

Events and achievements during 2016-17

Arogya Award

NES Ratnam College was the recipient of the Arogya World Healthy Workplace Award – Gold in November 2016. Our College is the first in Maharashtra to achieve this Gold level of recognition from Arogya World India Trust in partnership with Public Health Foundation of India.

Recognition under Star College Scheme

Our College was selected for the Star College Scheme of the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology aimed at strengthening the undergraduate Science Departments (Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Mathematics & Statistics) on 13th February, 2017

Academic Audit

Academic Audit of the College was conducted by the University of Mumbai on 3rd December 2015.

Dr. Uma Vaidya, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Kavikulguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Nagpur was the Chairperson.

The Peer Team appointed by the University to carry out the audit comprised Dr. .G. Hundiwale, Former Director, BCUD, North Maharashtra University & Dr. Suhas Pednekar, Principal, Ramnarain Ruia College as the members.

University Oration Series photo

Our college was one of the few selected colleges by University of Mumbai to organise one lecture as part of University Oration Series. The College conducted an Oration Lecture on 24th January 2017 on the topic 'Faculty Development for Excellence in Higher Education' to commemorate 160 years of glorious existence of the University of Mumbai .

Dr. K. Shanthi, Professor-Director, Human Resource Development Centre(HRDC) was the Resource Person

Academics

- The results at the various University Examinations were keeping in line with the tradition of almost 100 % results. The Departments of Botany, Zoology, English, Marathi, History and Political Science secured 100 % results
- Three new programmes-B Com (Accounting & Finance), BSc (Information Technology) and MSc Chemistry have been introduced in the current academic year with the approval of Mumbai University.
- Certificate course in Retail Management also has been introduced this year.

- The Department of Political Science, in collaboration with the USIC, Mumbai, organized a **Discussion** on the overview of **U.S. Presidential Election, 2016** on 8th July. Around 80 participants, including students and faculty members from V.G. Vaze College and Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College attended the same. The speakers were Mr Pablo Jairo Tutillo, Intern, U.S. consulate and Ms Brittany Stewart, Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Consulate.
- The Department of Political Science organised a Round-Table Discussion on ‘Contemporary issues in Indo-Nepal Relations’ on 5th January, 2017.

NES National Student Start-up Fest

Around 220 students from colleges and schools across Mumbai participated in the 2nd edition of NES National Student Start-up Fest on January 18, 2017

The Chief Guest of the Fest was Mr Jayant Prabhu, group CIO, Essar. A total of 41 stalls were put up showcasing the creative abilities of the young student entrepreneurs.

Among the other highlights was the **Idea Lab**, a platform for putting forward innovative business proposals that had 20 participant teams. Some pioneering ideas presented included Rain water Harvesting through Highways and Railways, Digital Bench, 'Red Sandalwood Juice' Health drink, Miniturbine

called Hydrap, Mehendi Tattoo and other brilliant innovations from the fields of pedagogy, pharmacy and computers. The judge for the event, Mr. Debraj Dam, Founder and CEO, Advisers India who guided the participants on the commercial viability of their ideas and the possibilities of other options.

Mr Chintan Dave, Director Ibitions, Mumbai answered the doubts and queries of the 41 budding entrepreneurs gathered in The **Mentor Room**. He drew upon his personal experiences and struggles and offered suggestions for improving their skills.

In addition there were workshops on ‘Social Entrepreneurship, ‘Learning from Family Business’, ‘Android’ and ‘Good and Bad Business Idea’ conducted by experts from the industry and management schools.

Degree distribution Ceremony for the graduates of the academic year 2015-16 was held on 11th February, 2017.



Two-day National Level Symposium by Department of Mathematics & Statistics

The Department of Mathematics & Statistics organised a DST sponsored two-day National Level Symposium on ‘Mathematics and Women on Mathematics’ on 27th and 28th January, 2017. The objective of the Symposium was to explore women’s role in the realm of Mathematics and the applicability of Mathematics in undergraduate classroom. The symposium started with the talk titled ‘Mathematical contribution of women mathematicians: some Glimpses from History’ by Prof. S. G. Dani, Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay, Mumbai. This was followed by some very captivating talks by eminent mathematicians from various institutions of India, including . Prof. Sharad S. Sane, Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay, Mumbai; Prof. K. Subrahmanyam, HSCSE, Mumbai; Prof. N. Sharada, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai; Prof. Siuli Mukhopadhyay, Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay, Mumbai; Dr. Anne-Marie Aubert, Institute of Mathematics of Jussieu,

Paris, France; Dr. Tanvi Jain, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi; Dr. Nandini Nilakantan, Indian Institute of Technology and Prof. Sayeeda Unisa, International Institute of Population Science.

