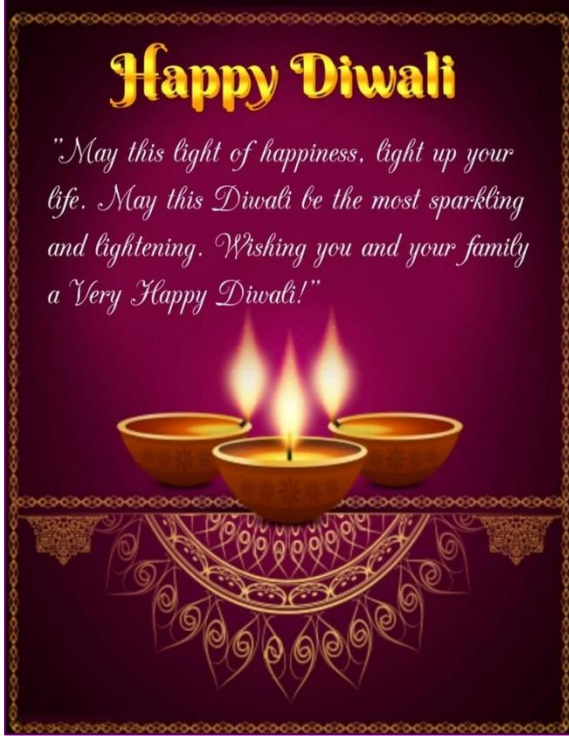


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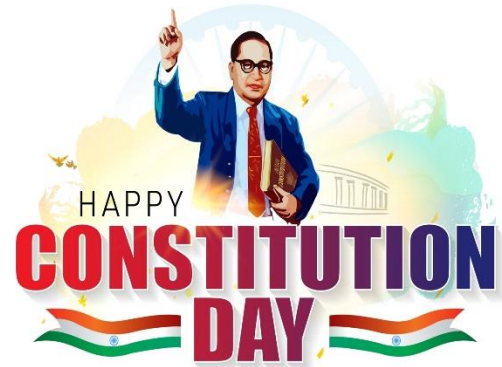
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## ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT A GLANCE...

### **B. K. Birla College supports entrepreneurship through 'Ethkriti'**



'Ethkriti: Ethereal Natural Beauty for sell' is an entrepreneur platform provided by the Department of Botany. In this, the students prepared Hair Oil, Utban, Abhang oil for Diwali celebrations. The platform provided a boost to the ideas of students to sell these products. The stall was arranged on 1<sup>st</sup> of November marking the Diwali.

Faculty members and students at the college purchased these products and supported the ideas of the budding entrepreneurs, students of F. Y. B. Sc., Department of Botany. The project was initiated by Dr. Meeta Bhot, Head of the Department under the guidance of Dr. Naresh Chandra, Director, B. K. Birla College and Dr. Avinash Patil, Principal of the college. The stall was placed near the main building with the coordination of Dr. Saheli Pradhan, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany.

## **WDC showcase artifacts made by students to boost entrepreneurship**

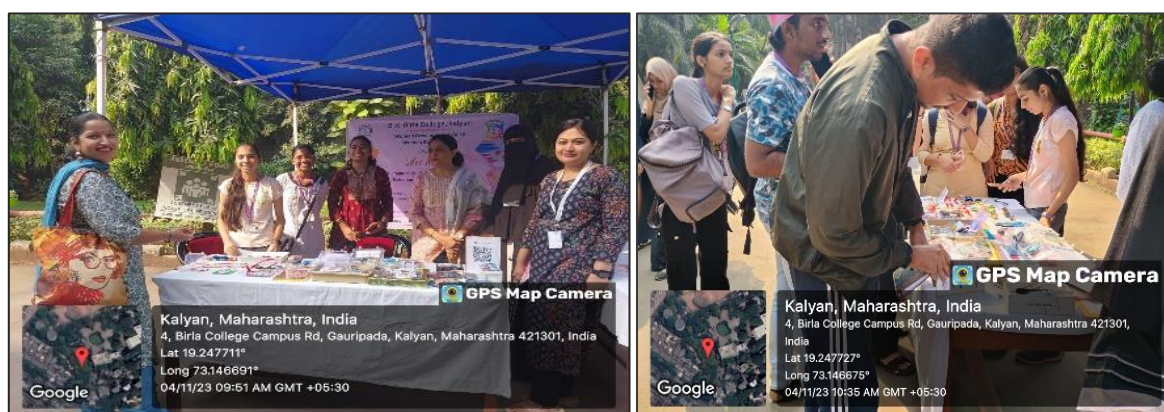
It was an entrepreneurship initiative, by Women Development Cell and Women Study Centre, B. K. Birla College (Empowered Autonomous), Kalyan. The Art Mela, which was organised on 4<sup>th</sup> of November, was intended to showcase Handcrafted artifacts by girl students. It also provided platform for students to present their artifacts prepared during Two credits course on creative skills.

