



**Society of Our Lady of Grace Convent's  
Pushpanjali College of Education Papdy, Vasai**

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**ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19**

## **University Result 2017-19**

The batch of 2017-19 has brought laurels to the college through their consistently stupendous performance in all semesters. We congratulate all the students. First in college - Ms Ranjeeta Rebello with CGPI 9.84 is a topper among English medium students in the University of Mumbai. Second in college Ms Asmat Shaikh with CGPI 9.67 Third in college Ms Clency Colaco with CGPI 9.50

## **Degree distribution ceremony of Batch of 2016-18**

The batch of 2016-18 of the Two Year B. Ed Programme received their Degree Certificates during a solemn Degree Distribution Ceremony. Dr. Mariamma Joseph, ex-principal of Pushpanjali College of Education graced the occasion in the capacity of Guest of Honour. In her inspirational address she spoke about need for keeping the flame of passion for teaching ignited and importance of desire to impact minds of students. Prize winners were awarded prizes and scholarships for their outstanding achievements at the University examination.



## **Sesquicentennial Year Celebration of founding of CCR**



To mark 150 years of the foundation of the Congregation of Carmelite Religious, Pushpadeep organised a talk on the life of Mother Veronica and her work. Dr Agnes DCosta conducted the session with the help of a multimedia presentation. A quiz on the life of Mother Veronica was conducted. Students prepared e-posters to highlight the maxims

advocated by Mother Veronica. Winners were awarded certificates.



## **In the Footsteps of Mother Veronica....A Musical**

On 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 all sections of Society of Our Lady of Grace Convent's educational complex along with Pushpanjali College of Education collaborated to create and present a musical drama based on the life of Mother Veronica. It comprised of scenes from Mother Veronica's childhood and young age slowly leading to her spiritual journey and later her contribution and service to the society. Mother Veronica's voyage to India and her work were the highlights of the play.





Members of teaching faculty and support staff participated in the Poetry composition competition, Essay writing competition and Drawing competition organized by Congregation of The Carmelite Religious (CCR) on the occasion of Sesquicentennial Celebration in December 2018.

## **NATIONAL LEVEL SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY IQAC**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2019**

### **EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMATION**

On 23 February 2019 IQAC of Pushpanjali College of Education organized a National level seminar on the theme 'EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMATION'.

The seminar began with a short prayer service that highlighted the importance of education.



Prof. Dr. Sunita Magre in her inaugural address delved into the eight millennium development goals (MDG's). She mostly stressed on the second goal i.e. achieving universal primary education. She said that basic education should be quality education and it is the job of the teachers to do so. She discussed at length the need to impart education that helps to induce employability skills. The connect between 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and the revised B.Ed curriculum was duly made. Dr Magre also elucidated the importance of gender equity and gender equality. She concluded by emphasizing the need to promote education that helps to develop values and usher a culture of peace.





First resource person Dr.Sr. Ananda Amritmahal , Principal of Sophia's College, Mumbai. Dr. Sr. Ananda explained the process of transformation with reference to the present context, challenges, opportunities and universal aspirations. She said that the skill of asking questions was the basis of transformation. She discussed about the U PROCESS which helps to move from challenges to response and from reacting to reframing.

In the next session, the participants had the privilege to interact with Shri Deepak Nagargoje, founder- president of Shantiwan, an NGO involved in education of the marginalized. Mr. Hemant Dongre and alumnus of Pushpanjali college introduced Shri Nagargoje by showing a video showing his work in the rural areas. Shri Nagargoje explained how education can transform an entire generation. He said that education is a tool to change the society. He discussed about the problems in the interior rural areas and elucidated how education is the remedy for many of these problems. He shared various experiences from Shantiwan thus giving the audience an insight of the travails of rural life



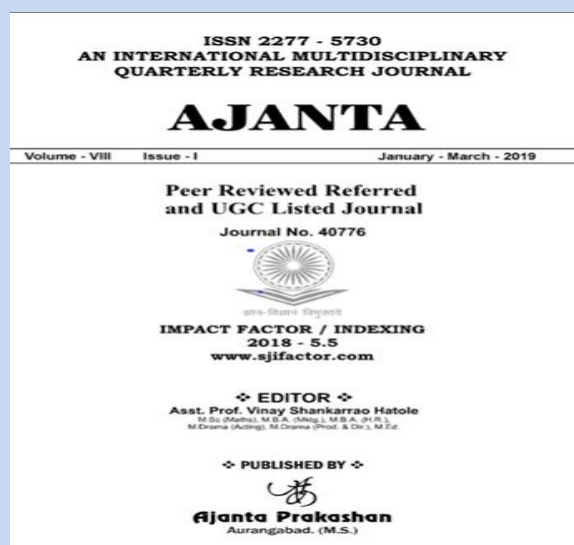
Post lunch in a technical session participants presented papers on various sub themes. Dr Cindrella D'Mello, Assistant Professor, St. Teresa's Institute of Education chaired the session and summarized the thoughts shared by the presenters.



The valedictory function was graced by Dr Sr Tanuja Waghmare, Principal of St. Teresa Institute of Education. She showed a video on 21<sup>st</sup> century education and highlighted the need for making education a team centric effort.

Mrs. Sarika Rawat presented her experiences of the seminar. Dr. Sheetal Chaudhari proposed the vote of thanks.

The seminar was successfully envisioned and executed by the Manager of the institution Sr Sushila D'Silva, Convener Principal Dr Mabel Pimenta, Organizing secretaries Ms Angelina Nunes and Dr Helen Jadhav and the organizing committee members Dr Sheetal Chaudhari, Dr Agnes D'Costa, Ms Heather Gabriel and Ms Nikita Rebello.



The proceedings (25 research papers) of the seminar were published by Ajanta Prakashan in form of an International Multidisciplinary Quarterly, Peer reviewed, Referred, UGC listed (J.N.40770) Research Journal (ISSN 2277-5730) with 5.5 Impact Factor.

## **Enriching the minds.....Internship programme**

The eighteen week Internship for the two Year B.Ed programme was organized in the academic year 2018-19. It incorporated three weeks in the Second Semester, eleven weeks in the Third Semester and Four weeks in the Fourth Semester. The college conducted orientation programme for the students before the commencement of Internship. Internship Programme provided a platform

to learn and practise various skills as delivering effective lessons, managing classrooms, assessment of student achievements and engaging students during proxy lectures. We are grateful to all our internship schools for permitting us to complete our internship.



### **Touch the hearts....Community and Extension work**

As a part of the project Based Course I, 30 hours of community work, or over one week of community work was completed in the First Semester between October – December 2018 by first year students of Pushpanjali College of Education (PCE) under the guidance of Dr. Sheetal Chaudhari.



Following activities were undertaken for **First Year B Ed** students:

#### **Beach cleaning drive of Bhuigaon beach:**

In this drive students of first year and second year participated in a beach cleaning activity at Bhuigaon beach. This event was held in collaboration with Vasai beach Cleaners Organization



**Rendering service to a needy person:**

In this social activity, students served the sick people, helped senior citizens, helped the needy students in academics and entertained disabled students by engaging them in art and craft activities.

**Service at charitable organizations:**

The students visited different community centers such as orphanages and homes for the aged and spent quality time with the inmates.

**Collection of blind relief fund:**

The College organized a session to sensitize the students about the needs of the blind people. The students collected a commendable sum which would be used for Blind Relief.

**Community Camp to Jawhar**

Excursion to Bosco Samajik Vikas Sanstha, Walvanda, Jawhar was an enriching and sensitizing experience for B.Ed students. In an orientation programme that was conducted by Fr. Rickson and Savvy, along with the esteemed visionary, Fr Anacleto D'mello, the students were informed about the foundation of the institution, the basis it follows and were taken through an array of future plans Bosco Samajik Vikas Sanstha intends to actualise in the years to come. Seeing the difficult lifestyle of the people living in the regions of Jawhar, Mokhada,



Talasari sensitised students to work harder towards the upliftment of these people in the society.

Various activities were undertaken by the students for an enriching interaction session with the students of Bosco Samajik Vikas Sanstha. Sessions included topics like Career Guidance, life skills education- Time management, Decision Making, Stress Management and Interpersonal skills. Action songs and games were conducted for the primary section. This trip was both educational and awe-inspiring, and at the same time sensitising enough to stay with the students for a lifetime.

As a part of the project Based Course IV, 30 hours of community work was completed in the Fourth Semester in the month of February 2019 by second year students .

### **PUSHPADEEP : Pushpanjali's Extension Cell**

Pushpadeep conducted many activities to supplement the curricular activities organised during the year.

#### **Street Play Workshop**

On 24 October 2018 a street play workshop was conducted for F.Y.B.Ed students. The resource persons were Shri Juran Lopes and Shri Maxwell Rose. The programme began with a prayer led by Sr. Ashika. Ms Donna Colaco introduced the resource persons. Dr Sheetal Chaudhari welcomed the resource persons with saplings. The students learned the difference between a stage drama and a street play. A street play is very fluid and is used to generate awareness about an issue. Minimal use of props is made. Catchy songs, jingles and crisp dialogue make the street play come alive. Students learned how to keep the tempo and intensity of the street play alive. Many activities were performed by the students. The creative abilities of the students found a platform as they composed jingles and presented the same before the class. It was indeed a day to build confidence and reflect on the power of a street play as a means of transformation. Fr Amol proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of the participants.



### Yoga Course

A ten day course in Basics of Yoga was organised for F.Y .B.Ed . students were trained under experts from Shri Ambika Yogashram and they learned about various asanas, kriyas, massage, breathing techniques and significance of consuming wholesome and nutritious food. Students showed great interest and participated whole heartedly to learn the basics of the great science of Yoga. Students were awarded certificates.



## Guest Lectures and Expert Talks

### • Expert lecture on Genetic Engineering



On 21 December 2018, Dr. Allwyn Pereira, Scientist and Post doctoral research scholar at Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany gave the S.Y.B.Ed students insights into Genetic Engineering. Using various analogies, Dr Pereira elucidated the concept, techniques and applications of Genetic

Engineering thus giving the audience a clear understanding of the marvels of Genetic Engineering. He explained how Genetic Engineering is used in medicine and agriculture. He answered queries raised by students.

### • Guidance lecture to Students of F.Y.B.Ed



Ms Shifa Dias, Ms Mildred Gonsalves, Ms Audrey Carvalho and Ms Tracy DSouza interacted with the students of F.Y.B.Ed and guided them on significant topics like internship, preparation for theory exams, leadership and team building skills and participation in

co-curricular activities. These inputs were vital to the students as it gave them insight into the need for participation in various activities organised during B.Ed course.

### • Talk by Fr Francis D'Britto

Fr Francis DBritto addressed the S.Y.B.Ed students on 'Priorities in my life' wherein he emphasized the need to be a balanced human being with a sound mind, body and soul. He elucidated the need to be an ambassador of peace and a teacher who includes the excluded. He helped the audience to discern their priority and distinguish between frivolous experiences and things that need to take precedence in one's life.



- **Lenten Recollection by Fr Robert DSouza**

A Recollection and Reflection exercise was organised for Catholic students on 10 April. Fr Robert DSouza the Resource person led the participants through a soul searching journey using different experiences of Jesus' life. He connected the experiences of Jesus at the various mountains mentioned in the Gospels and helped all to correlate these with personal lives and our vocation as a teacher.

### Workshop on Interactive Teaching



On 9 February 2019, Mr Anthony Dias, alumnus of 2016-18 batch and presently a teacher at Campion Boys High School, conducted a session on Innovative Techniques for an Interactive Classroom. Anthony shared made interesting ways to ensure an interactive classroom. He supported his inputs with samples

of lap books, educational bookmarks, concept maps and other supportive material that helps to integrate constructivist learning. He also shared how technology can be used to go beyond the syllabus and help students learn capitalizing on their critical thinking and creativity. The F.Y.B.Ed students found the session extremely inspiring as it helped them expand their own horizons of thinking. We are sure that the session will help student-teachers to plan and execute internship lessons that will make learning an enjoyable experience.





### Visit to National English High School and Workshop on Charged Classrooms

On 2 March 2019, the students of F.Y.B.Ed visited National English High school, Virar and had a wonderful experience exploring the learning spaces in the school. Ms Priya Pillai and Mr Shreyas Shetty conducted a guided tour of the school and showed the students how

premises can be converted to effective learning avenues. The school is a haven for science enthusiasts who were exposed to the beauty of Science in the varied exhibits displayed. Students of History could learn about our enriched culture. Mathematics lovers had an experience of seeing interesting ways to teach Mathematics. After a short break, the students participated in a workshop entitled 'Charged Classrooms' where they learned techniques that can enliven the classroom and break the monotony that might creep in. The students also had the opportunity to interact with Mr Deepak Kulkarni the founder of the school who gave them insights into the secrets behind a successful educational institution. It was indeed an enriching and educative experience.