Research Cell

- Ms Jayashree G., Department of Chemistry was awarded PhD degree from Mumbai University
- 6 Minor Research proposals submitted by different Faculty; 3 from Department of Chemistry, 1 each from the Departments of Mathematics, Physics & Accountancy were approved by the University of Mumbai.
- 15 teams of students from the Departments of Botany(2), BBI(1), Pol. Sc(1), Zoology(2), Commerce(7), Physics(1) and Chemistry(1) participated in the Aavishkar Research Convention, University of Mumbai.

E-Cell activities

- E-Cell conducted an inter-collegiate workshop in collaboration with E-cell of IIT Bombay on 6th December, 2016.
- E-Cell organized a workshop conducted by Mr. Rajesh Kothari, an entrepreneur, on 11th March, 2017.

Alumni Association

- An eye check-up camp, in collaboration with Lions Club District 320/12, was organized on 8th August, 2016
- Box Cricket, with teams consisting of alumni and current students, was organized on 20th November, 2016
- D J Nite was organized on 21st January, 2017

Cultural Forum

The inauguration of Cultural Forum was held on 18th July commemorating 160th Mumbai University Foundation Day. Mr. Vishal Sahani and Ms Bhumika Patel are appointed cultural co-ordinators for Mumbai University Youth Festival. Talent Search Week was organized from 20th July 2016 to 22nd July 2016. 17 events were conducted under Fine Arts. 6 new events were introduced in the current academic year. 563 Students participated in the various events.

Inter-Collegiate Fests

➤ MANTRA

The two- day Annual Intercollegiate Cultural Festival, **MANTRA 2k16** was organised on the 9th and 10th of December 2016. The theme of Carnival prominently marked the festivities,

right from decoration to the conduct of the events. Through the use of vibrant colours, arches, backdrop decorations, pantomimes and many other props, the event in- charges and the student volunteers glorified life symbolizing vigour and happiness.

Mr Shamim Khopkar, noted Art Director from the Marathi film industry was the Chief Guest. Eminent judges from the film world and the field of dance, Mr.Vaibhav Ghuge and Mr Kaushtubh Thapa graced the inaugural function.

Students from more than 60 colleges participated in the events which were divided into categories of Performing Arts, Fine Arts, Online games and Literary Arts. Eminent personalities who judged the various events were Mr.Anand Menon, Mr Anu from the Kirana Gharana, Mrs. Parvathi Easwaran and Mrs. Kavita Kulkarni were the judges for Performing Arts. The competitions in the category of Fine Arts such as Face Painting , Master Chef ,Hair dressing and Photography were judged by well-known Tadoo makers from Inksanity, Mr Sebastian D'Souza and Mr. George, and Beautician Ms.Dipika.

The event was powered by Endeavour Career, Bank of Maharashtra, Grace Music Academy, GodrejNo.1,Balaji Silks, ITM institute and Nestle.

➤ **Manzil: The Ultimate Destination**

On 17th September, the latest chapter of intercollegiate fest 'MANZIL-the Ultimate Destination', hosted by the Departments of BMS & BBI unfolded with a new & innovative theme, 'Tribe-O-Brand'. More than 500 participants from 30 colleges across Mumbai participated in the spectacular extravaganza comprising 9 management events.

