It has been a challenging year for the students as well as college staff. We started with the academic year 2020-21 in a different manner. The entire college was functioning in an online mode. Right from taking admission in the college till giving examinations & declaration of results every activity happened for the students, without coming to the college. Our entire life got churned due to the situation of pandemic and the resultant lock down & other measures. Thus academic year 2020-21 went on in an unprecedented scenario in the education system. The pandemic situation continued in most of its parts compelling the continued absence of students on the college premises. However we are now getting accustomed to this 'new normal'. The students as well as the teaching & administrative staff have utilised this opportunity to learn different skills and enrich themselves in a variety of ways.

The Shreelekha Samitee decided to explore these different experiences of our students while facing the pandemic. Hence the main theme for the 2020-21 issue was decided to be "Life goes on…". This central theme relates to all the novel experiences during the pandemic. Some of the subtopics the editorial team could think of, were about the paradigm shift in learning systems (E learning experiences), structural changes in social life, role of the Government in such a disastrous situation , emotional effects on the life of children and senior citizens , new strategies in travel and tourism as this field was the most affected, uprise of the economy (new ways of businesses, reaction of the stock market, realisation of less needs and its impact on demand), importance of digitalisation in all walks of life, community response to the pandemic etc.

The student writers responded enthusiastically & came up with their write ups on a variety of subjects. Their writing is really inspirational in these difficult times. They speak about what they learnt from this experience. There is a deep thinking about the future after covid 19, lessons for mankind in the years to come & so on. The lifestyle changes in the new normal is expressed in a lighter mood. There are some interesting poems on the topic. You will find some study based articles about the role of the government or the positive takeaways from this unforeseen situation. I am sure that the readers would enjoy this journey through the memories, studious reflections and creative expressions of the young minds. In addition to this reading delight, the magazine also depicts various achievements of the staff & the students. The Annual Reports section gives the information of various departmental activities. In spite of the pandemic and the lock down for the most part of this academic year the students & teachers have managed to conduct a variety of activities in the online mode. The brochures for these activities are showcased in a collage at the beginning of the report section.

Thus the magazine is the reflection of college life during the pandemic year 2020-21. Our student writers have tried to bring out as many facets of the theme 'Life goes on...'as possible. Their writing gives hope for our fight against Covid 19 and brings out synergy among the various components of our society. The Shreelekha Samitee members have put in great efforts in bringing out this edition. I wish to put on record my appreciation for the student writers and thank my colleagues. I also thank the Sanwad Tradeprint for the designing and printing work. Last but not the least I express my sincere thanks to Hon. Principal Dr. Geeta Acharya and Vice Principal Dr. Ketaki Modak for their constant encouragement and support.

Dr. Rohini Gote



Dear Students,

I hope, you all are well and healthy!

The Academic Year 2020-21 began with Covid 19 pandemic. We are in the midst of humanitarian crisis impacting the whole world. The loss of lives during this period is irrepairable. I express my deep sense of condolence for those who lost their closed and dear ones. We are indebted to all those who served to humanity with immense empathy and compassion. I applaud for their outstanding spirit to serve for betterment of life during these tough times.

It was the challenging time in many respects for the students, faculty and all our stakeholders. The sudden shift to virtual platform and online education disrupted the teaching, learning and evaluation process. Despite the challenges on all fronts, the life continued with very much positive spirit and energy. The teachers and student coordinators adopted the innovative approach in organising curricular and extra-curricular activities, value added courses, add on courses, seminars, contests, industry interface sessions and even the internship on virtual platform. I take this opportunity to appreciate the efforts by all the departments including Shreelekha Samitee, which motivated the young minds to pen down their views and observations on the theme... '& life goes on'...!

The Academic Year 2020-21 happened to be the turning point in the history of Garware College of Commerce! University Grants Commission and Savitribai Phule Pune University granted Autonomous Status to Garware College of Commerce from the Academic Year 2021-22. It is indeed a matter of great pride for all of us as it is yet another milestone in our journey to achieve Academic Excellence through holistic, inclusive and quality education in the field of Commerce.

New Education Policy 2020 envisions the India Centric Education that would contribute to transformation of the nation. The autonomy is the proud privilege for the College to adopt the innovative pedagogy, introduce new courses and programs that will empower the students for ethical, gainful, sustainable employment and also for contributing constructively to nation-building.

The pedagogy under autonomy will be learner centric, case study and project based, promoting creativity and experiential learning along with strong theoretical foundation. The entire process of teaching, learning and evaluation will be in asynchronous and synchronous mode and hence flexible and enjoyable. This will help to develop 21st century skills. The College has the advantage of its robust student support system which will help to adopt the multidisciplinary approach for holistic development of the students. The strong learning eco system and provision of credits for multidisciplinary skill sets will serve the diverse interests of students in academic and social domains and provide the opportunity for lifelong learning.

Industry Revolution 4.0 is changing the world around us and Industry 5.0 is the future. This calls for more industry exposure. The emphasis will therefore be on more involvement of industry experts, researchers and eminent Professors on Academic Council, Board of Studies and as advisors/mentors for each programme. This will help to provide the education relevant to new industrial era. The collaborations with International Universities will help the students to learn in cross cultural environment and develop the global skills.

The autonomy will be introduced in the phased manner starting from the First year of B Com, BBA, BBA (IB), BBA (CA) and M Com., in the year 2021-22.

The autonomous programmes with Choice Based Credit System will definitely help to serve the diverse interests and fulfil the aspirations of the students and the aspirational goals of the nation.

I convey my best wishes to all for good health and for the successful journey ahead!

Dr. Geeta Acharya Officiating Principal











Prof. Dr. Bharat Vhanakate Prof. Dr. Asha Khilare Prof. Dr. Sulabha Patole Prof. Dr. Sunil Zagade

- Prof. Dr. Bharat Vhanakate, Prof. Dr. Asha Khilare, Prof. Dr. Sulabha Patole & Prof. Dr. Sunil Zagade have been promoted to the position of Professor under the Career Advancement Scheme in March 2021.
- Dr. Sunil Zagade also completed M.A English (Literature) in Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth & secured 67% with A Grade.



Dr. Vinayak Pawar

Dr. Vinayak Pawar completed his Ph.D on 22 April 2021. The title of his thesis was 'The Role of Power (Energy) in Economic Development of Industrial Sector (With special Reference to Pune District)'. Principle Dr. Dilip Bhoite was his Guide.



Lt. Bhushan Rathod

Lt. Bhushan Rathod was commissioned as a Lieutenant (Associate NCC Officer) after completion of ninety days of rigorous training at Officers Training Academy, Kamptee, Nagpur



Dr. Sandeep Rathod

Dr. Sandeep Rathod has successfully completed Masters of Commerce (M.Com.) with distinction from Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.



Dr. Tanuja Devi

Dr. Tanuja Devi was appointed as Examination Coordinator for Commerce and Management faculty SPPU, for pre and post activities of online examination. She worked in the task force for executing the examination online, for monitoring the online question banks , quality check for MCQs and mapping of timetable etc.



Ms. Ashlesha Deshpande

Ms. Ashlesha Deshpande passed the NET examination.



Smt. Sayali Dhamdhere

Smt. Sayali Dhamdhere obtained M. Phil Degree in the subject of Economics in August 2020 with 'A' grade. The Title of her Dissertation was 'Land Utilization Pattern of Maharashtra with Special Reference to Pune District'.

Congrucation

४. कोरोना आणि अप्रत्यक्ष देणगी



निकिता जोरी तृतीय वर्ष वाणिज्य

विषयाच्या नावावरून वाटतं असेल, अरे हे काय ? कोरोना आला तर सगळीकडे अंधार पसरला मग देणगी कसली ? होय देणगीच !

Income tax च्या अभ्यासादरम्यान अप्रत्यक्ष कराचा मुद्दा समोर आला. कशा प्रकारे आपण production system पासून ultimate consumer पर्यंत हा करभरणा टप्प्याटप्याने करत असतो. अगदी त्याचप्रमाणे या कोरोना काळातसुद्धा आपण असाच एक अप्रत्यक्ष देणगीचा कार्यक्रम केला आहे किंवा आपल्याकडून तो घडला असे म्हणायला हरकत नाही. वाढती रुग्णसंख्या, मृत्यू, बेरोजगारी, टंचाई, उपासमार या गोर्ष्टीपलीकडे जाऊन थोडं चिंतन करूयात.

कोरोना आला आणि सगळ्यात पहिलं वारं सुटलं म्हणजे आपापल्या घरी निघून जायचं. किती तरी दिवस, महिने, वर्ष ज्या लोकांनी आपलं गाव, घर, कुटुंब, माणसं याकडे ढुंकूनसुध्दा पाहिले नव्हते, त्यांच्या येण्याने ओस पडलेली गावं पुन्हा गजबजली, म्हाताऱ्या माणसांना त्यांच्या पुढच्या पिढीचा आधार मिळाला. काही प्रमाणात एकत्र कुटुंबपद्धती नव्याने आकारास आली. मोबाईलच्या विश्वातील जनसंख्या माणसांमध्ये रमू



लागली. उरवून पुरवून करां खायचं, प्यायचं याचे धडे मध्यम वर्गापासून ते श्रीमंत वर्गापर्यंत गिरवले गेले. घराच्या चार भिंतीत सांधेदुखी, मधुमेह, रक्तदाब असे आजार सहन करणारे गावात जाऊन हिंमतीने चालू लागले. कोरोनाची precaution म्हणून लोक आयूर्वेदाकडे वळले. मी किती तंदूरूस्त आहे अशा पैजेच्या नादात का होईना पण बालकांपासून ते वृद्धांपर्यंत सर्वच जण अंगमेहनत, व्यायाम, कसरती करू लागले. रोज तीच AC ची हवा, महागडे deoderant, branded कपडे, imported चपला घालून कृत्रिम आयुष्यात जगत आपले आरोग्य कणाकणाने रोगी करणारे; आता त्या वस्तूच मिळेनाशा झाल्या म्हणून शांत बसले. परिणामी त्यातून होणाऱ्या शारीरिक हानीला आळा बसला. मग ती dalgano coffee असो की साधा फोडणीचा भात, घरचं सकस आणि पौष्टिक अन्न मिळाल्याने अनेक आजार कमी झाले. रस्त्यांवरच्या गाड्या बंद झाल्या, तर मोठ्या प्रमाणात वायू प्रदूषण नियंत्रण झाले. माणसांची गर्दी कमी झाली तशी अदृश्य झालेली चिमणीपाखरे पण दिसू लागली. सकाळ संध्याकाळ पक्ष्यांचा किलबिलाट ऐकू येऊ लागला. एकेकाळी आपल्या मुलांना आता प्राणीपक्षी चित्रात दाखवायला लागतात याची भीती असणारे आपण, अचानक ४-४ महिने त्यांनी बहतांश जिवांची ओळख करून दिली. मातीवर भाषणं करणारे लोक आता स्वतः त्या काळ्या माऊलीमध्ये राबू लागले. चार पैशाच्या नादात शहराकडे धावलेले पाय आता गावातच रोजगार शोधून पोटभर जेवण जेवले. केवळ आजच्या या बातम्यांपलीकडे जाऊन, आपली माणसे, गूरेढोरे कशी आहेत याकडे लक्ष दिले गेले. Processed food ची जागा homemade चटणी भाकरीने घेतली. पिइझा-बर्गरची हवा दणक्यात जिरली. मोबाईल recharge, वीजबिल, बाजारहाट, महागड्या खरेदीचा पालकांवरचा ताण कमी झाला. आता लॉकडाऊनमूळे बाहेर पडता येणार नाही या भीतीने आपोआप भांडणारे हात, तोंड शांत आणि समंजस वागू लागले. रस्त्याच्या कडेने प्लास्टिक पिशव्या, शिळे अन्न असा बराचसा कचरा नाहीसा झाला. स्वच्छ विशुद्ध हवा खूप वर्षांनी सगळ्यांना श्वास घ्यायला मिळाली. रस्त्याच्या कडेने पडलेले खाद्यसदृश, शिळ्या अन्नाचे Packets जे खाऊन प्राणी पक्षी बाधित व्हायचे त्याचे प्रमाण कमी झाले. ज्या शेतकऱ्याच्या मेथीला ३–४ रुपयांचा भाव पण मिळत नव्हता; आज त्याचा माल मिळेल त्या भावात घ्यायची तयारी दाखवली जाऊ लागली. ज्यामुळे जगाचं पोट भरणाऱ्या अन्नदात्याचं घर भरून निघालं. Webseries, video game ची जागा रामायण, महाभारत आणि ऐतिहासिक कथांनी धेतली. पैशांची लालसा असणारे पुण्यप्राप्तीच्या नावाखाली दानधर्म करू लागले. दोन घासासाठी वणवण करणाऱ्या पायांना विश्रांती मिळाली. Chemical produce कमी झाल्याने नद्या, तलाव जलचर सुखी झाले. अनावश्यक पाणी उपसा थांबल्याने दुष्काळाचा दाह कमी झाला. ऑक्सिजनची कमतरता भासल्याने डोंगर माळ नव्याने वृक्षयुक्त झाले. दरवर्षी लांबणारा मान्सून यावेळी सर्वांना सुखवून गेला. Social media वर आपले उदात्त विचार मांडणारे आता सेवेच्या ठायी तत्पर झाले. यापेक्षा उचित देणगी दूसरी कोणती?

वर्ष कोरोनाचे

पौर्णिमा राजेंद देशपांडे द्वितीय वर्ष वाणिज्य

दरवर्षीप्रमाणे सर्वांच्याच डोळ्यांनी पाहिली होती स्वप्न, वर्षभराची आखणी करून होते सगळे मग्न दोन महिने सरताच आले मोठे ग्रहण कोरोना नाव त्याचे ज्याने केला मोठा कहर कधी पाहिलंच नव्हतं असे जग त्याने दाखवलं, दोन हजार वीस ने सारंच काही शिकवलं.

पहिलं आठवतंय ते एक महिन्यासाठीच केलेले लॉकडाऊन, सांगतानाचा एक महिना पण गेले सहा महिने वाढून बाहेरच्या जगाशी कशाचाच काही मेळ नव्हता, त्या काळात मात्र घरातल्यांबरोबर वेळ आम्ही घालवला होता थाळ्या वाजवून, दिवे पेटवून एकीचे बळ आम्ही दाखवलं, दोन हजार वीस ने सारंच काही शिकवलं.

बाहेरचं काही खायचं नाही म्हणून घरोघरी शेफ झाले अगदी केक ते डालगोना कॉफीपर्यंतचे चोचले आम्ही पुरवले सोशल मिडिआ, वेब सिरीजने दिला मोठा आधार, लुडो, कॅरम, पत्ते यांनी पण घेतली नाही माघार जसं घरात होतं तसंच सगळं भागवलं, दोन हजार वीस ने सारंच काही शिकवलं. सगळे काही ऑनलाईन म्हटल्यावर झूम आणि गूगल बाबा लाभले व्हिडिओ कॉलने का होईना दोस्तीचे किस्से आम्ही रंगवले रेडिओवरील गाणी आणि सगळं कसं जुनं ते सोनं झालं, पूर्वीसारखं या काळातही अगदी पन्नास माणसातच लग्न लागलं दोन हजार वीस नव्हे तर कोरोनाचे वर्ष म्हणून प्रसिद्ध झालं दोन हजार वीस ने सारंच काही शिकवलं.

पोलिस, आरोग्यसेविका, सफाई कामगारांमध्येच देव दिसला आपल्या सुरक्षिततेसाठी काहींनी प्राणही गमावला समाजसेवकांनीही खूप हातभार लावला, माणुसकीच्या तत्त्वाने सारा भेदभाव विसरला माझा देश कधीच खचणार नाही हे सर्वांनी दाखवलं दोन हजार वीस ने सारंच काही शिकवलं.

संयम, माणुसकी, संघर्षाच्या वर्षाने आयुष्य पालटलं कोणाला खूप देऊन गेलं तर कुणाचं सारं काही घेऊन गेलं जे झालं ते झालं आता आपल्या देशाचा वटवृक्ष पुन्हा उभारूया, कोरोनामुक्त देश करायचे स्वप्न लवकरात लवकर साकारूया जीवनातल्या वेगळ्याच प्रवासाने हे वर्ष सारं सरलं दोन हजार वीस ने सारंच काही शिकवलं.



७. मी रस्ता बोलतोय... (लॉकडाऊनमधील आणि त्यानंतरचे रस्त्याचे मनोगत)



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अगं आई गं, आज पाठ अगदी मोडून आली. रोज किती जण असतात, अंग दाबायला, पण आज कोणीच दिसत नाही. अरे कुठे गेली सगळी माणसे? की आज सूर्य पश्चिमेला उगवलाय? (स्वतःशीच) अहो रस्तेमहाशय, दहा वाजल्याशिवाय कोणी तुमच्या सेवेला हजर होणार नाही, की भेटीला येणार नाही. लॉकडाऊनची घोषणा ऐकली नाही वाटतं तुम्ही? स्पष्ट भाषेत- टाळेबंदी.

काय होते ते मे महिन्याचे दिवस! मुलं अगदी भांडणे करून जागा ठरवून घ्यायची, गल्ली क्रिकेट खेळायला. पण आता बघा, चिटपाखरू नाही की हो इथे. मी कसा गर्दीने फुललेला या विशेषणाने सुशोभित असणारा, आणि आज हा असा! निर्जन रस्ता म्हणजे काय असतो ते आता कळलं बघा मला ! पण अलीकडच्या दिवसात अगदी चमत्कारच झालाय. रहदारी म्हणजे कशाशी खातात, आठवेना मला. कान बधीर होईपर्यंत गाड्या कर्णकर्कश्श राग आलापून गात असत. पण आता कान कायमचेच बधिर झाले की काय या संभ्रमात इतका कंटाळलो आहे, की विचारूच नका.

अहो, काय म्हणून तुम्हाला सांगू, टाळेबंदीच्या सुरूवातीला माणसं मोकाट फिरत असायची आणि पोलीस त्यांना उठाबशा काढायला लावायचे. ते विलोभनीय दृश्य पाहून मी खदखदा हसायचो. अहो, पण सांगायची गोष्ट म्हणजे हेच पोलीस माझ्या अंगाखांद्यावरून फिरून सर्वांची काळजी वाहतात. त्यामुळे मला त्यांचे खूपच कौतूक करावेसे वाटते.

कुठे रूग्ण सापडले, की लगेच काठ्याकामठ्या बांधून परिसर बंद. माइया शेजाऱ्यांची तोंडं दिसू देतात हो फक्त, ती पण लांबूनच. मी इकडं आणि माझे मित्र तिकडं. बातचीत विचारताय? अहं, गुपचूप बसायचा आदेशच निघाला आहे आमच्यात. ही काठ्याकुंपणं लावायच्या आधी एका दूरच्या मित्राचा निरोप आला होता. म्हणजे तो एक महामार्ग आहे आणि त्याच्या आजूबाजूला सगळं ओसाड. म्हणजे माइयासारखं तात्पूरतं नाही, नेहमीचंच. तर तो म्हणत होता, अहो आश्चर्यम् ! चक्क मोर, हरणं आणि अरवलही त्याच्यावरून फेरफटका मारून गेली म्हणे. गाड्या नाहीत, त्यामुळे शांततेत तो समाधी लावून बसतो आजकाल. तेवढाच मोकळ्या वेळाचा सदुपयोग.

गाडीच्या कानाला पिशवी अडकवल्याशिवाय हल्ली गाड्या बाहेरच निघत नाहीत. अहो नाहीतर विनाकारण बाहेर फिरण्याबद्दल दंड भरायची तयारी असायला हवी. चालणारी माणसेही पुष्कळ कमी आहेत. जिल्ह्यांच्या सीमा बंद करण्यापूर्वी कवी इंद्रजित भालेरावांच्या प्रेरणेने किती तरी जण भारावले होते, म्हणजे –

> काट्याकुट्याचा तुडवीत रस्ता काट्याकुट्याचा तुडवीत रस्ता माइया गावाकडं चल माइया दोस्ता !

असं म्हणत काहीजण गावी जात असताना दिसले, असे माझे मित्र सांगत होते. पण या गाड्या कमी झाल्याने माझ्या शिंका मात्र पूर्ण धांबल्या. माझ्या नाकात धूर जाईल इतक्या गाड्याच नसतात, पण रूग्णवाहिका, पोलीस गाड्या, भाजीपाला आणि दुधाच्या गाड्या असली वर्दळ असते हल्ली. पण यासारख्या खेपा घालणाऱ्या रूग्णवाहिका पाहून फार वाईट वाटते. त्या सारख्या रूग्णांना दवाखान्यात पोहोचवतात आणि मग कसल्यातरी औषधाने संपूर्ण आंघोळ करतात. काय त्याचं नाव... (स्वत:शीच आठवताना) सॅ... टाय... हा... सॅनिटायझर ! माझ्यावर पण परवा फवारून गेले.

माइया कडेला जिथे-जिथे दुकाने आहेत तिथे ते नक्षीकाम करतात ना, ते मात्र फार छान वाटतं. अहो, ते गोल, चौकोन काढतात, आणि लोक त्यात अंतर ठेवून उभे राहतात, तेच नक्षीकाम. पण हे आकार आवडत असले तरी लॉकडाऊनच्या ठरलेल्या वेळेशिवाय कोणीही माइयाकडे फिरकत नाही. लोकांची रोजची ये-जा नाही हे दु:खसुद्धा आहेच की. पण म्हणतात, हेही दिवस जातील. पुन्हा गजबजाट होईल. मी काय म्हणतो,

अधिक करू लागले आहेत. यामुळे धूर तर कमी झालाच आहे आणि लोकांचा व्यायामसुद्धा होऊ लागला आहे. माझे पुण्यातले सर्व मित्र जुन्या काळातील आठवणीत रमले आहेत. म्हणजे त्यांचे म्हणणे आहे की पुण्याची 'सायकलींचे शहर' ही ओळख जणू परत आली आहे ! हे सारे बदल अनुभवत असतानाच मी माझ्या या सगळ्या मित्रांच्या वतीने तुम्हाला एक निवेदन करू इच्छितो. तुम्ही सगळे माझ्या नेहमीच्या परिचयाचे लोक आहात आणि मला तुमच्यासोबतच नेहमीच्या जीवनात परतायचे आहे. त्यासाठी आपण सर्वांनी मिळून प्रयत्न करूवा, एकमेकांना साथ देऊया. आपल्यासमोर कितीही संकटे आली, तरीही त्यांच्याशी संघर्ष करून जीवन पूढे सूरूच ठेवूया. मग या आणि माझ्यासोबत गुणगूणा –

> मला आवडते वाट वळणाची इथची तिथची कधी कुणीकडची क्षितिजाकडची पुढची पुढची मला आवडते वाट वळणाची.....

दूर वाट खडकाळ

अंधारले रानोमाळ डोळ्यापूढे प्रकाशाचा झोत दिसू दे।।

उताराची चढणाची इडा–पिडा, अडसर दूर होऊ दे।।

रानामध्ये वणव्याचा आगगोळा पेटलेला आगीवर पावसाचे थेंब पडू दे।।

रात इथे थबकावी दिवसाला जाग यावी उद्याच्या प्रकाशाची आज गाज मिळू दे।। – मुक्ता बर्वे (संग्रहित)



तुळशीबागेतल्या दादासारखी नको, पण नेहमीइतकी माणसं तरी मला दिसायला हवीत की नाही? बघू.....

> वळणाचे रस्ते की रस्त्यांची वळणे, वळणांचे रस्ते की रस्त्यांची वळणे, वाट पूढे आहे कशी; इथे कोण जाणे ?

परंतु आता काही काळानंतर मी अनेक बदल अनुभवू लागलो आहे. जसे की आता लॉकडाऊनचे नियम शिथिल होऊ लागले आहेत. त्यामुळे लोक आता हळूहळू मला दिसू लागले आहेत. त्यांनी आपल्या कामांना सुरुवात केलेली दिसत आहे. म्हणजे मी आता पुन्हा नियमबद्ध होऊन दैनंदिन जीवन पाहू लागलो आहे.

या नियमबद्धतेतही मला लोकांमध्ये खूप चांगले बदल जाणवत आहेत. त्यापैकी मला जे सगळ्यात आवडले ते म्हणजे सगळे आता आपल्या स्वच्छतेची कटाक्षाने काळजी घेऊ लागले आहेत. मास्क लावणे, स्वच्छता पाळणे आणि माइया आजूबाजूला फिरत असताना एकमेकांमध्ये अंतर ठेवणे या गोष्टी लोक पाळताना दिसत आहेत. सगळ्यांचे चेहरे मास्कने झाकलेले असल्याने माझी स्वच्छता शाबूत आहे. अगदी बरोबर ओळखलंत तुम्ही, इकडे तिकडे थुंकणारे लोक आता हळूहळू स्वच्छताप्रेमी होऊ लागले आहेत. त्यासोबतच माइया आजूबाजूला कचऱ्याचे ढीग असायचे, तेही आता दिसेनासे झाले आहेत, हा सुद्धा एक चांगला बदलच म्हणायला हवा की नाही?

