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Humanist

A fine human being is a humanist. Humanism distinguishes between existing plainly and existing with feelings. A person devoid of human compassion exists just as a living thing. It is man's sensitivity to his fellow beings that makes him a complete human being. One must empathise with the pain and suffering of others. Humanism should form the essence of one's life. The blood flowing in our veins indicates that we exist, but it does not mean that we are alive. Being alive

A word from the Principal

means being aware of the pain of others. The desire to alleviate this pain should be intense and that is what would make one a humanist. Ghalib's couplet describes Insaniyat or humanism as "Ragon mein daudte phirne ke hum nahi qaael, jab aank hi se na tapka to phir lahoon kya hai."

Dr. Usha Mukundan

Distinction

Prof. Shubhangi M. Vartak, Dept. of Economics and **Prof. Jayshree Vaze**, Dept. of Statistics, won the third prize for their paper presentation on *Women Entrepreneurs – Problems and Challenges* at a National Level Conference on *Women Entrepreneurs* held in K.V. Pendharkar College, Dombivali, on Nov. 20-21, 2009.

On Panel

Dr. S.T. Ingale, Vice Principal, was invited as subject expert in the Assessment Committee to place teachers eligible for Senior Scale Selection grade at Guru Nanak Khalsa College on Nov. 3, 2009. He was nominated as the subject expert by the Vice-Chancellor on the panel of the Selection Committee to interview candidates for post of lecturer

FACULTY NEWS

in Zoology at Ramnarain Ruia College on Dec. 3, 2009.

Dr. Subhaga Karlekar, Dept. of Physics, participated as an assessor in the Ramkrishna Bajaj National Quality Award process on Nov. 11 - 12, 2009.

Prof. Rashmi Wagle, Head, Dept. of Economics, was invited as a subject expert on the Selection Committee at S. K. Somaiya college on Nov. 14, 2009. She was also invited as a subject expert on the Selection Committee at Narayan Guru College on Nov. 24, 2009.

Dr. Usha Mukundan visited K J Somaiya College and SIES College as a convenor of the LIC Committee for granting permission to start M. Sc. (Biotechnology) course on Nov.

18, 2009. She also visited Ruia College as a member of the LIC committee for granting permission to enroll students for Ph. D in Bio-analytical Sciences on Nov. 21, 2009. She was invited as a subject expert to conduct interviews for promotion of scientist at BARC in Nuclear and Agriculture Division on Dec. 12, 2009.

Dr. Shashi Mishra, Head, Dept. of Sociology, was invited as a member of the placement panel for Senior Scale Selection Grade interview at Sathaye College, Vile Parle (E) on Dec. 11, 2009.

Presentation/Publication

Dr. Usha Mukundan and **Prof. Sadhana Yadav** published a paper titled *Antioxidants: A New*

Era Drug in Botanica, Vol-57, pp.28-37.

Dr. Usha Mukundan and **Prof. Sujata R. Kawlekar** published a paper titled *Dyeing Cotton with Natural Colourant - Marigold* in *Textile Trends*, Vol 24, Nov. 2009, pp.35-38.

Dr. Usha Mukundan and **Prof. Tania Moses**, Dept. of Biotechnology, published a paper titled *Edible Vaccine* in *Recent Advances in Biotechnology*, Edited by P.C. Trivedi.

Dr. P.G.Kale, Dept. of Zoology, presented a paper titled *Foraminiferans as index species for ecological status of estuaries* in U.G.C. sponsored seminar on *Environmental Biotechnology* organized by Birla College, Kalyan on Nov. 14-15, 2009. He also presented a paper titled *Oxidative stress exerted by Phoma medicaginis in Rats* in U.G.C sponsored National seminar on *Fungal Biotechnology*, organized by Department of Botany, Mithibai College on Dec.7-8, 2009.

Dr. A.P. Pandey, Head, Department of English has authored a book titled *Revolutionary Fervour in Kabir's Poetry*; published by Bhasker publications, Kanpur.

Dr. K. Raghunath, Head, Dept. of Kannada, published columns in *Udayavani*, Kannada Newspaper, in Nov & Dec, 2009

Prof. Nandini Jagannarayan, Dept. of BBI (Banking & Insurance), published an article titled *I can Make a Difference in the Lives of my Students* in e-newsletter of ICICI Bank, Sept. 2009. She also co-authored a textbook on *International Banking & Finance*

for the TY.B.Com (Banking and Insurance) Students, Semester V (July 2009). She also presented a paper titled *Education for Empowerment* at a National Level Seminar on *Education and Health Status of Muslims in Maharashtra* organized by Tata Institute of Social Sciences at Mumbai College on Dec. 22, 2009.