### ***Successful Completion.....***

#### **Certificate Course in Inclusive Education and Counselling**



Under the supervision and guidance of Principal Dr Mabel Pimenta students of completed an online course in Inclusive Education in collaboration with ‘Drishti-an educational institution for Inclusive Education and Counselling’ in the subject ‘Capacity Building Programme on Enabling Inclusion’ – Duration of the course was from February -April 2019. As envisioned by Drishti, our students were rightfully equipped with skills and vision to understand and feel the need for counselling in an inclusive setup.

### **Department of Co-Curricular Activities**

Co-curricular activities augment the academic inputs and help teachers to develop all round personalities. The college provided a platform to students to display their talents through various activities.

The students of F.Y.B.Ed had a talent display wherein they gave us glimpses of their talents in the form of song, dance and drama. A display of various craft articles, paintings and drawings was also organised. Festivals were celebrated with much enthusiasm. Special assemblies on the occasion of Id, Diwali, Onam and Easter helped to understand the cultural and religious significance of the festivals. Lent was observed with special Lenten assemblies that helped to reflect and look inward. Christmas was marked by a special tableau. Various competitions were organized in connection with these festivals. The diya decoration, rangoli and food stall competitions made it a dazzling Diwali. The carol singing, card competition and candle decoration ushered the Christmas spirit. Makar Sankrant was celebrated with much enthusiasm as we looked at the cultural and social significance of the day. Pushpanjali Day, the Feast of patroness St Therese of Lisieux was celebrated on 1st October. The celebration



of the Holy Eucharist invoked the blessings of God on the students and staff. Fr Anthony, the celebrant, reiterated the importance of the role of teachers in building a just and morally upright society. Special assemblies on the life of St Therese were organised as a precursor to this golden day. Teachers Day was celebrated on 5 September. The day began with a prayer invoking God's blessings on the staff. An entertainment programme that merged song, dance and games followed. The members of the staff were overwhelmed by the affection showered on them.

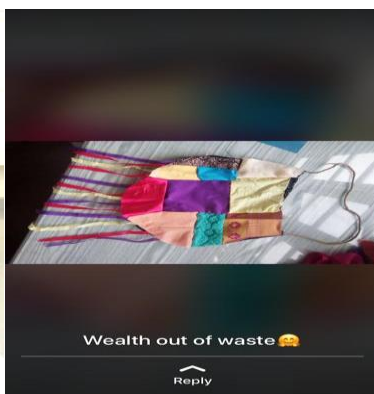


## ***Congratulations!!!!***

### **Our students participate and win at Intercollegiate Festival**

#### **Prayaas Intercollegiate Festival**

A team of students comprising of Ms Larissa Narohna, Ms Ruksana Carvalho and Ms Rhea George participated in the intercollegiate competition Prayaas held at St Xavier's Institute of Education, Churchgate. They prepared a utility bag using discarded material and advertised the same bearing the theme 'Harmony' in mind. Their presentation won them the first place.



#### **Picnic to Goa**



Picnics are time to unwind and distress. During the first week of December, students of S.Y.B.Ed had a fun-filled time in Goa. Relaxation was blended with education as we visited places of historical interest like the Basilica of Bom Jesus, Se Cathedral, The Science Museum and ruins of Aguada Fort. A half day



visit to the Sahakar Farms helped to see spice plantations and learn about the extraction of herbal medicines.

We had some relaxing moments at the beaches and the river cruise and lots of entertainment in the form of an impromptu fancy dress show with a Halloween theme. Sumptuous meals and moments of song and dance added to the fun.



### **Activities organized by Cells and Clubs**

#### **Anveshan Research Cell**

Anveshan Research Cell conducted many meaningful activities to acquaint student teachers with research skills.

##### **Workshop on Research Methodology:**

A workshop on Research Methodology was conducted by the faculty for the students. This helped them to pursue their action Research Projects with the right perspective.

