

Students' Forum and Scholars' Academy 2015-16

Students' Forum and Scholars Academy of the college was started with the objective to increase awareness of contemporary issues, to nurture oratory and listening skills, to enhance reading and research skills, to develop analytical and logical skills and to navigate the students towards becoming responsible citizens. The following activities were conducted:

Sr.No.	DATE	NATURE OF ACTIVITY	TOPIC
1	8/7/2015	Orientation for new members and Debate	How safe is Instant and Packaged Food?
2	22/7/2015	Discussion	Impact of Bollywood on Youth and Society
3	5/8/2015	Debate	Is waiving of loans only solution for farmers' suicide?
4	12/8/2015	Guest Lecture by Prin. N.M. Rajadhyakshya, Mr. Prasad Tokekar (Counselling cell, Dept. Of Business Law)	Understanding Soft Skills
5	19/7/2015	Educational visits (BMM Marathi)	State Legislature to observe live Session Mumbai Marathi Patrakar Sangh, Press Club of India, Mumbai Branch
6	30/11/2015	Discussion	Terrorism: A Threat All Over the World.
7	07/12/2016	Quiz competition	Current affairs, General Knowledge
8	10/12/2015	Human Rights Day celebration (Dept. of Business Law)	PowerPoint Presentation competition
9	14/12/2015	Discussion	E-governance: Issues and Challenges
10	23/1/2016	Parliamentary Debate	Parliamentary Debate Competition conducted under the banner of Gandharva Mahotsava
11	13/01/ 2016	Interaction	Interaction with students from North East India.
12	13/02/2016	Book and Magazine Review (NSS, Speakers Academy)	Review of selected books and magazines.
13	16/02/2016	Understanding Shakespeare's Theatre (English Dept.)	Attended a performance of William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' performed by students of English Literature, Joshi Bedekar College.

14	18/02/2016	Guest lecture <u>ResourcePerson:</u> Dr. Sudhakar Agarkar (IQAC, NSS)	India's Achievement in Scientific and Technological Development.
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National level round of Modal Youth Parliament was conducted on 28th August 2015 where 2 of our students Kiran Bisht and Archana Dixit were selected as Best Speakers amongst others and will be honoured at Delhi.

A Paper Presentation competition for students was conducted on 10th December 2015 on the topics- "Tolerant to Intolerant India, Are We?" and "Right to Live in a Clean and Healthy Environment and *Swaccha Bharat Abhiyan*". The competition received an overwhelming response and was judged by Dr Sharada Niwate.

The students attended and actively participated in the Indian Student Parliament organised by MIT School of Government, Pune, held from 27th to 30th January, 2016.

Suraj Kadhane, a third year commerce student, participated in the parliamentary debate held at New Law College, Matunga Road as a part of 'Anurag 2016' festival on 10th February, 2016. Mr. Kadhane was one of the members of the Ruling Party for the debate on 'Amendment of the Bill on Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989 with inclusion of Muslim community'.

Five students participated in the Elocution competition held at Kirti College on 17th February, 2016. Kiran Bisht, a third year commerce student, secured the 2nd prize.

Two members of Students' Forum and Scholars' Academy participated in Inter-Collegiate competition fest- "Arthagyan" organised by Economics Department of Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala college and won the 2nd prize in PowerPoint presentation competition on 'Eco Talks'.

Under the Scholars' Academy, the quiz competition was conducted on 7th December 2015. Twenty Five students participated in the competition. The questions were based on current affairs and general knowledge. Joshi, 1st prize, Goukul Jadhav, Tejal Dhotre, 2nd prize, and Sagar Kothekar, Prashant Kapadi, 3rd prize. Sagar Kothekar, Abhijeet Barse, Gokul Jadhav, Harshal Joshi participated in the Workshop on *Sant* Philosophy organized jointly by Philosophy Research Centre, Counselling Cell and *Marathi Sanshodan Mandal* from 25th February to 27th February 2016.

Students participated in the Smart City Campaign conducted by Thane Municipal Corporation and also participated in the 'Loksatta Blog Benchers' activity, conducted by Loksatta, a leading news paper.

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Chairperson