Seminar/Workshop

Prof. Latika Bhanushali, Dept. of Marathi, Jr. College, published an article on *Tropical Kerala* in *Sakaal*, a leading Marathi newspaper on Nov. 2, 2009.

Prof. Pratap Kamble, Dept. of Chemistry, attended NSS Orientation programme at Tata Institute of Social Sciences sponsored by Ministry of Youth and Sport, New Delhi on Oct 31-Nov 8, 2009.

Prof. Niketa Wani & Prof. Pradnya Bhagwat, Dept. of Computer Science, attended a workshop on *NET/SET Preparation in Computer Science* organized by the Dept. of Computer Science, University of Mumbai on Nov. 1-2, 2009.

Dr. Shashi Mishra participated in the *Eighth International Playwright's Conference* organised by Academy of Theatre Arts Mumbai University, Stree Mukta Sanghatana and Women Playwright International at Mumbai University on Nov. 1-7, 2009.

Prof. V.B. Kulkarni & Dr. R.S. Dubey, Dept. of Chemistry, attended a seminar on *Chemistry of Nanomaterials and their Applications* organised by Indian Chemical Society & Mithibai College on Nov. 13-14, 2009.

Prof Bindu Achary, Dept. of Zoology & **Prof. Anil Avhad**, Dept. of Botany attended an International Conference on *Recent Advances in Environment Biotechnology* at Birla College on Nov. 14-15, 2009.

Prof. Rashmi K. Wagle attended a workshop on syllabus for *Evolution of Economic Ideas, (Paper VIII)* organized by University Board of Studies in Economics at Wilson College on Nov. 18, 2009.

Prof. Lakshmi Chandrasekaran, Dept. of BBI, attended a National Level Conference on *Women Entrepreneurs* held at K.V. Pendharkar College, Dombivali, on Nov. 20-21, 2009.

Prof. Shanti Lakshmi, Dept. of BBI, attended a State level Seminar on *Frauds in Banking Financing Services and Preventive Strategies* on Nov. 21, 2009.

Dr. Nisha Muni & Dr. Mrunal Date, Dept. of Botany, attended a State level Workshop on *Aromatic Plants and Essential Oils* organized by ICL College, Vashi, on Nov. 27, 2009.

Dr. Mithilesh Sharma & Dr. J.P. Singh, Dept. of Hindi, attended a workshop on *S.Y.B.A. Syllabus (Paper III)* organised by Board of Studies at Kelkar College, Mulund, on Nov. 27, 2009

Dr. Shashi Mishra, Dept. of Sociology & **Prof. Bindu Achary**, Dept. of Zoology, attended a seminar on *Darwin's Ideas in Historical, Philosophical, Sociological and Pedagogical Focus* at HBCSE on Nov. 30, 2009.

Prof. Vandana Singh, Dept. of Com

-puter Science attended an International Symposium on *Soft Computing* organized by Dept. of Computer Science, University of Mumbai, on Dec 1-2, 2009.

Prof. Niketa Wani, Dept. of Computer Science, attended a seminar on *Cloud Computing* organized by Dept. of IT, University of Mumbai & Microsoft Technologies Pvt. Ltd. on Dec. 4, 2009.

Dr. Sucheta Golwalkar, Head, Dept. of Bio-technology attended an MSc Part II Revised Syllabus Paper IV workshop at Vaze College, Mulund on Dec. 4, 2009.

Dr. P.G.Kale, Dept. of Zoology, attended *Resource Generation Camp for Biology* at Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, Mankhurd on Dec. 4-5, 2009.

Prof. V.B. Kulkarni, Head, Dept. of Chemistry, attended a workshop on *Training in Green Chemistry and its Relevance in Education Curricula* at National College on Dec. 8, 2009.

Dr.P.G.Kale & Prof. Rashmi Kurup, Dept. of Zoology, attended National Conference on *Impact of Urbanisation on Lake Ecosystem: causes and consequences and remedial measures*, at Vikas College on Dec. 21, 2009.

Prof. Bhakti Todankar, Dept. of Biotechnology, attended a workshop on *Bioinformatics* at Institute of Science on Dec. 22, 2009.