सगळे आता घराबाहेर पडू लागलेच आहेत. परंतु माझे निरीक्षण सांगू? अहो, लोक माझ्याकडे येताना सायकलचा वापर



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"आई, बाबा, मी निघतोय हॉस्पिटलला जायला, bye," सूरज म्हणाला. ''नीट जा रे बाबा आणि सांभाळून लोकांना तपास. थोडं लांब राहा जमलं तर." आई म्हणाली. "अगं आई मी तिथे त्यांच्यावर उपचार करायला जातो आणि त्यांच्यापासून लांब राहायला लागलो तर त्यांनी कोणाकडे बघून धीर धरायचा? हो; पण काळजी करू नको सगळे precautionary measures घेतोय आम्ही." सूरजने आईला समजावले. "बाबा तू का चाललाय परत? माझ्याशी खेळायला थांब ना ! Last time पण तू Last Monday ला आला होता. आता पण मला hug न करता चाललाय! " त्याचा सहा वर्षाचा मूलगा त्याला मिठी मारायला येत होता. हॉलच्या एका कोपऱ्यात उभ्या बाबाला बेडरूमच्या दारातून नूसतं बघणं त्या चिमूकल्याला जमत नव्हतं. ''चिकू, पिल्लू हट्ट नाही करायचा; तिथेच थांब ! बाबा बाहेरून आलाय ना. आणि बाबाला जायला पाहिजे पिल्लू; बऱ्याच लोकांना बाऊ झालाय आणि तूझा बाबा त्यांना medicine देऊन बरा करतोय आणि बाबा नाही गेला तर त्यांना बरं नाही वाटणार. आता पण थांबू दे का बाबा इथे?" सूरज त्याला समजावण्याचा प्रयत्न करत होता. "Ok बाबा त्यांना बाऊ झालाय ना! मग तू आधी त्यांना बरं कर आणि मग लगेच घरी ये"! कदाचित चिकूला सुद्धा परिस्थितीचं गांभीर्य कुठेतरी कळत होतं. "That's like my good boy!, आई बाबा निघतो मी. बरं दिप्ती येईल म्हणलीये थोड्या वेळात तिचे कपडे आणि tiffin घ्यायला; पण मी निघतो आता, उशीर होईल हॉस्पिटलला पोहोचायला. bye. bye पिल्लू, आजी आजोबांना त्रास नाही द्यायचा हं ! bye." एवढं बोलून तो घराबाहेर पडला. आता घरातल्यांना सुद्धा माहिती नव्हतं की तो पुन्हा किती दिवसांनी दिसेल! थोड्या वेळात त्याची बायको दिप्ती घरी आली आणि हॉलच्या दाराजवळच्या कोपऱ्यात थांबली. "आई मी आलीये हो !" ''झाली का duty. त्याचं तरी बरं गं,तो हॉस्पिटलमध्ये तरी असतो तुम्हा पोलिसांची म्हणजे २४ तास रस्त्यावर ड्यूटी. कसं काय करता देव जाणे ! आणि बस तरी

अगं !'' सासूबाई म्हणाल्या. ''अहो नको आई, परत बसले तर सगळं साफ करत बसायला लागेल तुम्हाला आणि हीच बॅग आहे ना ? आ, आ, तुम्ही नका येऊ इकडे; फक्त सांगा मला तिथूनच." तिला बॅग द्यायला येणाऱ्या तिच्या सासूबाईंना थांबवत ती म्हणाली, "हो तीच आहे." "अगं परवा कसला जोरात वारा सूटला होता आणि पाऊस पण भयानक होता! तेव्हा कसं केलंत गं? कुठे थांबलेलात? मला तर भीतीच वाटत होती बाई ! रात्रभर डोळ्याला डोळा नाही लागला !" सासूबाईंनी काळजीने विचारलं. ''अहो आई तिथे पत्र्याची शेड होती तिथे थांबलो होतो. आणि तुम्ही घाबरू नका हो आई, हे असले साधे पाऊस महाराष्ट्र पोलिसांना त्यांच्या कर्तव्यापासून लांब नाही ठेऊ शकत! बरं मलाही लगेच निघायचंय." दिप्ती बोलत होती. "मम्मा !! तूला माहितीये बाबा पण आलेला आता, पण लगेच गेला. तू नाही ना जाणार?'' चिकू त्याच्या आईकडे धावत येत होता ''चिकू बाळ तिकडेच थांब पुढे येऊ नकोस !" पुन्हा आईने चिकूला त्याच्या बेडरूमच्या दाराच्या लक्ष्मण रेषेत अडकवलं. 'तुम्ही असंच करताय! मला kissi पण नाही दिली ! तू पण चाललीये मम्मा? नको ना जाऊस !" चिकू अगदी रडायला आला होता. त्याला फक्त त्याची आई जवळ हवी होती. आणि तेही या भीतीच्या वातावरणामुळे त्याला मिळत नव्हतं. त्याला समजवताना आता दिप्तीची शिकस्त लागणार होती. 'माझं बाळ गं ते ! चिकू; माऊ मी काय शिकवलंय तूला?" ''स्वतःच्या आधी... दुसऱ्यांचा विचार करायचा..." चिकू म्हणाला. 'Good boy! मग मम्मा बाकीच्यांना safe ठेवायला चाललीये. तरी मम्माला थांबवणार का तू? माझं शहाणं बाळ आहेस की नाही? मग असा हट्ट करायचा असतो का? आणि मम्मा लगेच येणार आहे, मग तुला खाऊ पण करून देणार! पण त्यासाठी आता मम्माला जायला लागेल." दिप्ती पूर्ण प्रयत्न करत होती की त्याला न रडवता जाता यावं. ''Ok मम्मा. पण तू लवकर येशील ना? आल्यावर मला खाऊ देशील ना? असं इकडे नको येऊ म्हणणार नाहीस ना? तरच जा आणि पटकन ये!" खाऊच्या आमिषाने



काम केलं होतं. चिकूला सध्या तरी पटलं होतं की मम्माला गेलं पाहिजे. ''हो पिल्लू, मी नझी लवकर येईन आणि खाऊ पण देईन. आता मी जाऊ? बाय बाय. चला आई बाबा निघते मी तुम्ही काळजी घ्या. बाय पिल्लू !" ''बघ मम्मा, मी flying kiss catch केलं तुझं !" ''क्या बात है माझा विराट कोहली ! चल. bye bye." दिप्ती पुन्हा duty वर गेली. ''आजी आजोबा चला आपण ludo खेळू !" असं म्हणत चिकू आजी आजोबांना खेळायला घेऊन गेला. त्या चिमुकल्याला चार भिंतीत रमवत ठेवणं म्हणजे आजी आजोबांसाठी मोठी कसरत होती.

सूरज दवाखान्यात पोहोचला होता. थोडा वेळ तो केबिनमध्ये बसला होता, रिपोर्ट्स् चेक करत होता आणि राऊंडला जाण्या आधी त्यानी एक गाणं फोन वर लावलं....

ऐ मेरी ज़मीं अफसोस नहीं, जो तेरे लिए सौ दर्द सहे महफूज़ रहे तेरी आन सदा, चाहे जान मेरी ये रहे न रहे ऐ मेरी ज़मीं महबूब मेरी, मेरी नस–नस में तेरा इश्क बहे फीका ना पड़े कभी रंग तेरा, जिस्मों से निकल के खून कहे. तेरी मिट्टी में मिल जावाँगूल बनके मैं खिल जावाँ

> इतनी सी है दिल की आरज़ू. तेरी नदियों में बह जावाँतेरे खेतों में लहरावाँ इतनी सी है दिल की आरज़ू...

"सर राऊंडला जायचं?," त्याचा सहकारी आत येऊन त्याला म्हणाला. "हो हो चल जाऊया!" सूरज म्हणाला. "सर हे गाणं का ऐकत बसला होता? 'सहकाऱ्याने प्रश्न केला.' कारण मी पण माणूस आहे रे ! जी त्यागाची भावना पोलीस अथवा जवानांमध्ये असते ती माझ्यात पण आहे; पण परिवाराला पाहिलं ना की डगमगायला होतं ! मलाही कधी कधी वाटतं अरे; सोडून द्यावं सगळं आणि घरी जावं ! माझ्या वाटेकडे आस लावून बसलेल्या चिकूसोबत खेळावं, आई बाबांशी मनसोक्त गप्पा माराव्या आणि मग द्विधा मनस्थिती होते. अशा वेळी मी हे गाणं ऐकतो. मनाला धैर्य मिळतं. देशासाठी काहीतरी करायची आशा पुन्हा जागी होते. आणि या आपल्या मातृभूमीच्या रक्षणापुढे आपला जीव किती कवडीमोल आहे हे समजतं. म्हणून हे गाणं ऐकत होतो. असो! हे सगळं सोड आपण राऊंड वर जाऊ. काय परिस्थिती आहे आजची? किती नवीन रुग्ण आहेत?" असं म्हणत तो पेशंट्स तपासायला गेला.

इकडे दिप्तीची ड्युटी सुरू होती. भर दुपारच्या उन्हात ती डांबरी रस्त्यावर बॅरिकेड्स समोर उभी होती आणि लोकांना अडवून पुन्हा घरी पाठवत होती. इतक्यात समोरून एक गाडी आली; ज्यावर एक माणूस होता. तसं त्याचं काही काम असावं असं काही वाटत नव्हतं. ''ओ साहेब...गाडी थांबवा, गाडी थांबवा! काही काम आहे का तूमचं? बाहेर का फिरताय?" दिप्तीच्या या प्रश्नाचं त्याच्याकडे काहीच उत्तर नव्हतं. ''साहेब घरी कोण असतं हो तुमच्या?" दिप्तीने प्रश्न केला. ''आई, बाबा, बायको आणि २ मूलं." त्या माणसाने उत्तर दिलं. ''अहो साहेब मग त्यांच्या आरोग्याशी का खेळताय? असे बाहेर फिरून गेलात, देव न करो पण, तुम्हाला लागण झाली तर, ती तुमच्या घरच्यांनासूद्धा होऊ शकते ! अहो वेळ मिळालाय, तर आई बाबांशी, बायकोशी बोला. मुलांसोबत खेळा की ! त्यांना पण जरा तुमचं प्रेम मिळू दे ! माझ्या पण घरी माझं सहा वर्षांचं लेकरू आहे. त्याला घरात आजी आजोबांकडे सोडून मी इथे उभी आहे. नवरासुद्धा डॉक्टर असल्यामूळे आमची चार चार आठवडे भेट नाहीये. मी हे करतीये कारण माझं हे कर्तव्य आहे आणि कर्तव्य पार पडण्याशिवाय दुसरा कुठला रस्ता मला दिसत नाहीये. पण तूमच्याकडे पर्याय आहे. घरी राह शकताय, घरच्यांना वेळ देऊ शकताय, तर तो वेळ असा बाहेर फिरण्यात आणि परिवाराला धोक्यात टाकण्यात घालवू नका साहेब ! आणि तुम्हाला मारण्यात तरी काय आम्हाला आनंद मिळत असेल का हो? आम्हाला पण वाईट वाटतं ! पण लोक दूसरा पर्यायच ठेवत नाहीत ! तेव्हा ती वेळ कृपा करून आमच्यावर आणू नका. घरी जा आणि विनाकारण घराबाहेर फिरू नका ! पुढच्या वेळी असं समजावणार नाही ! हे बघा हातात दिसतंय ना बाकीच्यांच्या? direct बसतील मग ! जावा !" हे ऐकून तो माणूस शरमेने मान खाली घालून निघून गेला. आणि दिप्ती पुन्हा त्या रणरणत्या उन्हात हातात काठी घेऊन ड्यूटीला उभी राहिली.

दोन आठवडे होऊन गेलेले दिप्ती आणि सूरज घरी आले नव्हते. कारण जसजसे रूग्ण वाढत होते तसतसं त्यांचं काम सुद्धा वाढत होतं. सूरज हॉस्पिटलमध्ये त्यांच्या सहकाऱ्यासोबत बोलत होता. ''तशी लोकं बरी होताहेत ही चांगली बाब आहे आणि plasma थेरेपी पण काम करतीये. त्यामुळे तसं थोडं हलकं वाटतंय; पण हे काम तेव्हाच करेल जेव्हा रुग्ण लवकर डिटेक्ट होतील. वेळ निघून गेली तर वाचवणं अवघड होतंय.'' ''हो सर, पण रुग्ण संख्या वाढतीये आणि हॉस्पिटलची एवढी क्षमता नाहीये. ही तशी चिंतेची बाब आहे.'' त्याचा सहकारी म्हणाला. इतक्यात सूरजला ठसका लागला; काही केल्या थांबायला तयार नाही. हळू हळू त्याच डोकं जड होऊ लागलं आणि ताप पण चढू लागला. त्याला नको ती शंका येऊ लागली. ''Oh, no no no no... सचिन, एक काम कर एवढ्या काही दिवसात जे माझ्या कॉन्टॅक्ट मध्ये आले आहेत, त्यांच्या टेस्ट करा. घरी एकाला पाठवून आई, बाबा आणि चिकूची पण टेस्ट करून घ्या. त्यांना हे काही सांगू नको फक्त; आणि हॉस्पिटलमध्ये बेड रिकामा आहे का एखादा?" ''सर तुम्ही टेन्शन का घेताय? हे viral पण असू शकतंय ना? तुम्ही..." ''आता बाकी काही बोलू नकोस! Symptoms ignore करू शकत नाही मी ! सांगितलंय ते कर आणि माझ्या प्रश्नाचं उत्तर दे." त्याचं बोलणं मध्येच तोडत सूरज म्हणाला. ''सॉरी सर, पण बेड सगळे फूल्ल आहेत.'' सचिनने खूलासा केला. ''मी परवा storeroom clean करायला सांगितली होती त्याचं काय झालं?" "सर ती रूम क्लीन झालीये पूर्ण. पण बेड नाही आणलाय अजून तिथे." सचिन म्हणाला, "ठीक आहे. लवकर बेड आणा तिथे. मी तिकडेच जातो ! आणि डॉक्टर दिनेशना बोलावून घे. condition सांग त्यांना." सूरज बोलताही न येणाऱ्या अवस्थेत सुद्धा पुढची व्यवस्था लावत होता. "सर पण तुम्ही आणि storeroom मध्ये?" सचिन म्हणाला. सूरज घाईघाईने म्हणाला, "आता ते महत्वाचं नाहीये. माझं quarantine होणं महत्वाचं आहे आणि लगेच टेस्ट पण करा. ही गोष्ट घरच्यांना सांगू नकोस लगेच आणि please आता मला तिकडे घेऊन चल. माइयात बोलायचे आणि चालायचे सुद्धा त्राण नाहीयेत!" त्याला त्या रूममध्ये हलवण्यात आलं आणि लगेच टेस्ट सुद्धा केली गेली. रिपोर्ट यायला २ दिवस असल्याने उपचाराची पक्की दिशा कळत नव्हती.

दोन दिवसांनी त्याचे रिपोर्ट आले होते. ते घेऊन सचिन त्याच्या रूममध्ये आला होता. तो सूरजपासून लांबच थांबला होता. सूरज बेडवर पडून होता. त्याची तब्येत अजूनच खालावली होती. "सचिन केल्या का बाकीच्यांच्या टेस्ट? काय झालं त्याचं? आणि डॉक्टर दिनेशनी take over केलं का सगळं?" सूरजने oxygen मास्क काढत विचारलं. ''सर, डॉक्टर दिनेश आले आहेत आणि काम नीट चाललंय. आणि तुमच्या contact मध्ये आलेल्या सगळ्यांच्या टेस्ट झाल्या. तुमच्या totact मध्ये आलेल्या सगळ्यांच्या टेस्ट झाल्या. तुमच्या totact मध्ये आलेल्या negative आहेत. पण..." सचिन बोलायचा थांबला. ''पण काय, सचिन लवकर बोल !" ''सर मी तुमचे रिपोर्ट घेऊन आलोय..." सचिन अडखळत बोलला. ''काय म्हणताहेत? Positive का? बघ मी म्हणलं होतं ना तुला, की मी symptoms ignore करू शकत नाही म्हणून. याचा मला अंदाज आलाच होता." सूरज म्हणाला. ''सर, positive आहेत पण ... पण खूप उशिरा डिटेक्ट झालाय !" ''हं, किती वेळ आहे माझ्याकडे?" सूरज शांतपणे म्हणाला. ''सर please असं नका बोलू ! आणि oxygen मारक लावा. आपण करू ना treatment ! Miracles होतात सर !" सचिन काकूळतीने बोलत होता. ''मी डॉक्टर आहे सचिन. मला ही खोटी आशा दाखवू नकोस. माझं मला कळतंय काय होतंय ते ! तू घरच्यांना बोलावून घे आणि हॉस्पिटलबाहेरच थांबव. मी इथला incharge आहे म्हणून मला कोणतीही special treatment नको. आणि तूला सांगितलेलं काम तेवढं कर. लक्षात आहे ना?" सचिनने होकारार्थी मान हलवली. ''तू जा सचिन इथून. तूला पहावणार नाही माझी शेवटची अवस्था ! जा..." सचिन डोळ्यातलं पाणी पूसत बाहेर निघून गेला. सूरजला जाणवत होतं की त्याच्याकडे खूप कमी वेळ राहिलाय. त्यामूळे तो शांतपणे बेडवर पडून एकटाच बोलत बसला होता... ''चिकू, पिल्लू, sorry ! मला तुला भेटता पण येणार नाहीये. आई बाबा तुम्ही काळजी घ्या आणि स्वतःला सावरा ! दिप्ती खरंच I salute you... तूझ्या कामासाठी, तूझ्या त्यागासाठी... आणि मातृभूमी, मला माफ कर ! मी एवढंच करू शकलो तुइयासाठी आणि मला यापूढे काही करता पण येणार नाही. पण मला अभिमान आहे की माझा शेवटचा श्वाससुद्धा तूझ्याच सेवेत असताना घेतला जाईल! आतापण मला एवढंच म्हणायचंय की...

सरसों से भरे खलिहान मेरे, जहाँ झूम के भंगडा पा न सका आबाद रहे वो गाँव मेरा, जहाँ लौट के वापस जा न सका ओ वतना वे, मेरे वतना वे, तेरा-मेरा प्यार निराला था कूर्बान हुआ तेरी अरमत पे, मैं कितना नसीबोंवाला था..."

यापुढे खोलीत फक्त शांतता होती, कारण त्याचे प्राण जणू तेवढं म्हणण्यासाठी थांबले होते. त्याचे डोळे मिटले होते. तोंड उघडं होतं, पण तरीही चेहऱ्यावर समाधान दिसत होतं. ''सर? सर ! नाही सर, मी तुमच्या घरच्यांसमोर आता कुठल्या तोंडाने जाऊ....?'' सचिन आत आला आणि समोर जे पाहिलं, त्यानंतर अगदी गळून गेला होता. आतापर्यंत शंभरेक लोकांचे प्राण वाचवणाऱ्या सूरजचा देह आज निष्प्राण पडलेला पाहणं सचिनसाठी अशक्य होतं. कसंबसं स्वत:ला सावरत त्याने पुढच्या proceedings सुरू केल्या.

एव्हाना त्याचे आई बाबा आणि दिप्ती हॉस्पिटलमध्ये आले होते. हॉस्पिटलच्या इमारतीबाहेर ते थांबले होते. सचिन थोड्या वेळात बाहेर आला आणि सगळा घडलेला प्रकार प्रकार त्यांना सांगितला. दिप्ती स्तब्ध उभी होती. आईबाबांना यातल्या कोणत्याच गोष्टीवर विश्वासच बसत नव्हता. आई ढसाढसा रडत होती. या सगळ्यात बाबा स्वतःला सावरून दिप्तीला आणि सूरजच्या आईला सावरण्याचा प्रयत्न करत होते. "Ma'am हे सरांनी तुम्हाला देण्यासाठी दिलं होतं. म्हणाले होते मला जर... जर काही झालं तर... तर हे माझ्या घरच्यांना दे. Ma'am तुम्ही स्वतःला सावरा. मला आता आत जायला लागेल आणि तूम्हाला प्रोसिडिंग माहिती असतीलच; त्यामुळे बॉडी तुमच्या हातात देता येणार नाही." सचिन एवढं बोलून आत निघून गेला. कारण पूढे काय बोलावं हेही त्याला सूचत नव्हतं. दिप्तीच्या हातात सूरजने त्यांच्यासाठी दिलेला pendrive होता. तो तिने मोबाईलला लावला तर त्यात एक व्हिडिओ क्लिप होती, जी सूरजने त्यांच्यासाठी बनवली होती. ''हाय, ही क्लिप तुम्ही बघत आहात, म्हणजे कदाचित मी या जगात नाहीये. पण प्लीज रडू नका ! दुःख तर अजिबात करू नका. इथे रोज एक युद्ध चाललंय सध्या. रोज नवीन patient येताहेत. काही जण बरे होऊन जात आहेत. जे बरे होताहेत त्यांच्या चेहऱ्यावरचा आनंदच काही और आहे ! ते आम्हाला देव म्हणून आभार मानून जाताहेत ! यापेक्षा मोठा सन्म ान तो काय ना ! तरीही काही जणांना वाचवायला यश येत नाहीये. त्यानंतरची त्यांच्या घरच्यांची अवस्था बघणं तर अजून वाईट आहे ! कारण घरच्यांना आपल्या गेलेल्या नातेवाईकाशी शेवटचं बोलतासुद्धा येत नाहीये आणि dead body सुद्धा ताब्यात देता येत नाहीये. अर्थात हे त्यांच्या भल्यासाठीच आहे. पण मला ते आपल्या घरच्यांसोबत व्हायला नकोय म्हणून हा व्हिडिओ बनवतोय. सगळं नीट झालंच तर मी येतोच आहे तूमच्याकडे आणि समजा... समजा नाहीच झालं तर या व्हिडिओतून तुमच्याशी बोलतोय असं समजा. चिकूला सांगा त्याचा बाबा, त्याच्या आईने सांगितलं तसं दूसऱ्यांना हेल्प करत देवबाप्पाकडे गेलाय. त्याला समजावा आणि ए आई रडू नकोस गं ! देहाने नसेन कदाचित पण मनानी नेहमी तुझ्याच कुशीत असणारे मी, तुझ्याजवळ... तूझ्यासोबत. बाबा मला माहितीये तुम्ही आता सुद्धा सगळं नीट सांभाळत असाल. तसंच माझ्यानंतर सुद्धा सांभाळाल. मला खात्री आहे त्याची. दिप्ती hat's off यार. खरंच superwomen आहेस तू ! हे सगळं इतकं नीट सांभाळते आहेस ! स्वतःलासूद्धा सांभाळ. हे तुला सांगायची मला गरज नाही वाटत. कारण मला माहितीये तू नक्की सावरशील! पण मला खरंच आनंद आहे या मृत्यूचा... म्हणजे तुमच्यापासून दूर जायला लागणार याचं दूःख आहे. पण मी माझ्या देशासाठी काहीतरी करण्याच्या कामाला आलो याचा आनंद आहे. माझा शेवटचा श्वाससुद्धा देशभक्तीत

घेतला जाईल याचा आनंद आहे. दीप्ती ह्या सगळ्यानंतरही तू तुझं कर्तव्य विसरू नकोस एवढंच सांगायचंय मला. तुला कळतंय ना? तुम्ही सगळे strong आहात. मला माहितीये. पण जर हे सगळं ऐकल्यानंतर सावरू शकला नाहीत तर..... नाही ! तुम्हाला सावरायलाच लागेल! चला... मला जायला लागेल आता. I wish की हा व्हिडिओ बघण्याची वेळ तुमच्यावर येऊ नये, पण जर आलीच तर शेवटचं हेच लक्षात ठेवा.

ओ हीर मेरी तू हॅसती रहे, तेरी आँख घडी भर नम ना हो मैं मरता था जिस मुखडे पे, कभी उसका उजाला कम ना हो ओ माई मेरी क्या फिक्र तुझे, क्यूँ आँख से दरिया बहता है तू कहती थी तेरा चाँद हँ मैं, और चाँद हमेशा रहता है...."

यानंतर ती क्लिप संपली. दीप्ती अजूनही स्तब्धच होती. आईच्या डोळ्यातलं पाणी थांबायला तयार नव्हतं. बाबा शांतपणे डोळे बंद करून उभे होते. ''आई बाबा, तुम्ही घरी जा. चिकूला हे सगळं कसं समजवायचं ते बघा. मी... मी माझ्या ड्युटीवर जातीये. कारण सूरजलाही तेच हवं होतं, की मी माझं कर्तव्य आधी पार पाडावं, मी बघते. आता ड्युटी संपली की मध्ये कधीतरी येऊन जाईन घरी. चिकू वाट बघत असेल तुमची. तुम्ही निघा. मीही निघते, उशीर होतोय.'' एवढं बोलून दिप्ती पुन्हा ड्युटीवर जायला चालू लागली. डोळ्यातलं पाणी पुसून पुन्हा कर्तव्यावर रुजू व्हायला ती चालू लागली. आपला परिवार सोडून इतरांच्या सुखासाठी ती निघाली. सगळे स्वतःच्या घरात सुरक्षित राहावेत म्हणून स्वतःचं दुःख विसरून ती चालू लागली. चालताना तिच्या तोंडून फक्त एवढेच शब्द बाहेर पडले की...

''ओह रांझना वे तेरी साँसों पे थोडा सा वतन का भी हक था

ना देख मुझे यूँ मुड के तेरा मेरा साथ यहीं तक था ये तेरी ज़मीं तेरे खून से ही तो सजती संवारती है रांझे तेरे इश्क की मैं हकदार नहीं तेरी हीर तो धरती है रांझे"

तो देवळात गेला. गुरूजी, करोनाची खूप भीती वाटतेय. गुरुजी :भिऊ नकोस, हात पुढे कर आणि हे घे! तो:गुरूजी तीर्थ पिऊन कसंतरीच होतय. गुरुजी:प्यायलास कि काय बावळटा सॅनिटायझर होतं ते

७. २०२० ने काय शिकवलं...!



भावना गोपाल नुपनारायण द्वितीय वर्ष वाणिज्य

थोडक्यात जे सरकारचं शिस्त लावण्याचं काम होतं, ते निसर्गाला करावं लागलं. सुरक्षितता राखणे, परस्परांची मदत करणे, प्रकृती सांभाळणे, अन्नाची किंमत करणे, घरात राहून शांत एकटेपणात स्वतःशी संवाद साधणे शक्य झाले. धावपळ न करता, गडबड न करता घरच्यांसोबत गप्पा करत, मजा करत, गरमागरम घरगुती जेवण जेवता आलं. या सर्व गोष्टींची आपल्याला नव्याने अनुभूती मिळाली.

या वर्षाने आपल्याला सांगितलं की, आपण आपल्या वैयक्तिक जीवनामध्ये अतिशय काटकसरीने राहायला हवं. कमी खर्चात लग्न आणि कमी लोकांत अंत्यसंस्कार होऊ शकतात हे कळले. भविष्यात येणाऱ्या कोणत्याही मोठ्या संकटाचा सामना करण्यासाठी मानसिक तयारी करवून घेतली. २०२० या वर्षात आपल्याला माणसांची किंमत कळली. आपण महत्त्वाच्या लोकांना नक्कीच गमावलंय, पण श्रीमंत–गरिबीचा भेद मिटवला या वर्षाने!

मित्रपरिवार काही काळ दूर होता, पण तंत्रज्ञानाने मदत केली. या वर्षात आपण जाणलं की योग्य अर्थाने जीवन जगणं किती सोपं आहे. आपली योग्य क्षमता ओळखण्याची आणि सकारात्मक विचारांना स्वीकारण्याची सुवर्णसंधी दिली फक्त याच वर्षाने...!



२०२० हे वर्ष एकदाचं संपलं तर खरं, पण सगळ्यांसाठीच हे वर्ष कठीण होतं. आत्तापर्यंतच्या सगळ्या वर्षांपेक्षा वेगळं आणि खडतर गेलं. यापूर्वी कधीही न घडलेल्या काही गोष्टी २०२० या वर्षात घडल्या. २०२० वर्षाबद्दल काय बोलावं, पूर्ण मानवजातीची वाट लावली. इकडची दुनिया तिकडे केली.

