

Live Telecast of Union Budget - 2018

Department of Commerce and Accountancy arranged for live telecast of Union Budget in the Conference Room. The Union Budget -2018 was announced on 1st February in the Parliament by the Finance Minister Shri. Arun Jaitley. It was followed by discussion on Budget. The budget is pro-poor anti-inflationary, growth oriented, good for senior citizens **but not so good for middle class population of the country**. Its emphasis on education, skill Development and creation of employment is appreciable. Specific allocation of funds for national medical insurance policy for poor families is welcomed by all.

50 faculty members of College and the Kalyan Dombivli Branch of Western India Regional Council of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India participated in this activity. Few students also attended this event.

CA C. D. Phadke, Vice Principal, Commerce took initiative like every year in organizing this event.

“It isn't what you earn but how you spend it that fixes your class.”

-Sinclair Lewis

Public Meeting on Union Budget - 2018

Birla College, Birla College Alumni Association, Rotract Club of Birla College, Giants Group of Kalyan, Kalyan CPE Study Circle, Kalyan Dombivli Branch of Western India Regional Council of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Kalyan Tax Practitioners' Association organized a '**Public Meeting on Union Budget-2018**' on Saturday, 3rd March, 2018 at 11.00 am in New Seminar Hall.

CA C. D. Phadke, Vice Principal, Commerce, Senior Practicing Chartered Accountant in Kalyan was the Key Note Speaker. Principal, Dr. Naresh Chandra welcomed the guests and the student participants. It was interactive session. CA Madan Achwal, Adv. Manohar Palan, Shri Bipinchandra Wadekar and Shri Anand Dharmadhikari expressed their thoughts on Union Budget. Students had provided their feedback and expressed their expectations for regular conduct of such events in the College. The programme was highly appreciated by the guests and the students.

CA C. D. Phadke reviewed the whole contents of finance budget in his speech. He elaborated the process of preparation of budget. The favourable and unfavourable or adverse situations under which the budget is presented of the only fastest growing economy of the world, were highlighted by him. Though overall budget is good but the **middle class is ignored**, was the important outcome of budget analysis. More allocation of funds for medical insurance for poor families, allocation for agriculture, infrastructure, defence and education are favourable but increase in cess by 1%, no reduction in Tax rates, imposition of long term capital gain tax on investments in shares and mutual funds were **adverse elements** in the budget.

CA Madan Achwal explained the benefits given to start-ups in the budget.

Shri Anand Dharmadhikari told 'money saved is money earned'.

Adv. Manohar Palan highlighted the significance of humanity and told students to always remember our soldiers who are protecting our country.

Ms. Rinky Rajwani announced Prizes for students who took part in 'Time for Taxation' exhibition. The prizes were given by CA C. D. Phadke and Adv. Manohar Palan.

Shri B. S. Wadekar proposed a vote of thanks. More than 250 students, faculty members and public participated in this event.

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much”

-Helen Keller

Formation of Student Council

According to Department of Student's Welfare of University of Mumbai, the College is bound to form the Student's Council as per the Gazette of Government of Maharashtra, Ordinance No. XXVIII of 2017. The student's council helps students to share ideas, interests and concerns with teachers and Principal of the college.

As per the directions of University of Mumbai, Students' Council was formed on 7th February 2018. Students with 'academic calibre' were shortlisted from all the class. First Merit holder of each class was made Class Representative (CR). Girl Students volunteered for Lady Representative (LR) and as per the procedure, interview was conducted and LR was selected. Secretary of the Students' Council was elected unanimously. Secretary of our Students' Council is also selected as University Representative.

Secretary of Students' Council is **Ms. Rachana Tripathi** and **Lady Representative** is **Ms. Karishma Gadkar**.

Inception Program for Students' Council members was held on 10th February 2018. Students' Council members were acquainted with the profile of Birla College. Various activities conducted in the college were informed. Class Representatives (CR) formed different committees such as Cleanliness committee, Library committee and Administration committee. Committee members visited various places in the college to help and understand the problems of students. For campus security and cleanliness, students met Mr. Khamkar. For Library facilities, they met Librarian, Mr. Kiran Raikar and for Administration they met Mr. B. D. Joshi, the Administrator for college.

Secretary and Lady Representative attended Workshop in R. Jhunjhunwala College on 21st and 22nd February 2018. Birla College organised one day workshop on 'Students' Support and Progression' on 27th February 2018. Principal. Dr. Gadade, CKT College, Panvel shared best practices followed in their college. Principal. Dr. Vijay Dabholkar, Gurunank College gave motivational talk. Dr. Gauri Hardikar conducted activities to develop leadership and motivation among CRs.



Felicitation of Secretary and Lady Representative of Students' Council



CA C. D. Phadke briefing students about Student's Council



Program on Students Support and Progression

“Radio is the most intimate and socially personal medium in the world”
-Harry Von Zell

Department Of Mass Media Celebrates Radio Day ