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Report: Department of English 2024-25

"Languages aren't just made of words. They're modes of looking at the world. They're keys to civilizations." – R. F. Kuang

The English department plays a crucial role primarily by fostering language proficiency, critical thinking, and cultural understanding. It serves as a bridge for communication in a globalized world, while also developing students' abilities to analyse and interpret texts and ideas. The English department focuses on enhancing students' abilities in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Developing Core Language Skills, promoting Fluency and Accuracy and facilitating communication.

The following activities were conducted by the department in the academic year 2024-25:

Webinar on ""Literary Power of Storytelling": It is a well-established fact that storytelling is the oldest form of education. It weaves together the personal and the universal, the factual and the emotional, the past and the future. In this era of interdisciplinary learning—as envisioned by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020—stories help us transcend boundaries between disciplines. thus, the department organised a Webinar on "Literary Power of Storytelling", wherein Dr. Dilip Kumar, Regional Director, Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Jammu was the Keynote Speaker. The resource person was Dr. Vrushali V. Kaneri, Head of Department (English), of R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous), Mumbai on the topic "Food and Memories". It was attended by 125 participants.

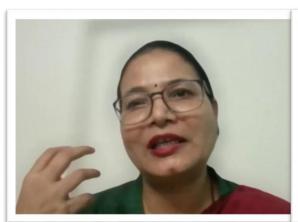




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Dr. Vrushali V. Kaneri, Head of Department (English), of R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous), Mumbai

Lecture by Prof. Dr. Navle Balaji Anandrao on "Corporate Literature: Contexts, Texts and Practices" on 17th August 2024 in the online mode from 4.00 p.m. to 5.p.m., around 30 students attended the lecture.





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Following Workshops were conducted by the department:

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| Sr. | Name of Workshop | Date | No of |
| No. | | | students |
| 1 | Communication Skills | 24 th July 2024 | 46 |
| 2 | Internet Etiquettes | 25 th Sept. 2024 | 110 |
| 3 | Emotional Intelligence | 26 th , 27 th , 30 th Nov. 2024 | 79 |
| 4 | Public Speaking | 9 th , 12 th , 14 th Dec. 2024 | 90 |
| 5 | Grooming | 2 nd , 3 rd , 5th, 7 th Dec. 2024 | 210 |
| 6 | Using Gender sensitive Language | 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 7 th Dec. 2024 | 178 |
| 7 | Speaking Skills | 3 rd , 17 th Dec. 2024 | 37 |
| 8 | Self-Awareness & Self Confidence | 9 th , 11 th , 14 th Dec. 2024 | 102 |
| 9 | Positive Thinking | 16 th , 17 th , 18 th Dec. 2024 | 132 |



Workshop on Grooming



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Workshop on Self Awareness & Self Confidence



Workshop on Using Gender Sensitive Language

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Following Remedial Lectures were conducted by the department:

| Sr. | Date | |
|-----|-----------------------------|-----|
| No. | | |
| 1 | 8 th Oct. 2024 | 50 |
| 2 | 26 th Oct. 2024 | 45 |
| 3 | 22 nd Oct. 2024 | 121 |
| 4 | 21st Oct. 2024 | 47 |
| 5 | 26 th Mar. 2025 | 39 |
| 6 | 15 th April 2025 | 151 |
| 7 | 17 th April 2025 | 33 |



Bridge course conducted on English language learning and using the Internet for English language skills. Following are the details of the Bridge Course conducted by the department:

| Sr. | Class and | Date | No of |
|-----|-----------|---|----------|
| No. | Division | | students |
| 1 | FYBCom A | 11 th 13 th , 15 th July 2024 | 110 |
| 2 | FYBCom B | 10 th , 11 th , 16 th , 19 th July 2024 | 110 |
| | | | |
| 3 | FYBCom C | 10 th , 12 th , 13 th , 18 th July 2024 | 110 |
| 4 | FYBCom D | 12 th , 18 th , 16 th , 19 th July 2024 | 100 |
| 5 | FYBCom E | 15 th , 25 th July 2024 | 100 |
| 6 | FYBCom F | 10 th July 2024 | 40 |
| 7 | FYBCom G | 11 th , 15 th , 16 th July 2024 | 100 |

The department also organized a Faculty development Programme (Eight Days Online FDP) on "Cross- Cutting Issues & Sustainable Development: New Avenues of Research and Research Methodology in Commerce, Humanities and Science" from 24th September 1st October 2024.

Faculty Pursuits

Prin. Prof. (Dr.) D. N. Ganjewar

- Invited as a Resource Person for Workshop on Understanding NAAC's Criteria and Key Indicators and SSR preparation on 17th May 2024 in Rajasthan Aryan Arts, Shri Mithulalji Kacholiya Commerce & Shri Satyanarayanji Ramkrishanji Rathi Science Mahavidyalaya, Washim.
- Attended Two-Day Workshop on Indian Knowledge System entitled Integration of Indian Knowledge System in Program Curriculum from 05/10/2024 to 06/10/2024

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organized by Regional Cente, Dr. Babasaheb Ambekar Technological University, Lonere located at Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune.