Dr. P.G.Kale, Dr. P.N.Sardesai, Prof. Janhavi Bhagwat & Dr. Geeta Joshi attended 20th All India Congress of Zoology and National Semi-

nar on *Bioresources and its management for food, livelihood and environmental security*, at CIFE, Mumbai, from Dec. 29-31, 2009.

Faculty Development Programme

Prof. Pravin Nayak, Dept. of Botany, attended a Refresher course conducted by the University Staff Academic College, Mumbai from Sep. 14, Oct -3, 2009.

Prof. Niketa Wani, Dept. of Computer Science, attended an orientation programme for lecturers conducted by the University Staff Academic College, Mumbai, from Aug 12- Sep 11, 2009.

Prof. Devraj Pawar, Dept. of Physics, attended an Orientation programme for lecturers conducted by the University of Pune from Nov 3- Nov-30, 2009.

Prof. Mayuri Bhamare, Prof. Vandana Singh and Prof. Pradnya Bhagwat, Dept. of Computer Science, received online training on *Data Warehousing Software* by IBM Key Soft on Dec. 15, 2009.

Academic Outreach

Dr. Vilasini G. Patkar, Head, Dept. of Commerce was invited as a Resource person for guiding the students on *The Case Study Approach* at D.A.V. College on Nov. 17, 2009.

Prof. A.K. Mishra, Dept. of Chemistry was invited as a judge for *Brain Storming Sessions* followed by Group Discussion on *Current affairs in Chemistry* under CCSMC held at Maharashtra College on Dec. 17, 2009.

Dr. Nisha Muni, Dept. of Botany, was invited to judge inter-collegiate competitions like Flower arrangement, Salad decoration and Origami during Utopia 09” held at Dnyansadhana College, Thane, on Dec. 18, 2009.

Dr. Sneha Deuskar, Head, Dept. of Marathi, was invited to comper the programme organised by University of Mumbai at the Convocation Hall to felicitate the meritorious students for the examinations held in the academic year 2008-2009 on Nov. 24, 2009.

Dr. Subhaga Karlekar, delivered a guidance lecture on *How to Prepare for NAAC Visit* for faculty members at Bandodkar College on Nov. 25, 2009.

Dr. Usha Mukundan delivered a lead lecture on *Rhizoremediation* at the National Biotechnology Conference held at Jaipur National University, Jaipur, on Dec. 1, 2009.

Dr. R.S. Dubey, Dept. of Chemistry, was invited as the Chief Guest for the Science Exhibition Function at Kalsekar College on Dec.23,2009.

Prof. S.R. Shastri, Dept. of Chemistry, was invited as a Resource person for the workshop on *Spectroscopy* for T.Y.B.Sc Students at Ramnarain Ruia College on Dec. 29, 2009.

Dr. Shashi Mishra was appointed as a Visiting Faculty for M.A. I (Sociology) for the paper *Sociology of Religion* at SNDT Women’s University during the academic year 2009-2010. She was also appointed as a Subject Coordinator for Conducting PCP lectures for the students of MA I & II at ICOL, University of Mumbai for 2009-2010.

Community Outreach

Dr. Jyotsna Nijsure, Dept. of Biology, Junior college, was invited to deliver a talk on *Introduction to Biotechnology* at Attre Katta, Thane on Sep. 16, 2009.

Dr. Shashi A Mishra was appointed as a inter-collegiate level co-ordinator by *Policy Innovations*, an education research and consulting organization to conduct a survey to study awareness levels regarding balanced diet, health and hygiene. 68 students of R.J. College along with other college students

received training and conducted the survey among the slums of Mumbai (Ghatkopar East and West) during the months of Oct– Dec, 2009. It was sponsored by Sesame India Ltd.

Prof. Latika Bhanushali interviewed Dr. Anil Kakodkar (Chairman Nuclear Energy Commission), Advocate Ujjwal Nikam (Public Prosecutor), Shreya Ghoshal (Playback Singer), and Mrunal Kulkarni (T.V.actress). The Programme was organised by Dr. Anjali Kulkarni (B.A.R.C., M.D.) The

entire programme was telecast on Saahyadri, Zee Marathi and Star Maaza on Nov. 7-9, 2009.

Prof. Bindu Achary was appointed as jury member by Chembur Schools Association for the 'M' ward Science Exhibition at St. Anthony's Girls School, Chembur, on Nov. 26, 2009.