२०२० सालातल्या मार्चचा शेवट ते जूलै असे चार महिने आपण एक वेगळाच काळ अनूभवत होतो. एक विषाणू जगभर लोकांना संसर्ग देत पसरतोय. लाखो लोक मृत्यूमूखी पडलेत, त्याच्या भीतीने सगळे देश लॉकडाऊनच्या स्थितीमध्ये होते. रूग्णांचं प्रमाण हळूहळू वाढू लागलं आणि हे वादळ आपल्याकडेही येऊन धडकणार ही धास्ती मनात बसली. तेव्हाच आत्तापर्यंत कधीही न अनूभवलेलं घडतं आहे, याची जाणीव होत होती. एकेक व्यवहार बंद होत होते. त्यावेळी सर्वांचीच पहिली प्रतिक्रिया होती-असं कसं होऊ शकतं? सगळा देशच बंद म्हणजे काय? जग बंद पडलं तर हातावर पोट असलेली माणसं काय करणार? असे किती तरी प्रश्न अचानक समोर येऊन उभे राहिले होते. कोणत्या ना कोणत्या प्रकारे जगातल्या प्रत्येक माणसाच्या जगण्यावर कोरोनाचा किंवा त्याला रोखण्यासाठी केल्या गेलेल्या लॉकडाऊनचा परिणाम झाला. कोरोनाचा पूर्ण काळ संपेपर्यंत आपण जिवंत राहणार की नाही याची सुदुधा खात्री नव्हती. यातून एक शिकता आले की आपल्याला शरीराने ताकदवान आणि मनाने भक्कम व्हावं लागेल. भविष्यात कितीही संकटे आली तरी आपण सदैव तयारीत राहिवं लागेल.

कोरोना, चक्रीवादळ, व्यवसायात नुकसान, मानसिक तणाव, चीन-पाकिस्तानसोबत युद्धाची स्थिती हे सगळं तर आहेच, पण खरंतर २०२० ने आपल्याला संघर्ष करायला शिकवलं. देशात स्वच्छता किती आवश्यक आहे हे शिकवलं. कच-याचे प्रमाण कमी होऊ लागलं, प्रदूषणसुद्धा कमी झालं.

आगळेवेगळे काहीतरी

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काय या वर्षी ही आगळी दुनिया दिसली, अहो माणसंच इथे माणसाच्या स्पर्शाला घाबरली.

अनेकजण या वर्षी कित्येक नवीन 'शब्द' शिकले, 'दो गज दूरी मास्क है जरूरी।' हेच ब्रीदवाक्य बनले.

नाही पेपरचा पत्ता झाले विद्यार्थी इथे दीन, काय हा प्रसंग झाले शिक्षणही ऑनलाइन.

ढोलताशांच्या नादाविना साजरा झाला गणेशोत्सव, वारीही झाली ऑनलाइन इथे कणाकणात वसला देव.

'वर्क फ्रॉम होम'ने म्हणे काम सोपे केले, पताच नाही लागला कधी त्याचे 'वर्क ऑफ होम' झाले.

अनेक दिवस चंचल दुनिया मुकाट्याने घरी बसली, आपल्यातली सुप्त कला अनेकांनी पुन्हा नव्याने जागवली.

घरी बसूनही प्रत्येकजण सारे जग जोडू पाही, नथीचा नखरा ते क्यूट कपल एकही चॅलेंज सोडले नाही.

घरदार लावून दावाला पोलीस रस्त्यावर उतरले, डॉक्टरांमध्ये देव इथे अनेकांनी पाहिले.

लॉकडाउन झाले इथे देशांचे पण लोकांची मने बंद झाली, कोणी दुरावले आपल्यांना; कोणावर नैराश्याची वेळ आली.

हा व्हायरस जणू जगाला जगण्याचे सूत्र देण्या आला, काहीही होवो पण मनाने दुरावू नका एवढेच सांगून गेला.

अहो भले या वर्षात शिकलो बरंच काही, पण Miss you २०२० तेवढं म्हणायची काही हिम्मत नाही...!

लॉकडाऊन कवी, अनलॉक्ड कविता जवळचा मित्र

रोहित गोडबोले इ. १२ वी

सांगू विचारलंच कोणी तर कोरोनासाठी दक्षता उद्देश आपला असे मात्र अंतरंगाची स्वच्छता

युक्ती नामी कामी येते अश्रू आपले वाहून जातात वाफाऱ्याची वाफ तेवढी साक्षी ठेवून बिंदू होतात

तोंडावरली वाफ आपल्या मदतीला येते कोणते अश्रू कोणते बाष्प कळेनासे होते

जसजशा फुटू लागती पाण्याला उकळ्या वाफ शमवे ज्वालामुखी मनी उमलती पाकळ्या

वाफ घेऊन मनावरले हलके होते ओझे अश्रूंना वाट दिल्याने डोळे उघडती माझे

रात्रीची ही १५ मिनिटे नेमच झालाय म्हणाना बाहेर सांगतो फुशारकीने वाफारा टाळे कोरोना !!!

रात्र झाली, झाली जेवणे उठलो ताटावरून शतपावलीही करून झाली होतो एकटा बसून

घरघरणारा पंखा सांगे पळत रहा सारखा धावपळ काही थांबेना दमही लागेना, बरका !

डोकं झालं होतं जड एक ना होते अनेक विचार छोट्या कप्प्यात ठेवी ते मेंदू माझा हुशार

काहीही असो, थकणं ठणकणं प्रत्येकाचं असतं आपल्या दिखाऊ बाह्यरूपाने मन आतलं फसतं

हुंदक्यांवाटे करून देता भावनांना वाट बाह्यरूप रागावतं, कारण बिघडे आपला थाट

युक्ती मेंढूच करे मग वाफारा पुढ्यात घेतो काहीही झालं नसताना बटण चालू करतो



८. कोविड-१९ ने मानवाला दिलेला संदेश



चंचल गणेश भरतवंशी प्रथम वर्ष वाणिज्य

कोरोनाच्या विळख्यात अडकलेलं जग आज पुन्हा सुरू होतंय. गेली सात–आठ महिने बंद असलेली मुंबईची लाईफलाईन मानली जाणारी लोकल पुन्हा एकदा रूळावरून धावू लागली आहे. लॉकडाऊनमुळे बंद असलेले सर्व व्यवसाय पुन्हा नव्याने सुरू होत आहेत. मागील कित्येक दिवस ऑनलाईन सुरू असलेले शाळांचे वर्ग आता प्रत्यक्ष शाळेत भरू लागले आहेत.

चीनच्या वुहान शहरामध्ये धुमाकूळ घातलेला हा कोविड-१९ व्हायरस पाहता पाहता संपूर्ण जगभर पसरला आणि कोणी कधी कल्पनाही केली नसेल इतकं भयावह संकट संपूर्ण मानव जातीवर ओढवलं. ३० जानेवारी २०२० रोजी भारतात कोरोनाचा पहिला रूग्ण सापडला आणि या विषाणूमुळे आजवर किती लोकांचे प्राण गेले आहेत हे काही नव्याने सांगायला नको. परंतु कोरोनाचं हे संकट आता आटोक्यात येताना दिसतंय. आणि याचं खरं कारण म्हणजे या संकटावर मात करण्यासाठी आपण सर्वांनी एकजुटीने केलेला संघर्ष, एकमेकांना केलेली मदत आणि आपल्यातील मानवता.

संसर्ग टाळण्यासाठी करण्यात आलेल्या टाळेबंदीमुळे सर्वत्र आर्थिक मंदी झाली होती. या संकटाच्या काळात प्रत्येकजण आपल्या परीने शक्य होईल तितकी मदत करत होता. कोणी अन्नदान करीत होता, तर कुठे मास्क वाटप सुरू होते. कोणीही कोणास मदत करण्यास सांगत नव्हते. पण आपण केलेल्या मदतीमुळे कोणाची तरी गरज भागली जावी ही इच्छा प्रत्येकात होती. डॉक्टर, नर्सेस, सफाई कर्मचारी आणि आपल्या पोलीस बांधवांनी तर या महामारीच्या काळात देवदूताप्रमाणे जनतेची सेवा केली. यातून हे स्पष्ट होते की माणुसकी आणि मानवतेचा धर्म जपण्याचा अमूल्य संदेश कोरोनाने संपूर्ण मानवजातीला दिला.

नाण्याला जशा दोन बाजू असतात, त्याप्रमाणे मदत करणारे हात जितके जास्त तितकेच केलेल्या मदतीचा चुकीच्या पद्धतीने उपभोग घेणारे लोकही आपल्या समाजात आहेत. लॉकडाऊनच्या सुरुवातीच्या काळात आपण सर्वांनी एक बातमी ऐकली असेल ती म्हणजे अशी की त्यावेळी सगळीकडे

साधारणपणे तीस रूपये नग या भावाने विकले जाणारे कलिंगड विदर्भातील एका शेतकऱ्याने वीस रूपयात विकायचे ठरवले. त्याच्याकडे असलेली १००० कलिंगडे प्रत्येकी वीस रूपयांनी विकून आलेल्या वीस हजारातील १०,००० रूपये स्वतःसाठी आणि कोरोनाच्या काळात मदत म्हणून १०,००० रूपये मुख्यमंत्री निधीसाठी देण्याचे या शेतकऱ्याने ठरविले. कोरोनाचा संसर्ग वाढू नये म्हणून गावाबाहेरच्या माळरानावर सगळी कलिंगडे ठेऊन त्याने येणाऱ्या पैशाचे नियोजन करण्यासाठी एक पाटी त्याजवळ ठेवली आणि तिथेच पैसे टाकण्यासाठी एक पेटी ठेवली. गर्दी होऊ नये म्हणून शेतकरी आपल्या घरी गेला. कलिंगडे विकली गेली आहेत की नाहीत हे पाहण्यासाठी जेव्हा तो संध्याकाळी पुन्हा त्या ठिकाणी गेला, तेव्हा कलिंगडे तर सगळी संपली होती. पण पैशाची पेटी उघडल्यानंतर जे दृश्य त्याच्या डोळ्यांना दिसलं ते खरोखरच मानवतेला काळिमा फारणारे होते. पैशाची पेटी उघडल्यानंतर त्यातले पैसे मोजले तर त्यात अवघे ४३९ रूपये होते. ही झाली नाण्याची वाईट बाजू, पण जशी वाईट बाजू तशी दुसरीकडे नाण्याला चांगली बाजू नेहमी असतेच.

कोरोनाची साखळी तोडण्यासाठी सोशल डिस्टन्सिंग कायम हवे. परंतु या संकटाशी दोन हात करताना आपण सर्वजण पुन्हा एकदा मनाने एकमेकांशी जोडले गेलो आहोत, मानवतेचा धर्म जपत आहोत आणि याचं उत्तम उदाहरण म्हणजे जळगाव शहरात घडलेली ही घटना– लॉकडाऊन असल्या कारणाने सर्व व्यवसाय बंद असल्यामुळे नूर मोहम्मद हा गृहस्थ आपल्या कुटुंबासह सुरतहून उत्तर प्रदेशमधील आपल्या गावी जाण्यासाठी निघाला. कधी पायी तर कधी मिळेल त्या वाहनाने प्रवास करत गावी जात असताना जळगावमध्ये आल्यानंतर नूरच्या गरोदर पत्नीची प्रकृती बिघडू लागली, तिला प्रसुतीकळा चालू झाल्या. हॉस्पिटलमध्ये जाण्यासाठी कोणतेही साधन उपलब्ध नसल्याने त्या महिलेची जळगाव हायवेलगतच प्रसुती झाली. गर्भवती महिला आणि नुकत्याच जन्मलेल्या बाळाची प्रकृती गंभीर असताना कवी कासार हा देवमाणूस त्यांना भेटला. कवी

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तृप्ती राम बाटुंगे तृतीय वर्ष वाणिज्य

नवीन वर्षाची सुरूवात २०–२० ने झाली सुख–समृद्धीची गुढी सगळ्यांनी आनंदाने उभारली

सुरळीत चालू आयुष्यात वळण नवीन आले, ''कोरोना'' नावाचे संकट पूर्ण जगावर भारी पडले

उन्हाळी सुट्टीची मजा लॉकडाऊनने हिरावली शाळा–कॉलेजची जागा आता ऑनलाईन लेक्चरने घेतली

सामान्य जनतेला घरात बसवून सरसावले मदतीला पोलीस मित्र त्यांनीही गमावले जीव यात पण मागे हटले नाहीत हे शूरपुत्र

देशाच्या रक्षणासाठी सीमेवर सज्ज होते सैनिक आपले, डॉक्टरांच्या प्रयत्नांमुळे आज वाचताहेत जीव आपले.

महागाई ही वाढली आता सगळ्याच गोष्टी महागल्या सामान्य माणसाने जगू की नये, हा प्रश्न उभा राहिला

> मिळून हरवू कोरोनाला कोरोनामुक्त जग करू येत्या वर्षी सुख नांदेल अशी आशा करू

कासारांनी तातडीने त्यांना जवळच्या खाजगी रूग्णालयात दाखल केले. त्यामुळे दोघांचीही प्रकृती स्थिरावली. कवी कासारांसारखा देवमाणूस आम्हांला भेटल्यामुळे आमच्या बाळाचा जीव वाचला अशी त्या नवजात बाळाच्या आईवडिलांची भावना आहे आणि म्हणून मूळच्या इस्लाम धर्मात जन्माला आलेल्या त्या कन्येला तिच्या आईवडिलांनी नाव दिले सद्भावना ! भविष्यात जेव्हा लॉकडाऊनने मानवतेला काय दिलं असा प्रश्न विचारला जाईल, तेव्हा त्याचं उत्तर हिच्या नावात असेल.

करामत एका व्हायरसची

प्राची जोशी एम. कॉम.

काहींच्या घरी बनताहेत शेफ तर काहींच्या घरी कवी, म्हणूनच वाटतं अशी सक्तीची सुट्टी वर्षातून एकदा तरी हवी.

दूर गेल्या चिंता तशी जवळ आली नाती, घरोघरी रंगल्या मैफिली आपल्या माणसांच्या सोबती.

पुस्तकं हळू हळू घेत आहेत फोनचा ताबा, आता कुठं लक्षात आलं की फोन शिवायही आपण राहू शकतोय बाबा !

धांदल उडतीये हल्ली फोडणी देताना राईची, कळली आता किंमत घर आणि ऑफिस सांभाळणाऱ्या आईची.

आतापर्यंत आपण केला नको तितका हव्यास, सृष्टी आता कुठे घेऊ लागलीये जरा मोकळा श्वास.

काहींच्या घरी आनंद तर काहींची इथे वाताहात, फार काही नाही पण देऊ शकतोय साधा आधाराचा हात.

हां, पण हलक्यात नका घेऊ बरं ! गोष्ट आहे ही गंभीर, सलाम त्या डॉक्टर आणि पोलिसांना जे या स्थितीतही खंबीर.

एका virus ने शिकवली सगळ्या माणसांना शिस्त, आता तरी पाळा नियम नाहीतर हाच आपला अस्त.

आपल्यातील माणुसकी जगली यातून हीच आपली ठेव, आता मंदिरातून बाहेर येऊन माणसात दिसतोय देव.



9. Blessings We Had Forgotten to Count

When the world was struck with lightning, in the form of corona, it felt like our lives had come to a standstill. Every person's daily routine was disturbed, people were out of jobs, all plans for vacations were disrupted, exams were pushed ahead. Suddenly everyone was confined to their own homes, distant learning and working. We could step out only for necessities and had to bear with our family members for entire days on end. Once the initial excitement and cooking sprees wore off, we were left looking at a long stretch of days on end filled with uncertainty. No one knew how long this stretch of a desert went on. It was a long wait.

But what everyone missed is often we look at mountains of problems ahead of us and forget that those behind us were just as hard to climb. Every country has gone through many calamities in her history, but this time the entire world was hit. That was difference this time. It made the problem graver but also brought the strength of unity to the table. However, through all this, if we take a look outside the window, we realize that the sky is still blue, trees are still green, flowers are still blooming, stars still shine beautifully and butterflies still flutter energetically and peacefully. And the most of all, our inner strength to fight problems was still in there unhindered. Even in the seemingly impossible circumstances that is our greatest and real asset.

These hard times taught us to value the important things in our life that we tend to take for granted, blessings we had forgotten to count all along: access to food and clean water, roof over our heads and Simran Amit Phadke T.Y. BCom

people who love us!! These are the most important things in life that help us to overcome every obstacle.

God continues to bless us; Nature continues to astound us and Life goes on. We battle new hardships and troubles every day, and life goes on. Never stop admiring our intricate, beautiful and inventive minds, never forget to appreciate the tiny little blessings life offers day in and day out and never forget that since times immemorial through ice age, stone age to current times Life has been flowing ahead relentlessly.

Words by Cecilia Krull said a few years before this calamity, aptly summarize what we should look for in today's world:

"I will be so strong, looking for a new version of myself Cause now all I want is to be a part of my new world

Whatever happens in the future, trust in destiny Don't try to make anything else even when you feel

> I don't care at all I am lost I don't care at all Why not have it all I am lone I don't care at all Lost my time, my life is going on"

> > ...



10. A Boon in Disguise: The New Normal



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Everything has changed. Words we probably never heard before are being used daily. Words, we never knew the meaning of are being discussed daily. Words which might sound usual, have started bringing about a sense of fear, constantly alarming us about something detrimental. These words being none other than: "quarantine", "pandemic", "lockdown" and COVID-19, have impacted our lives drastically to such an extent that one can forget his name but not these words. A situation we never imagined of has landed upon us. Earlier, when a person used to sneeze in a crowd, somebody from the crowd would have tenderly replied with a "Bless you". The situation has been altered. Now if a person sneezes in a crowd, people run away from him and might even say "Please God bless me". Nobody wants to bring home an unwanted guest - Corona. Face masks and sanitizers have abruptly become a household necessity. Literally anything coming into the house has to be sanitized and left untouched for at least a day. People who barely took shower once a day are bathing after every expedition outside the house for groceries. This diminutive virus has made lives almost impossible by bringing even superpowers like USA and Russia to their knees. Economies and GDP's of countries have fallen into negatives.

Jobs have transformed into work from home and schools and colleges into zooms and google meets. Now teachers can't even scold students for using phones in the class as everything has become mobile-based, online. While the nation was in absolute distress, PM Modi introduced many

innovative activities like bell ringing and lamp lightings from our homes, to uplift the fallen hope of the public and to honor the work done by corona warriors including doctors, nurses, cleaning staff, and the police department. The lockdown months were unbearable. Government had asked nothing but to stay at home and continue our daily lives. This simple task of staying at home had suddenly become so tough. Pre-corona, I remember jokes of "having a 6-month vacation twice a year" being circulated among my friends. Yes, we all wanted it to happen. We all wished for a 6-month vacation twice a year. When the nation-wide lockdown was announced for 6 months, I thought to myself, "God has his quirky ways of granting wishes". We all wanted a huge 6-month vacation to stay at home and relax, and God granted our wish in the most bizarre way possible by introducing Corona. I do not blame God for this. It was our recklessness and utter negligence which resulted in Corona. Over the years, we have exploited our Mother Nature for all kinds of egocentric means. Some or the other day, Mother Nature had to retaliate and teach us a lesson. I believe Corona was the answer to all our delinquency towards Nature.

This virus has successfully taught us all, that things can be small but mighty. It is a tight slap on the face of us humans who consider themselves to be the greatest and most powerful creatures on Earth. Even when corona came with catastrophic effects, knowingly or unknowingly, it brought out some or the other kind of development in each one of us. Since all the maids and household workers had to

discontinue their work, all the burden of household chores fell entirely upon the family members. That was the point when I realized we are capable of performing all household chores and maids are actually overrated. In our family, we distributed all the work and to our surprise we could finish all of it easily. This virus made us independent and taught us how to complete our work ourself. Apart from this, I learned cooking. As everything outside seemed infected, people started learning various delicacies at home. There was no more a need to order junk food from outside and I think this was a very healthy development. People started performing various kinds of activities to kill boredom. Painting, singing, dancing, cooking and even working out became the new pass time activity. I also witnessed people worried about their weight, working out rigorously in order to make an astounding comeback when the lockdown ends. Unwittingly, this lockdown blessed us with lots and lots of family time. From doing all household chores to having a movie night, our family did it all together. Our families got the time they have been waiting for. Mothers and fathers were finally able to spend quality time with their children as well as with each other. While there was terror outside, we had our family's love and support inside which convinced our hearts to keep going.

With the increasing number of deaths, the nation felt the pressing need of prompt solutions. No more lives of doctors, nurses and policemen could be put on stake while saving corona patients. So, the government focused more upon the development of vaccine. With year 2020 ending, every prayer was made in favor of the year 2021. Commencement of the new year was done with the only hope of

succeeding on the corona virus vaccine. God is with us and his lesson for the humans had been taught. The sunrise of January 16, 2021 came with a new light of hope and optimism. It was the auspicious day when Covaxine and Covishield were out for vaccination. The sense of relief could be felt on every person's face and a new joy of returning to normal could be seen. Yes, the year 2020 was a very grinding year, but was it so bad? Agree or not, this year was a lesson which was long to be taught. It was a year which made us independent and self-reliant. A year which made us believe in ourselves. A year where we discovered our capabilities and skills. A year which helped in inculcating the value of cleanliness within ourselves. A year which bound our families together. A year which finally revealed the great strength of nature. Now that the pandemic seems a bit controllable. I wonder if this New Normal will perpetuate in our hearts and will the lesson learnt prolong in our mind. I really do hope so. In fact, it should. The New Normal is the better normal in some ways and we have got to understand that. The year 2020 was one roller coaster ride and has left behind an impactful mark in the history.

One day, I would love to narrate my experience of the year 2020 to the next generation. Nonetheless, they will surely learn it in their history textbooks. Now, the only thing I feel pity for, is the huge lot of chapters of these corona years in the history textbooks of the next generation, waiting to bore non-history lovers. Apart from this there will also be a sense eagerness to learn more about this virus and those years among few students. Corona has made history and call me a fool for saying this, but I am privileged to be part of this prominent event of history.

Unfortunately, it took a pandemic for immunity to become a buzzword.

- Luke Coutinho



11. The Covid-19 & The Role of Government



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One Definition of the entity Government is "The system or body of people to govern the country or state." There could be two types of governments - democracy and dictatorship.

We can at least, expect from democratic governments are public oriented, whether presidential or representative. But expecting something like this can disappoint one very badly. This is the bitter truth which is hard to digest.

When British left India in 1947, along with other things, the political system itself changed in our nation. The British state before independence was a 'Police State.' But all the freedom fighters including Mahatma Gandhi decided that India would be a democratic republic after independence. The implicit thing at that time was India would no longer be a 'Police State' but will be a 'Welfare State.' Can we say that India is a welfare state now?

Unfortunately, the answer for this question is 'no' regarding the largest democracy in the world. This one thing is not only true about India, but also about major democracies like United States of America, Britain, Brazil and so on.

Starting with the oldest democracy in the globe, we can find nothing except darkness. Former president Donald Trump and his administration have completely failed to stop the spread of COVID-19 in America. With more than 250000 fatalities till date, USA ranks first in the race in which not even a single country wants to participate also. When Corona was spreading rapidly in that country, Mr. Trump and his

administration were busy in alleging the democrats that they were spreading rumours. The height was his white supremacist provocative statements which led to violent 'Black Lives Matter' movement.

The UK's story is not very different from the USA. The UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson too, was careless in handling the pandemic situation. His statement in January that "COVID-19 is a normal virus and people should not entertain it more." With more than 95000 deaths till date, Britain stands 5th in the bad list. Also, the clumsiness of his government has triggered economic crash followed by huge unemployment. The similar path is followed by Brazilian president Mr. Jair Bolsonero and his government. In that country, more than 215000 deaths have occurred and its rank is 3rd in the list.

Now after criticizing others, we should look back at our homegrounds also. Broadly saying, India's epidemic handling is quite messed up, unplanned and unsuccessful too.

The first corona case was reported in January 2020 and lockdown was imposed in March. In February, our Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended huge congregation 'Namaste Trump' along with his USA counterpart. When the people were scared about getting infected with the virus, the ruling party at the union was busy in setting up a political turmoil for Madhya Pradesh state Government.

Whereas in March when the case load was rising at alarming rate, suddenly the government woke up. One evening our PM comes on TV and says that from



midnight, 21-day lockdown would be imposed. This was one of the largest blunder in the situation handling. Of course, I would like to quote Mr. Modi here, "Mahabharata's battle was won in 18 days and this battle requires 21 days." That '21 day battle' is still going on. The lockdown was extended up to more than 8 weeks.

The lockdown was most stringent in the world. In a country, where more than 25 crore people cannot have their dinner if they don't work in that day, is it feasible to impose such kind of curbs, without even a single day prior notice? Everyone saw the plight of migrant labours walking on their way through highways, railway routes to their intrinsic villages. These pictures clearly states that the Government had not thought about these poor people while imposing curbs. These people were not only victim of the virus or but also of the malnutrition, starvation and homelessness.

Somehow, after the exodus of some responsible media, the government melted. It arranged special railways for migrant labours, but they had to pay for this 'facility.' The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana was launched and some cash transfers were also done for the below poverty line people. But these measures were not enough to deal with this huge economic and health crisis. The GDP contracted up to negative 23.7 percent in the first quarter after lockdown. According to Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, over 12 crore people lost their jobs due to economic crisis caused by novel corona virus.

The social aspect is not also very good to explain in the indigenous context. The attempts by ruling party's functionaries to target a particular religion over the issue of Tablighi Jamaat's 'Markaj' were frustrating. The behaviour of both State and Union government was not fair in case of Sushant Singh Rajput's suicide case.

From Mr. Bolosonero to Mr. Trump or Mr. Johnson to Mr. Modi, thing to note here is how governments in power fail to be answerable to their voters. In so-called democratic set-ups, questioning the governance of these leaders raises a storm of mindless fan-followers instead of critical enquiries by responsible citizens.

However, there is a ray of hope in the form of some women leadership. Two countries were phenomenally good in handling pandemic situation. New Zealand and Germany have managed to soften the damage caused by the epidemic. Jacinda Arden and Angela Markel are two magical names that have done extremely well. Also the Kerala State Government has managed to obstruct destruction to some extent.

Hope that upcoming decade will bring us a mature, prosperous democracy and economy as well.

The pandemic called for drastic changes not only in the way we live, but forced society into introspection, questioning current scenarios, and planning fresh beginnings. - Ishana Girish, Chitra Santhe



12. Structural changes in social life



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2020, a year of living in a box, literally!!! The entire world goes in a lockdown, as Coronavirus hits the world without mercy! Corona, lockdowns, social distancing, digitalization, health, fitness, wellness, mental health were the buzzwords words of 2020! It was up with totally different colours, of which we were uninformed and unschooled for! Every single thing was messed up, of course, due to the Covid and the lockdown! The Corona Virus changed everything, right from the important aspects like our social lives to our daily schedules and habits!! It challenged all the perspicacious and insightful sides in us and uprooted our economic systems and social systems equally!