➤ **Zero Gravity – Nothing Can Bring Us Down**

The Commerce Association's **MASTER MINDS** organized the annual inter collegiate fest **Zero Gravity** on 29th and 30th July. The Fest had an interesting mix of events namely, 'Manager's choice', 'Sales talk', 'Bottom line', 'Battle hour' and the online contest, 'Social geek', based on the theme, 'Entrepreneurship: Rise of the Business Tycoon'. The theme selected was in line with our Annual Theme. Students from 34 colleges participated in the event

➤ **MUSE – The Movie Club of Commerce Faculty**

Muse Screened the film "Butterfly Circus" on 16th July , 2016. Saurabh Nimbkar the guitarist who was seen on the show "Aaj Ki Raat Zindagi" with Amitabh Bachchan was invited to share his experience about making life more meaningful and purposeful. Niil Batte Sannatta was screened on 27th August. "Selfie and Bombay 70" was screened on 7th January , 2017. Abhay Jaiswal, stand- up comedian had graced the occasion and shared his achievements with the students. "If I could Talk" and "Vicky" was screened on 25th February

➤ **Talentueux – the Arts Festival**

The third edition of **Talentueux**, a two- day Arts Festival, was organized on 2nd and 3rd August .85 participants from 36 colleges tested their skills and pitted their talents against the best of their peers in the intercollegiate contests featuring ‘Mono acting’, ‘Fun with word’, ‘Socio pix’, ‘Eco kube’, ‘Elocution’ and ‘Patriotic song singing’. A workshop titled ‘Corporate Entry Mantra’ that focused on effective resume writing attracted enthusiastic participation. A special highlight of the fest was the bicycle acrobatics performed by national award winning gymnasts

➤ **Sci-Trek – The Science Fest**

The Intercollegiate event co-hosted by the 6 Departments of Science was organized on 16th December. The events included Phy-Nova, Chem Exhibition, Sudoku, Poster Making, Quiz- Botanica and Website Designing.

NSS

- 10 volunteers participated in International Yoga Day on 21st June at the University of Mumbai.
- The NSS unit of the college, in association with the Central NSS unit, Mumbai University, organized ‘Leadership Training Camp’ from 14th to 18th August’16 at Shankar Rao Chavan Teachers Training Academy at Kalina Campus, Mumbai University. The five- day camp, that attracted 89 students from the NSS units of 50 colleges from Central Suburbs and Navi Mumbai, was inaugurated by Mr B.S. Bidve, Programme coordinator of NSS cell of University of Mumbai
- The College hosted a meeting of NSS Programme Officers at district Level on 2nd July, 2016.
- A **Tree Plantation** drive was conducted at Ambarnath, on 21st August at the site of the NSS Special Camp.
- Blood Donation Camp was held in the College premises on 23rd September. 80 bottles of blood were collected.
- 11 volunteers were part of the Digital India Programme at Marathi Bhasha Bhavan.
- 60 NSS volunteers participated in Run for Unity at Marine Lines on 31st October
- The annual **NSS Special Camp** was organised at Shibirshala, Anandnagar MIDC from 22nd to 28th December, 2016. A total of 150 volunteers and staff members were a part of this residential camp.
- Mr. Ashok Poojari was awarded by MDACS for his contribution towards ‘AIDS Awareness among Youth’ for Central Mumbai Zone
- Ms. Rita Yadav of SYBCom A and Mr. Saurabh of SYBCom B bagged 2nd prize for poster making at RADAV College on December 8.
- Rita Yadav and group bagged the 2nd Prize at R.J College for Street Play
- Mr. Kunal Patel was selected for SRD Camp at District Level. Mr. Kunal Patel attended 7day rural camp at Ratnagiri, Khed, from 9th January to 15th January

Placement Cell

- Sr. Executive - HR- Suchita Mangaonkar WNS Global Services (P) Ltd, a leading global **Business Process Management** (BPM) company Ltd, conducted Campus Recruitment drive on 22nd August. 41 students were selected on the basis of personal interview for the online test on 24th August at the end of which the students were given a letter of intent. The final selection round is to be held just before their final examinations
- Professional Info Tech is the Placement firm Providing manpower solutions for more than 50 Companies in the field of Medical Coding & Clinical Research, Pharmacovigilance conducted a Seminar on 'Health Care and its Opportunities' on 1st September followed by a technical test in which 37 students participated
- 35 students participated in the recruitment interview conducted by TCS-BPS out of which 12 were selected and given letter of intent