Dr. K Raghunath delivered lectures on *Problems of Kannada Education in Mumbai* held at Solapur organised by Karnataka Sahitya Akademy, Bangalore, on Dec.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Department of Chemistry organised a workshop on *Fire Fighting* for teaching & non-teaching staff and students. A live demonstration of using fire extinguishers was also arranged on Nov. 3, 2009. It organized a meeting of all college teachers to discuss the draft of the syllabus for T.Y. B. Sc (Drugs & Dyes) on Nov. 30, 2009.

Department of Political Science screened the film *Salaam Bombay* on Nov. 5, 2009. An Exhibition-cum-Seminar was jointly organized by the Dept. of Political Science and **Dept. of History** to commemorate the birth anniversary of Smt. Indira Gandhi, known as 'Priyadarshini Day' on Nov. 19, 2009. A photographic exhibition and power-point presentation was prepared by the students on the life and political career of the first lady Prime minister of India. The Dept. also conducted Graffiti of peace messages written by students and teachers to pay tribute to those who gave their lives for protecting our city, on Nov. 26, 2009.

Department of Zoology organized an interactive session on MBA in *Health Care and Hospital Management* by Dr. Tanmay Kale and Dr. Rasi Gupta of Symbiosis Institute of Health Sciences for T.Y.B.Sc Zoology, Botany and Biotechnology students. The *Zoo-fest* exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. A.M. Bhagwat, Director, C.B. Patel Research Centre on Nov. 10, 2009. Interesting events like *Zoo-tech & Zoo Poster* were organised for students. Four schools visited the exhibition. An excursion to Alibaug was organized for the F.Y.B.Sc students on Dec.12, 2009.

Department of Botany organized *Botanica* exhibition on Nov 11,2009. It was inaugurated by Dr. Jatin Bhide, Product Manager, Alchem Laboratories. An excursion was arranged to Borivali National Park for T.Y.B. Sc Botany students on Dec. 14, 2009. The students were accompanied by **Dr. Mrunal Date** and **Prof. Anil Avhad**. **Dr. A.K. Bhatnagar** and **Dr. Veena Kelkar** along with T.Y.B.Sc and M.Sc Botany students visited Bonsai Exhibition arranged by Indo Japanese Society in Dec. 2009.

Department of BMS organized a Seminar on *Management Accounting* for SY & FY BMS students on Nov. 18, 2009. Mrs. Arti from CIMA, India, conducted the Seminar. A Seminar by Mr. Viren Sanghvi on *Integration of Mind, Body & Soul - Employability Series* was arranged for S.Y & T.Y. BMS students on Dec. 5, 2009.

Department of B.B.I. organized placement Campus Interviews conducted by *Wins Co* on Dec. 7, 2009. **Mr. Dhanraj Rathod** and **Ms. Nidhi Mishra** from T.Y.BBI were selected.

Department of History organised a field trip to Pune where students got an opportunity to visit Agakhan Palace, Kasurba Memorial Museum, Deccan College, Raja Kelkar Museum and Shaniwarwada on Dec. 23, 2009. **Prof. Meher Mistry** accompanied the students.

Department of Computer Science organized a five day workshop on *Computer Literacy (Introduction to Windows, Word, Excel & Assembling a Computer)* for the non-teaching staff members of the college in Dec. 2009. **Prof. Amit Singh & Prof. Chetak Panchal** conducted the sessions. The Dept. organised a seminar on *Microsoft Server Management* for T.Y.B.Sc & M.Sc students conducted by HCL Technologies on Dec. 12, 2009. It also organized a seminar on *CISCO* for T.Y.B.Sc & M.Sc students conducted by HCL Technologies on Dec 19, 2009. It organised a visit to Atria Mall, Worli, for the M.Sc Part II students who have opted for the subject of Virtual Reality to visit the 4 Dimensional Theatre for Virtual Reality Environment on Dec 19, 2009. Students were accompanied by **Prof. Mayuri Bhamare**. The Dept. organized a picnic to Nishiland Water Park Resort, Karjat for F.Y.B.Sc, S.Y.B.Sc & M.Sc students on Dec. 23, 2009. **Prof. Mayuri Bhamare** coordinated with HCL Technologies in conducting General Aptitude Test for T.Y.B.Sc students on Dec. 21, 2009. 31 students were selected. She coordinated with HCL Technologies in organizing Technical & HR Interviews for T.Y.B.Sc Students on Dec. 23, 2009. 13 students were selected.