##### **Action Research Projects :**

Second year students were guided and supported to carry out Action research projects in their internship schools. Variety of need based topics like Health and Hygiene among school students, awareness about e-waste management , Time management were selected.

**Online Research on Socially Relevant issues:** First year students carried out online researches on socially relevant topics such as Electronic Fund Transfer, cyber frauds, cyber bullying etc. by using online platforms like Survey Monkey.



**Annual Paper Presentation Session Dated: 30 April 2019** the students outshone all expectations and presented some really insightful research results on the topics Health and Hygiene, Time Management, Impact of Commerce, Remedial Teaching in mathematics

### **Streevani Women's Development Cell**

#### **Self Defence Workshop**

A Workshop in Self Defence was held for students on 17 and 19 October 2018. The resource persons Dr Sandhya Khedekar (Principal G.E.S College of Education, Sangamner) and Mr Kapil taught the students various moves of blocking, defending oneself from attackers etc. Exercises were conducted to teach the importance of footwork and hand movements. Demonstrations were given and students practised basic moves in groups.. Queries of students regarding various possible situations were answered by providing appropriate demonstrations. Students expressed their satisfaction and said that they felt confident after practising the various techniques.





## Nutrition Fiesta

The Department of Food Nutrition and Dietetics, College of Home Science, Nirmala Niketan organised a Nutrition Fiesta. This was designed by students undergoing a Value added Course in Nutrition and Exercise for Fitness. The students used skits, presentations and discussion to emphasize the importance of right nutrition, exercise and ambience especially with respect to pre natal care of expectant mothers. The session entitled 'Nourish to Flourish' was supervised by the coordinator Ms Rishika.



## Women's Day celebrations

International Women's Day 2019 was observed on 8 March. Sr Helen Correa, Jonella and Gracienne led the class into a meaningful assembly highlighting the theme 'Better the Balance, Better the World'. Students of F.Y.B.Ed had prepared videos based on the theme and some of these videos were played. Ms Gaurangini Kulkarni Shetty an alumna of the 2013-14 batch was the chief guest. She has empowered over hundred homemakers by conducting free customised workshops to help them speak English.

She has also facilitated linkages with schools in Europe thus helping teachers and students enhance their global perspective. Ms Gaurangini was felicitated for her initiatives. She shared her journey of empowerment and thus provided inspiring inputs to our students to help realise that a teacher is indeed a social engineer.



### **Videos on the theme ‘Better the balance Better the world’**

Students of F.Y.B.Ed produced six videos on the theme ‘Better the Balance , better the world’. These videos highlighted various issues related to gender equity. The videos sensitized viewers to issues regarding women health, fair treatment to women and problems faced by women. The videos were conceptualized and presented very creatively.

### **Rucha Literature Club**

The Rucha Literature Club of Pushpanjali college of education celebrated various prominent days to commemorate eminent personalities and their works .

**Hindi diwas:** It was celebrated on 15th September, 2018 by sharing knowledgeable literary works of various personnel’s from Hindi literature background.

**Vaachan Prerna Diwas :**15th October is observed as Vaachan Prerna Diwas or Reading Day to mark the birth anniversary of Late Dr A P J Abdul Kalam our former President. The entire fortnight from 15 October to 26 October 2018 was observed as Reading Week. An assembly was conducted on the emphasizing the



Importance of Reading and it was followed by Small group sessions on sharing reflections by students over a book or an article that they have read.

**Presentation Session:** The fortnight culminated with the Reading Inspiration Day held on 29 October. Ms Aishwarya Jadhav spoke about inspirational anecdotes from the life of Dr A.P.J Abdul Kalam. This was followed by a presentation of the review of Dr Kalam's book 'Wings of Fire'. Ms Ranjita Rebello presented a review of the book 'Create your Life Consciously'. Ms Anjusha Nambiar presented a review of Paolo Coelho's book 'The Alchemist.'

**Visit to an exhibition/ display of books:** Students visited the library where the library committee had displayed various inspirational books.

**Marathi Literature Day:** The next event conducted by Pushpanjalities was Marathi day commemorating the birth anniversary of Poet Kusumagraj on 27 Feb 2019. Shri Shankar Bali, an accomplished poet and author and a proud alumnus of our college shared his journey as a writer. He recited some of his poems and narrated a story giving the audience a glimpse of reality through the lens of literature. Later students had a poetry recitation session.