Covid 19 exposed us to many changes all at once. Staying home all day, for days and months with



family, working from home, having to wash hands multiple times a day and no socialising. There was no catching up with friends, no café hoping, no street shopping, no school and college fests, gatherings and events, no staycations or vacations, and the whole world was shut down in the blues! Also, probably the hardest one for us Indians, maintaining a twoarm distance from others and not breathing down the neck of the person ahead of us in a line, was needed to be followed devotedly, religiously and rigorously!

We Indians are greatly and profoundly known for our highly zestful social lives which were utterly transformed, revamped and reoriented during the Corona times! Right from education to shopping groceries to marriage ceremonies, everything, totally and entirely was being done online! There was a sudden shift in active neuronal pathways and staying home, cuddling kids and walking aimlessly around the house in pyjamas was gratifying.Video calls with long lost friends were in trend! We had to zoom in even to connect with our neighbours and friends those are even closer (to us)! The "Gulli cricket and football matches" were at a halt, and online Ludo and PubG (before being banned ofc) gained immense popularity!

The big fat glamourous Indian weddings of 4-5 days which usually saw, not less than 1000-1500 people, to its awe saw barely 100 people! The glittering and dazzling Sangeet nights which would, by and large, steal the show, were missing from the 2020 wedding trends! There were no overcrowded banquet halls, the chaotic charm and enthusiasm of the people, and weddings gave all monochromatic vibes! But there was a silver lining in the cloud – during these weddings, more emphasis was given on following traditions and moving towards our roots, more than just showing off the glam and glitter! Our festivals got a new colour too! Lord Ganesh came to see us in the lockdown blues, while there were no large pandals and decorations! Everyone was celebrating with their families and cousins in joy and glee! The Diwali mornings were pale, grey and uneventful as we missed our beloved artists performing at the Diwali Pahat shows! The festivities turned more family-oriented and once again, we grew more towards our roots to follow the rituals!

The Covid 19 and the lockdown ensured that there is a huge hike in the online shopping, and essentially paved a closure for the flea markets and street shopping, we all always loved! In the education sector, zoom and classroom were in demand! Out of no choice, there were many virtual meets, online parties and virtual movie dates, and surprisingly all of this made sense!!

So evidently and undoubtedly, the Virus came to us like a hurricane, and changed and transmuted our social system in every way possible! With subjective circumstances and abilities to cope, we learnt new ways of living, working, surviving, nurturing the best we could, initially with much gusto. But now, since the vaccine is here, we can hope to bring our old social systems back and replace the "new normal" with "back to normal!!" But till then remember, दो गज दूरी, मास्क है जरुरी !!!

Lock Down Diaries

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I took a walk down the memory lane... My eyes were filled with tears and pain... Some part of my life is missing... Something keeps me continuously pissing...

There was a life I remember... Where I hardly knew pain... Where I enjoyed dancing in the rain... That rain recalls all memories, With my friends...

Science practical turned into love proposals... Projects reviews to campus purview... Those movements are fresh in my mind... I hope life could just rewind...

Living in this isolation Lulled by some online recreation... Don't tell me to cheer up Coz nothings gonna make up

For the loss of those claps and hugs, That cheerful banter over coffee mugs Day-ful of hang-outs, night-ful of studies Sweet nothings among the buddies

Thousands of memories resurface as I try to steer This life without a flesh and blood peer

The greatest lesson this pandemic has taught everyone, even the sceptics, is that scientific discovery is crucial to human flourishing.

- Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Biocon



13. Cooking up a Storm, Ghar Se...



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Dining in is the new dining out.

The gastronomical adventures of people came to an abrupt halt with the closure of restros due to pandemic, but reeled out a new savior

- The Home Chef!

"Sundays are the busiest days as most of people prefer ordering elaborate breakfast spreads to spruce up their day" says Lakshmi as she packs away another takeaway of Appam and Stew *(pronounced ishtu)*, a popular Kerala dish, which is one of her bestsellers.

A rising number of home-chefs, largely women, have taken the Food Industry by storm. An intrepid 16-year-old baker to a middle-aged homemaker looking to supplement her family income, food delivery from home has never been so lucrative or innovative.

Mansi Londhe, an FY B.Com student at GCC chimes in "It all happened by chance, I'd say, I happened to attend my aunt's Baking Workshop, and there has been no looking back." Mansi has been dishing out appealing and delicious cakes from her home space, Mansi's Cakes and Creams.

The closure of restaurants amidst the lockdown, pushed almost everyone to start cooking at home, with everyone joyfully whisking up new Stuff in their kitchen, thanks to YouTube. But soon as the days mulled over, with the mentally draining WFH leaving no time to tend household chores, a large chunk of people were looking out for safe, healthy, homestyle food.

The meteoric rise in demand can be attributed mainly to an audience that is constantly seeking something new- something to spice up and challenge their palate, to breathe life into the already lowhanging monotonous lifestyle. Also, as "safety" tramps over all considerations, "hygiene" has had people reaching out to Home-cooks, as these people are usually from the vicinity, who also locally source their items from the same place as their clients, which brings in trust allowing the customers to not worry about safety concerns.

The onset of home-bakers has completely changed the baking scene! People no more desire vintage chocolate forest cakes but rather crave aesthetic Insta-worthy cakes, pull-me-up cakes to ring in the birthdays of their loved ones. Kids often come up asking for doll cakes, which isn't usually done at the conventional bakery, making home-bakers more approachable, when it comes to requesting offbeat designs and special confectionery items like macaroons, tarts, muffins, and the viral piñata cake, which has been pretty much in vogue this season!

Homebound and nowhere to go, people began ordering in with a vengeance. And a variety of home chefs surfaced to satiate cravings for all kinds of cuisines. The change in attitude of people was surreal, "Jab ghar pe hi khana, kyu na kuch accha khaya jayein?". "This also reflects that people have more disposable income, despite the weary lockdown and even the high delivery charges too don't stop them" adds Sunita, who often faces delivery woes as she is placed in Moshi, yet her clients make their own arrangements to pick up the parcels from her residence.

"Just out of passion" adds another home-chef residing in the by-lanes of Pimpri Camp, who says the entire experience has been rewarding, not only monetarily, but the feedbacks and responses have been encouraging and fulfilling, as her customers keep coming back asking for more Sindhi Specialties.

With overheads close to neglible, food from home-kitchens come close to 30% cheaper than commercial restaurants, putting them on competitive front when it comes to price points, compelling customers to choose Mrs. Singh's slow-cooked, tender Mutton Korma, which is safe, homestyle and tweaked just the way the customer loves it rather than opt for the mass – produced Paneer Butter Masala.

It's not just "ghar ka khana" anymore, it's "ghar *pe bana khana*" which changes the game entirely, as home cooks step in to fill the void by carefully customizing orders to the likes of their clients, as many youngsters and bachelors longing for homecooked foods usually are a large part of their clientele.

For most of the home-chefs the only way to reach out to customers has been WhatsApp, Facebook & Instagram, dwelling on word-of-mouth publicity. "It all starts with the first order, if you deliver what you promise, the orders keep coming on" say all the home-chefs in unison. Giving wings to their latent culinary skills has also allowed many home-chefs to dabble with tech, as they take orders and curate weekly menus online, which has propelled their reach. Most of the payments too are done online, hence it is a hassle-free process.

Analysts in the food industry say, the "Homechef" concept has been in the loop for a while, but it is the scalability that has been a question. Perhaps, we can argue that the secret masala of these little kitchens, lies in their ability to customize dishes according to the tastes of customers who'd love a whiff of passed–on recipes' authenticity in their dishes. With most of these kitchens are passiondriven, the idea is to serve people rather than run it commercially. Owing to the lockdown, they've also had their fair share of woes with shortage of veggies or delivery personnel not available, but companies like Dunzo and Authenticook are trying their best to organize this space by helping these chefs with delivery services, connecting them to new customers, helping them bolster through these times.

Sometimes we also get specific orders, and we happily cater to them, recalls Anusha, who specializes in South Indian Delicacies. She once had a customer asking her to prepare *Bisi Bele Bath* and was also ready to deliver the special vegetables required to make the dish! Such was the response she received! (*Bisi bele bath is a Spicy rice Dish, made with dal and tamarind along with some select veggies having it's origins from the state of Karnataka*)

Home-chefs have been loving the immense gratitude people have developed towards them, as they have been also catering to Covid – 19 patients in home quarantine who often prefer homely food, as often people are way too sick, or can't get groceries by themselves. These Cloud Kitchens, have been their saving grace, serving them healthy, nutritious meals in times of distress. "Delivering to covid patients comes with a risk, but I really don't have the heart to say no, when sick people approach me" says Vinita, who cooks up delicious Maharashtrian thalis, at economical rates, making food accessible to all.

Many ventures plan to outlast the pandemic. Home chefs say they've had a successful run and would love to explore this medium. Some even dream of opening cafes and bistros, "I would love to expand this little effort into something bit more organized, which would allow me to cater to more foodies" says Ankita, who has been serving authentic Bengali dishes like the *Bappa doi*, to Pimple Saudagar citizens.

So, the next time you find your stomach growling for *"Kuch mazedaar", you know whom to dial!*



14. Thanks to Digitization; Life still Goes On!!



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Digitalization or digital literacy refers to "the ability to use digital technology, communication tools, and create information in order to function in a knowledge society." The execution of a successful approach for the advancement of Digital literacy skills is known to include multiple components that tackle hurdles for explicit the demographics such as: Attitude, age, social economic status, language, and regional availability of resources.

Digitalization today is the basic need for every person in the economy. Digitalization skills are so much improving in the world and are also advanced. At present the digitalization has been playing a crucial role specially during the pandemic situation. Due to advancement in technologies everyone could coordinate with each other. Some of the digitalization measures adopted by everyone were: students were supposed to attend the lectures Online even exams and the employers- employees had to Work from Home and thus it started with a new and advanced system.

The main advantage of digitalization is that every individual is now able to tackle with the new technology and could understand the importance of digitalization in daily life. But one of the main disadvantages was many people who were illiterate were not able to cope up with the situation and even it was not affordable for some to buy the digitalized gadgets. Through advanced and digitalized economy everyone could contact any person in a few seconds by making phone calls, messages, electronic mails, etc.

Digitalization in all walks of life has become very important in the current pandemic situation, hence we should live up-to-date with present generation technologies. We can conclude that there are many more measures, advantages and disadvantages related to the advancement and digitalization and everyone should contribute towards it and get more knowledge regarding same. And at last, we can say that after dealing with many hurdles since last year, our life has become topsy-turvy due to the pandemic situation and the resultant Lock Down and other measures. Therefore, today as we are emerging from the same to the 'new normal', we should adopt precautions, safety and knowledge regarding digitalized world to meet a better future ahead. "Digitalization has reached the point where half the population is in a committed relationship with their electronics."





15. The Democratic Corona

Plato quotes "We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light."

India is the largest democracy in the entire world. Going beyond Lincoln's classical definition of democracy; all individuals in India still do not have complete freedom of choice, education, marriage etc. However, we all have the freedom to exercise our right to vote, our representatives as leaders of the nation. When such leaders turn a blind eye to the woes of the public, it's not just an attack on our quasi-federal governance but a disgrace to the patriotic spirit and faith.

Since last April countless government officials, doctors, actors, astrologers, phony baba's, etc have dominated social media with their corona campaigns. Thus, I think it's incredibly ironic that even after a year of suffering, we spectacularly fail to provide basic amenities to patients but we have ample time and resources for Kumbh Mela. The didi - dada reality show has a fan following greater than Korean pop. Who needs high tension IPL when the Center and the State chessboard is set at a queen's gambit. It is essential for the government to create raucous over the social media contracts however the daily YouTube balderdash and scam content can circulate openly.

I am not criticising the government which according to me consists of both the opposition and the ruling party. The NEP' 91, Companies Act '13, Uri attacks, Revocation of article 370, etc are some of the landmark decisions in the past few decades.

However, I don't think it is wrong to expect clean oxygen-rich air when the nation is engulfed in darkness and disease.



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Einstein said," Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe." There's no smoke without fire and no clap with a single hand. We can point fingers all we want but we are equally responsible. The Indian public has a phobia of following rules. One can't complain about the vaccine fiasco when he himself got it via backdoor entry. Similarly, it is humanly impossible for an MLA to consume an entire tanker of oxygen. When the civic bodies urged us to stay at home, we couldn't restrain ourselves from visiting our closed ones. We seem to conveniently eliminate our participation at the time of crisis.

Today, the nation does not need loyal leaders or Bravehearts, we simply need coordination. We must look beyond our personal indulgences for the greater good. It's easy to blame the party, the election, the politics, etc but in a nation with a population of a few 100 crores, we can't always expect the government to be our knight in shining armour. Contrary to popular write-ups about what should the government do, I guess the right questions to answer would be what can we do?

Let's start by ending the chain of panic creating WhatsApp messages, throwing away those old masks and tightening the new elastics and ensuring that the domestic help is vaccinated.

This is not a case about rights and duties. It's not a tale of rich vs poor, healthy vs unhealthy, government vs people, exam vs no exam etc. This is a story where the loss of every hale and hearty human should be justified, the life we look forward to came at the statistical price of those we lost.



16. Stock Market In 2020 – The V - Shape Recovery



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A lot has happened in the past 12 months. In 2019 there was good hope for 2020 – Government announced tax incentives (15% corporate tax) for new investments in India made in the next 3 years and privatization of key PSUs(public sector companies). Stock market took these positively and started rallying.

Due to COVID-19, by Feb 2020 it was clear that the problem was huge and spreading fast all over the globe. Countries started lockdown and economic activity paused ,and worldwide markets including India crashed badly.

But What is stock Market?

Stock market refers to a marketplace in which shares and other financial instruments are bought and sold. Indian stock market is represented by SENSEX and NIFTY, both are the indices of BSE and NSE respectively.

Due to COVID-19 fear was observed in stock market in the months of march to May. But after May stock markets started rallying. It was the start of bull run in the Indian stock market. During this time many people were thinking Why Stock Market is up when Economy is in Trouble? One of the strong factor behind this rally is liquidity driven markets. As the money flows in the market, market starts moving up and when sharp selling is there market becomes panic(crash). Various Indian companies attracted foreign investors who invested huge money in India which led to rise in stock prices and markets as well (Eg. Reliance Industries). Due to rise in demand shares of Pharma companies became skyrocket, especially API (Active Pharma Ingredients) manufacturing companies like Laurus Labs, Granules ,Divis labs etc.

Stock market can anticipate the future and it moves accordingly irrespective of the economy. India has good growth potential in future which is understood by foreign investors and they invested money in emerging markets like India.

Today economy and stock market are disconnected. Economy is in trouble and stock market is making new highs. If the expected growth does not come, positive market sentiment will fade, then there may not be disconnection between economy and stock markets.

One should be optimistic about the future while not losing the sight of risk.

(Risk Hai To Ishq Hai Lekin, Ishq Barbaad Bhi Kar Skta Hai) So, Invest wisely !



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17. Perks of the Pandemic:How the Rich got Richer?

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Coronavirus!

The **PANDEMIC**, which brought our lives at risk, forced us to shut everything down and sit at our homes safe and healthy, didn't stop people from earning money and becoming rich and legally too. The World Economy took a fatal blow because of COVID-19. The world turned its eyes towards the rich and smart to help sustain our economy again. India's economy for one contracted over 40% in the first quarter of 2021. The pandemic affected the rich to a certain extent but this did not stop the rich from becoming RICHER! For instance, the current battle going on between Amazon Ex-CEO Jeff Bezos and Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk for the title of 'The World's richest man.'

How the RICH got RICHER?

Let's start with India's richest man Mukesh Ambani. In the last 6 months, Mr Ambani's wealth grew by Rupees 90 crores per hour. Also, Mukesh Ambani's telecom arm, Reliance Jio raised an investment of more than 15.6 \$ billion during this crisis from tech giants like Facebook, Silver Lake, Vista Equity Partners, General Atlantic, KKR, Mubadala, Saudi PIF (Public Investment Fund) and many more.

Elon Musk, the world's richest man added \$151 billion dollars to his existing \$46 billion dollars net worth. SpaceX, in which Musk holds a 52 per cent share contributed \$13 billion dollars. Musk averaged \$1 billion dollars every two days at the start of 2021. He also established Tesla Infotech in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

When it comes to E-commerce, there's no one to talk about other than Jeff Bezos of Amazon. Jeff's wealth jumped from 90.1 billion \$ to 203.1 billion \$ over the time period of March 18 to October 13th. Also, it is reported that just during the pandemic, Jeff Bezos's wealth surged over 24 billion \$ due to a high demand for household shopping due to Lockdown shopping.

Eric Yuan, Founder and CEO of Zoom meeting was a billionaire even before COVID-19 took the world by surprise. During the pandemic, revenue quadrupled and profits increased 90-fold. Due to this Eric Yuan now stands in the World's top 100 richest people. His shares are worth another \$13 billion dollars. He owns 22% of Zoom meeting. He was also Time Magazine's Businessperson of the Year 2020.

During this pandemic, service providers have accumulated a lot of wealth due to a rise in demand for entertainment services like OTT platforms and Internet service providers.

Amazon Prime and Netflix are the leaders when it comes to streaming services for Web-series, Movies, etc. Andy Jassy, the CEO of Amazon Prime Video and Amazon Web Services (AWS) has made a huge profit from his streaming media Amazon Prime.

Netflix CEO Reed Hastings has an estimated net worth of \$5.8 billion dollars. In the fourth quarter of 2020, Netflix generated total revenue of over\$ 6.64 billion dollars. Reed Hastings owns about 1% of Netflix.

Tim Cook took over as the CEO of Apple in 2011, since he took over the company's profit and revenue

doubled. He recently crossed the \$1 billion dollar mark and now is a billionaire. His pay increased by 15% in 2020. His base salary remained the same as in 2019 at \$3 million but his non-equity incentive plan compensation rose to \$10.7 million from \$7.7 million in 2019.

Also due to the Lockdown restrictions in India, Food delivery aggregators like 'Zomato' and 'Swiggy' are in high demand. Not just food aggregators but also grocery sellers like 'Big Basket', 'Amazon pantry', etc. have made a huge amount of profit as a result of an exponential rise in their sales of grocery deliveries.

However, the pandemic was not a golden opportunity for Small businesses, unlike the booming

New Escapade

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A few months ago, I thought I was lost. I felt like I was wandering in the deep frost Social media, studies and what not took over me Was I slowly starting to lose my glee?

It was becoming hard to please every soul Hours would pass by just staring at the bowl The time had come to start a new phase To set all unnecessary words ablaze

And that's precisely when Life decided to reintroduce my biggest gain! Books became my life saviours and my escape A new addition to my half-torn cape

This has become my favourite adventure so far Something, I'm sure from which I won't part! billionaires! Small businesses suffered huge losses due to less to 'NO' revenue due to Lockdown situations in many countries.

Also due to this pandemic crisis, the Medical, Pharma Companies were burdened due to a high rise in demand for medical equipment, mainly being Sanitizers and Masks.

Though it is a hard time for the world, everything won't take long to come back to its original state. As Bridgit Humphreys once said, "Life goes on..."

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Why not?

Shreyas Kulkarni F.Y. BBA

You may be a traveller finding your ways to towns Or a sightseer searching for your dale You may be an adventurer finding your sport Or a writer finding your words in trail

You may seem cramped in your own house You may be missing your morning stroll You may have not walked miles for a month You may have missed your stargazing skol!

But dear! This isn't a forever goodbye These are not the days we stress Searching for the movements of ecstasy Let's look out to the words of readiness

Why we still struggle to find our ways out Why we still fear to persist Why not present ourselves some tranquil rise And recreate the movements we missed



18. The Virtual Victory!

Corona and the lockdown. Probably, two of the most used phrases in 2020. But little did I know that it'll be the ignition of "Digital Learning" in India. I had just completed my board exams and found myself in of the most significant zones in any person's life. The "Career Decision" zone. Luckily, I came out of this with an answer, Commerce. Pretty soon, the "Race for Colleges" commenced. All of us were eager to secure admission as soon as possible! We were college students after all! But, to our purest disappointment, we crossed the threshold of college life online. At first, it seemed as if pessimism capsulated our life. But there was a ray of hope!

This feeling of negativity itself led us to unity. Though we attended classroom lectures as "Zoom Meetings", but the teachers made us feel in the



Arya Joshi Std. : XI

college. PowerPoint Presentations, Videos, Pictures, Documents now became our study material and applications like WhatsApp, Instagram became the medium of making friendships and connections. Online Assignments and homework literally made us absorb the fact that it's finally our college life! Technology became the part and parcel of our daily schedule. I got to know a lot more about effective applications used for virtual learning, connecting with friends, pursuing hobbies. Needless to say, now all of us are the optimistic advocates of technology! If practised sincerely and to the truest, Digital Learning definitely opens up windows to explore further. But, it can never fill the void of the "Real" Fun of an actual Campus Life in College.



Aryan Raikar Std : XI

The World is empty, the virus is crowned It feels like the whole city has drowned People are scared to come out from their houses We all miss the busy city noises

I am waiting for the moment, To see the crowded streets People walking freely and fearlessly, As they used to before this scene I want to meet my friends, The way I used to meet I want to celebrate every happy moment again That would be an excellent gift for me

We all plead you, God, Please come down on the Earth in the form of the vaccine, Make us all feel cheerful and joyful again, And bring all the things back to normalcy.



19. The New Normal



Sushma Pawar Std : XI

One day the world stopped, without any warning, but didn't hide in the darkness,

because the light rises again....

Like an echo in the forest, the day will come back, as if nothing happened...

Like an arrow in the blue sky, another day will fly away....

- Lyrics translated from the song "Life Goes On" by **BTS** [K-Pop Boy band]

We live in a world where unexpected things happen at unexpected time...things that makes us question about what is truly important right at a situation. This makes us feel helpless, anxious about the future. But we all go with the flow with the life, by facing each challenge, by seizing the opportunities to learn and grow. Change is something new and you experience changes throughout your life.

In the contemporary era of Covid-19, we all have faced many challenges in many ways. The scenario of Covid-19 almost stopped the world but not our life. We all faced it with unity and strength. We were all locked up but we still kept going on... without losing any hope and with a vision to see a bright sun rising without the Covid in our lives. This era has changed everyone's lifestyle, the way we live, the way we socialize, the way we work, the way we study and so on. Our lives after the Lockdown have not been the same as earlier, changes have been made for the better. Life can be bluntly unfair at times. But, with a happy family, some great friends, and some exciting challenges, you can come a long way already. So, never complain about the things you are not capable of doing right now, but show the world what you are capable of. As the second wave has glaringly shown us: life is too short and too much unpredictable. Make the most of the here and the now. Just one small step at a time, gets you going in your difficult times.

Just remember one thing, Life goes on.... It always has and always will. That's the way of Life. We better enjoy the journey. Even in the world of this New Normal, LIFE GOES ON.....

A Street Dog Wonders...

Ms. Dipali Chavan F.Y.B.Com

Why there is no one on the road? Why no one is coming out? Aren't they bored? Staying home the day throughout...

Earlier they weren't ready to vacant streets. Now why aren't they out on their feet. No planned or unplanned meets. Now they are only confined to Google Meets.

What must have happened? No one's ready to pop up. I still hope they'll come. Not more but some...

It's been ages we had seen them. Aren't they done playing the hide and seek game? Usually, they love breaking the rules O come out to at least kick me; its that much I miss you fools!!



20. Mind Matters



Amit Kolhapure S.Y.BBA(IB)

What are the thoughts which go in your mind? Are they mostly positive or mostly negative? We suffer not from what is going to happen but from the idea of what might happen. We all have met two kinds of people – one who are happy and the one who are sad. The first reason which comes to our mind is that one may be having fewer problems as compared to the other. But that is not true; we cannot compare each other's problem and say that someone has it easy. But we can surely compare their thoughts.

What is a thought? It's nothing but an interpretation of some input which your mind picked up from its surrounding. One cannot just replace negative thoughts with positive ones. The solution here is to find the cause behind the negative thought and work upon it. How do we do that? By filtering the inputs. What do you see? What do you listen to? What kind of conversations you put yourself into? What kind of environment are you surrounded with? When we start checking and changing these



factors of input we indirectly but effectively start to change our thought pattern, which in turn changes our emotional state.

However, it is not easy to check the inputs. Many times we don't even know the inputs. Let me give a common example: A major reason why the current generation is growing up with so many mental issues is because of inputs from the "content on social media". What do you find the most? Fake news, propaganda, polarising statements, unchecked facts, well-crafted narratives, sexuality, abusive language, and hate speech. Creative content has lesser views as compared to manipulative content because, "fear sells faster".

We don't realise the ill effects of these inputs on our thoughts unless and until we start to see the effects in our real life. Over-thinking, judging, anxiety, depression, social awkwardness, inability to agree to disagree, listening to counter rather than to understand are all behaviours which we unconsciously develop over time. They affect our relations and our mental health. Many employees working for these social media platforms themselves don't use it; because a drug dealer doesn't do drugs. It is important to find the inputs and fix them as much as possible; this is the simplest way to live a happy life.

The power of togetherness is the greatest power of all.

- Iti Rawat, WEFT



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1. Department of Commerce

Dr Geeta Acharya (Head of Commerce Department & Offtg. Principal)

In order to provide the updated knowledge and practical exposure to the real world of Commerce and Industry, various activities are conducted by the academic departments of Commerce which are given below.

Department of Accountancy and Taxation

- Guest lecture series on 'Goods and Service Tax' was conducted on 24th & 28th Nov, 2020. On 24th Nov, 2020, CA Mayur Shendge delivered a guest session on 'Introduction to Goods and Service Tax'. On 28th Nov, 2020, CA Shriram Gadgil delivered an interactive guest session on Registration Procedure under GST.
- Guest lecture series on Software used in Accounting – Tally was organised on 8th, 9th, and 10th Mar, 2021. This online lecture series was organised in association with Educom, Pune. Shri. Kedar Phadake delivered the lectures and taught the students how to record transitions in Tally.
- A Guidance Lecture on 'Artistic and Social Entrepreneurship' by Mrs. Aishwarya Khaldkar was organized for the students of vocational taxation.
- A special guest session on 'Scope of Research in Taxation' was organized for TY B.Com students having specialization in the subject 'Tax procedures and practices. Dr. Ganesh Patare, Assistant Professor, of the College conducted this session

Department of Cost & Works Accounting

• Capsule Lecture Series

A Capsule Lecture Series was conducted from 02.03.21 Tuesday to 04.03.21 for the students of T.Y.B.Com Division A and D for the subject of Cost & Works Accounting-Paper II for Term I. The purpose of the activity was to revise the Term I syllabus. This included the revision lecture, MCQ tests and the problem solving sessions. 42 students participated in the series for all three days.

• Guest Lecture on Activity Based Costing

A Guest Lecture was conducted on the topic of "Activity Based Costing (ABC)" on 31.10.2020 CA, CS, CMA Abhay Joshi was invited as the guest speaker. 106 students of T.Y.B.Com with Cost & Works Accounting as the specialization subject were present for the same.