Department of Biotechnology organized a visit to Sewage Treatment plant at Hirandani Estate, Ghodbunder Road, Thane (West) on Nov.16 2009. **Prof. Rachana Acharya** and **Prof. Bhakti Todankar** accompanied the SYBSC Biotech students. **Prof. Smruti Thombare** and **Prof. Tania Moses** along with TYBSC, MSc Part I & II students visited Sula Vineyards, Nasik. **Dr. Golwalkar** and **Prof. Todankar** took SYBSC and TYBSC students for industrial visit to AMUL, National Institute for Occupational Health and Hester Biosciences (Ahmedabad, Gujrat) from 16th to 19th Dec., 2009. Guest Lectures were delivered to M.Sc students by Mr. Subodh D. Chawan, Sr. Product Manager – Mass Spectrometry, LABINDIA Instruments Ltd. on *LC – MS* on Nov. 7, 2009 and Dr. Shivkamni Iyer on *Membrane Biogenesis* Professor, Faculty of Science, University of Mumbai on Dec.17th and 22, 2009.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Students Council organized Traditional day on Nov. 12, 2009. Blue Day with the theme Save Water was celebrated on Nov. 14, 2009. The council actively helped in organizing activities for the Bajaj Award.

Marathi Wangmay Mandal inaugurated its activities at the hands of Shri Kumar Ketkar, Editor, Loksatta on Nov. 7, 2009. The topic was '*Terrorism: Nature and Extent*'. A Report writing competition on the same was organized which met with a overwhelming response from students. It also organised screening of the Marathi films *Nishani Dava Angatha* and the play *Ti Fulrani* on Nov. 24- 25, 2009.

Pavo Nature Club completed the theory and practical examination on *Tree Appreciation* course on Nov. 26, 2009.

Career & Placement Cell arranged a Psychometric Test conducted by WLC on Nov. 11, 2009. This was followed by a counseling session for these students on Nov. 24, 2009. Wipro Tech held a Seminar on *How to Apply Online for Registration for WASE* on Dec. 2, 2009. Campus recruitment was conducted by Wipro BPO on Nov. 20, 2009, and by WNS on Dec. 1, 2009.

Women Development Cell organized an *On the Spot* talk competition on Nov. 23, 2009. Students spoke on women related issues. The Cell introduced short term hobby courses from Nov. to promote entrepreneurship among female members of college. It also organised a workshop on Warli paintings for students on Dec.31, 2009.

Sociology Association held an Elocution competition on various topics related to *Social Problems of Indian Urban society* on Nov. 25, 2009.

Space Point Club inaugurated its activities on Dec. 21, 2009. The chief guest was Dr. A.K. Kohi, Chief Executive,

BRIT, Dept. of Atomic Energy. He delivered a lecture on *Radiations and Isotopes*. **Dr. Rajendra Singh**, Hon. Secretary, HVPS, graced the function with his presence.

Rotaract Club conducted a seminar on *First Aid & Life Support Awareness* by Rtn. Yasmin Shah. *Yoga – Vedic Amrut* was arranged for RJ Teachers & Staff. Christmas was celebrated in Little Age- an Old Age home. Media Support for NCC Cycle Expedition was arranged.

NCC NEWS

NCC News 17 cadets participated and gave tough competition at the Intercollegiate Drill competition held at K.J. Somaiya College on Nov 14, 2009. 14 Cadets participated in the training camp for the NCC Day celebration organized at Colaba on Nov 17- 22, 2009. Second yr. Cdt. Sgt. Narayan D. Sahu participated in the Camel Safari conducted at Jaisalmer on Nov.22 –Dec.3 2009. He also got the opportunity to interact and participate alongside 20 foreign NCC cadets. 10 N.C.C. cadets gave Guard of Honour to visiting Team members of the Ramkrishna Bajaj Excellence in Quality Education and Research on Nov. 4 2009. A Blood donation programme was organized in association with the NSS unit through Samarpan Blood Bank on Nov 7, 2009. 117 students donated blood on this occasion. 134 NCC cadets participated in Anti- child labour rally in Ghatkopar area on Nov.15, 2009. About 105 NCC cadets participated in Anti- Drug rally in Ghatkopar area on Nov.18, 2009. Anti Cancer week was celebrated by display of posters regarding information on cancer on Nov.19, 2009. Lt. Pravin G. Nayak alongwith 5 cadets participated in the Kerala Trekking Expedition, conducted in two phases, Malayatoor and Thrissur on Dec. 19, 2009-Jan 1, 2010. A distance of about 100 Kms was covered by feet in 8 days. 10 NCC cadets of our unit accompanied by 4 escorts carried out a cycle expedition from Ghatkopar to Wagha border (Amritsar) on Dec 16, 2009- Jan 7, 2010 The team was led by HI Devesh Shukla and the Cadet leader was SUO Vikas Rai. They covered a distance of about 1900 Kms. The It aimed to create awareness regarding AIDS Go Green, Save the girl child, Anti- Social habits, National Integration etc.