Students' Council

- Workshop on "Eco Friendly Ganapati Idol-making" was conducted on Saturday, 6th August, in which 15 students participated. Experts from "Paryawaran Dakshata Sanstha" were invited for the workshop to demonstrate and guide the students in making the idol
- 'Greeting Card Making' Competition on 5th December. The themes were Merry Christmas and New Year's Eve. 25 students participated
- Career Fair on 5th December displaying 120 charts by Mayurphankh Counseling Centre. Five academic and Career Guidance Institutes participated in the Career Fair, including Architecture Plus Academy (Designing), Institute of Computer Accountant (Accounting), LTA School of Beauty Private Limited (Beauty and Cosmetology), Lakshya IAS Academy (IAS, IPS, UPSC, MPSC and other competitive Exams), Elite Computer Institute (Computer Software/Hardware Courses) photo

DLLE

Dr. Aakanksha Gawde was the resource Person for first term training programme for student managers and teachers organized by R.A. Podar College on 25th July and for additional first term training programme organized by LLE unit of University of Mumbai on 31st August.

And she was appointed Field Co-ordinator for guiding the following colleges:

K.J. Somaiya College, VPM College, VazeKelkar College, Shri Ram College, R.J.Thakur College and Menon College

Gymkhana

- A 12 member team of boys won the 1st Prize in State level Volleyball Tournament organized by NES International Mumbai-IB World school and NES-SVB Group in collaboration with Thane District Volleyball Association. The girls' team won the 2nd Prize.

- The college Football team participated in the Intercollegiate tournaments organized by the University of Mumbai.
- In the Kabaddi Tournament organized by the University of Mumbai the College team reached upto the pre-quarter final level.
- 9 students participated in Cross country Race organized by the University of Mumbai at Ratnagiri on 29th August. They were placed at 11th position out of 50 participating colleges.

Unmesh- The intercollegiate fest for non-teaching staff

The 5th intercollegiate fest for non-teaching staff, UNMESH was organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the college on 24th March, 2017.

This year the theme of the workshop was “APP-Creating Harmony in the Workplace (Accountability, Positivity and Productivity)” for administrative staff of colleges across Mumbai.

Resource persons for the event were Dr. Nisha Pandey, Associate Professor & Chairperson- Entrepreneurship cell, Vivekanand Education Society Institute of Management); Dr. Ashish Pandey, SOM, IIT, Bombay and Mr Satish Salián.

3-tier training programme

- Orientation programme for FYBA/BSc/BCom/BBI/BMS students was conducted on 5th July and for FYIT & FY BAF students on 6th August
- A training programme for TY students on ‘Public Speaking and Presentation Skills’ on 24th, 26th, and 27th August.
- A workshop for faculty members on Work-life Balance was conducted by Resource Person, Mr. Deepak Punjabi.
- A training programme for faculty on effective use of Smart Board was conducted in August and October, 2016.
- Mr. Shreepad Parkhe conducted a workshop on ‘New-age Parenting’ for the parents of FY students on 17th August.
- Induction training programme for new faculty members was held on 5th August, 2016.

Other events

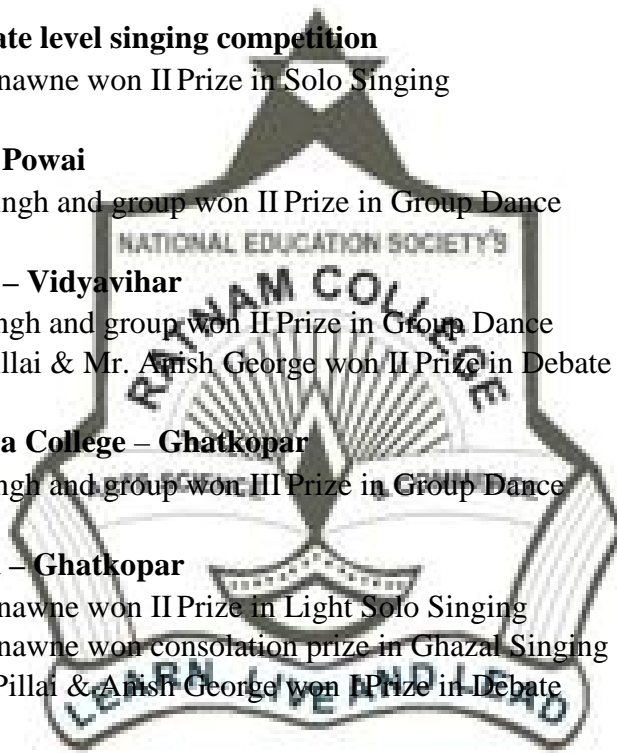
- On 12th August, on the occasion of Library Day a competition, ‘express yourself on a post card’, on given themes, was organized by the College Library for all the students of Arts, Science and Commerce faculty. 62 students participated in the competition. A dummy post box was displayed in the library and students were instructed to write a post card and post it in the post box
- IIM-A’s Alumni Association’s Mumbai Chapter held an interactive session with our students on ‘Career & Life-Skills’ on 10th September
- Botany Department organized a workshop for students on Organic Kitchen Gardening on 27th July