• Guest Lecture on Cost Audit was conducted on 13th March 2021, for the students of TY B.Com having a Subject Cost & Works Accounting Mr. Chandrashekhar Adawadkar delivered the lecture on the relevance and importance of Cost Audit in today's world and essentials of Cost Audit .73 students participated in the same.

Department of Business Law

• Expert Guest lectures for TYBCom Business Regulatory Framework

Sr	Day & Date	Speaker	Торіс	Number of students
1	Thursday 05-11-20	CS Adv. Deepti Dole	Indian Partnership Act	111
2	Saturday 07-11-20	Adv. Anand Akut	E Commerce, Digital Signature	125
3	Thursday 12-11-20	CS Adv. Deepti Dole	Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008	125

• Power Point Presentation Activity for Elements of Company Law students was held in October 2020. The main objective of the PowerPoint Presentation Activity was to get students to understand the relevance and importance of the Companies Act, 2013 in today's world. Apart from this, the purpose of this activity was that the student will get insight about various terminologies used in Company Act, the various types of Companies. Another Objective of this activity was to get students acquainted with Principal Documents of Company; the concepts of Share capital, various modes of raising share capital. In all, 45 students participated.

Department of Marketing

- A Guest Lecture on 'Digital Marketing' was conducted for the students of FY B.Com on 12th March, 2021. Mr. Aashish Rathi from Arena Multimedia was the Guest Speaker for the session which was attended by 133 students and all the faculties of the Department of Marketing.
- A Guest Lecture on 'Rural Marketing' was conducted for the students of FY, SY and TY B.Com on 15th March, 2021. Shri. Pandit Dada Shikare – Eminent Rural Entrepreneur was the Guest Speaker for the session which was attended by 70 students and all the faculties of the Department of Marketing.

Department of Business Practices

Department of Business Practices conducts the curricular and co-curricular activities for the subject of Business Communication and Business Entrepreneurship

- Presentations (PPT) on the topic of 'Impact of Pandemic Situation on various Businesses' were conducted for the students of Business Environment and Entrepreneurship of F Y B Com from 17th September 2020 to 25th September 2020 in which 136 students participated
- Live interaction with Entrepreneur Miss. Aishwarya Khaladkar was arranged in association with the Business Administration and Accountancy Department on 8th August 2020.
- Guest lecture on 'DeAsra The Social Entrepreneurship' An online guest session of Shree. Anand Godase was arranged for the subject of Business Entrepreneurship (Paper I) for SY B.Com students on 8th December 2020. The students with specialization in Business Entrepreneurship have a case study of 'DeAsra' as a social Entrepreneurship organization in the syllabus, Shree. Anand Godase gave a clear idea about the working of DeAsra.41 students were present for the lecture.

• Guest Session on Digital Entrepreneurship

A Guest Session on "Digital Entrepreneurship" was organized on 28th August 2020 for the students of TY B.Com of Business Entrepreneurship. The main objective of the online Guest Session was to understand the relevance and importance of Digital Entrepreneurship in today's world and to learn how to become a Digital Entrepreneur, essentials of Digital Entrepreneurship through brainstorming and interactive sessions . 41 students participated in the same for the entire session.

• Power Point Presentation on Business Plan preparation was organised for Business Entrepreneurship students' .These were conducted from October to December 2020 in the fourth lecture every Friday.45 students presented on the topics of Business Plan preparation. Students made the group and presented the topic from October to December 2020 in the fourth lecture every Friday at 11 am onwards.

• Guest lecture on 'Designing & Leading a Scalable Startup': was organised on 10th October, 2020 .The speaker for the lecture was 'Ms. Vartika Tripathi' a young innovative entrepreneur, Co-founder of Pawsh Box Pet Tech LLP, who is effectively leading her startup towards scalability. The session received an overwhelming response from the students and around 110 students were present for the session.

Online Guest lecture on Soft Skills –

• Manners, Etiquettes, and Grooming

It was conducted for all students of S.Y.B.Com on 9th November 2020 by Smt. Swapna Menon to create and strengthen soft skills awareness, build personality, understand facial expression, dressing style, body posture etc. for effective communication. A total of 252 students were present for the lecture.

• Effective speaking, listening and interview skills

It was conducted for all students of S.Y.B.Com on 10th November 2020 by Smt. Amrapali Aurangabadkar. She explained the importance of the tone, pitch, facial expression, language proficiency etc. and the importance of effective speaking, effective listening and interview skills through PPT. A total of 256 students were present for the lecture.

• Online Guest lecture on the topic of Blog Writing was conducted for all students of S.Y.B.Com on 31st March 2021 by Smt.Saniya Bhalerao to understand the relevance and importance of Blogs in today's world, to learn how to write the blogs in impressive way & to study the future trends of Personal & Business Blogs. A total of 290 students were present for the lecture.

Department of Business Administration

- Guest Lecture on 'Artistic Entrepreneurship' by Smt. Aishwarya Khaladkar, an entrepreneur on Saturday – 8/8/2020. The lecture was attended by 80 students.
- Guest Lecture on 'Career Planning Process' by Shri Pradeep Kopardekar – Chief Finance Officer, Kirloskar Group for students on Saturday – 7/11/2020. The lecture was attended by 20 students.
- Half Day Workshop on 'Business Ethics Today and Tomorrow' in association with Business Ethics Foundation, was held on Tuesday, 2/3/2021 to understand the relevance and importance of business ethics in today's world and to study the future of business ethics through brainstorming and interactive sessions.

The workshop was attended by 160 students. The details of the sessions in the workshop were

Session	Торіс	Guest Speaker
1	Business Ethics Today and Tomorrow	Dr. A. M. Joshi, former banker
2	Business Ethics in Reality (An informative film on Business Ashram – Polyhydron Pvt. Ltd., Belgaum and its analysis)	1
3	Business Ethics at Crossroads (Case-study discussion and it's analysis)	Dr. Rashmi Hebalkar, Teacher, Trainer and Mentor

Achievements of the faculty :

• Prof Dr Sulabha Patole, Prof Dr B S Vhankate and Prof Dr Sunil Zagade have been promoted to the position of Professor under the Career Advancement Scheme. • Dr. Rohini Gote has been appointed as Ph.D. guide in Law at the Research Centre of P.E. Modern Law College , Pune under SPPU from 2020-21.

• Smt Ashlesha Deshpande passed in NET examination

2. Department of Economics

Dr. Anand Lele (Head)

Quiz competition: Quiz competition based on Banking & Finance was conducted on 8 October 2020 for all F.Y.B.Com students. 5 groups based on divisions were made. 72 students participated in the activity.

- **Guest Lecture:** Dept. of Banking & Finance had organised a guest lecture on the topic "Mutual Funds as prospect for the investors" for the TY
 - B. Com Banking & Finance students.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Dattatray Mulay. Date: 27 March 2021.

Total 85 students attended the lecture.

• Coaching for Diploma in Banking and Finance:

M.E.S. Garware College of Commerce in association with JSBL Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Pune introduced the coaching for a short term course; conducted by 'Indian Institute of Banking and Finance, Mumbai (A subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India). The objective behind this certificate course was to acquaint students with several aspects of banking procedures, to enhance practical knowledge of the banking sector and to get job opportunities in banks.

Program Details:

An introductory lecture was conducted on Sunday, 16th August 2020 at 10:30 am on zoom online meeting. The period of course was from 23rd August 2020 to 08 November 2020. In all 24 students participated in this course. Duration was 60 clock hours. The course covered topics like 'Principles and Practices of Banking', 'Legal & Regulatory Aspects of Banking' & 'Accounts & Finance for Bankers etc.

• Faculty Achievement:

1. Prof. Dr. Asha Khilare has been promoted to the position of Professor under the Career Advancement Scheme.

2. Smt. Sayali Dhamdhere has been awarded M.Phil. degree in the subject of Economics in August 2020 with 'A ' grade. Her topic was "Land Utilization Pattern of Maharashtra with Special Reference to Pune District."

3. Language Association

Dr. Ketaki Modak (Head)

The Language Association often proves to be an assured platform for all the creative fervor in our Commerce students. Every year, the association tries to organize events that proliferate the love for languages, acquaints the students with languagedominant careers and gives a lot of scope for selfexpression by the students. This year, the Pandemic did take its toll on the number of activities of the association and yet, the indefatigable spirit of the young Garwarians could be felt in the handful of online, creative activities they carried out under the Language Association.

• Communique: The English Wallpaper

The Pandemic had threatened to break the 15 year long uninterrupted publication of our English wallpaper magazine Communique. Yet, no pandemic could confine the creativity of our students who immediately took up the challenge and decided to take the physical wall paper magazine online. Initially started as a Sonnet Fest, the editorial team soon called for all student poets to submit their poetic creations, sonnets or otherwise and they received as many as 30 self-written poems!!

The student editorial board decided to launch Communique in Blog form and accordingly the blog https://communiquegcc.wixsite.com/website was inaugurated on 24th Oct 2020. The contributions included various poems by students on themes like the Monsoons, the Pandemic, the Gender divide etc. The Blog received good response from its readers.

Communique soon ventured into an Instagram account of its own and a photography competition 'Wanderlust' was organized on the Insta platform in the month of November. With this blog version, Communique envisions to be an unstoppable platform for all our English poets and writers.

• Ninad Wall Paper Magazine:

The Marathi wall paper magazine named Ninad has also a long uninterrupted history. But this year due to the pandemic situation, students were unable to create the same in hard copy. So, instead of being discouraged, they decided to publish Ninad Magazine online. The students divided themselves into two groups and decided to come up with two issues of Ninad Magazine. In one group there were 16 participants and in other group there were 07 participants. Both the groups decided their own themes, and contributed the articles and poems, did the designing and artistic part etc. all on their own. A few days working on it and they came up with nicely designed and drafted magazines.

The themes were 'Parivartan Shikshanatale' and 'Vijayakade Vatchal'. The 2 issues of Ninad were published 27th November 2020. In all 64 students participated in the programme. Dr.Geeta Acharya, officiating Principal, was kind enough to grace the occasion.

• Online Education: Interaction with an alumni

One of our past students, Ms. Ritiksha Bhamare was invited as a guest speaker by the Language Association. She is an assistant director and working on various projects of online education. She has also worked with Sahyadri Channel in the famous series Tilimili. She shared her experiences with the current students. She also recalled her college days and shared her views about how the College and especially Language association was helpful in pointing to her dream career. Later there was also a question-and-answer session. Students were very

curious to know more about the film industry as a career option. The programme was organized on 09th October 2020.

4. Commerce Association & Business Lab

Dr. Ganesh Patare (Head)

Commerce Association & Business Lab provides a platform for the students to exhibit their talents in various commerce oriented programs which will help them to enhance analytical, practical and decision making skills.

During the academic year 2020-2021 Commerce Association & Business Lab offered platform for students to learn team work, get practical knowledge, develop critical thinking, selfconfidence and get motivation.

Departmental Activities

• Services provided by the laboratory :

The Department has five Computers and Television Sets and it provides various facilities to students like internet browsing, News, Tally Basic Version Software, Share Market Trading Activity, Filing Academic as well as Competitive Exam Forms etc.

• Padma Bhushan Late Shri Abasaheb Garware Prize Distribution Ceremony

In the fond memory of late Padma Bhushan shri Abasaheb Garware, a prize distribution function was organized on 21st December 2020 by Commerce Association & Business Lab. The chief guest of the occasion was **Shri. Sunil Sutawane**, Manager, Garware Polyester Ltd. Aurangabad.

• Commerce Laboratory :

The commerce laboratory at Garware College of Commerce was set up with the ultimate aim of enhancing the skills and competencies of students on a sustained basis. The main aim of commerce laboratory is to enrich curricular knowledge, to inculcate the global competency to create career awareness among the students, to develop the knowledge of market and create a class of leaders.

• Two Days Workshop :

Commerce Association & Business Lab conducted 2 days' workshop on Fundamentals of Stock Market in association with NSE Academy on 22nd & 23rd March 2021, more than 250 students attended this workshop.

NSMART Trading Simulation Workshop

Commerce Association & Business Lab conducted NSMART Trading simulation workshop for faculties of GCC on 11th Jan 2021 in association with NSE Academy. In this Workshop NSE Academy has given the demo of their NSMART Stock Market Trading simulation, this software works as a real stock market trading nut delayed by 15 min from the actual time of Stock Market.

• International Expert Lecture :

Commerce Association & Business Lab had organized an International Expert Lecture on

'International Financial System' on 1st December 2020, by Dr Babak Naysari, Senior lecturer at INTI International University, Malaysia.

• World Investors Week (WIW) Celebration:

Commerce Association & Business Lab celebrated a world investors day. It was a global campaign promoted by International Organization of Securities Commission (IOSCO) & National Stock Exchange (NSE) to raise awareness about the investors education & protection for which an awareness session was conducted on 27th November 2020, by business lab in associations with National Stock Exchange(NSE) & BIAP.



Dr. Asha Khilare (Head)

The Economics Association has been formed to develop interest of students in Economics and to create awareness regarding current economic issues. Activities for the year were as under:

• **PPT Competition:** PPT Competition was organised for F.Y. B.Com students on the topic of 'Demand Analysis' on 25/10/2020. Smt. Dipali Padole from Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College, Amravati, was invited as a judge. 69 students attended the program.

• Article Writing Competition: It was organised on "Impact of COVID-19 on various aspects of Indian Economy." Total 12 Articles were received. Following students have been declared as winners.-

First prize: Aditya Bhadekar (F.Y. B.Com. **Second prize:** Shwetha Vasanth (F.Y. B.Com.) **Third prize:** Niranjan Awate (F. Y. B.Com.)

• **Quiz competition:** Quiz competition on Indian economy was organized on 11th November 2020 on Google meet. Nikhita Jori and Yuvraj Jadhav coordinated and conducted the competition. 27 students fromT.Y.B.Com participated in the competition and the result of the competition is as follows:

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Sr.	Name of	Rank	Class	Roll
No.	Student			no.
1	Aniket Dudhal	1 st	T.Y.B.Com	8630
2	Priyanka Jagtap	2 nd	T.Y.B.Com	8837
3	Divyano Oza	3 rd	T.Y.B.Com	8239

• Guest Lectures:

1. Smt. Aparna Kulkarni was invited to deliver a lecture on "Political Economy of Fiscal and Monetary Policies in India amidst COVID-19 Pandemic" on 07/10/2020. Total 101 students attended the lecture.

2. A guest lecture was held on 19/03/2021 on "An Evolution of Economic Theory" by Shri. Vishwajeet Kadam. 124 students were enlightened about the subject.

3. On 17/03/2021, Shri. Vivek Datar was invited to discuss "New Technologies in Banking" where 171 students were informed of the changed trends in uses of technologies in the banking sector.



Shri. Sumeet Gaikwad (Head)

• Guest Lecture – Corporate Expectations and Student Preparedness, Prof. Dr. Satish Deodhar – Indian Institute of Management

The Placement Cell organised a Guest Lecture on Corporate Expectations and Student Preparedness for SY/TY B.Com, BBA/ IB/ CA students. The session was delivered by Prof. Dr. Satish Deodhar -Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, (Professor Economics and formed Placement Cell - Head, IIM -Ahmedabad) The session was focused on strengthening the abilities of students and acquainting them with the current Industry trends and requirements. Prof. Dr Deodhar stressed on developing the Aptitude, Work skills, Soft Skills and all other Professional traits which are critical for professional development.

The techniques on how to approach aptitude tests, Group discussions and Interviews and how to build an effective Resume too was focused in the session. Management skills can be defined as traits or abilities that an executive should possess in order to complete specific tasks in an organization. Different aspects of a corporate Job too were explored as Management skills include capacity to perform duties while avoiding crisis situations and promptly solving business problems, opined Prof. Dr. Deodhar. A Management skill can be developed through learning, solving case studies, developing real life projects and practical experience as a manager. The skills help the candidates for the easy flow of activities in the organization.

Learning soft skills never go out of style and it is the best investment by students in career. Students got an understanding on how Corporate soft skills are the essential interpersonal skills and how that makes students able to get things done at workplace and take on new opportunities ahead. According to Prof.Dr.Deodhar, now companies are attracting toward talent with interpersonal and people-oriented skills, Creativity, Collaboration, Persuasion, Time Management, Adaptability and Emotional intelligence are few of the most demanded soft skills in the future. It demonstrates how we work with others and bring new ideas and innovative practices to solve business problems. Recruiters are looking for 'Emotional intelligence' in candidates.

• Resume Writing Session

A Resume Writing session was organised for the ST/TY B.Com, BBA /IB/ CA students by the Placement Cell. The session was delivered by Ms Mayuri Dhavale, Founder and Business Head – E 2E Consultants. In today's job market, the resume has become the essential requirement potential employers request for. The speaker stressed on 'How to impress the employer with your resume, and how your resume can, and will, make all the difference.

A resume is an advertisement. It advertises you, your unique skills, and qualifications, and it stresses the benefits you have to offer. The students got an understanding about 'How to rise above the competition and how to make sure that your resume is loaded with employer benefits, not just skills. By reading your resume, the employer must quickly understand what advantages you offer his company.

Students got apt information on the importance of Resume Building as an employer is more interested in the benefits you have to offer, than your impressive repertoire of skills. Various tips and tricks were given by the speaker, such as when you write your resume, make every effort to highlight these employer benefits. For example, if you are proficient in PageMaker and desktop publishing, do not just list your skills (such as Mastery of PageMaker"). Translate those skills into benefits. Tell the employer what you are able to do with your desktop publishing skills (for example, "ability to produce attractive brochures at a low cost").

In the second session students were asked to prepare a resume and a guidance and feedback was provided by the speaker based on the quality and nature of Resumes.

• Guest Lecture – TATA Strive Add on Course

A Guest Lecture was organised in collaboration with TATA Strive on Phygital Skilling. A blend of Physical and Digital Skills required for new digital skills requirement in the corporate sector. The session focused on new opportunities coming up in the Industry with respect to Digital skills and how students should acquire the knowledge of Digital skills for competing in the Intense market.

• Guest Lecture – Guidance on how to choose Live Projects and Internships

A session on 'How to choose live project and Internships' was scheduled for SY/TY BBA/ IB/ CA/ B.Com students. The session was delivered by Shri Abhishek Gupta, Ex - Co Partner, BYJU India Pvt ltd. The session focused on the multiple aspects of how Internships and why Internships are an essential part of a curriculum. The session guided students on taking up live projects and Internships and stressed on its utility. The live projects and Internships offer experiential learning which is precious and a key as far as strengthening the fundamentals of a job is concerned. The students received a great amount of guidance as real-life examples were demonstrated during the lecture. The session also focused on how to choose a study abroad program, the essential parameters of going for study abroad, the criteria, which country a student should select, and many other aspects of study abroad too were discussed. As Internships are a key with respect to study abroad programs in terms of extra credits, the speaker highlighted on this factor also.

Resource Person	Торіс	Date	Time	Doc Id
Shri Abhishek Gupta	Guidelines to choose live projects and Internships	Friday, 12 th February 2021	10.00 am	3070

• Employment Enhancement Program-Lecture Series

The Placement Cell of MES Garware College of Commerce organized an Employment Enhancement Program for the SY/TY B.Com/ BBA/ IB/ CA students. The program comprised a 15-day Online lecture series which included varied topics across various domains. The lecture series highlighted on imparting skill- based knowledge on current and upcoming trends in an attempt to make the students Industry ready. Industry experts from PRAJ Industries, Garware Polyesters, EXIM Bank and others offered their expertise to the Commerce and Management students. The alumni working in varied capacities in different sectors also contributed to the lecture series by offering their knowledge and guidance to the participants. The Lecture series was organized in an attempt to explore opportunities in different sectors like Marketing, Human Resources, Finance, Supply Chain and Logistics, Computers and Information Technology, Digital Marketing and many others allied fields. The lecture series was made accessible to the students studying in Commerce and Management Colleges across Pune as well. The Lecture series received a response from more than 2500 Students across the colleges in Pune.

Sr.No	Resource Person	Торіс	Date	Time
1	Shri Rupesh Sharma – Region- al Head – EXIM Bank	EXIM Procedure	16 th January 2021	12.00- 1.00pm
2	Mahesh Rangutwar- Chairper- son-Finance (ISBM)	Financial Modelling/ Risk Management	18th January 2021	12.00- 1.00pm
3	Shri S V Amlekar, President – Operations, Garware Poly- etsers Ltd	Operations Management	19 th January 2021	12.00- 1.00pm
4	Ms Bilwa Joglekar – Thomas Jefferson University, Phila- delphia USA- Research and Testing Cell	User Interface/User Analytics	20 th January 2021	12.00- 1.00pm
5	Mr. Amit Deokule – Trainer and Life Balance Coach	Importance of Intern- ships in today's world	21 st January 2021	12.00- 1.00pm
6	Mr. Shehzad Amlani – Com- mercials and Purchase Head – Messung Systems	Logistics and Warehous- ing Management	22 nd January 2021	2.00- 3.00pm
7	Shri Hemant Nikam – General Manager – HR Garware Poly- esters Ltd	Current Practices adopt- ed by MNC's in HR	22 nd January 2021	12.00. – 1.00pm
8	Mr. Shehzad Amlani – Com- mercials and Purchase Head – Messung Systems	Interview Techniques and Hacks	23 rd January 2021	12.00- 1.00pm
9	Shri Samir Kukade – Presi- dent, Human Capital - PRAJ	HR Practices in Corpo- rate World	23 rd January 2021	4.00-5.00pm
10	Mr. Aditya Pagey – HR Busi- ness Partner - ATOS	Green HR Importance in MNC's	25 th January 2021	12.00- 1.00pm
11	Mr. Abhijeet Naiksatam – Ap- plication Architect	Cloud Computing and Digital Transformation	27 th January 2021	2.00- 4.00pm

12	Mr. Abhijeet Naiksatam -Ap- plication Architect	AI and Technology Trends in 2021	28th January 2021	2.00- 4.00pm
13	Shri Sujeet Savargaonkar – Additional VP – Teleservices – TATA Teleservices	Marketing Opportuni- ties in Digital Sector	29 th January 2021	12.00- 1.00pm
14	Mr. Pravin Padle – Partner – Matrix Software Solutions	Introduction to ASP.Net MVC using Jquery and Bootstrap	01 st February 2021	10.00- 12.00noon
15	Prof. Pallavi Murdeshwar – Dean (Placements) – ICFAI Business School	Upcoming trends in the field of Finance	2 nd February 2021	12.00 – 2.00 pm
16	Prof. Dr. Satish Deodhar- Indian Institute of Management	Corporate Expectations and Student Preparedness	Thursday, 15 th Octo- ber 2020	11.00 am
17	Ms Mayuri Dhavale	Resume Writing	Thursday, 22 nd Octo- ber 2020	10.00 am
18	Ms Mayuri Dhavale	Resume Writing – Feed- back Session	Saturday, 24 th Octo- ber, 2020	10.00 am
19	Shri Vivek Surve	Tata Strive – Add On Course	Saturday, 7 th Novem- ber 2020	10.00 am

• HR Meet – 2021

Considering the growing impetus and the need of a strong connect with the Industry sector, the Placement Cell organised an online HR meet on Saturday, 20th March 2021 with an aim of minimising the gap between Industry and academics for creating a robust and conducive environment towards offering more employment and Internship opportunities in the future. The main objective of the HR meet was to strike a chord to achieve a fine blend between the Industry and College needs and requirements.

The meet consisted of HR officials from different companies across various sectors such as Finance, Marketing, HR, Supply Chain and Logistics, IT, ITES, Service and Banking sector. Along with the company officials, senior faculty members, Placement coordinators / officers of different colleges across Pune were invited to take part and share their views during the meet.

This session was addressed by Chief Guest, Smt. Manjari Desai, Director – Education and Skill Development, International Delegation and Head-Technology Transfer Cell.

who emphasised on regular communication and dialogue with industries which would enhance and increase the potential of students and relations with industries.

Tie ups and Industry collaboration would result in more internship opportunities and hands-on learning. That would eventually result in better understanding of students 'role and their approach would be more concrete towards working in any field.

Since most of the organisations gives basic level work to the interns, and majority of the companies do

the same, for that the need of building the mindset of the students and to make them work in a positive way is the key. As every work is important and necessary for the skill building and most importantly students should develop a positive approach for embracing any kind of work to be done with dedication and commitment, opined Smt. Desai.

The Meet was attended by 13 Officials coming from diverse backgrounds such as Marketing, HR, Finance, Administration, Operations, IT etc. (See the Following Table)

Every company official played a highly active role in expressing their views and suggestions for enhancing the skill sets of the students. Multiple areas were covered with respect to making the employability skill sets stronger and more robust.

Sr. No	Name of the Official	Company Name	Designation
1	Smt. Manjari Desai	Mahratta Chamber of Com- merce	Director – Education and Skill De- velopment, International Delegation and Head – Technology Transfer Cell
2	Shri Prashant Udas	Eureka Vision	Entreprenuer
3	Shri Harshad Bhagwat	WordsMaya	Entreprenuer
4	Shri Rohit Gaikwad	HCL Technologies	Project Manager
5	Shri Abhijeet Borwankar	Godrej Properties	Brand Marketing Manager
6	Ms Aboli Deshpande	GIG India Pvt Ltd	Operations Manager
7	Mr Amit Deokule	Soulomkar	Life balance coach
8	Shri Aditya Pagey	Atos- Syntel India	HR – Partner
9	Mr Omkar Khapare	Hureka Technologies	Branding and Content Writer
10	Dr. Prashant Dhopavkar	Infosys/L&t	Independent Consultant
11	Mr. Amar Kokare	Allianz Technologies	Senior Java Programmer
12	Mr Mahesh Jadhav	Larsen & Toubro	Chief Engineer
13	Smt. Lawly Das	Modern College of Commerce	Head – BBA/IB Programme

7. Soft Skills Development Center

Dr. Asha Khilare (Head)

The Soft Skill Development Center has been established since 2007 in our college to bring about personality development of the students. Considering the changing needs of the students the topics covered in the program have ranged from confidence building, public speaking, Email Etiquette, English grammar and fluency, importance of body language in communication, technique of group discussion, personal interviews and so on. The entire training is activity based through participative models such as group activities, games, presentations, etc. Mock interviews are conducted on the last day. This year the college conducted 'Employability Enhancement & Youth livelihood Program (EEP)' in association with Mahindra pride classroom Nandi foundation. It's a CSR initiative of the Mahindra group of companies. The aim of this program was to train students to make them employable. This ten days program was started on Monday 15th February 2021 and ended on 25th February 2021. Around 43 students of final year BCom,MCom,BBA, BBA(IB), BBA (CA) completed the program. Mr. Prashant Stephans was the resource person. Due to the situation of COVID and lockdown this program was conducted in online mode. Following are the details of the session:

Sr.No	Session Title	Skills	Dates
1	First Impression	Soft skills	15/2/2021
2	I am Unique	Induction and Life skills	16/2/2021
3	Creating PPT	Input Session- Creativity and teamwork	17/2/2021
4	Email Etiquette	Soft skills	18/2/2021
5	Job Opportunities	Life skills	19/2/2021
6	Interview Preparation 1	Interview skills	20/2/2021
7	Extempore Speech+ GD-input session	Communication Skills and interview skills	21/2/2021
8	Extempore Speech- Advance (Assessed)	Interview skills and Assessment	22/2/2021
9	Extempore Speech- Advance (Assessed)	Interview skills and Assessment	23/2/2021
10	Group Discussion (Assessed)	Interview skills and Assessment	24/2/2021
11	Group Discussion (Assessed)	Interview skills and Assessment	25/2/2021
12	Interview Preparation 2	Interview skills	26/2/2021
13	Embracing Change	Life Skills	27/2/2021

8. Competitive Examination & Career Guidance Cell

Dr. Sunil Zagade (Head)

Joint Director of Pune declared to conduct the IAS Training Competition Examination, students Qualified for that examination will be provided with Free Training of IAS. Following students from our College Participated in that Exam-

- 1) Trupti Batunge T.Y.B.COM Div. E
- 2) Nigam Londhe M.COM

9. Entrepreneurship Innovation and Start-Up Cell

Dr. Archana Joshi (Head)

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Start-up cell of the college aims at imbibing 'entrepreneurial spirit' among the students through its various activities. With the strong network of alumni-entrepreneurs on our mentors' panel, an entrepreneurship-support institution like deAsra as our knowledge partner, EIS-Cell provides its students frequent opportunities to interact with the successful entrepreneurs from various fields and also provides the hands-on exposure to various aspects of entrepreneurship. However, the current pandemic and the resultant Lock Downs in this academic year, have taken significant toll on the vibrant nature of the activities of this cell.

