

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

Getting an insight into the Judiciary : Court visit



The aim of the Commerce Department of our college is to prepare students for positions in the world of trade and commerce, promote entrepreneurial skills, promote general education of business and commerce, train the students for professionalism, specialization, creativity and innovation in economic and business activities, create awareness of the global economy and training them in international business area and develop skills in teaching and research in Commerce. The Department tries to fulfill the aims through numerous activities spread out evenly throughout the two semesters.

Court visit

Forty Five students of Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College of Commerce and Economics were taken for a visit to the Mumbai High-Court on 26th February.

The Court's proceedings start at 11:00 a.m., so all the students were seated in the various court rooms allotted to them. The actual visit commenced with the witnessing of ongoing trials at the various sub division courts, where various cases were put before the judge. Here the students got an insight into the manner in which cases were conducted in respect of Civil, Criminal and Matrimonial matters.

Judge Karandikar and Advocate Shinde elaborated upon the affairs of the court and the manner in which proceedings are carried out, enumerating the manner in which the days of the week are allotted towards different types of disputes. They encouraged students to put forward questions and raise doubts. This visit to the court gave everyone an insight into the justice system; it was observed that most of the cases were either postponed due to the parties not being present or simply because of lack of information. The visit was not only an eye-opener into the judiciary system but also deepened our understanding of the subject of law. The visit ended at 2:00 p.m. with the trip back to Churchgate. The students expressed their deep gratitude towards Prof. Mahendra Pachadkar, who gave them detailed description and explanations at every step. It is experiences like these that transform inexperienced students into dignified citizens.

Green Youth – Protecting Environment Is Our Motto

The only way forward, if we are going to improve the quality of the environment, is to get everybody involved. The First year B Com – B & D Division under the mentorship of Prof. Subhashini Naikar took a step forward by forming an army – GREEN YOUTH.



Enhancing Communication Skills:

The teachers of Business Communication are proactive in enhancing the reading writing and speaking skills of our students. English being the second or the third language of most of our students the teachers take extra efforts to enhance their English language skills.

The Language Laboratory is used regularly during the tutorials and modules are given to students to polish their language skills, be it pronunciation, conversation or listening. A schedule of the assignments to be undertaken during the semester is put up on the notice board so as to enable the students to come prepared for the tutorials. The existing technology that students carry with them – mobile phones and smart phones – are put to full use by the language teachers in enhancing the students' listening skills. Assignments downloaded from the BBC and Storynory.com are used as listening modules during tutorials.

Polishing Communication Skills

The department organized an Intra-class Book Review Competition for students of FYBCom on 9th September.

The Department also organized a 15 day English Speaking Certificate Course 7th to 19th Dec. It organized an essay writing competition on 12th Dec. topics "Education- a panacea for all evil" and "Values ought to be cherished for a better living" in English, Hindi and Marathi language.

In keeping with the theme of this year the department also organised a conference on 'Reading', under the aegis of IQAC & Department of Business Communication, on 22nd February, in the college auditorium at 10.30 am. It was a conference organised 'By the students For the students' that encouraged them to take up reading and also acquainted them with the benefits of 'Reading' which is the need of an hour.

Faculty's Pursuits:

Dr. Shekhar Chandratre- Vice Principal, HOD of Commerce

- Was awarded Doctorate in Philosophy (Ph.D.) by SavitribaiPhule Pune University for his thesis "A Critical Study of Effectiveness of Mumbai Disaster Management Plan in the Light of Major Disasters in Mumbai" under the guidance of Dr. M. M. Tapkir from Pune on 13th August.
- Appointed- as a member of a committee preparing a draft of New Education Policy (NEP) by the State Government of Maharashtra on 31st October, 2015;
- Appointed- as a member of a committee to prepare a draft on New 'Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016' by the Government of Maharashtra, September, 2015; as a member of Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise the proposals for New College/ Course/Division by Hon. Vice-Chancellor of University of Mumbai, 16th January, 2016; as a member of CAS Committee by Valia Cosmopolitan College, Andheri, to recommend the candidate from stage 3 to 4, in August, 2015.; as a subject Expert to interview the candidate for the post of Asst. Prof. in Commerce by Nirmala Memorial Foundation College of Commerce & Science, Kandivli, on 31st July, 2015
- Appointed a Member of Local Inquiry Committee (LIC) by the University of Mumbai to recommend new college, courses, additional division, and subject in following colleges : SVIMS Institute of Commerce, Wadala, 6th April, Patkar College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Goregaon, 9th April, Sindhu Educational Society's Swami Hansmuni Maharaj Degree College of Commerce, Ulhasnagar, 12th April, L.PRawal college of Mass Media and Management Studies, Mira road, 15th April, Ideal College of Science & Commerce, Kalyan, 18th April & Mahatma Phule Arts, Science & Commerce, Panvel, 20th April
- Invited as a Resource Person by the NSS Unit of University of Mumbai to deliver a lecture on leadership during NSS Camp held at Kalina, Santacruz in August, 2015.; as a Resource Person Organised in Association with BCUD, Pune University by H. V. Desai College of



**Dr. Shailendha Deolankar
Joint Director, Mumbai Region
Felicitating Dr. Shekhar Chandratre
on being awarded the Ph. D. Degree
Congratulations!**



English Speaking Course: Role Play in action

Commerce, Arts & Science at Pune at a National Conference on 'Designing Student Centric Learning Modules' on 30th January, 2016.; as a Resource Person at Rudrapur (Udham Singh Nagar), Uttarakhand in a (UGC Sponsored) 'National Workshop on Skill Development' organised by Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Kanshal Kendra at SardarBhagat Singh Govt. P.G. College from 11th March to 17th March, 2016.; as a Resource Person to give a talk before the students enrolled for P.G. Diploma in Banking and Financial Services at SBS Govt. P.G. College, Rudrapur, (U.S.Nagar), Uttarakhand on 15th March

- Attended a National Conference at Nagpur organised by Akhil Bharatiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM) on various educational issues like Value based Education, Skill Development, etc. in October, 2015.
- Invited as a Guest Speaker by the Organizers of Hindu Spiritual and Service Fair, Mumbai on 13th February, 2016. Was elected unopposed as a Director for 5 years on the Board of Directors of Janseva Sahakari Bank (Borivali) Ltd., 28th March, 2016.

Prof. Sharada Gaitonde

- Moderated Commerce II papers at Saraf college on 15th October and Commerce I at Nagindas Khandwala College on 17th October and 30th March.
- Attended the The two day National eco Conference (Nexus Conference) Organized by Wada College of Management And Science with the collaboration of Govardhan EcoVillage held at Govardhan Eco village, Galtare with the theme on "ECO-ETHICAL SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS". from 31st October to 1st November.

Prof. Emelia Noronha

- A research paper was published titled : 'The Phatic Function and the Socializing Element of Personal Blogs' in the World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology, International Science Index, Humanities and Social Sciences, 2(8), 1364 on 25th August available online at <http://waset.org/Publication/the-phatic-function-and-the-socializing-element-of-personal-blogs/10001911>
- Was invited as a Guest Speaker to deliver a lecture on 'Interview Skills' at K.G.Mittal College, Malad on 28th August.
- Presented a research paper : 'Internet Activism: Social media



Language Lab Sessions

and its Role in Nation Building' at the UGC sponsored National seminar on 'Role of Mass media in Nation Building' was organized by the department of Mass Media of our college on 27th February.

Prof. Sachin Bansode

- Participated in State Level Workshop on "Maharashtra Public University Act, 2011 (Proposed): A Critical Review" organised by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar School of Thoughts (BAST) & Maharashtra Underprivileged Teachers Association (MUPTA) held at University of Mumbai on 28 August.
- Participated in the "Faculty Development Programme" organised by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar School of Thought (BAST) held at University of Mumbai on 4th February.
- Participated in an international Conference on 'Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's Thoughts' organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Special Assistance, Govt. of Maharashtra at University of Mumbai, on 14th & 15th April.

Prof. Subhashini Naikar

- Attended a one Day Seminar on 'International Teaching & Learning Strategies: Acquisition to Production of Knowledge' organized by the IQAC and Ethics Committee of Maniben Nanavati Women's College on 28th September.
- Attended the National Conference on 'Gender Diversity and Development' organised by our college in association with Nagindas Khandwala College and K.G. Mittal College on 16th January.
- Was invited for a Guest lecture in the subject of Copy Writing and Brand Building was organized for the students of TYBMM on 13th October.
- Was invited by ICAFI UNIVERSITY DISTANCE LEARNING DIVISION for conducting a workshop on the topic - "Are we living the life of a clone" on 7th November.
- Was invited by GOA UNIVERSITY as external examiner for Mass communication course for the subject - Specialized copy writing on 17th & 18th November.

- Presented research paper: 'Legal Aspects Of Comparative Advertising In India' at the UGC sponsored National Conference on 'Vision 2050: Future of Law and Judicial Reforms' organized by the Department of Commerce (Business Law) of our college on 19th September.
- Presented a research paper: 'Education getting Commercialise in India' at the UGC sponsored National seminar on 'Role of Mass media in Nation Building' was organized by the department of Mass Media of our college on 27th February.

Prof. Mahendra Pachadkar

- Participated and presented- a research paper entitled 'Consumer Protection in Human Right Perspective in the context of State of Maharashtra (INDIA)' at the International Symposium on Economic and Social Sciences held at Waseda University, Japan- Tokyo. The paper was published in the proceedings bearing the ISSN Number 2309-3773 Volume 2, 2015 on 22nd and 24th July, a Research Paper on 'Labour Issues & need for Labour Law Reforms in India' A National Conference organized by School of Law, AURO University of Hospitality and Management, Surat on 10th-11th October, 2015. ISBN Number: 13:978-81-928189-6-2 Research Paper on 'Euthanasia: A Legal Perspective' was published by Smt. Kamladeve Gauridutt Mittal College of Arts & Commerce, in the proceedings of the National conference on 21st September -ISBN Number: 13:978-93-5202-815-3.
- Authored and edited Study Material in the subject of Business Law for the students of University of Mumbai's Institute of Distance and Open Learning. (IDOL) for the Academic Year 2015-16.

Prof. Bharti Tiwari

- Presented a research paper : 'One Rank One Pension' at the the UGC sponsored National Conference on 'Vision 2050: Future of Law and Judicial Reforms' organized by the Department of Commerce (Business Law) of our college on 19th September:
- Prof. Emelia Noronha and Prof. Bharti Tiwari participated in One Day National Conference on 'Hard Requirement of Soft Skills' organized by Department of Business Communication in Vivek college of Commerce on 14th December.



Dr. Shekhar Chandratre
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With a teaching faculty prolific in research and teaching learning process the Department yearns to give its very best to each and every student.

Faculty Development Cell



Dr. Ashok Modak speaking on 'Integral Humanism'

The Faculty Development Cell organised a Guest Lecture on Wednesday 10th February in the College auditorium. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Ashok Modak on 'Integral Humanism'. Dr. Modak is a National Research Professor – one among the three in the country and Adjunct Professor in Centre for Eurasian Studies at Mumbai University since 2006. He has also been awarded as the Best Parliamentarian in 1996 and the P.B. Bhave award as an orator and writer. He spoke on the 'Integral Humanism doctrine' that was developed by Deendayal Upadhyaya in 1965. The doctrine lays emphasis on national identity and culture which affect human existence. It has gained importance since capitalism as envisaged by Keynes has failed and excessive Statism by Stalin in the former USSR was responsible for its economic rout. Dr. Modak shared his in depth knowledge since

his doctoral research pertains to the former Soviet Union. Teachers from the Degree, Junior and the Self Financed courses were present.

The Cell also organised a picnic for teachers of the Degree college and Self Financed courses to Kashid in September. The outing was a rejuvenating experience for the faculty that uplifted both the mind and spirit of the teachers.

Prof. Sharada Gaitonde
Convenor