The highlights of the Art Mela were Hand painted Diyas, Handcrafted Jewelry, Greeting cards, Fabric painting, Handmade paintings, bookmarks etc.

The initiative got overwhelming response from the staff and students at the college. They visited the stalls put by girl students to support and motivate budding women entrepreneurs.

The Art mela was coordinated by Dr. Kranti Ozarkar, Ms. Drishti Gangaramani, Ms. Pritam Kamble, Dr. Mugdha Pathak and Dr. Dinesh Wanule, Member, WDC-WSC.

WDC and WSC expressed their gratitude to the Director Education Dr. Naresh Chandra and Principal Dr. Avinash Patil for the outdoor stall facility and encouragement.



## **‘Bird Week’ celebrations in full swing by Dept. of Zoology**

As part of the larger goal of conservation of nature, the Department of Zoology of B. K. Birla College had planned a series of initiatives for the students.

**Day 1** 5<sup>th</sup> of November was the opening of 'Bird Week Theme Birding For All' was done with an Invited Lecture of Mrs. Sumedha Avinash Korgaonkar, Alumni, Department of Zoology, B. K. Birla College & Eminent Wildlife Research Scholar, Wildlife Research Institute Dehradun, India. The programme Followed by Screening of Interview 'Jangalcha Dene' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lb2dopK50U4> of Shri Maruti Chitampalli, Former Forest Officer and naturalist, wildlife conservationist and writer, on occasion of his birthday 5th November. A workshop was organised on bird feeder making. Student volunteers demonstrated how to make bird feeders from waste material to the participants. It was planned to install the bird feeders at different places on the college campus. 104 Students participated in the Lecture and Workshop.

**Day 2** Invited Lecture on 'Bird Behaviour' by renowned Ornithologist Dr. Raju Kasmbe, Assistant Director Education, Conservation Education Centre (CEC) at Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai. 102 Students were present for the lecture.

Bird feeders were made by students and installed at various places on campus to attract birds. Nature Photography competition was organised by department of Environmental Sciences 47 Students participated in the Competition.

**Day 3** Students were guided to organize greeting card making competition in B.K. Birla Public school, Railway school, Kalyan, Poddar Brio International school Ambarnath and Patel School Ambarnath. Also, our students also gave presentations about bird conservation as awareness activity awareness in Patel school and Poddar school.

**Day 4** Greeting Card Making Competition at Ravindra High School, Titwala; Elocution Competition at Birla College and Rangoli Making Competition at Birla College. Elocution competition was organized by the Department of Environmental Sciences and Rangoli Making competition was organized by Department of Zoology. A total of 22 students participated.

**Day 5** Greeting Card Making Competition, Story Writing Competition ‘word it all’ and Bird Feeder Making Competition were organized by the Department of Zoology. 29 Students participated in the competition.

**Day 6** Bird Watching Trail Was organized at Ulhas River Gandhari at 7.00 am Dr. Kantilal Nagare, Dr. Sonal Tawde Dr. Dinesh Wanule accompanied students. Mr.

Pravin Vishe and Mr Narendra Bhiwandikar were field experts who show various birds through scope and gave very important information about birds to the students. Selected 20 Students participated in bird watching.

**Day 7** Dr. Manas Manjrekar, Deputy Director, Mangrove Cell, Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra Delivered Invited lecture on 'Conservation & Management of Coastal and Marine Biodiversity in Maharashtra - With a Special Focus on Avian Biodiversity'. Different Schools for more than 540 students participated in greeting card making competition. After Lecture Results of Various Competitions were declared and the bird week was announced closed. 40 Students were present for the Lecture.