• First-Lock Down Initiatives:

A. As a quick response to the pandemic and the resultant Lock Down in March 2020, The Cell tried to organize/ participate in a series of Online activities and events and keep its students engaged in entrepreneurial knowledge enhancement.

- B. The student volunteers of EIS-Cell participated in a few Online training events organized by Navyuvak Entrepreneurs. These include an Entrepreneurship Boot Camp (11th, 12th & 13th April 2020), A Webinar on 'How to create the right Pitch Deck?' (29th April 2020) & Master Class about 'How to launch a successful Media Campaign' (16th & 17th May 2020)
- C. The Cell had arranged a webinar on "Career Opportunities in Entrepreneurship for Commerce and Management Students" on 6th May 2020 specially for the entry-point students likely to seek admission in FY – UG courses after their HSSC exams. The subject expert was the EIS-Cell mentor Dr. Jyoti Gogte who interacted and answered all the curious queries by the participants.
- D. EIS-Cell in association with deAsra had arranged for a two-day Curtain-Raiser Program seeking to introduce the student participants to these new

upcoming areas of entrepreneurship in the face of the looming pandemic. In this program, on 12th May 2020, Ms. Vaishali Aparajit from deAsra introduced the students to the concept of **'Online Business Platforms'** and elaborated how these can be used effectively by entrepreneurs now to sustain and expand their businesses in the pandemic times. On 13th May 2020, Dr. Anand Godse from deAsra interacted with the students to imbibe the new **Common Business Skills** that the aspiring entrepreneurs must master visavis the traditional offline businesses.

• Virtual Treasure Hunt: (13th Sept 2020)

In order to overcome the challenge of enlisting new student volunteers in the academic year 2020-21 that had already started later than the usual date and had been forced to be on fully online mode, the student volunteers of EIS-Cell had organized a novel online edutainment event of virtual Treasure Hunt on 13th Sept 2020. The event received a good response from college students and was successful in creating awareness about EIS-Cell's activities among the participants. In the aftermath of this interesting event, the Cell's registrations opened for new volunteers and the new years' enrollments started.

• A Session on Marketing: (2nd Oct 2020)

With a total of over 100 volunteers, the EIS-Cell started arranging for its online trainings, workshops, competitions etc. as per the inclinations expressed by the volunteers. On one such popular demand the Cell arranged for **a webinar on "Social Media Marketing"** by Dr. Sandeep Rathod on 2nd Oct 2020. The students were highly enlightened by the Marketing nitty-gritties shared by Dr. Rathod.

• Career Opportunities for Sports Entrepreneurs: (5th Oct 2020)

EIS-Cell often tries to bring forth the exemplary journey of off-beat entrepreneurs who have made it big in their chosen field. This year, on 5th Oct 2020, the cell had arranged for a webinar and live interactive session with the sports entrepreneur Mr. Chaitanya Velhal -Manager

Multifit Pimple Saudagar, Iron Works Fitness LLP. Mr. Velhal brought out how in the era of growing health consciousness on part of the sports people and the commoners alike, Sports Entrepreneurship is a field with potentially fruitful opportunities. He brought out several intricacies of the trade and addressed many curious questions of the attendees.

• Alumni Talk: (12th Oct 2020)

The alumni of the Cell always are a great pillar of strength for the Cell who provide valuable guidance to current students. This year too, an alumni talk was organized online on 12th Oct 2020, wherein Mr. Nishant Chimankar and Mr. Nikhil Marda – the E-Cell Leaders of 2014-15, interacted with our current students. Mr. Chimankar is currently working as Accounts Manager in ICICI Bank and Mr. Marda is currently pursuing his masters in Australia. They both brought out how the life long learning provided by E-Cell has stayed with them and has inspired them to think out-of-the-box in the challenging situations in life.

The students bonded over very well during this event and a team spirit started getting built up among them.

• Ideation Challenge 2020:

One of the main objectives of EIS-Cell is apparently imparting entrepreneurial education and challenging the students to come up with innovative business ideas. This year, a full-fledged Certificate Course in Entrepreneurship could not be organized due to the challenging situation. Yet, the Cell experimented in November 2020 upon creating a short self-paced learning course called 'A Crash Course on Innovative Entrepreneurship' on Google Classroom app. In all 78 participants were enrolled on the Google Classroom and the faculty and mentors together developed a 10 module course-work that the participants had to watch, read and complete at their own pace. The culmination was in the form of the Innovation and Ideation Challenge 2020 – an inhouse Innovative Business Idea Competition.

After the first round of the competition, the next round entrants were provided specific needbased guidance and mentoring by our mentor Dr. Jyoti Gogte.

The Ideation Challenge final round was organized online on 21st Dec 2020 (Padmabhushan Abasaheb Garware Smriti Din) and in all 7 teams presented their Business Plans. Dr. Anand Godse and Dr. Jyoti Gogte were the judges for the event and the winning two teams Mr. Prathamesh Bharadiya (1st Prize) & Mr. Akhilesh Jagtap & group (2nd Prize) were sent ahead for the Inter-collegiate Ideation Challenge organized by CIIE, SPPU.

• IPR Consultancy for Ideation Challenge Entries:

On 2nd Jan 2021, two of the promising entries from the Innovation and Ideation Challenge entries were also provided with special, personalized IPR consultancy by the EIS-Cell in association with the college IPR Cell.

• Inauguration of Campus Company's E-Commerce website:

EIS-Cell often makes efforts to make its students realize how to convert a challenge into an opportunity. The worldwide challenge of the pandemic had also threatened to sabotage the Cell's tiny activity called Campus Company that provided our budding entrepreneurs to have hands-on experiential learning on Campus. The entrepreneurs used to be provided with some campus space where they could showcase their products and learn how to handle business in rudimentary form. However, the end of physical campus life this academic year, inspired the Cell to explore the virtual world and try its best to provide an online platform for our budding entrepreneurs. Through the brain-storming and hard work of the student leaders, alumni and a little bit of outsourced technical support came up the e-commerce website avatar of the Campus Company <u>www.gcccampuscompany.com</u>.

The website was inaugurated by Hon. Principal Dr. Geeta Acharya on 21st Dec 2020 and has currently 10 student and alumni vendors with a variety of products including homemade chocolates, handicrafts, home décor, jewelry etc. This Campus Company 4.0 is a major leap for EIS-Cell and we now look forward to strengthening this platform for all the student and alumni entrepreneurs of our college.

• Indovention 2020-21:

The annual flagship event Indovention, likewise had to be creatively shifted completely online. Instead of December 2020, the event was shifted to Jan 2021 and was restricted to the intra-college level this year. Like every year's Indovention, this Online version also tried to keep the spirit of edutainment and experiential learning alive so as to bring home the importance of creative thinking, decision making, risk-taking and real-life business experience for the participants. Hence from $14 - 16^{th}$ Jan 2021, three days – 5 events were planned as follows:

A. E-Talk –

On 14th Jan 2021, Adv. Ganesh Hingmire founder & chairman at GMGC was invited for an E-Talk on Intellectual Property Rights. It was held on the online platform Google Meet & around 130 students attended E-talk.

B. Brand-Scaping – The Advertisement-making Competition -

Brand Scaping was an advertisement making competition held on 14th Jan 2021. Participants were expected to create a short video which advertise a product or service. 2 winners was declared out of 8 participants. The judges were Mr. Nishant Chimankar & Mr. Saurabh Gavali. The winners were Mr. Jayesh Ekde & Ms. Nidhi Satvekar.

C. Veritas – The Debate Competition -

A Virtual Debate Competition received an overwhelming response & 6 participants reached the final round. This was held on 15th Jan 2021. The competition was judged by Dr. Sandeep Rathore & Ms. Srushti Kardekar.

The winners were: Mr. Rugved Parkhi, Mr.Saket Pawar and Ms. Madhumita.

D. Treasure Hunt-

An Inter Collegiate Virtual Treasure Hunt was held on 16th Jan 2021. There were in all 10 teams consisting 4 students each. The winners were: Amit Vikram & group.

E. Business Fair –

Two days virtual Business Fair was organized on the newly-developed website of Campus Company on 15th & 16th Jan 2021. The participating vendors had to bag maximum orders on these two days through this platform. They were also judged on the basis of their social media marketing efforts as well as customer feedback. This innovative online Business Fair by EIS-Cell showed a turnover of Rs. 10,000/- in the two days for the participating 10 alumni and student vendors. The website hits also showed a significant increase in the two days.

The E-Commerce platform has proven to be a great learning opportunity for the participant vendors as well as the EIS-Cell volunteers alike. With passing time, the features of the website will be updated and the students would be motivated to take maximum benefit of this Business Platform prototype in the New Normal. The winners of the Business Fair were:

 Best Social Media Marketing Efforts - Ms. Srushti Kardekar

- 2. Best Sales Ms. Isha Sawant
- 3. Best Customer Relations Ms. Prachi Shinde

• Student Leader Participation in Jagruti Yatra:

Jagriti Yatra is an initiative of Jagriti Sewa Sansthan, a non-governmental organization that promotes entrepreneurship. The initiative was launched in 2008. The journey is for 15 days in which, a distance of 8000 kilometers is covered. They visit 15 role models at 12 destinations covering The Indian States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Rajasthan and Gujarat in a train that transports only the yatris or travelers of the Jagriti Yatra. The individuals who go for the journey are supposed to live in the train for the span of 15–18 days and interact with their fellow travelers.

In the wake of the pandemic, Jagruti Yatra 2020 was crafted as a 15-day virtual journey which commenced from 24th Dec 2020 and had an end note on 8th Jan 2021. Miss Vaishnavi Jamdade – the student leader of the Cell, participated in this virtual entrepreneurial journey which had a total participation of 4000+ people from different backgrounds.

The yatra consisted of 8 role models (Gram Vikas, Goonj, Barefoot College International,

Gandhi Ashram, Mumbai's Dabbawala, Arvind Eye Care, Archaeological site of Nalanda

university, ISRO with Dr. Chidambaram) which were studied in details as regards their business idea and ideologies, their outreach, revenue models, societal impact etc.

Along with key note speakers on topics like healthcare, Women awakening shakti, Agro-

processing, Marketing 101 etc, various activities were conducted by the facilitators of

Jagruti Yatra. The activities included BGT- Biz Gyan Tree (business plan competition), AC

Chair Car Sessions, group activities with facilitators etc. A wholesome entrepreneurial exposure was experienced with such inspiring personalities on the board.

10. Students Development Committee

Dr. Asha Khilare (Head)

- Karmveer Bhaurao Patil Earn & Learn Scheme: Earn and learn scheme was introduced by Savitribai Phule Pune University to train the students in administrative office and other work by paying honorarium to them. Due to the COVID-19 and lockdown situation, the scheme could not be conducted this year.
- Counseling session for students: Student Development Committee had organized counseling for students and parents in the Induction programme on Online teaching on 4th August 2020. The lecture was given by Smt. Sayali Kulkarni, Counselor. She spoke on the topic 'Youth and COVID-19: Challenges and Opportunities during the outbreak'. The programme was organized for all T.Y. B.Com

and SY and T.Y. BBA, BBA (IB), BBA (CA) and M.Com.part (II) students through Zoom online platform and Youtube.

- Indian Constitution Day (Samvidhan Diwas): On 26th November 2020, Samvidhan diwas was celebrated by reading of the preamble. Dr. Asha Khilare, Student development officer, spoke on the importance and making of the Constitution. 50 students attended the program on Zoom link.
- Blood Donation Camp: On 20th April 2021, blood donation camp was organized in association with the Sport department, NSS, NCC, M.E.S Garware Night College and Sahyadri Hospital Blood Bank, Pune. It was organized to solve the blood scarcity problem in Pune city due to COVID-19.



Dr. Sharmila Kavediya (Head)

Online guest lecture was organised on 13th February 2021 on the topic Harassment at workplace and Laws Protecting Women for all the girls' students. Advocate Mrs Anagha Joshi was the guest speaker for the session. She threw light on very important topics which were totally relatable to today's scenario. She focused on Right of Equality, Right to Life which says life with dignity is very important, Dowry system, Child marriage, Divorce, Cruelty. She also focused on how Harassment is going on, difference between Harassment and Sexual Harassment, ways to protect oneself. She

also explained various acts like POSH, IPC, etc. she explained the meaning of Harassment by giving the examples like Cracking jokes, taunting while a girl is passing by is also a Harassment, physical contact, demands or requests for sexual favours, etc. comes under sexual Harassment. She also explained the confidentiality of a victim, etc. She also gave information to students about the Vishakha V/s State of Rajasthan Case. At the end, question and answer sessions were carried out to clear students' doubts and queries. There was active participation of 176 students in the session.

12. Alumni Association

Shri. Avinash Salve (Head)

1. 16th Jan 2021 to 2nd Feb 2021

Alumni invited to deliver an expert session towards the Placement Cell- Employment Enhancement Programme.

Alumni Invited-

- 1. Shri. Aditya Pagey, HR Business Partner- ATOS
- 2. Shri. Shehzad Amalani, Purchase & Commercials-Head, MESSUNG Systems Pvt. Ltd.
- 3. Ms. Bilwa Jogalekar
- 4. Mr. Praveen Padle
 - 2. 20th March 2021

Alumni invited to participate in the HR Meet, a robust platform for the exchange of views, opinions, and openings on different aspects of recruitment policies and talent pool.

Alumni Invited-

- 1. Ms. Aboli Deshpande, Operations Manager, Gig India.
- 2. Shri. Nilesh Patil, Skoda Auto Volkswagen India Pvt Ltd.
- 3. Shri. Omkar Khapre, Hureka Technologies.
- 4. Shri. Mahesh Jadhav, Larsen and Toubro Infotech.
- 5. Shri. Amar Kokare, Allianz Technology.
- 6. Shri. Rohit Gaikwad.

3. 24th October 2020

Avishkar 2020 Alumni invited to judge various competitions during Avishkar 2020.

Alumni Invited-

- 1. Ms. Siddhi Sarpotdar.
- 2. Shri. Aditya Bhagat.
- 3. Shri. Prathamesh Ranade.
- 4. Shri. Pranav Apte.



Dr. Archana Joshi (Head)

Cultural Association is the forum that tries to provide opportunities of overall personality development to students & to showcase their talents in fine arts like dance, vocal music, instrumental music, acting, painting, anchoring etc. It facilitates them to participate in various intercollegiate events and express their talents on those platforms. The academic year 2020-21 proved to be a real depressive period for all our students with talents in performing arts since the pandemic forced all theatres and shows to shut down completely. There were no drama, dance or other performing arts competitions held throughout the year.

However, the students came up with the idea of conducting online competitions and thus came the online Art Fest Avishkar 2020 into being.

- In all eight categories of competitions were conducted including singing, instrumental music, mehndi, rangoli, poetry recitation, T-shirt Painting, dance and stand-up comedy.
- Beautiful posters were designed by the student volunteers for each event and they were posted on college class WhatsApp groups for reaching out to maximum possible students. The interested participants were to submit their videos via google drive links within the stipulated time.
- Some of the teachers and admin staff including Dr. Shubhada Alekar, Prof. Radhika Gandhe,

Prof. Pranita Jogalekar, Mrs. Pournima Nikhare and some of our talented alumni including Mr. Pranav Apte, Ms. Siddhi Sarpotdar, Mr. Hrishikesh Ranade, Mr. Aditya Bhagat were requested to evaluate the entries online.

• The results were declared in a prize distribution ceremony held on Zoom platform on 24th Oct 2020. Hon. Prin. Dr. Geeta Acharya,& our esteemed judges were present along with the student volunteers and student participants.

The detailed results of the various competitions are as follows:

Sr. No	Rank/ Prize	Name of the student					
	1. Singing Competition						
1	1 st prize	Ms. Shreya Apte					
2 a	2 nd Prize	Mr. Shrinath Aboti					
2 b		Mr. Indrajeet Thigale					
3	3 rd Prize	Ms. Dhanashree Sapre					
	2.	nstrumental Music					
4	1 st Prize	Ms. Anushka Joshi					
5	2 nd Prize	Ms. Maithili Sane					
6	3 rd Prize	Ms. Janhavi Sumant					
	3. N	Iehndi Competition					
7	1 st Prize	Ms. Harsha Deshmukh					
	2 nd Prize	Ms. Disha Raut					
8	3 rd Prize	Ms. Takshashila Bahiram					
	4. R	angoli Competition					
9	1 st prize	Ms. Vaishnavi Patil					
	2 nd Prize	Ms. Diksha Sapar					
	3 rd Prize	Ms. Harsha Deshmukh					
•	5.	T-Shirt Painting					
10	1 st Prize	Ms. Yukta Ropalekar					
11	2 nd Prize	Ms. Rajani Bansod					
12	3 rd Prize	Mr. Shreyas Pardhe					
	6.	Stand-Up Comedy					
13	1 st prize	Ms. Tejal Kamtekar					
	2 nd Prize	Ms. Rituja Badhe					

	7. Poetry Recitation				
14	1 st Prize	Ms. Arya Palshikar			
	2 nd Prize (divided)	Ms. Nikita Dudhal			
15		Ms. Shruti Phade			
16	16 3 rd Prize Ms. Saket Pawar				
	8. Dance	Competition			
17	1 st Prize	Ms. Tanvi Khadilkar			
18a	2 nd Prize (divided)	Ms. Aishwarya Choudhary			
18b		Mr. Saket Pawar			
19a	3 rd Prize (divided)	Ms. Shreya Apte			
19b		Ms. Ishika Gaikwad			

This online Art Fest proved to be a great moral booster in these pandemic times for the organizers and the participants alike.

14. National Cadet Corps (NCC)

Lt. Bhushan Rathod (Head)

The department of NCC in our college is primarily working on the motto to develop the attitude of "NATION FIRST". We are taking efforts to inculcate this thought among our NCC cadets. Our NCC department is a part of "Bravo Company" 2 MAH BN NCC Group, Pune and it is an Important Part of Maharashtra Directorate.

To keep pace with the time and to fulfill the requirements of our nation, the NCC syllabus is revised from time to time. The syllabus covers Social, Adventure, Training, Disaster Management, Nature and Environment protection etc.

Total 80 cadets are there in the GCC NCC Department (Senior Division- 45, Senior Wing- 35)

• N.C.C. PARADES

NCC parades are conducted every Saturday in our college as well as on the ground of Pune NCC

Group HQ. It provides real Training to NCC cadets, through which they flourish in various activities.

• N.C.C. CAMPS

Every year various Camps are held at "*National Level, State Level* and *Regional Level*". It creates a sense of responsibilities towards Society and Nation. During this year our cadets have participated in various Camps and won Trophies, Prizes and Medals.

- 1. Cadre Camp (2 MAH BN HQ)
- 2. Online EBSB Saptah (Uttarakhand)
- 3. RDC Inter group Competition Selection
- 4. Inter BN Shooting Championship

Cadre Camp

This Camp was held on 23rd January to 28th January 2021 at Pune group HQ by 2 MAH BN. In this Camp almost 58 cadets participated.

• Online '*Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Saptah*' Camp (Uttarakhand)

This camp was held on an online platform on 6th July to 11th July, 2021 organized by the Ministry of Defense, Government of India, at Uttarakhand in this camp our SD, SUO Abhishek Khirid had participated and won a gold medal in dance.

• Shooting Camp Trials Selection

1 SD AND 3 SW went for the Shooting Camp Trials Selection in which SUO Shraddha Patil got selected for All India G.V. Mavlankar Shooting Championship.

• RDC Inter group Competition Selection

Republic Day Camp is the most glorious camp for a cadet in NCC. The aim of the RD Camp is to enhance the self confidence of the cadets deepen their value system and provide exposure to their rich culture and traditions of our nation. For this, SUO Abhishek Khirid, CPL Omkar Padher, LCPL Saloni Hingmire, Cdt. Sana Zameer from our college participated in IGC (Inter Group Competitions).

Various Social Activities of N.C.C Department

• International Yoga Day

Around 60 cadets participated in Yoga Day activity celebrated on an online platform on 21st June 2021. Cadets send their photos and videos performing various yoga asanas enthusiastically.

• Mega Pollution Awareness Pakhwada

Pollution drive was held in Garware College Campus on 4th January, 2021. 70 Cadets participated in the Pollution Awareness Rally. Various activities regarding Pollution Awareness were done such as Cycle rally for Pollution Awareness, Poster Making Competition, various pollution rallies, etc.

• Kargil Vijay Diwas

At the event of Kargil Vijay Diwas held on 26th of July 2021 on online mode, Poster making

Competition and Speech Competition were organized in which about 60 Cadets of MES Garware College of Commerce participated enthusiastically.

Mega Swachhata Pakhwada

Cleanliness drive was held in Garware College Campus on 14th January 2021. About 64 Cadets participated in this Cleanliness Drive. Complete college campus was made clean. Various activities regarding cleanliness were done such as Cycle rally for Swachhata Awareness, Prabhat Pheri for Swachhata Abhiyan, etc.

• Tree Plantation Program

The program was conducted on 14th July, 2020 at. 15 cadets participated in this programme; more than 30 saplings of trees were planted . Planting trees is especially important to protect our environment against air pollution and global warming. To this end, our cadets voluntarily have been actively involved in organizing tree plantation activity with their family members and neighbours. Protocols related with social distancing were followed. By planting saplings in and around their homes along with their family members, maintaining strict COVID-19 precautions. The awareness among masses on tree plantation was done through posting pictures on social media.

• Interclass Competition

The Department of NCC organized an Inter class Competition for NCC cadets on 27th and 28th of January, 2021 by taking various competitions such as poster making competition, Drill Competition, mapreading, speech competition, quiz competition, etc.

• MESGCC Fit India Cyclothon 2020

The Department of NCC organized "MESGCC FIT INDIA CYCLOTHON 2020" on 16th December 2020 to 31st December 2020. Total 41 students took part in the activity and completed 1239 KM cycling distance during this event.

• Blood Donation Camp

NCC Department organized Blood Donation Camp at College Campus in association with Sahyadri Blood Bank on 20th April 2021. Total 35 Blood Bags collected in this Blood Donation drive

• Participation of Cadets in various cAMPS SUO. Abhishek Khirid

Participated in the online EBSB Saptah Camp held in Uttarakhand & bagged a gold medal in the dance event. Also participated in RDC Inter Group Competition Selection.

Sr.	Date/	Name of the Competition		No. of	Prizes Won		
No.	Duration	& Place	State / National	participated cadets	Name of the Competition	Name of the Students	Rank
1.	6 th July, 2020- 11 th July, 2020	EBSB Saptah Camp, Uttarakhand	National Level	01	Dancing	SUO Abhishek Khirid	1 st
2.	-	Inter BN Shooting Championship	Battalion Level	01	Firing	Cdt. Nikita Takalkar	1 st

"Result Of Internal Competition 2020-21"

Sr no.	Competition Name	Name	Position
1	Best Cadet	Sangram Chavan	1st
		Purva Jadhav	1st
2	Speech Competition	Sana Zameer	1st
		Sandesh Padhar	2 nd
		Kalidas Sable	3 rd
3	Quiz Competition	Rahul Kumar	1 st
		Karan Dhekane	1 st
		Pragya Mathur	2 nd
		Omkar Padher	3 rd
4	Poster Making Competition	Rajani Bansod	1 st
		Pragati Bhosale	2 nd
		Pragya Mathur	3 rd
5	Map Reading	Prathamesh kulkarni	1st
		Vibhavari Bhagvat	1st
6	Drill Competition	Pragati Bhosale	1st
		Ganesh makwan	1st

15. National Service Scheme

Dr. Arvind Jahagirdar (Head)

• International Yoga Day

21 June 2020; the International day of yoga has been celebrated every year on this day. As we all know how yoga helps us in enhancing our physical and mental health and also help in spiritual practice .Thus as like every year this time also NSS volunteers celebrated this day by performing different yoga asana but due to the pandemic this time it was carried on online platform. Our 10 NSS volunteers had demonstrated online yoga Asana to remind us all that how important these yogasana are and by regular practice it can give us immense positive energy to fight against this COVID 19. And all other volunteers had performed yoga at their home premises and completed this activity by clicking a picture of their yogasana.

• Nirmal Wari Campaign (Cleanliness Campaign)

(Clean Campaign, Health Campaign, Nirmal Campaign, Green Campaign .)

On 29-6-2020 morning at 11 Dindi Programme was started as this programme was made online 20 NSS volunteers had participated. In clean (wari) campaign which was organised on 30-6-2020, our 10 NSS volunteers participated they made sure that their surroundings are clean and they even sanitize the areas which were frequently handled by the people. In addition to this, masks and sanitizers were distributed to the needy and poor people. Nirmal wari campaign was taken up on 2-7-2020 in which our 10 NSS volunteers inspired others about awareness of COVID 19 through various slogans and posters. Today this COVID 19 has made the mankind to know the importance oxygen which our nature showers on us abundantly that too free of cost. Keeping this in mind our 12 NSS volunteers Participated in plantation Campaign which was from 3-7-2020 to 7-7-2020 in activity various types of saplings were planted that too in large numbers.