- Attended Ph.D. Viva as an External Referee of Mr. Palke Rahul Bhagwan in the Subject English under the guidance of Dr. H. K. Awtade on 07/12/2024 at Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University, Solapur. The Topic of his Thesis was Exploring Socio-cultural and Historical Aspects in the Select Novels of Amitav Ghosh.
- Attended Ph.D. Viva Voce as an External Referee of Mr. Payagonde Bilyansidha Kallappa in the Subject English under the guidance of Dr. H. K. Awtade on 24/02/2025 at Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University, Solapur. The Topic of his Thesis was 'Dammed' Lives in the Select Novels: Indian and Western Contexts. Published a Research Paper on Modern Feminist Voices: Analysing the Representation of Womanhood in the Works of Jessica Moor and Noise Dolan in the UGC Carelisted The Journal of Oriental Research, Madras in the Issue of August 2024.
- Attended as Guest of Honour and Chaired a Session in International Research Innovation Conference 2024 on 21/12/2024 organized by Bestow Edutrex International, Mumbai.
- Received Best Principal Award 2024 in International Research Innovation Conference 2024 on 21/12/2024 organized by Bestow Edutrex International, Mumbai.
- Received Best Principal in Degree College Award on 25-27 November 2024 by Star Education Awards 2024 organized by ESFE at BKC, MMRDA Grounds, Mumbai.
- Presented a Research Paper on The London School of Economics, Gray's Inn and The Critique of The Problem of the Rupee in the International Conference on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Global Vision: Reimagining Justice, Equality and Democracy organized by University of Mumbai, Mumbai, BARTI, Pune & Gray's Inn London from 24th April 2025 to 25th April 2025.
- Successfully guided to Ms. Anjali Baburao Kokadwar for the award of Ph.D. in the subject of English under the Faculty of Humanities, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar on 09/04/2025. The Title of her Thesis is Class Conflict in Selected Novels of Chinua Achebe and Mulk Raj Anand.
- Organized Virtual Faculty Development Programme [FDP] on AI Open Source Powered Teaching and Learning on 16th – 22nd March 2025 in collaboration with Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College of Commerce & Economics, Malad West, Mumbai, Maharashtra Commerce Teachers Association and Research Foundation of India, New Delhi.
- Organized a Faculty Development Programme "Cross- Cutting Issues & Sustainable Development: New Avenues of Research and Research Methodology in Commerce, Humanities and Science" from 24th September to 1st October 2024, by Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College & M.S.P. Mandal's Rajmata Jijau Mahavidyalaya, Kille Dharur, in collaboration with the Research Foundation of India, New Delhi and National Institute of Foreign Trade, Mumbai.



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Dr. Emelia Noronha

- Active member of Board of studies of English HSNC University, Mumbai and Nagindas Khandwala College, Mumbai.
- Participation in the ICCPE-2024 and presented a paper titled: "Decoding the Angst and Poignancy in Nigerian Queer Relationships" on 14th September, 2024.
- Was invited to be on the selection panel of Junior engineer Civil & Electrical by University of Mumbai as a Minority representative on 8 July 2024.
- Was invited on the panel to conduct Academic and administrative Audit and as expert in IQAC meeting at KES College of Commerce and Economics, Kandivali, Mumbai on 28th and 29th November 2025.
- Appointed as Joint Chief Conductor for University of Mumbai Examination at Shahu Shikshan Sanstha of Nalanda College Arts, Sci Commerce & Law, Borivali on 1st March 2025.

Ms. Anushka Kamble

- Participated in and hosted a webinar titled "Literary Power of Storytelling", organized by the Department of English under the aegis of IQAC of our college on 9th April 2025.
 The session focused on the relevance of storytelling in literary studies and its broader pedagogical implications.
- Actively participated in and coordinated Virtual Conference for Student Researchers on "Entrepreneurship, Social Impact & Sustainability in the Digital World", which was organized by the Student Research Cell of Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College of Commerce & Economics under the aegis of IQAC, in collaboration with DTSS College of Commerce on 25th April 2025. The conference provided a valuable platform for

students to showcase research on innovative business models with a focus on sustainability and digital transformation.

Dr. Emelia Noronha and Ms. Anushka Kamble:

Published following books:

- Indian Short Stories FYBCOM Semester I (As per NEP 2020), Publisher: Vipul Prakashan, 2024, ISBN: 978-93-6663-660-3
- **Academic and Business Writing** FYBCOM Semester II (As per NEP 2020), Publisher: Vipul Prakashan, 2025, ISBN: 978-93-6663-796-9



Participated in following faculty development programmes:

 Workshop for Subject Teachers on NEP 2020-Compliant Syllabus and Curriculum on 28th September 2024, attended a workshop focused on aligning subject syllabi and

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curriculum with NEP 2020. The workshop was conducted by the Board of Studies at DTSS College of Commerce (Autonomous), Malad, Mumbai.

- 08-Day Online FDP on "Cross Cutting Issues & Sustainable Development: New Avenues of Research & Research Methodology in Commerce, Humanities & Science"
- Faculty Development Programme on "Cross- Cutting Issues & Sustainable Development: New Avenues of Research and Research Methodology in Commerce, Humanities and Science" organized from 24 September 2024 to 1st October 2024. by Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College & M.S.P. Mandal's Rajmata Jijau Mahavidyalaya, Kille Dharur, in collaboration with the Research Foundation of India, New Delhi and National Institute of Foreign Trade, Mumbai.
- Virtual FDP on "AI Open-Source Powered Teaching & Learning" from 16th March to 22nd March 2025, organized by Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College in association with the Research Foundation of India, New Delhi and Maharashtra Commerce Teachers Association. The program explored the use of open-source AI tools for enhancing pedagogy and learning engagement in higher education.
- International Online Seminar on "Women's Voices in Contemporary English Literature" on 14th February 2025, organized by the Department of English and Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Mahatma Phule Arts, Science and Commerce College, Panvel, Maharashtra. The seminar provided insights into contemporary feminist narratives and voices in English literature.

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