Dr Helen Jadhav co ordinated the entire programme. An exhibition of posters on Marathi literature day added to the beauty of the programme and gave insights to the rich treasures of our literature.



## ITIHAS History Club

### Exhibition on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

The 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi falls on 2 October 2019. India ushered the sesquicentennial birth anniversary celebrations through a number of events. The History Club organised an exhibition that depicts Mahatma

Gandhiji's life through pictures. A similar exhibition was organised at St

Aloysius D.T.Ed College and many teacher-educators and student- teachers benefitted.

The exhibition comprised of photographs depicting Gandhiji's life as a student, his years in South Africa and his contribution to the freedom movement. Inspiring quotes by Mahatma Gandhi were also displayed. A special assembly was held to highlight Gandhiji's philosophy.



### **Group Discussion on use of newspapers in History**

The students of History pedagogy group read articles of historical interest and shared them with the group. The activity helped to gain insights into various personalities and events and also to see how these persons or events have influenced history.



### **Constitution Day**

26<sup>th</sup> November was observed as Constitution Day and the History group conducted a special assembly to elucidate the importance of the Indian Constitution. The Preamble and the values it portrays were emphasized.

**Remembering Jalianwala Baug** The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jalianwala Baug Massacre was marked by a special assembly with a video presentation of the event that saw the loss of hundreds of innocent lives. The historical significance of the event was reflected upon.

## EUREKA Science Club

### National Science Day Competition

On 28 February 2019, our students Ms Alisha Athaide, Ms Jonella Gonsalves and Ms Premal Popat participated in a competition on 'Innovative Teaching Practices in Science.' this was organised by Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, Mankhurd. The team presented a Lapbook Laboratory wherein topics could be taught through interactive self learning material. Their efforts bore fruit and the team was awarded first place in the competition. We are proud of their achievements.



### National Science Day celebration-

National Science day was celebrated on 28<sup>th</sup> February. On this occasion science students conducted assembly on life of Dr C V Raman. It was followed by power point presentation and videos on the theme of scientific attitude.

Science quiz: Science students organized a quiz based on common facts and use of science in everyday life.





## Immensa Commerce Club

In the academic year 2018-2019, various activities were done by the commerce students with their teacher.

The activities were as follows:

**Name of the activity:** Visit to weekly market

**Purpose of the activity:** To know more about the local market scenario through street traders, local sellers etc. by asking them about the place from where they purchase their goods, the problems faced by them in the market etc.

**Implementation:**

The group of Commerce students visited 'weekly bazars' at two local places, at Papdy and Agashi. They conducted interview of local vendors and other itinerant traders. The traders shared their experience of business. The students asked them about difficulties faced by them in the business. The traders shared about location to do business, demands of the Municipal Corporation, competition in the trade, seasonal difficulties with the students. Initially some traders did not cooperate with the students so they started buying some items from them and then interviewed them. As per the students it was a real-life experience.

**Name of the activity:** Visit to a bank

**Purpose of the activity:** To know more about the functioning of Bank.

**Visit to Bank-**The students visited a local scheduled bank 'Bassein Catholic Co-op. Bank Ltd. after seeking prior permission from the manager. The respective personnel provided information about saving schemes, loan facilities and tax benefits allotted to senior citizens. Students also got information about e banking facilities and transfer of money using e mode like NEFT and RTGS. The agents provided information about dealing in securities and mutual funds using various mobile apps. Since the bank had completed its 100 years, the manager gave each student their bank magazine to know more about the bank and its functioning.

The students were enriched with information about bank transactions that is inseparable part of human life

**Name of the activity:** Visit to a small-scale industry

The place chosen was a well-known furniture shop where products are manufactured and sold

**Purpose of the activity:** To know more about the working of the industry, its history, the goodwill earned, discounts offered during festive times, the graph of profit earning so far.