- Flash mob was organized by ‘Masterminds’, the Commerce Association on the theme ‘Use Social Media to impact and not to impress’ at R Mall and Korum Mall in Thane.
- Mr. Mahmood Khan of TYBSc Mathematics was selected for Mathematics Talent and Training Search Programme at RIE-Mysore, funded by NBHM-DAE
- Mr. Rohit Upadhyay of TYBSc Mathematics cleared IIT JAM. He also got selected for Summer training programme at NSER Bhuvaneshwar funded by IAS.

Inter collegiate competitions won by Ratnamites

Cultural Forum

- **Khshitij – State level singing competition**
Ms. Sneha Sonawne won II Prize in Solo Singing
- **S.M.Shetty – Powai**
Ms. Amrita Singh and group won II Prize in Group Dance
- **S.K.Somaiya – Vidyavihar**
Ms. Amrita Singh and group won II Prize in Group Dance
Ms. Kritika Pillai & Mr. Anish George won II Prize in Debate
- **Jhunjhunwala College – Ghatkopar**
Ms. Amrita Singh and group won III Prize in Group Dance
- **K.J. Somaiya – Ghatkopar**
Ms. Sneha Sonawne won II Prize in Light Solo Singing
Ms. Sneha Sonawne won consolation prize in Ghazal Singing
Ms. Krithika Pillai & Anish George won II Prize in Debate
- **Narayan Guru – Chembur**
Ms. Sneha Sonawne won III Prize in Light Solo Singing
- **ChandrabhanShrama College – Powai**
Mr. Anuj & Group won I Prize in Street Play
Ms. Mariyam won I Prize in Mehendi competition
- **NES Ratnam College – Bhandup**
Mr. Anuj & Group won I Prize in street play
Ms. Sneha Sonawne & Rahul Pillai won I Prize in Duet Singing
Mr. Vishal Shahani won II Prize in ‘Spin a Yarn’



Department of Mathematics

- Mr Mahmood Khan & Mr Rohit Upadhyay of TYBSc, Maths received 1st Prize at MATHE MIGHT, a UGC sponsored paper presentation competition held at VES College, Chembur on 19th January, 2017.
- Mr Anish George & Mr Vikram Sankar won the 3rd prize at a seminar competition at R.J. College, Ghatkopar

LLE Students

- 1st Prize for Marathi street play 'Drishtikon' at Chandrabhan College, Powai
- Consolation prize for Marathi Steet play 'Gurukilli' at Udaan Festival, University of Mumbai on 18th January
- 1st, 3rd & Consolation prize in Glass painting; Consolation prize in Slipper painting and 3rd Prize in group Dance at **Elyzium** in Amalani College.

Department of History

- Ms. Johnsi James, Ms. Anusha Karmakar, Ms. Jayshree Kanojia and Ms. Assumption D'Souza (SYBA) won III Prize at JVM's Mehta college, Airoli in an intercollegiate competition, 'Spice of Culture' organised by the Department of History
- Ms. Archana Shinde, Ms. Kajal Dhakad, Ms. Sadiya Ansari, Ms. Safiya Ansari and Ms. Ishrat Ansari (SYBA) won III Prize at 'Yatra La Vista', an intercollegiate competition organized by the Department of B.VOC at S.P. Mandali's Ramnarain Ruia College