## **Constitutional Day organised by Dept. of Political Science**

The Department of Political Science, Dr Ambedkar Studies Centre and Social Sciences Association organised the Constitution Day on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The program was in two parts, one at the Main Lawns and other half at the New Seminar Hall. The program began with the Welcome Address by Dr. Priti Sawale about the importance of Constitution Day at the Main Lawns. It was followed by the floral tribute by Director, Dr Naresh Chandra, Dr Mahadeo Yadav, Vice Principal, Arts Faculty, Dr Harish Dubey, Principal B K Birla Night College, and the faculty members. It was followed by Recitation of Preamble in English, Hindi and Marathi and pledge.

The latter part of the Program was at the New Seminar Hall.

It was followed by the speeches on the importance of Indian Constitution. The Constitution Day emphasises the importance of Fundamental Duties. As a Fundamental Duty to imbibe the spirit of Scientific temper, a Guest Lecture was organised on the topic ' The significance of Developing Scientific Attitude as a Fundamental Duty'. The Chief Speaker for the same was Shri Paresh Kathe, Thane District Head, Andha Shraddha Nirmulan Samiti. His address instilled the spirit of enquiry and curiosity amongst the students. He conducted various experiments which was very appreciated by the students which gave the ideal of scientism. The program was successful because of the student Volunteers namely, Ms Sakhshi Bhavarthe , Mr Suraj Pande, Ms Mansi Wadhwa, Ms Khushi Singh, Ms Prajakta Landge, Ms Jaishree Behra. The program was attended by 185 students.

## **BKBCK holds Women's West Zone Inter-University Tennis Tournament**

The Inaugural function of the West Zone Inter-University Tennis Tournament (Women), held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 at Olympic Sports Centre, Palava. The inaugural ceremony was anchored by Ms. Akansha Thakur and Ms. Saroj Iyengar. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of our chief guest, Dr. Indurani Jakhar, IAS Hon'ble Commissioner of KDMC, Kalyan. The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome extended to Dr. Jakhar, who, in her distinguished role, symbolizes leadership and excellence. Her insightful address emphasized the significance of sports in holistic education, fostering a spirit of companionship among universities, and the empowerment of women in the field of athletics. Dr. Indurani Jakhar's keen interest in sports and her commitment to promoting a healthy and active lifestyle resonated with the participants and attendees. Her words served as inspiration, encouraging the athletes to strive for both victory on the court and personal growth beyond it. As the tournament unfolds, we anticipate witnessing a display of skill, determination, and teamwork from the talented athletes representing their respective universities. Dr. Naresh Chandra and Dr. Mohan Amrule, in their addresses, not only applauded the dedication and hard work of the participants but also offered insightful advice and suggestions to enhance their performance. Their words served as a source of motivation, inspiring the athletes to strive for excellence both on and off the tennis court. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Indurani Jakhar, Dr. Naresh Chandra, and Dr. Mohan Amrule for gracing the occasion with their presence and unwavering support. Their commitment to the promotion of sports at the university level is truly inspiring.

The valedictory eve of the West Zone Inter-University Tennis Tournament (Women), which took place on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 at Olympic sports Centre, Palava. The evening was graced by the distinguished presence of our chief guest, Shri Subodh Dave, Chairman of the Governing Council at B.K. Birla College, Kalyan. The event commenced with a heartfelt welcome to Shri Subodh Dave, his insightful address during the valedictory ceremony celebrated the achievements of the participating teams, emphasizing the values of discipline, resilience, and teamwork that sports instill in individuals. The chief guest, Shri Subodh Dave, distributed trophies and medals to the deserving teams and players, acknowledging their hard work and exemplary performance throughout the tournament. His encouraging words motivated the participants to continue excelling not only in sports but also in their academic pursuits. Dr. Naresh Chandra, in his address, shared insightful perspectives on the importance of perseverance and sportsmanship. Dr. Mohan Amrule provided guidance on enhancing technical skills and maintaining a positive mindset, while Dr. Avinash Patil offered practical tips for continuous improvement in the game. The valedictory eve provided a platform to recognize and appreciate the dedication of all the athletes,



coaches, and organizers who contributed to the success of the West Zone Inter-University Tennis Tournament (Women). Shri Subodh Dave, Dr. Naresh Chandra, Dr. Avinash Patil & Dr. Mahadev Yadav's presence added a significant touch of prestige to the event, highlighting the importance of sports in shaping well-rounded individuals.

### **Winners of the tournament**

1. Savitribai Phule Pune University: Winner (Gold Medal and Trophy)
2. University of Mumbai: Runner Up (Silver Medal and Trophy)
3. Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education: 1st Runner up: (Bronze Medal and Trophy)