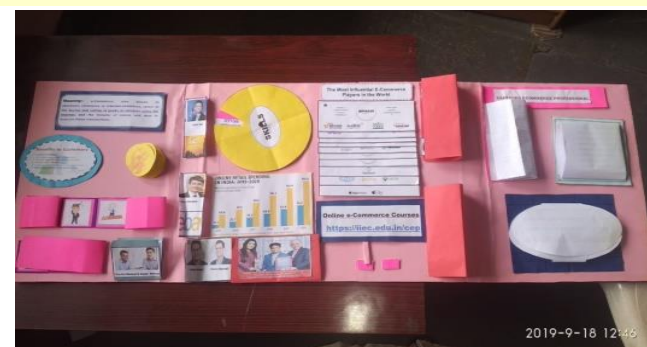
**Implementation:** This activity was done through interview method. The questions were pre planned, it included the history of the business, No of years of completion, idea behind the starting of the business, problems faced, no. of employees working, their salary, storing of raw material, customer relationship, discounts offered and message for young entrepreneurs. These questions were asked to the owner of the business and responses were noted.

It gave an in-depth study about how a business starts and the consistent hard work it needs to flourish.

**Preparation and presentation of creative Advertisements-** Commerce students prepared and presented advertisements of simple material like pen, school bag, hair oil, etc. in a short span of time. It was thought provoking activity as it required out of box thinking.

### Exhibition of Lap books

Exhibition of lap books prepared by the students of Commerce Pedagogy was organized in the college. The theme of the exhibition was 'Careers and Opportunities in Commerce'.



## VASUNDHARA Environmental Club



Fatima M Group 3



Jasmine D Group 2



Linette Group 2



Simran D Group 1



Sunayana Group 1



Sweenal R Group 1

**Theme of the Club: - Let's go green as it makes environment clean**

Various activities were planned during the academic year could achieve its objectives.

In the month of July, the students were oriented to plant minimum two saplings in their home or society garden. They were guided to care for and nurture these plants. Some of the plant lovers planted saplings in their vicinity also. In August on the occasion of Independence Day the college organized poster making and essay writing competition. The output of the competition in terms of themes was amazing which was depicted in the display. The winners were motivated by giving prizes and certificates.

During internship in August and September the teacher trainees oriented the school students to celebrate Ganesh festival and all other forthcoming festivals without bursting crackers in order to reduce pollution. On 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, the college students participated in 'Clean Vasai Beach' campaign organized by an NGO run for the cause. Very enthusiastically they volunteer to clean a sizable patch of the beach. The students of Pushpanjali were appreciated by the volunteers for their whole hearted participation.

On the occasion of Diwali the students participated in competitions like – deep decoration, rangoli, wealth from waste and decoration of food stall. They could prepare best of articles using eco-friendly material. The organized one-day work shop on street play in October 2019 under the able guidance of an expert Mr. Juran Lopes. As environment was one of the themes of the work shop, the students presented street plays on the theme authored by themselves.

In November the students had audio visual presentations on the following themes: -

- Conservation of Water Resources- Contribution of Rajendra Singh
- Jalbiradari Project in Rajasthan
- Pani Panchayat by VilasraoSalunkhe
- Contribution of Dr. Rani Bang and Dr. Baba Amte

An excursion was organized in December to a verdant venue Jowhar which gave first-hand experience of check dams, water reservoirs and farming to the students. In February during third phase of internship the teacher trainees oriented the students of Junior college about 'Ban on plastic use by the government- Why and How?' The program included prevention, reuse, recycle of plastic and use of alternative means.



The students thoroughly enjoyed presentation of poems on the mother earth titled as 'Song of the Earth'. The college organized 'Earth Week' in March. The students had meaningful and creative presentations on various themes like micro greens, kitchen garden, vertical garden, recycle waste to compost, reuse of household water, etc. Thus the students enjoyed and learnt through the activities of 'Vasundhara Club'.

### **Pushpaganit Mathematics Club**

Pushpaganit Mathematics Club organized a Mathematics Trail to the Tam-talao lake gardens on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Students were told to observe and study the followings,

- 1.Shapes and patterns
- 2.Numbers
- 3.Beauty of Mathematics

Students observed various patterns and forms and appreciated the beauty and aesthetic presence of Mathematics in our lives.

The club organized a seminar on 'The contribution of Mathematician'. The students presented the life story and contribution in the field of mathematics of the following Mathematicians,

- 1.Shrinivas Ramanujan
- 2.Euclide
- 3.Pythagorus
- 4.Aryabhata

A display of various instructional resources for learning Mathematics was also organized.