• NSS Day

On the occasion of NSS Day, 24th September, this day was celebrated with great pomp and splendour. There were 50 volunteers which were presented. The programme was schedule at evening from 6 pm to 8 pm on online platform. The topic for the programme was (my family, my responsibility). The My family, My responsibility campaign was to prevent the spread of Coronavirus and to explain new guideline for new lifestyle which was given by Maharashtra government in order to motivate maximum number of people to adopt a new lifestyle for effective COVID control. All the volunteers had actively participated and had understand the importance of this campaign.

• Online Course

A Massive Open Online courses (Mooc) was organised between 1-9-2020 to 18-9-2020 on the subject the essential in youth work. It was helpful to provide insights on how youth work can help in creating an enabling environment for young people in these difficult times . More than 20 volunteers actively participated in this course. The course objective was to make youth work known to a wide audience and draw attention to its social values and also to provide an overview of youth work practices and policies. And the courses turned out as one of the successful programme.

• Constitution Day

On 26 November 2020 Constitution Day was celebrated. As observe the Constitution Day (National Law Day), also known as Samvidhan Divas, celebrated to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. Due to COVID 19 this day was celebrated online. But as a tradition like every year, this time celebrated through online mode . Indian constitution was read at 11:00 am and 40 volunteers who were present. NSS units has organised this event to explain the significance of celebrating National Constitution Day as well as the importance of Constitution Preamble. After that various competition were held in which students made posters, slogans, wrote essays. Everyone enjoyed and appreciated the programme

Blood Donation

Blood donation is a noble donation. Today all over the country blood donations camps are held. A great initiative of organizing a blood donation camp was taken by SPPU on 12 April 2021, from 10 in the morning to 5 in the evening at Savarkar vihar. In this difficult time also NSS two student i) Ramesh Singh TYBcom ii) Sahil Pejale TYBcom Came forward to donate their blood. The donors were given refreshments to reenergize them as the energy boosters. The donors were also provided with the blood donating certificates by the SPPU.

16. Department of Physical Education & Sports (Sr.)

Dr. Umesh Bibave (Head)

• Selection Trial of Indian University Swimming Team for World University Games 2021 (Chengdu China):

- A. Shri. Mihir Ambre (T. Y. B.B.A. IB) and Shri. Prasad Kandul (S.Y. B.Com) took part in the Selection Trial of Indian University Swimming Team for World University Games 2021 (Chengdu China) held at Jain University, Bangalore on 17th March 2021.
- B. Shri. Mihir Ambre (T. Y. B.B.A. IB) was selected for the Swimming coaching camp for Seniors at Padukone- Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence, Bangluru for the preparation of Foreign Training and Exposure. Only 12 Men and 6 Women players are selected from all over India.
- C. Shri. Swaraj More student of S. Y. BBA participated in the National level 3000m Roller Speed Skating event and secured the Bronze Medal, held at Mohali, Punjab.

• International Day of Yoga:

The Department of Physical Education & Sports organized the International Day of Yoga program on 21st June 20202 for students, teaching and non-teaching staff. Total 39 students and teachers took part in the International Day of Yoga program.

• Mesgcc Fit India Cyclothon 2020:

The Department of Physical Education & Sports organized "MESGCC FIT INDIA CYCLOTHON 2020" on 16th December 2020 to 31st December 2020. Total 41 students took part in the activity and completed 1239 KM cycling distance during this event.

• Blood Donation Camp:

Due to the pandemic situation there is shortage of Blood in Blood Banks. Department of Physical Education & Sports organized Blood Donation Camp in association with Sahyadri Blood Bank on 20th April 2021. Total 35 Blood Bags collected in this Blood Donation drive.



Shri Avinash Salve (Head)

• 8th May 2021

Rendezvous With Red Crossers. Webinar.

25 Students participated in a webinar conducted by Youth Red Cross, Maharashtra.

• 23rd May 2021

Secret of Success. Webinar.

14 Students participated in a webinar conducted by Youth Red Cross, Maharashtra.

18. Department of Research, Innovation and Consultancy (DRIC)

Dr. Bharat Vhankate (Head)

Ph.D. Awarded to Research Scholars:

- Mr. Kedar Joshi completed his Ph.D. under the guidance of Dr. Sulabha Patole. He was awarded Ph.D. on 16th February, 2021 in the faculty of Commerce. His topic for Research was "A Critical Analysis of Business Practices of Contemporary Music Promotion Institutions in Pune City"
- Mr. Surojit Saha completed his Ph.D. under the guidance of Dr. Suhas Joshi. He was awarded Ph.D. on 7th April, 2021 in the faculty of Commerce. His topic for Research was "An Evaluation of Effectiveness of Brand Extension Strategy in the Sphere of Consumer Durables and Non-Durables"

Various Presentations and Viva:

- Three scholars of the Department completed their research work and appeared for the Ph.D Pre-submission Viva:
- A. Pre-submission of Mr. Mayuresh Ghare, a Research Scholar under the Research Guide Dr.

N.S. Umarani was conducted on 9th July, 2020. Dr. Devidas Bharti & Dr. Ashok Kamble were invited as subject experts for the Viva.

B. Pre-submission of Ms. Manisha Shedge and Mr. Sagar Lalka, Research Scholars under the Research Guide Dr. Sunil Zagade was conducted on 19th March, 2021. Dr. M.G. Mulla & Dr. Prashant Sathe were invited as Subject Experts for the Viva.

Six Monthly Presentations:

Presentations of the Ph.D. scholars were organized by the Research Center on 13th May 2020. Dr. M.G. Mulla was invited as an Expert for the Presentations. Similarly on 23rd March, 2021, Presentations of the Ph.D. scholars were scheduled by the Research Center. Dr. M.G. Mulla & and Dr. D.S. Borkar were invited as Experts for the Presentations.

National Level Research Paper Competition for Students:

In order to incorporate the research culture

among the students at the undergraduate and postgraduate level, DRIC has been organizing the Research Paper Competition at the college. In A.Y 2020-2021 the 8th National Level Research Paper Competition for students was organized on Friday, 7th May, 2021. This year the Research Paper Competition was divided into two themes. Theme One covered topics on Research Based on Recent Happenings and Developments. While Theme Two covered topics on Research with Social Impact / Contribution. More than 40 research papers were received from across the nation out of which only 15 papers were selected for the final presentation. Dr. M.G. Mulla and Dr.Prashant Sathe were invited as the judges for the presentation. The selected papers were later published in 'Young Researchers' a Research Publication bearing ISBN.



Dr. Tanuja Devi (Head)

For Staff Academy the year 2020-21 was different in all aspects. The educational sector has faced unprecedented situations. The teaching learning process has entered into a new area of teaching and learning methods. The college has put a lot of effort into introducing the new technology and making it familiar to all the faculty members. This year staff academy have conducted many activities for staff and non teaching staff members.

Activities conducted for teaching and non teaching staff are as follows.

Sr.	Activity - Date and	Objective/s	Resource person/s	participants
No	Duration			
1.	"Applications useful	Hands-on training on	College resource persons	All college
	for E-Contents	online teaching and	Dr. Ketaki Modak	faculty
	Development and	learning	Dr. Rohini Gote	members .
	Delivery"		Dr. Sandeep Rathod	
			Dr. Archana Joshi	
	19.06.2020 to		Sushmita Nande	
	27.06.2020			
2.	Day 1 Introduction to		Mr. Mukul L Kulkarni	
	Moodle LMS		MES Institute of Management	
			and Career Courses (IMCC)	
	Day 2: Evaluations		Pune - 411038	
	through Moodle			
	Day 3: Student Centric			
	activities			

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3.	Faculty Development Program in association with Savitribai Phule Pune University 8 th June to 13 th June. 2020	The central theme of the Faculty Development Program is adoption of new teaching techniques in the context of "COVID 19 - New Normal'.	Pro Vice Chancellor SPPU, Dr. N. S. Umarani and Hon. Dean - Commerce and Management, Dr. ParagKalkar Mr. Alakesh Roy, Chairman - Pune Zonal Council, CII Mr. SwanandDhavale, Deputy General Manager -Operations, Larsen and Toubro Itd, Dr. Sanjay Kaptan, Dr. Tanuja Devi Dr. LalitaVartak, VaibhavJadhav	240 - Faculty members from - Pune ,Nagar and Nashik
4.	Online 4 days Workshop on - 'Study Techniques of NET/ SET Examination in Commerce' 15/12/2020 to 19/12/2020	providing guidance on various aspects of NET/ SET Examination for the NET/ SET aspirants across Maharashtra	Dr. Sanjay Kaptan Dr. Yashodhan Mithare	40 Participants
5	Industry Meet – Garware Polyester Ltd. Aurangabad, 8-9 th January 2021) CSR Activities and Sponsorships – Extension opportunities to students to work as Volunteers under CSR projects of the Companies. b. sponsorships Scholarships to students for the purpose of education or fees. c. Teachers training/ Orientation – On Plant Video Shooting that is to be publicized in the benefit of the students. 	C. J. Pathak, CEO, Garware Polyester Ltd. Shri. Hemant Nikam (Senior GM, HR and Admin Garware Polyester Ltd) Dr. A.Y. Lele,	Dr. A.Y. Lele, DR. Tanuja Devi Mrs. Ashwini Thakur Shri. Sumeet Gaikwad

6	Non Teaching training	Learning of Word and	Shri. Phadake	30 non
	– Office automation	Excel and advance excel		teaching
		in association with Suyash		members
		Computers		

20. Library & Learning Resources

Smt. Ashwini Thakur, (Librarian)

• The year 2020-2021 started with Covid 19 pandemic situation. As the classes and the examinations became online the library also changed its face and became online to cater the information and reference needs of the students.

• Library developed the E-Books Library with the help of Kopykitab.com. Through this URL, different Text and Reference books catering to the needs of syllabus were made available to the students and the teachers. There is remote access to all this material. As per the recommendations of the students and the staff number of books added to this URL. As of today there are 188 books made available by the library.

• A separate Library Website has been developed that includes information about library facilities and services, notices and news updates. Some direct services like syllabi, old question papers, links to E-Journals, E-Books etc are also provided through this site. E-Books that were referred to in the Syllabi were also provided through the site. The site caters all library needs of the students and is updated regularly. The site address is <u>https://sites.google.com/site/mesgcclibrary/</u>

• The Library Staff was added to different Whatsapp Groups of the students so as to remain connected and update about the Library. • The new **E-journals** subscribed this year are as follows.

IUP Journal of Marketing Management (Online) Harvard Business Review (Online)

• Library renewed its subscription for the E-Research database N-List and EPW Research Foundation Database.

• There is no separate Book-Bank scheme from this year as all the textbooks needed are made available online to all the students through Kopykitab site. Still few sets of hard copies of textbooks were distributed among the students as per their demand.

• Renewed Institutional Memberships of -

British Council Library

Maratha Chamber of Commerce, Industries & Agriculture of India.

Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics Library

• **Book for Bouquet** - Some books were offered to chief guests in place of bouquet.

 Library Collection as on 31-03-2021 Senior College Books – 43180 Junior College Books - 6823 Online Books (through Kopykitab site) -188 UGC Books – 2628 BBA Books – 8777 CDs – 168 Periodicals - 66 • Prizes of some cultural events were distributed among the students through **online gift vouchers** with the help of the library.

• Library also celebrated birthdays of some iconic personalities like Swami Vivekanand,

Jijabai, Yashavantrao Chavan, Savitribai Pune, Sant Sevalal, Sant Ravidas, Sant Gadgebaba, Netaji Subhashchandra Bose, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, etc. and the Shahid Din also.

21. Self-Finance Department

Dr. Sandeep Rathod (Co-ordinator) Smt. Sushmita Nande (Co-ordinator) Smt. Padma Nene (Co-ordinator)

The academic year 2020-21 commenced from 6th August 2020. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic situation, the teaching of the first semester was entirely online. The Academic Year commenced with an Orientation Session which was conducted for all the students to make them aware of the online teaching - learning process. Following is a detailed report for the year:-

• Admission Promotion Activity:

For the academic year 2020-21 BBA department conducts different Admission Promotion Activities in the month of May and June 2020. These activities include Guest Lectures, Interaction with Industrial Experts, Social Media Promotion, YouTube videos and so on. This year due to pandemic situations all such activities conducted online using different platforms like Zoom or Google meet. For this academic year the college organised guest lectures like - Careers in Business Administration, Exploring BBA-CA, 'How to plan your career?', Meet and interact with our alumni live etc. Department received great response and feedback from students.

• Induction Program:

The enthusiastic batch of students had an online Induction Programme of 3 days. The guest of honour on the first day was Dr. Parag Kalkar, Dean of Commerce and Management, Savitribai Phule Pune University, who provided valuable guidance on BBA/ BBA-IB and BBA-CA streams. The second day had first a Yoga session conducted by Mrs. Tanvi Londhe, Yoga Trainer to create awareness of Yoga and Personality Development through Yoga. The second half of the session was on Cyber Awareness, which was conducted by the expert, Mrs. Pradnya Kashikar. On the third day, the guest speaker was Aditya Kriplani, noted filmmaker and TEDx speaker who spoke on 'Dreams to reality'. The second session was conducted by the counsellor of the College, Mrs. Shubha Kulkarni.

• Diploma Course in Supply Chain Management and International Trade:

The diploma course was conducted in association with Indian Institute of Materials Management (IIMM). The course was designed to enhance the skills of the students by having 80 hours of online teaching by the industry experts and 40 hours internship and project presentation. 21 students enrolled for the course and completed the internships in various organizations. The duration of the course was for 6 months (21st August 2020 to 20th February 2021)

• Compulsory add-on Courses for FY and SY BBA, BBA-IB and BBA-CA:

Add-on course for FY BBA and FY BBA-IB Sem-I was 'Communication Skills for Managers' in the month of October and for Sem-II was 'International Etiquettes and Mannerisms' in the month of February was conducted by Ms. Sweta Goswami-Soft Skill Trainer and her team. For FY BBA-CA Sem- I was 'PPA - Principle and Practice of Algorithm' in the month of October and Sem II was 'Advanced Programming in C' in the month of February was conducted by in house faculties of BBA-CA.

The Add-On course for SY BBA, SY BBA-IB and SY BBA-CA conducted during Sem-III was 'Basic Environment Awareness Course' in the month of October and in Sem-IV 'Gender Equality' course was conducted in the month of February 20221. SY BBA-CA Sem II

Add-On 'J-Query' was conducted in the month of February by Mrs. Dipali Dhumal.

• Workshop on Design Thinking:

In order to provide value addition to the students during the pandemic, the College decided to conduct a workshop on 'Design Thinking' which was conducted online by Curtin University, Dubai. The workshop duration was for 15 hours and after the completion of the workshop, all the students received the participation certificates. This workshop was conducted for the SY and TY students of BBA and BBA-IB. Daniel Adkins, CEO Transnational Group of Education conducted the workshop.

• Course on Internet of Things (IoT):

A 15 hours Course on Internet of Things (IoT) was conducted for the BBA-CA students by Satakunta University of Applied Sciences (SAMK). This course covered the basic concepts of IoT and its applications in business processes. Students of SY and TYBBA-CA attended the Course and completion certificates were given by SAMK.

• 'Youthizon'-Departmental Fest:

The 3-days departmental festival was conducted from 24th February 2021 to 26th February 2021. Activities like Quiz Competition, Model United Nations, Business Management Strategy, Mad-Ad Competition, Coding Competition, Scavengers Hunt, Literature Competition, Rangoli Competition, Drawing Competition, and on the third day all cultural competition took place which included Singing Competition, Dancing Competition and Standup Comedy etc. The list of students, nature of competition and prize amount is given in the table.

A. Quizathon online IT Quiz – Quizathon IT Quiz was the attraction for students because it was executed on the online "Google meet" platform. We had a total of twenty-eight entries for the event from varied branches of the college. Quiz was divided into 4 different rounds, with different difficulty levels. Students enjoyed participating in this event.

B. TECHNOVATION – This is the first ever competition organized by college to encourage students to develop Websites with the help of different tools. 21 students participated in this competition. Students showcased their websites using advanced technologies within 2 days.

• Guest Lectures:

Following are the guest lectures which are conducted during the academic year 2020-21

Sr. No.	Name of activity (Guest lecture/ Webinar/Workshop)	Name of Guest/ Resourse person, Designation and Organisation	Date	Number of Participants	Student Participants
1	Guest lecture on 'Bio- Economy and Bio- Innovations'	Dr. Sukhada Bidkar, Former Researcher, University of Bonn, Gemany	23.04.2021	109	All BBA Students
2	Guest lecture on 'Career opportunities in Data Analytics '	Mr. Shaunak Bangale, Principal Data Scientist, Atlanta, USA	30.01.2021	119	FY BBA and FY BBA-IB
3	Placement Cell - Guest Lecture - 'Corporate Expectations and Student Preparedness' by	Prof. Satish Deodhar, IIM -Ahmedabad	15.10.2020	146	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
4	Placement Cell - Guest Lecture - 'Resume Building	Shri Harshad Bhagwat	21.10.2020	121	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
5	Placement Cell - Guest Lecture - 'Resume Building	Shri Harshad Bhagwat	21.10.2020	119	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
6	TATA Strive - AddOn Course Session	Vivek Surve & Nirav Jain	07.11.2020	73	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
7	Employment Enhancement Program - Lecture Series - EXIM Bank Procedures	Shri. Rupesh Sharma - AGM EXIM Bank	16.01.2021	136	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
8	Employment Enhancement Program - Lecture Series - Financial Modelling Procedures	Shri Mahesh Rengutwar	18.01.2021	127	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students

Sr. No.	Name of activity (Guest lecture/ Webinar/Workshop)	Name of Guest/ Resourse person, Designation and Organisation	Date	Number of Participants	Student Participants
9	Guest Lecture - Operations Management	Shri S V Amlekar	19.01.2021	111	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
10	User Interface and UI Skills	Ms Bilwa Joglekar	20.01.2021	116	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
11	Sustainable Employment Growth with respect to Leadership Skills	Shri Amit Deokule	21.01.2021	123	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
12	Practices in HR	Shri Hemant Nikam	22.01.2021	91	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
13	Hacks in Interview Process	Shri Shehzad Amlani	22.01.2021	91	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
14	Operations in Supply Chain and Logistics	Shri Shehzad Amlani	23.01.2021	91	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
15	Interactive Session - HR Practices in Corporate Sector	Shri. Samir Kukade	23.01.2021	103	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
16	Role of HR Partner as Business Partner	Shri Aditya Pagey	25.01.2021	103	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
17	Cloud Computing and Digital Transformation	Shri Abhijeet Naiksatam	27.01.2021	99	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
18	AI and ML recent trends in 2021	Shri Abhijeet Naiksatam	28.01.2021	73	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
19	Upcoming trends and opportunities in Marketing	Shri Sujeet Savargaonkar	29.01.2021	113	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
20	Introduction to ASP. NET MVC	Shri Pravin Padle	01.02.2021	71	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
21	Upcoming trends in the field of Finance	Prof. Pallavi Murdeshwar	02.02.2021	116	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students

Sr. No.	Name of activity (Guest lecture/ Webinar/Workshop)	Name of Guest/ Resourse person, Designation and Organisation	Date	Number of Participants	Student Participants
22	Guidance on choosing Projects and Internships	Shri Abhijeet Gupta	12.02.2021	137	SY/TY - BBA/ IB/CA Students
23	Add On EVS SY BBA CA 2020	Neha Joshi,Nirbhay pimpale,rajiv pandit,prajkta abhang,sandeep rathod	28.09.2020	71	
24	Information on Labour Laws and recent Trends	Shri. Chetan Jagtap - Assistant Commissioner of labour	07.10.2020	46	SY and TY BBA - HR Spl.
25	Guest Lecture - work place harassment and lrgal protection (SYBBA)	Adv. Amruta Pendase	28.10.2020	145	SY and TY BBA - HR spl
26	Guest Lecture- Quantitative Decision Model in Business (SYBBA)	Prof. Upendera Lele	23.01.2021	131	SYBBA
27	Workshop on rural Developmemnt	Dr. Chethan Chittharkar	21.08.2020	65	All E cell students
28	workshop - How to think seriously and Critically	Mrs. Avani Sabade	06.02.2021	110	SYBBA
29	Career Options after BBA	Shri Bipin deokar	04.11.2020	98	SY,TY BBA students
30	Guest lecture on Innovative Entreprenuership	EDI (A) Faculty members -Dr. Pankaj Bharati,Dr.Baishali 08.4.20 Mitra & Dr. Lalit Sharma		151	SY,TY BBA/ BBA-IB students
31	Add on Course SYBBA -Environment awareness	Mrs.Neha Joshi/ Natu,Shri. Rajeev Pandit & Shri. Nirbhay Pimple	28.09.2020	159	SY BBA students

Sr. No.	Name of activity (Guest lecture/ Webinar/Workshop)	Name of Guest/ Resourse person, Designation and Organisation	Date	Number of Participants	Student Participants
32	Add on Course SYBBA-IB- Gender Equality & value Education	Adv Teja Dighe	08.02.2021		SYBBA-IB students
33	Induction programme	Dr Parag Kalkar, Dean Commerce and Mgt, SPPU, Aditya Kriplani, Film Director, Mrs. Tanvi Londhe, Yoga Trainer, Mrs. Shubha Kulkarni, Counsellor, Mrs Pradnya Kashikar	28.09.2020	200	All FY students
34	Guest lecture on Cyber awareness	Mrs Pradnya Kashikar, Cybersecurity expert	12.10.2020	70	SYBBA/ TYBBA/ SYBBA-IB/ TYBBA-IB
35	Parent-Teacher meeting	All the class teachers	10.10.2020	400	SY and TY BBA, BBA-IB, BBA- CA
36	Guest lecture on 'Improving Supply chain performance'	Shri Nitin Athavle, AGM Rachana lifestyles	29.10.2020	72	SYBBA-IB students
37	Guest Lecture on Supply chain in Optima Lifesciences	Dr D.K.Dey, CEO Optima Lifesciences	01.10.2020	71	SYBBA-IB students
38	Webinar on 'Agile Scrum '	Dave Cass, Director of Education and Executive Development, MSM	15.10.2020	220	SY and TY BBA, BBA-IB, BBA- CA

Sr. No	Name of activity (Guest lecture/ Webinar/Workshop)	Name of Guest/ Resourse person, Designation and Organisation	Date	Number of Participants	Student Participants
39	Diploma Course in Supply chain management and International Trade	IIMM faculties and S.Nande	20.08.2020	21	SY and TY BBA and BBA-IB
40	Masterclass workshop on Design Thinking	Daniel Adkins, CEO of Transnational Education, UAE	01.02.2021	250	SY and TY BBA and BBA-IB
41	IoT course	Santeri Kovista and team, Satakunta University of Applied Sciences	17.03.2021	101	SY and TY BBA- CA
42	Guest Sessions on ERP systems	Nitin Athavle, AGM SCM Rachana lifestyles, Sarika Harale, Implementation Manager, In4Velocity systems	10.04.2021	70	SYBBA-IB students
43	FY Add-On Course PPA	Mrs. Padma Nene , Mrs. Priyanka Jain , Mr. Prashant Salve	19-10-2021	72	Fy BBA CA
44	FY Add-On Course Advance C Programming	Mrs. Shruti Jathar	8-2-2021	72	Fy BBA CA
45	SY BBA CA Add On EVS	Neha Joshi,Nirbhay pimpale,rajiv pandit,prajkta abhang,sandeep rathod	28.09.2020	71	SY BBA CA
46	SY BBA CA Add-On Course J query	Mrs. Dipali Dhumal	08.02.2021	71	SY BBA CA
47	Guest Lecture on Basics of IOT	Mr. Toni Aaltonen	04.03.2021	40	TY BBA CA , SY BBA CA

Sr. No	Name of activity (Guest lecture/ Webinar/Workshop)	Name of Guest/ Resourse person, Designation and Organisation	Date	Number of Participants	Student Participants
48	Guest Lecture on Can we recognize individual by their key press timings	Mr.Simon Parkinson	09.03.2021	30	Fy , Sy Ty BBA CA
49	Guest Lecture on Building your 'C' Skills	Shri Parag Tahmankar	27.10.2020	65	TY BBA CA , SY BBA CA
50	Guidance and Doubts Solving Lecture Series	All subject teachers	30.03.2021		TY BBA CA , SY BBA CA , FY BBA CA
51	Capsule lecture series	All subject teachers	28.12.2020	72	FY BBA CA ,
52	Guest lecture on Personality Development	Mrs Shweta goswami	02.02.2021	49	FYBBA-CA
53	Guest lecture on Dark side of Dark web (related to cyber security)	Mrs. Pradnya Kashikar	29.10.2020	78	TY BBA CA , SY BBA CA , FY BBA CA
54	3 days orientation programme for MBA and MCA-CET and Admission process	IMCC	04.02.2021	70	TY BBA ,BBA- IB , BBA-CA
55	Youthizon-Quizathon Activity	Mrs, Padma Nene and Voluenteers	24.02.2021	28	Fy , Sy, Ty BBA , BBA-CA and BBA-IB
56	Youthizon- Technovation Activity	Mrs. Padma Nene Mrs. Priyaka Jain Mr. Prashant Salve	21.02.2021	24	FY/SY/TY BBACA



Smt. Supriya Khadilkar (Superviser)

The academic year 2020-21 began on 15th June 2020. In the same month *Faculty Development Program* for 6 days from 19th June to 27th June was organized for teaching and administrative staff with the aim to enhance the knowledge for developing E-Content and effectively using the online platform in teaching learning process. It was very informative and useful program.

Rank	Name of the student	Percentage
1	Sathe Sakshi	95.23
2	Akole Supriya	93.30
3	Shalaka Kshirsagar	93.07

It is an immense of pleasure to give the report of the result of Std- XII for the academic year 2019-20. The *HSC Board Exam Result* was declared on 16th July, 2020. The passing result of the college in the academic year 2019-20 is 99.71%. Following are the rank holders in HSC exam-

It is an achievement for the junior college that Std- XII student Abhishek Raut, being visually impaired, scored the highest marks in Marathi and stood 1st in the same subject.

On 5th September '*Teachers Day*' program was organised by the Cultural Committee for the teachers and students through online method. There was tremendous response from students for the program. Some students expressed their gratitude towards all the teachers through their speeches and poems. On this auspicious occasion Honourable Supervisor Smt. Supriya Khadilkar Madam guided the students and the staff.

The Commerce & Economics Association had organized a '*Digital Poster Making Competition*' on 8th September, 2020. Dr. Archana Joshi was the chief guest and judge for the competition. Participants had taken greater efforts to make their poster more creative with thought provoking topics. Following were the winners of competition:

Rank	Student Name
1 st	Shalaka Kanse
2 nd	Anmol Mathpati
3 rd	Tanaya Joshi
Consolation	Khushi Godha

Guest lectures on *Career Guidance* were organised on 17th September, 2020 by Commerce & Economics Association. The speaker for the first session was CA Amruta Kulakrni. The opening remark was given by CA Sameer Laddha. (Chairman of WIRC, Pune Branch of ICAI). The second session was conducted by Bhargavi Kanade on 'Brand & Media Management'-an emerging career option.

