

Conferences by the Students for the Students

Goal:

- To instil in students the quest for research
- To equip students with organisational skills
- To train the students in teamwork

The Context:

It is essential to develop in students the quest for research and equip them with organisational skills that would go a long way in building their managerial skills. Our students study a chapter on 'Conferences' in the subject of Business Communication. In order to give them a hands on experience and an immersive learning experience the practice of students organising conferences started two years back. The intra collegiate activity turned into an intercollegiate one last year. The first year saw one conference, the second year two and this year three conferences were organised by three separate departments.

The Practice:

2018-19

In the year 2018-19 we conducted two conferences:

- 1. Inter-Collegiate Student Research Conference on 'YOUTH & RELATIONAL VALUES'**
- 2. Student Research Conference on WOMEN EMPOWERMENT**

Conference on 'YOUTH & RELATIONAL VALUES'

The theme of the year being Relational Value; based on this theme an inter-collegiate conference on 'Youth & Relational Values' was organized on 23rd February, 2019 by the Department of Business Communication and Student Research Cell under the aegis of IQAC, in the college auditorium. It was a conference organized 'by the students for the students'. The objective of this conference was to understand the importance of relational values which are a core human need that require greater attention today especially in the world where relationships are in a state of flux with the rising culture of consumerism and narcissism.

The conference was inaugurated at the hands of Principal Dr. N. N. Pandey & Key note speaker was Prof. Meet Tara Dyaneshwar, Psychology Dept. SNDT College, Ghatkopar. The Keynote speaker Prof. Meet Tara Dnyaneshwar set the tone of the conference by powerful and insightful Keynote Address.

The following were the student experts who presented their research papers on the corresponding topics:-

Sr. No	Name of the Researcher(s)	Name of the College	Title of the Research paper
1.	Ms.Krunali, Priya , Mr.Ashutosh	SIA College	Personal Relationships-Valuing relation with oneself
2.	Ms.Shweta, Navmi, Manasi	SIA College	Relationship with Technology
3.	Ms.Nidhi, Geeta	SIA College	Creating Relational Value at Workplace
4.	Ms.Shreeya, Poornima	SIA College	Personal Relationships-Valuing relation with oneself
5.	Ms.Ravina Punjabi	CHM College	Changing Dynamics of sibling bond in Jane Austen's-The Mill on the Floss
6.	Ms.RiddhiKunjwani	CHM College	Relationship with Yourself
7.	Ms.Bhavika, Mr.Aman	ManibenNanavati Women College	Communication &Emojis
8.	Mr.Iram Ali	ManibenNanavati Women College	Communication & Social Media
9.	Ms.Anjali, Ms.Sharda	ManibenNanavati Women College	A study of growth of Entrepreneurs& its impact on Economic Devpt. in India
10.	Mr. Eram Shaikh	KES Shroff College	Cyber Bullying
11.	Mr.MihirSodawala	KES Shroff College	Relationship with LGBT-The Transgender
12.	Ms.Disha Jain	KES Shroff College	Impact of Student Teacher relationship on academic & social well being of students
13.	Mr.Amit Pathak, Mr. Shubham Sharma	Niranjana Majithia College	The Cyber Bullying in India
14.	Ms.Sushankita Mishra	Niranjana Majithia College	Personal Relationship affected by generation gap
15.	Mr.Anhit, Mr.Felir Dias	Niranjana Majithia College	Cyber Bullying in High School & colleges in India

16.	Ms.Neha, Nikita, Januth	Niranjana Majithia College	Creating Relational Value at Workplace
17.	Ms.Sharon, Babita, Sharda, Mr.BabusahebRahane	Model College	Online relationship & its relational value
18.	Mr. Utkarsh Mishra	ICL MotilalJhunhunwala College	Youth & Relationship Values
19.	Ms.Julie Sawant	Nirmala Memorial Foundation College	Siblings relationship today
20.	Mr.RiteshUpadhayay	Nirmala Memorial Foundation College	Boy & Girl Relationship Today
21.	Ms.Kajal,Samiksha,Neola	Royal College	Study on LGBT & their relations
22.	Ms.Aparjita,Meera,Uzma	Royal College	Study on Student Teacher Relationship
23.	Ms.Senorita	Patuk Gala College	Youth & Relationship Values
24.	Ms.VailantinaFernandes	Patuk Gala College	Youth & Relationship Values
25.	Mr.Tahir Idrisi	Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College	Importance of relationship words & relational Values
26.	Mr.Nilesh Gupta	K M Patel College of Thakur	Creating Relationship Values
27.	Ms.Arunadevi	NagindasKhandwala College	Personal Relationship
28.	Ms.Nikita,Ms.Ritu	Tolani College of Commerce	Impact of Facebook, Instagram,whatsapp on social relationship
29.	Ms.Akeela,Kevali, Shumalia	SNDT College	Sibling Relationship
30.	Mr.PallavPamecha,AmolSurve	VidyaVikas Universal College	Personal Relationship
31.	Ms.Disha, Rutuja, Aishwarya	SIA College	Impact of generation gap

Student Researchers sent 31 research papers and 26 papers were presented. Total 74 students participated in the conference. The conference was a success in achieving the determined objectives. The organizing team had enthusiastically worked to make this conference a successful one. The team took charge of various tasks like: Brochure distribution, stage arrangements, technicalities, discipline, registrations, feedback, attendance, etc.

The following were the adjudged as the Best Research Papers at the conference and were awarded with trophies sponsored by the Dalmia Lions College Alumni Association.

The trophies sponsored by the Dalmia Lions College Alumni Association were bagged by the following Colleges:

Best Researcher Trophy Model College

2nd Best Researcher Trophy SIA College

3rd Best Researcher Trophy CHM College

The conference ended with the National Anthem.

The following students were in the organizing committee of the conference:

The senior members of the Quality Circle who guided the Student Research conference are: Deepak Jha, Shubham Shukla, Aman Agarwal, Alok Dubey, Vishal Jain and Bhupendra Vishwakarma, the new members that were added to the Circle and who were part of the organizing team this year are : Poonam Gupta, Sujeet Dubey, Karishma Mewara, Shivani Kotian, Bhakti Joshi, Ritika Gaur, Viraj Chavan, Nidhi Dogra, Rudra Oza, Tananjit Kaur, Vaishnavi Wadekar, Kusum Daya, Gayatri Gupta, Anjali Gupta, Sanjana Bhansali, Neha Dubey, Hinal Chawda, Ruchee Gossain, Tahir Idrisi, Mahak Sarawagi, Monisha Bohra, Diksha, Nishat Shaikh, Prerana Buggarapu and Amar Dubey.

Prof. Bharti Tiwari-Shukla and Prof. Tanvi Rao were the guiding forces that helped these students relentlessly in organizing the conference. Prof. Shweta Ranade was the Convener of the conference.

Conference on “Women-Empowerment

The BMM department of Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College of Commerce & Economics organized a conference on “Women-Empowerment” a conference organized ‘by the students for the students’.

The Keynote Speaker for the conference was Dr. Aarti Agrawal Bahuva, Chief Guest for the event was Dr. Neha Shah and the Chairperson was Prof. Surendra Tanna. Principal Dr. N.N Pandey, Prof. Madhavi Nighoskar Vice - Principal of Degree College, Prof. Subhashini Naikar Vice - Principal of SFC, IQAC Coordinator Prof. Emelia Noronha and BMM Co-ordinator Prof. Bhavana Singh were present as well for the conference. The conference focused on the various crimes & violations women go through their day to day life. In all 10 different colleges participated in the conference.

There were 22 participants from various colleges who participated in the conference. The students covered various topics of concern in the conference.

The following is the list of research papers presented at the conference:

Sr. No.	Name of the Research Paper	Name of the Participant	Name of the College
1	Women forced into prostitution	Nimisha Patil	P.D. Lions College
2	Portrayal of women as sex objects in mainstream media	Vishwa Pai	Patkar College
3	Poverty affects women more than men	Veena Hatle	P.D. Lions College
4	Portrayal of women in Indian cinema	Jainish Gotecha	Mumbai University
5	Lack of awareness about government schemes for women	Sneha Jha	P.D. Lions College
6	Women serving the country as defense person	Coral Mali	DeviprasadGoenka Management College Of Media Studies
7	Challenges faced by women in India	Vedant Desai	P.D. Lions College
8	Problems faced by women in media industry	Ananya Soni and Alefiya Indorewala	SNDT College
9	Women becoming high society entrepreneurs	Samreen Ghani	P.D. Lions College
10	Women empowerment and media entrepreneurship	Manish Mhatre	Vidya Vikas Universal College
11	Menstruation: world cultural perspective about menstruation	Urvashi Mehta	P.D. Lions College
12	Beyond loss and abuse	Arushi Barua	P.D. Lions College
13	Side effects, physical health consequences, morality associated with abortion and birth after unwanted pregnancy	Keerti Nair	Vivek College
14	Problems faced by women in media industry	Prabha Prajapat	P.D. Lions College
15	Are everyone really working to achieve the goal of empowering women?	Ruchita Kumar	Chetana College
16	Why household chores still a women's job?	Abhitosh Yadav	P.D. Lions College
17	Crime against women in India and their causes	Komal Vishwakarma	Thakur College

18	Limited time education of women in India	Akshay Shukla	P.D. Lions College
19	Combating the lack of representation of women due to perceived gender roles	Gayatri Sathyan	Mithibai College
20	How early education can empower women to say no to an early marriage	Leena Sanghavi	P.D. Lions College
21	Empowerment to women in slums	Ayush Bhatt	P.D. Lions College
22	Various restrictions and culture pressure on women	Neha Dharmadhikari	P.D. Lions College

Dr. Sudipta Roy Chowdhury and Prof. Minu Paul were the guiding forces that helped these students relentlessly in organizing the conference. Prof. Bhavana Singh was the Coordinator of the Conference.

2017-18

In the year 2017-18 three conferences were organized ‘by the students, for the students’ that encouraged them to practice the theory that is taught in the syllabus of Business Communication. The entire process of arranging and hosting a conference on their own not only boosted the morale of the students who gave presentations but they also became aware of their potential. The **Student Research Cell organized three conferences in the college this year:**

1. Inter-collegiate conference on **‘YOUTH & WELLNESS: BODY, MIND & SPIRIT’** was organized on 22nd February, 2018 by the students of the Department of Business Communication under the aegis of IQAC.
2. The BMM department organized intercollegiate conference on **GENDER SENSITIZATION** in the college auditorium on 15th March, 2018.
3. The BAF department organized a Conference on the topic **MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION** on 26th March, 2018.

The research cell comprising of the following students: Deepak Jha, Shubham Shukla, Aman Agrawal, Alok Dubey, Karishma Mewara, Ansari Touhid Md Iqbal, Jain Vishal, Shweta Jha, Navel Nazareth, Siddesh Masurkar, Harsh Malviya, Saba Shaikh, Urvashi Mehat, Maitry

Dedhia, Aldrich Fernandes., Anjali Hegde and Stephen Noronha ;undertook the entire responsibility of organizing the conference under the supervision of teachers.

Evidence of Success:

Select Research papers were published in *Adhyayan*, an in-house student research journal published in May 2018.

Problems encountered and resources required:

Encouraging students to involve themselves in the research process was a daunting experience for the students for they themselves had to be first motivated and initiated into the process by the teachers. The second problem was with publication. It was a cumbersome process to compile, edit and publish the journal with bare minimal monetary resources. The entire process of editing, compiling and publishing was done by the student research cell.

2016-17

Inter-collegiate conference on 'Environmental Sustainability: Issues at the nexus of a better tomorrow'

In keeping with the theme of this year an inter-collegiate conference on 'Environmental Sustainability: Issues at the nexus of a better tomorrow' was organized on 25th January by Department of Commerce under the aegis of IQAC in the college auditorium at 10.30 am. It was a conference organised 'by the students for the students' with an objective of developing an in-depth understanding of various environmental issues and concerns of national and global importance and to foster a sense of connection to the natural world and improve the quality of life. It aimed in developing the skills of participation in activities dealing with environmental problems and acquire an awareness of and sensitivity to the total environment and its allied problems and to provide social groups and individuals with an opportunity to be actively involved at all levels working towards the resolution of environmental problems.

2015-16

Intra-collegiate conference on 'Reading'

As an experiment in immersive learning the department of Business Communication organised a student researchers' conference on 'Reading' on 22nd February. 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.