## **Preparing for Placement**

Pushpajyot Placement Cell organised a session on 'Preparing for the world of work: Facing Interviews with confidence'. The resource persons were our alumni Ms Tracy DSouza, Ms Mildred Gonsalves, Ms Shifa Dias and Ms Audrey Carvalho. They shared valuable tips regarding appearing facing an interview and preparing for demonstration lessons. They also shared their experiences in their respective schools thus giving students a vivid picture of the multidimensional roles expected from a teacher. Prior to this session, Dr Cynthia DCosta had conducted a session on 'Preparing one's Curriculum Vitae'. She also guided the students regarding applications through online mode.



## **Visit by St John's High School, Palghar**

A team from St John's High School and Jr College Palghar visited the college for interviewing candidates. The team comprised of Mr Albert DSouza, Mrs DSouza, Sr Apoline and Dr Savita Tauro. Mr. D'Souza gave a short orientation about the journey of Aldel Trust and the educational institutions managed by the Trust. Some students were called for demonstration lessons and offered jobs in the school.



Students were called for interview to different school in Mumbai and suburbs and have secured placement in reputed schools.

## Staff News

### *Paper publications -*

**Members of faculty published papers in a peer reviewed referred and UGC listed journal with impact factor 5.5 (Journal no. 40776), An International Multidisciplinary Quarterly Research Journal -Ajanta (ISSN 2277-5730) Volume VII, Issue IV October-December 2018 .**

Dr Mabel Pimenta 'Internal Strengths and External Supports-Application of Assets Based Approach.'

Dr Sheetal Chaudhari 'Decline of Language Competency : A Threat to Learning of Science'.



Ms Angelina Nunes ‘ Relationship Between Attitude Towards Mathematics and Scholastic achievement in Mathematics.’

Dr Helen Jadhav ‘A Study of Impact of mobile Phones on English Language Learning.’

Dr Agnes D’Costa ‘A Study of Teacher’s Contribution towards Nurturing an Ethos that Promotes Positive Psychology.’

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Dr Mabel Pimenta ‘A Study of Understanding, Reasoning and Regulation of Emotions among Adolescents.’

Dr Sheetal Chaudhari ‘Understanding Self for Personal Transformation.’

Ms Angelina Nunes ‘Influence of Problem Solving Strategy on Students’ Achievement in Mathematics.’

Dr Helen Jadhav ‘Raising Awareness among Youth about E-Waste -A Call to Transform the World.’

Dr Agnes D’Costa ‘Transforming Teacher Education through Interdisciplinary Courses.’

Ms Nikita Rebello ‘Innovative Practices in Education.’

### ***Consultancy-***

Dr Mabel Pimenta-

Principal Dr Mabel Pimenta participated as a delegate for the meeting of Western Region Catholic Council (WRCC) on December 15-16 2018 at Koshimbi, Bhiwandi.

She was invited as a Chief Guest for the programme organized by Vasai -Virar Congress Committee on the occasion of Women’s Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019. She addressed the gathering and spoke about women empowerment.

Dr Helen Jadhav

Dr Helen Jadhav was invited to Ornellas High School Pune on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 as Chief Guest on the occasion of Annual Day Celebration. She addressed the parents and students and spoke about “Role of parents in changing world”. She also functioned as a guest of honour at republic day celebration programme organized by Ornellas High School Pune on 26th January 2018.

Dr Agnes D’Costa-

Dr Agnes D’Costa addressed students of Class X and XII of Mulgaon on 'Study Skills' in November 2018.

She conducted a workshop in April 2019 on use of LMS for faculty of St Gonsalo Garcia College. .

She conducted session on Career guidance for youth of Mulgaon in March 2019.

She functioned as a resource person for the session 'Social Media in Education' organised as part of the Short Term Course on Pedagogic Innovations : Challenges and transformations in inclusive Higher Education held at SNDT University Mumbai. The course was organised under the RUSA scheme.

### ***Participation***

Dr Mabel Pimenta completed an online course in Inclusive Education in collaboration with ‘Drishti-an educational institution for Inclusive Education and Counselling’ in the subject ‘Capacity Building Programme on Enabling Inclusion’ – Duration of the course was from February -April 2019.

Dr Agnes D’Costa attended a workshop on Sexual Harassment of Women at the workplace (SHOWW) Act conducted at St Augustine's High School on 29 November 2018 in capacity of member of Internal Complaints Committee of the School.