The Prize distribution ceremony of Online Cultural Competitions under the event of *Avishkar Art Mela 2020* which was arranged by Cultural Association, held on Saturday, 24th October 2020. The programme experienced an enthusiastic and an overwhelming response from students and participants. Following are the details of winners:

Name of the competition	Rank	Winner	Judge
1.Singing Competition :	1 st prize	Ms. Shreya Apte	Smt. Radhika Gandhe
2. Instrumental Music	2 nd Prize	Ms. Maithilee Sane	Prathamesh Ranade
2. Instrumental Music	3 rd Prize	Ms. Janhavi Sumant	Prathamesh Kanade
3. Mehendi Competiton	1 st Prize	Ms. Harsha Deshmukh	Smt. Praneeta Joglekar
A Dana 11 Cananatitian	1 st prize	Ms. Vaishnavi Patil	Cout Describes Nil-1
4. Rangoli Competition	3 rd Prize	Ms. Harsha Deshmukh	Smt. Poornima Nikhare
5. Poetry Recitation	1 st Prize	Ms. Arya Palshikar	Pranav Apte
(Dence Commetition	1 st Prize	Ms. Tanvi Khadilkar	Smt. Siddhi Sarpotdar
6. Dance Competition	2 nd Prize	Ms. Aishwarya Choudhary	

The program of the *Birth Anniversary* of Smt. Savitribai Phule took place on 7th January, 2021. The speaker of the program was Dr. Supriya Atre (Ex-Principal of SNDT College, Pune). She delivered an inspirational speech describing the struggle & efforts taken by Savitribai Phule. A recorded video of one act play performed by Std- XI & XII students was shown to the students. The one act play based on life of Savitribai Phule.

The *Send-off function* of Smt. Jayashri Dixit was organised on 15th January, 2021 by the Cultural Association. Some staff members from Senior & Junior college and Administration dept. shared their beautiful experiences of working with Smt. Dixit madam. All the teaching and administrative staff members greeted a very healthy and happy retired life to Smt. Dixit.

The Quality Improvement Program for this academic year was conducted on 26th & 27th February, 2021. M E Society's other junior colleges i.e. MES Renuka Swaroop Memorial Girls Junior College, M.E.S English Medium School Shirwal, Bal Shikshan Mandir, Vimlabai Garware Junior College & Bhave High School were invited for the program. Subject experts from eminent institutes were invited for the two day lecture series. Almost 500 students attended the program.

The Schedule	e of the Tw	vo Day I	Lecture S	Series w	as as	follows:	

Date	Time	Subject	Online Application
26.02.2021	11.00 am to 11.30 am	Inauguration	Zoom App
26.02.2021	11.35 am to 12.35 pm	English	Zoom App
26.02.2021	12.40 pm to 1.40 pm	OCM	Zoom App
26.02.2021	1.45 pm to 2.45 pm	Economics	Zoom App
26.02.2021	2.50 pm to 3.50 pm	Accounts	Zoom App
26.02.2021	4.00 pm to 5.00 pm	Marathi	Zoom App
27.02.2021	11 am to 12 pm	Mathematics	Google Meet
27.02.2021	11 am to 12 pm	S.P	Zoom App

27.02.2021	12.05 pm to 1.05 pm	IT	Google Meet
27.02.2021	12.05 pm to 1.05 pm	French	Zoom App
27.02.2021	1.10 pm to 2.10 pm	Environment Education	Zoom App

23. Environmental Awareness Course

Dr. Sulabha Patole (Head)

A lecture series of Environment Awareness Course was held from 27 the Jan. to 6th Feb. 21.at 10 am to 12noon. The guest speakers were Dr. Nirbhay Pimpale, Smt. Neha Joshi and Smt. Prajacta Abhang. This lecture series is compulsory for all S.Y.BCOM. Students. It was held with the coordination of all class guardians of S.Y.BCOM divisions - Dr. Asha Khilare, Dr.Sunil Zagade, Dr. Arvind Jahagirdar, Dr.Anita Bhave. The examination was conducted on 6th April 21 for this subject.



Dr. Smita Wadaskar (Head)

Following are the activities conducted by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) during the academic year 2020-21.

• Orientation and Induction Program -

On 4th August, 2020 an online induction programme was conducted for S.Y. and T.Y. B.Com students. On 6th August, 2020 an online induction programme was conducted for S.Y. and T.Y. BBA students. On 13th August, 2020 an online orientation programme for S.Y.B.Com students was conducted to explain to them the use of Google Classroom. An online induction programme was conducted for F.Y.B.Com students on 2nd September, 2020. On 5th September 2020 'Online Orientation Programme for FY BBA, FY BBA-IB, and FY BBA-CA was conducted. 3-Days Online Induction Program for FY BBA, FY BBA-IB, and FY BBA-CA was conducted from 20th September to 30th September 2020.

• Submission of AQAR

The Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) was submitted on 3rd February 2021. All the criterion heads along with honorable Principal and Vice-principals helped in compilation of the data for the preparation of AQAR.

• API Camp

A 5-days API camp was conducted from 17th to 22nd December 2020 to evaluate the performance of faculty members under the guidance of the IQAC Chairman and Vice-principal Dr. Ketaki Modak. 4 associate professors of the College - Dr. Asha Khilare, Dr. Sulabha Patole, Dr. Bharat Vhankate and Dr. Sunil Zagade have been recommended by the selection committee as 'Professor'.

• Parents Meeting

On 8th of September 2020, an online Parents' Meeting for BBA, BBA-IB, and BBA-CA was conducted.

• IQAC Meetings

On 2nd February 2021, an IQAC meeting with stakeholders was conducted to give a brief review of the activities being conducted by IQAC. Regular meetings are also conducted with criterion heads for the collection and compilation of data on a timely basis.

• Proposal submission to UGC for the Autonomous Status

The College has successfully submitted the proposal to the University Grants Commission (UGC) for autonomous status from academic year 2020-21.

• Webinar, Workshops, Guest Lectures and FDPs

1. Conducted national webinar on 'Rebooting the Indian Higher Education System: A March towards Self- reliance' on 16th June, 2020 in association with University of Hull, UK and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Ms. Lynne Barrow, Associate Dean (International), University of Hull, UK, conducted a session on 'Paradigm shifts in Higher Education during Covid-19: A Global Perspective'. 2nd session was conducted on 'Challenges to Indian Higher Education System in the Operational Resilience during Covid-19' by Mr. Nitin Karmalkar, Vice-Chancellor - Savitribai Phule Pune University. At the last, the webinar concluded with the 3rd session conducted by Dr. Anil Sahasrabuddhe, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) on 'Mitigation Measures for Indian Higher Education for a self-reliant Future'

2. Conducted webinar on 'College Autonomy' on 24th June, 2020 in which Dr. Uday Salunke-Director of Welingkar Institute of Management Development and Research, Mumbai and Bangalore to share the expertise on preparation for autonomy.

3. On 19th November, 2020 A guest lecture by Dr. A.P. Kulkarni on 'New Education Policy' was conducted.

4. Online guidance session by Dr. Dilip Sheth, Principal, SP College on College Autonomy was conducted on 28th October 2020.

5. Conducted 7 days online FDP on 'Online Teaching, Learning and Evaluation Tools' from 19th June, 2020 to 26th June, 2020. On 19th June, 2020, Dr. Sandeep Rathod conducted a session on preparation of Google Forms for the conduct of exams. On 20th June, 2020 Dr. Archana Joshi conducted a session on 'Use of Mindmap for online teaching'. On 22nd June, 2020 Dr. Sandeep Rathod conducted a session on 'Use of Camtasia and Renderforest for video making'. On 23rd June, 2020 Smt. Sushmita Nande conducted a session on 'Google Classroom'. On 25th June, 2020 Dr. Ketaki Modak conducted a session on 'Use of OBS and Openshot for lecture recording and editing'

6. Conducted Faculty Induction Programme on 31st July, 2020 for newly appointed teachers for the Academic Year 2020-21.

7. The 3 Days Learning Management System (LMS) Training Program was conducted in association with MES IMCC on 'Moodle' conducted by Shri. Mukul Kulkarni during 29th to 31st October 2020. Day-long LMS Training Program on SPPU's LMS was conducted in association with SPPU on 25th November 2020.

8. Online guidance session on College Autonomy by the Principal and faculty of St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Banglore was organized on 4th December 2020. 9. AQAR 2019-20 preparation camp was conducted from 9th to 16th December 2020.

10.2-Days workshop on 'College Autonomy' was conducted to design program objectives and program outcomes on 11th and 12th February 2021.

11. Guidance Session on conduct of Pre-final

examination for B.Com, BBA, M.Com on 4th June and 5th June, 2020 – Sh. Mahesh Kakade- Director, Board of Examinations & Evaluation, SPPU, Dr. Parag Kalkar- Dean, Commerce & Management, SPPU; 302 participants (108 on Zoom; 194 on Youtube) were present for the session.

25. Vishwabharati Kendra (International Students Centre and International Relations Cell)

Smt. Sushmita Nande (Head)

• Admissions to University of Hull, UK:

Although there was a pandemic situation and travel was restricted, our students secured admission to University of Hull, UK under the partnership programme. Neel Chiplunkar went for the 2+1 UG transfer program and Devansh Kothavade, who had already completed the 2+1 UG transfer program, continued for the Master's program with a scholarship of 6500 GBP.

• Webinar on 'Agile Scrum Fundamentals' by Dave Cass, Director of Education and Executive Development, Maastricht School of Management, Netherlands:

All the students of SY and TY BBA/BBA-IB and BBA-CA were invited for the interesting online webinar where around 240 students participated in the webinar on 15th October 2020.

• Workshop on Design Thinking: (01/03/2021 – 11/03/2021)

In order to provide value addition to the students during the pandemic, the College decided to conduct a workshop on 'Design Thinking' which was conducted online by Curtin University, Dubai. The workshop duration was for 15 hours and after the completion of the workshop, all the students received the participation certificates. This workshop was conducted for the SY and TY students of BBA and BBA-IB. Daniel Adkins, CEO Transnational Group of Education conducted the workshop.

• Course on Internet of Things (IoT): (17/03/2021 – 23/03/2021)

A 15 hours Course on Internet of Things (IoT) was conducted for the BBA-CA students by Satakunta University of Applied Sciences (SAMK). This course covered the basic concepts of IoT and its applications in business processes. Students of SY and TY BBA-CA attended the Course and completion certificates were given by SAMK.

• Virtual India UK trade mission 2020: (02/11/2020 – 04/11/2020)

In order to facilitate collaboration between UK and Indian Universities and Colleges, the International Relations Cell participated in the Virtual meetings to enhance collaborative research, student and faculty exchange and expert lectures from renowned UK universities. Birmingham City University, University of Leicester and Coventry University were the UK universities.

• Guest Session on Fintech by Dr. Ullas Rao, Heriot-Watt University, UAE.

The SY and TY BBA and BBA-IB students attended the guest session on 'Fintech', which is the future

of Banking and Finance. Dr. Ullas Rao, an expert professor in this field explained the students about basic concepts of Fintech and its future in business.



Dr. Sandeep Rathod (Head)

- IPR Cell had organized 2-Days workshop on 'Trademark and Geographical Indication' from 17th May 2021 to 18th May 2021, on day one Adv. Shradddha Damle-Advocate and Patent Attorney delivered the session on 'Trademark' and on second day Adv. Prof. Ganesh Hingmire-Chairman-GMGC delivered the session on 'Geographic Indication' in which 336 students had participated.
- IPR Cell in association with Entrepreneurship Cell had conducted a guest lecture on the topic 'Intellectual Property Rights-Success Stories'

delivered by Adv. Prof. Ganesh Hingmire-Chairman and Founder of GMGC an IPR enthusiast on 14th January 2021 to create the awareness of Intellectual Property Rights among budding entrepreneurs.

- Students and faculty members had visited Adv.
 Prof. Ganesh Hingmires office on 2nd January 2021 to understand the process of patent filing.
- Member of IPR Cell Mr. Ujawal Thakare (TYBBA) student has successfully registered the trademark by inspiring from the guest lectures being organized by the IPR Cell on 11th June 2020.



श्री. किसन साबळे (प्रभारी प्रबंधक)

मार्च २०२० पासून जागतिक कोरोना महामारी असल्यामुळे सर्व ऑनलाईन प्रक्रिया शिक्षकेतर कर्मचाऱ्यांनी शिकून घेतल्या. प्रथमच सर्व विद्यार्थ्यांची प्रवेश प्रक्रिया ही ऑनलाईन स्वरूपात केली गेली. सर्व प्रकारच्या परीक्षाही ऑनलाईन प्रणालीद्वारे घेतल्या गेल्या. या संदर्भातील सर्व प्रकारच्या सभाही आभासी माध्यमातून झाल्या. एफ.वाय.बी.कॉम.चे मेरीट फॉर्म प्रथमच कार्यालयाने ऑनलाईन प्रक्रियेने घेऊन विनाअडथळा प्रक्रिया पार पाडली. परीक्षा विभाग नवीन जागेत लवकरच स्थलांतरित होईल अशा प्रकारे काम पूर्ण झाले आहे. पुढील काळात विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी ऑनलाईन शिक्षणाची सुविधा प्राप्त व्हावी, म्हणून सर्व वर्गांमध्ये एल.सी.डी. प्रोजेक्टर बसविले. मागील शैक्षणिक वर्ष २०१९–२० मध्ये काही बाक (Bench) पॉलिश करून घेतले होते. यावर्षी राहिलेले सर्व बाक (Bench) पॉलिश करून घेतले.

वरिष्ठ महाविद्यालयातील सर्व शिक्षकांची ७ व्या वेतन आयोगातील वेतननिश्चिती वरिष्ठ लेखापरीक्षक यांचेकडून तपासून घेतली. तसेच प्रशासकीय कर्मचाऱ्यांचे ७ व्या वेतन आयोगाचे वेतन सुरू झाले. तसेच १ वर्ष शासन निर्णयामुळे प्रलंबित राहिलेल्या १२/२४ वर्षे पूर्ण झालेल्या कर्मचाऱ्यांच्या ७ व्या वेतन आयोगासंदर्भातील वेतननिश्चितीचा पाठपुरावा करून वेतन सुरू करण्यात आले. वरिष्ठ महाविद्यालयातील चार शिक्षकांना प्राध्यापक पद मिळण्यासाठी विद्यापीठाकडे प्रस्ताव पाठवून मान्यता घेण्यात आली.

दिनांक २४ नोव्हेंबर २०२० ते दिनांक २३ डिसेंबर २०२० या कालावधीत महाविद्यालयातील सर्व वर्ग-३ कर्मचाऱ्यांसाठी ऑफिस ऑटोमेशन व ॲडव्हान्स एक्सेलचे प्रशिक्षण आयोजित करण्यात आले होते.

श्रीमती रितू माळी यांनी कावेरी कॉलेज, एरंडवणे, पुणे येथे वृद्धी सॉफ्टवेअरची माहिती दिली व अधिकाधिक कर्मचाऱ्यांनी त्याचा वापर करावा म्हणून त्यांना प्रोत्साहित केले. श्री. केदार लोणकर, कनिष्ठ लिपीक हे विधी परीक्षेमध्ये जून २०२० मध्ये प्रथम श्रेणीत पास झाले. श्री. राजाराम कदम, सेवक हे एप्रिल २०२१ मध्ये इयत्ता ९ वी पास झाले. श्री. विठ्ठल बुरूड, सेवक हे एप्रिल २०२१ मध्ये इयत्ता ८ वी पास झाले. तिघांचेही महाविद्यालयातर्फे अभिनंदन !

श्रीराम जन्मभूमी तीर्थक्षेत्र निधी संकलनात १०० टक्के प्रशासकीय कर्मचाऱ्यांचा सहभाग होता.

महाराष्ट्र एज्युकेशन सोसायटीच्या खतदानाच्या आवाहनाला प्रशासकीय कर्मचाऱ्यांनी प्रतिसाद देऊन सहभाग नोंदवला.

शैक्षणिक वर्ष २०२१–२२ पासून महाविद्यालयाला स्वायत्ततेचा दर्जा मिळाला आहे. या संदर्भातील पत्रव्यवहार व पुढील काळातील कामाचे नियोजन चालू झाले आहे आणि त्यासाठी अधिक काम करण्यास प्रशासकीय कर्मचारी सज्ज आहोत.



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वर्ष २०२०-२१ अभूतपूर्व असे वर्ष ठरले. मार्च २०२० मध्ये पुणे शहरातील कोरोना साधीचा प्रादुर्भाव वाढत गेल्यामुळे विद्यापीठाच्या सूचनेनुसार सर्व विद्यार्थ्यांना आपापल्या घरी जाण्यास सांगण्यात आले. त्यानंतर २०२०-२१ या शैक्षणिक वर्षासाठी ऑनलाईन पद्धतीने महाविद्यालयाचे कामकाज सुरू झाले. त्यामुळे दरवर्षीप्रमाणे जून-जुलै महिन्यात वसतिगृहात नवीन प्रवेश झाले नाहीत.

मा. जिल्हाधिकारी पुणे यांनी मार्च २०२० मध्ये वसतिगृह अधिग्रहित केल्याचा आदेश वसतिगृहप्रमुखांना दिला. शहरात कोरोनाचा प्रसार वाढू लागल्यानंतर पुणे शहरातील वस्त्यांमध्ये नागरिकांची प्राथमिक तपासणी करून कोरोनाचे संभाव्य रुग्ण शोधण्याची मोहीम महाराष्ट्र एज्युकेशन सोसायटी, पुणे महानगरपलिका राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ, जनकल्याण समिती आणि समर्थ भारत पुणे यांच्या वतीने एप्रिल आणि मे २०२० या महिन्यात राबवण्यात आली. सामाजिक कर्तव्याचा भाग म्हणून या मोहिमेत सहभागी होणारे डॉक्टर आणि स्वयंसेवक यांच्या निवास आणि भोजनाची व्यवस्था २७ एप्रिल २०२० ते २४ मे २०२० या कालावधीत वसतिगृहामध्ये करण्यात आली. या निवास व्यवस्थेसाठी साफसफाई, सामान हलवणे इत्यादी गोष्टी वसतिगृह कर्मचाऱ्यांच्या मदतीने करण्यात आल्या. या मोहिमेच्या कालावधीत पुढील संख्येने डॉक्टर आणि स्वयंसेवक निवासास होते.

डॉक्टर : एकूण ३२, महिला १६ + पुरुष १६.

स्वयंसेवक : एकूण २१६, महिला ३५ + पुरूष १८१.

जून-जुलैमध्ये पुणे शहरातील साथीचा प्रभाव वाढू लागल्यानंतर नागरिकांचे विलगीकरण करण्याची योजना महाराष्ट्र एज्युकेशन सोसायटी, पुणे महानगरपालिका, राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ जनकल्याण समिती, समर्थ भारत आणि सह्याद्री रुग्णालय यांच्या वतीने आखण्यात आली. कमी लक्षणे असणाऱ्या रुग्णांच्या विलगीकरण केंद्रासाठी वसतिगृहाच्या तीनही इमारती उपलब्ध करून देण्यात आल्या. २२ जुलै २०२० ते १ नोव्हेंबर २०२० या कालावधीत हे विलगीकरण केंद्र चालविण्यात आले. या कालावधीत एकूण १३८९ रुग्णांना विलगीकरण केंद्रासाठी पुढील संख्येने डॉक्टर आणि स्वयंसेवक यांची व्यवस्था आबासाहेब गरवारे महाविद्यालय यातील वर्ग आणि सभागृह येथे करण्यात आली होती. डॉक्टर : पूर्णवेळ ४, महिला ३ + पुरुष २/अर्धवेळ ४, महिला ३ + पुरुष २.

व्यवस्थापन : एकूण ४, महिला १ + पुरुष ३. स्वयंसेवक : एकूण २०६, महिला ७२ + पुरुष १७४. कर्मचारी : एकूण ४.

या विलगीकरण केंद्राने पुणे शहरातील चांगले विलगीकरण केंद्र असा नावलौकिक सर्व समाजातील सर्व स्तरांमध्ये मिळवला.

वसतिगृहात केलेल्या कोरोना विषयक व्यवस्थांसाठीचा वीज, पाणी, आवश्यक दुरुस्त्या याचा खर्च वसतिगृहाच्या वतीने करण्यात आला. तसेच एप्रिल मे महिन्यातील डॉक्टर आणि स्वयंसेवक यांच्या भोजनाचाही खर्च वसतिगृहातर्फे करण्यात आला.

डिसेंबर २०२० नंतर कोरोनाचा प्रभाव कमी होऊ लागल्याने सरकार, विद्यापीठ यांच्या सूचनेनुसार वसतिगृहात विद्यार्थ्यांना प्रवेश देण्यात आला. विद्यार्थी आणि विद्यार्थिनी यांनी प्रवेश घेतला. परंतु मार्च २०२१ मध्ये कोरोनाच्या दुसऱ्या लाटेमुळे सरकारच्या सूचनेनुसार सर्व विद्यार्थी–विद्यार्थिनींना आपापल्या घरी जाण्यास सांगण्यात आले. १७ जानेवारी २०२१ ते ३ मार्च २०२१ या काळात विद्यार्थी–विद्यार्थिनी वसतिगृहात राहत होते. कोरोना साथीच्या प्रभावामुळे वर्षभरात विद्यार्थी–विद्यार्थिनींचे कोणतेही कार्यक्रम होऊ शकले नाहीत.

have also been made available as per the needs of the teachers.

Some significant events -

Thus, even in these exceptional circumstances, some remarkable events occurred during this period.

• Autonomous status

In the academic year 2020-21, Garware College of Commerce had applied for academic autonomy to UGC and Savitribai Phule Pune University. Accordingly, UGC and Savitribai Phule Pune University conferred the status of 'Autonomous College' to the College for the next 10 years from the academic year 2021-22. This is a very important and turning point for the College. Garware College of Commerce is the first college from Maharashtra Education Society's units to receive this status.

• Satellite Centre

There is one unit of Maharasthra Education Society at Ghanekunt, Lote. & We are planning to start a Satellite Centre. The University has given approval to the College to start BBA course there.

This 2019-20 was a year of overall uncertainty on COVID's background. However, with the help of technology, the College has taken utmost care that the teaching process will not get affected.

Efforts to overcome the situation -

• Seven-day online teachers-training workshop

The College conducted a seven-day online teachers training workshop in the wake of the COVID epidemic. In which all the teachers were given training on how to teach students online. They were trained on how to teach through the internet, Google Meet, Google Classroom, Google Forms, various online tools. Some of the techno-savvy teachers in the College trained their fellow teachers. Resultantly, the teachers were able to take lectures and exams online.

• Increase in Infrastructure facilities

LCD projectors and Wi-Fi facilities have been made available in all lecture-halls of the College. Considering the need for online education, laptops

Dr. Ketaki Modak (Vice-Principal)



• Permanent Affiliation of the Self-finance courses

This year the College got permanent affiliation of the Self-finance Courses of BBA, BBA-CA and BBA-IB.

• Appointment of teachers as professors

Four teachers of the college, Dr. Asha Khilare, Dr. Sulabha Patole, Dr. Bharat Vhankate, Dr. Sunil Zagde

have been selected as the professor. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the College played a vital role in it.

COVID made it necessary for everyone to stay online. And it created some opportunities even in adverse circumstances. International contacts and guidance from dignitaries were easily available in the changing times. The College took full advantage of this opportunity and keep march going on.

राज्य सरकार Open Merit Scholarship 2020 - 21

Sr. College						
SC FSH	-	3	NT SCH	-	16	
SC SCH	-	85	SBC FSH	-	1	
ST FSH	-	1	SBC SCH	-	1	
ST SCH	-	5	Ex-Sericeman	-	1	
OBC FSH	-	7	RSMS	-	4	
NT FSH	-	17				

Jr. College						
SC FSH	-	0	NT SCH -		5	
SC SCH	-	9	SBC SCH -		1	
ST SCH	-	1	RSMS -		1	
OBC FSH	-	2	FEG -		220	
NT FSH	-	1	Ex-Sericeman -	•	3	

Farewell





Smt. Jayashree Dixit

Smt. Jayashree Dixit worked as the Physical Education teacher for the Junior College. She joined our college on 10-07-1987 & retired on 31-12-2020 after 33 years of service. Best wishes to her for a long healthy life.



Dr. Dasharath Auchare

Dr. Dasharath Auchare joined our college on 31-08-2000 and retired upon the age of superannuation on 31-05-2021. He worked as NSS Programme Officer & Students Development Officer. He was also the Chief Examination Officer of the college. Best wishes to him for a long healthy life.

Industrial Visit to Garware Polyester Ltd. Waluj, Aurangabad





IQAC Meet

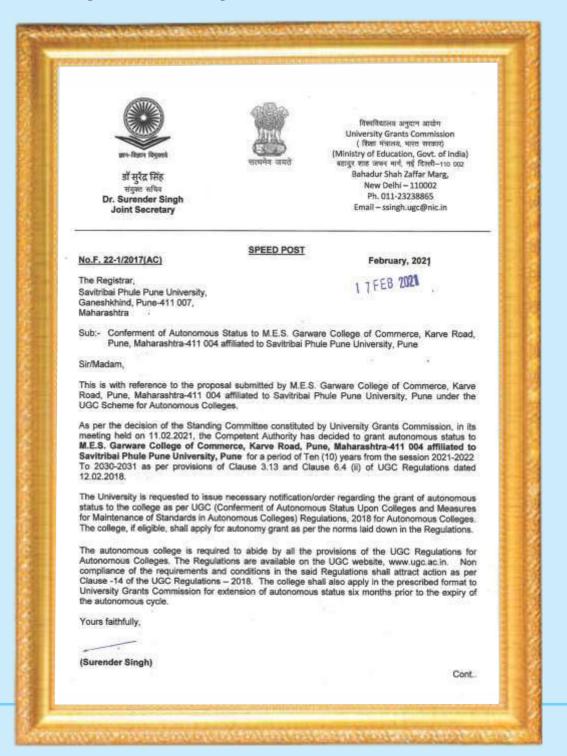


Psychological Counseling lecture for Administrative Staff



DRIC National Research Competition

Conferment of Autonomous Status





महाराष्ट्र एज्युकेशन सोसायटी **गरवारे कॅालेज ऑफ कॅामर्स**

युनि. आय. डी. पीयु/पीएन/सी/०१८(१९६७) नॅक पुनर्मूल्यांकित ए ग्रेड सावित्रीबाई फूले पुणे विद्यापीठाचा सर्वोत्कृष्ट महाविद्यालय पुरस्कार