LIBRARY NEWS

A book exhibition was organized on October 8-9, 2009 in the college library. Publishers and book vendors displayed books on various subjects in their stalls. It also organized a one week training programme on *Library Operation and Services* for the Library Support Staff between Dec 21-26, 2009. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Arvind Tikekar, former University Librarian, University of Mumbai . 19 participants from R. J. College and 12 from other colleges attended.

COLLEGE NEWS

The examiners for the **Ramakrishna Bajaj National Quality Award** visited our college on Nov. 4, 2009 for validating the report submitted by the college. The team appreciated the efforts of the College Staff for imparting quality education to the students. The team comprised of Shri C. Kumar a well known personality in Quality Management Systems, Mr. Rohit Sharma from Marico Industries and Ms. Priya from Guru Nanak College, Koliwada. The visit was coordinated by Dr. Geeta Bhardwaj from RKBNA.

The Annual Inter Collegiate Quiz Competition, *INFINITY 2009*, was conducted on Nov. 10, 2009. Of the 13 colleges which participated in the elimination round, Ramnarain Ruia College, D.G. Ruparel College and R.A. Podar College reached the finals. R.A. Podar College of Commerce bagged the trophy. **Prof. Chhaya Pinge**, Dept. of Statistics, was in charge of the event. **Prof. Neeta Shrivastav**, Dept. of Physics and **Prof. Shyamala Kulkarni**, Dept. of Biology, Junior College, were the quiz masters.

R.J College hosted the district level competition for *Avishkar*, a research festival of University of Mumbai in the category of Pure Sciences for the year 2009-2010 on Dec. 12, 2009. **Dr. Usha Mukundan** was the coordinator for the event.

STUDENT NEWS

Ms. Sanglin Jathanna & Ms. Vidhi Shah of T.Y.B.Sc (Chemistry) won the 2nd Prize in *Poster Competition* at Ramnarain Ruia College on Nov. 11, 2009.

Ms. Shradha Insulkar & Ms. Renuka Duhibarkar bagged the 2nd Prize in the Poster Competition at Ratnam College on Nov. 21, 2009.

Ms. Ummekulsum Kathanwala, T.Y.B.Sc (Zoology) stood 3rd in the University in the subject of Zoology during the academic year 2008-2009.

Ms. Akshata (F.Y.B.B.I) secured the 2nd Prize in Kabbadi at Zonal Level.

Mr. Suman Varma, Mr. Ashwin S. Kushwaha and Ms. Pratibha P. Hadwale of F.Y.B.B.I secured the 2nd Prize in Business Baazigar. **Ms. Poonam Pal, Mr. Dhanraj Rathod, Mr. Nilesh Pandey, Mr. Mukesh Pandey and Mr. Rahul Korade** of BBI Secured 1st Prize in Adz. Apt., an Inter Collegiate Competition.

Ms. Arpita Bais, Ms. Aarti Sharma, Ms. Shaheen Shaikh & Ms. Smita Tiwari of S.Y.BMS won Second Prize in *Business Plan Competition* organized by RIZVI Institute of Management Studies. A team of BMS students won the first prize in the Open Cricket tournament in *Miraj-2009* organized by Nagindas Khandelwala College.

TYBMS students won first prize in Indoor Football tournament in *Udaan – 2009* organized by K.J.Somaiya College.

Mr. Abdul Wasi, Mr. Piyush Pandey & Mr. Punit Shah won 3rd prize in the Ad Making Competition in the *Elixir-2009* at Ruia College.

Ms. Noopura Pathare & Ms. Sadaf Zakaria (MSc-Zoology) won 1st prize in Inter-Collegiate Debate competition on “Primers” held at Elphiston College on Dec.5, 2009.

Following students of Dept. of Biological Science won several prize in different categories at inter-collegiate competition *VISION 2009* held at SIES College, Sion on Dec.22, 2009.

Ms. Mirza Farhanaz (MSc- Botany) and **Ms Tejal** (MSc – Zoology) won 1st Prize in LCD Presentation on the Topic *Marine Life*. **Ms. Nida Bamne** (MSc-Zoology) won 1st prize in photography event. **Ms. Jayashree Kubal** (TYBSC Botany) and **Mr. Kiran Mirgule** (TYBSC Botany) won 1st Prize in *Plant O’ Craft*. **Ms. Tanaya Bandkar** (MSc Botany) and **Ms. Kavita Sharma** (MSc Botany) won 2nd Prize in Plant O’ Craft. **Ms. Sonam Girkar** and **Ms. Sharmila Koyande** (MSc Botany) – 1st Prize in Flower arrangement. **Ms. Shweta Rane** and **Ms. Shilpa Upadhyay** (TYBSc Botany) – 2nd Prize in *Flower arrangement*.

Ms. Snehal Thaker, M.A. II English made a Power Point presentation at inter- university competition *Avishkar* hosted by the University of Mumbai on Dec. 28, 2009 at Kirti College, Dadar.

We frail humans are at one time capable of the greatest good and, at the same time, capable of the greatest evil. Change will only come about when each of us takes up the daily struggle ourselves to be more forgiving, compassionate, loving, and above all joyful in the knowledge that, by some miracle of grace, we can change as those around us can change too.

Mairead Maguire

GUEST EDITOR'S COLUMN

Youngistan

Youth is one who is restless Rather restlessness is one of the significant features of youth. Youthfulness is a state of mind which brings beauty to life. Youth is always booming with energy. Utilization of this energy decides the future of youth, nation, society and of the world at large.

Today channelizing the energy of youth is a challenging job. Whether the work is constructive or destructive, it consumes energy. We can see misuse of youths' energy all around. Terrorism is a universal example of misuse of youth power. Terrorists belong to any region or religion of the world. They are the youngsters fed with destructive thoughts causing harm to society. Political leaders issue dirty politics in the name of region or religion and misuse youth for selfish motives. It is not surprising that youth indulge in these destructive activities as for them they are just utilizing their energy. They are neither bothered about the ill effects of their activities on the society nor about the suffering they themselves or their family members might have to suffer as a consequence of their action. On the other hand if we look at the history of world, we find youth have made the world a wonderful place. Ceaseless efforts of the youth have brought revolution in the society. The continuous upliftment of the society in all spheres is the outcome of input given by youth working hard in various fields' viz. science & technology education, social service, etc.

Directing the energy of youth is most important thing to do. But who will do it? It is imperative that parents and teachers play a crucial role in this regard.

However it is the role of parents that is of paramount importance. Usually parents wish to provide all the best facilities to their child and see to it that they do not suffer from any material deprivation. But almost all parents neglect psychological needs of children. As youth are susceptible to peer influence, parents have to monitor the friend circle of their ward. Hence directing child to appropriate peer group is the main responsibility of parents. In this context, it is important for parents to understand, that every child is unique, so there is no need of comparing one's child with another.

Generation next has to face newer challenges as compared to the previous generation. They have altogether different issues to deal with and great exposure and opportunities to learn. However, it would be wise to not just throw one's child into rat race though

the child may win the race, he is going to remain a rat ultimately.

Teachers are expected to be friend, philosopher and guide to the generation next. It is true that the teacher is the one who can make difference in the student's life. The teacher can gauge the potential of students and motivate them towards optimum use of their potential. Although imparting knowledge is a must, teachers have an additional responsibility. In the era of information explosion, just providing information is not enough, teachers need to go beyond

In short, parents and teachers need to trust the generation next. It is a fact that the horn which develops later than the ear is stronger than the ear. Therefore generation next is always going to be stronger. Keeping this in mind, parents and teachers should be their source of inspiration. Character building should not be compromised for career making. Thus if we can channelise the energy of youth, we will soon realize that youth are not useless They are used less

Prof. Kamlakar V. Indulkar

Know your Guest Editor:

Prof. Kamalakar Indulkar is a lecturer in the Department of Biology, Junior College. He likes reading and listening to music. He is associated with Vivekananda Kendra. He has recently become a proud father of twins.

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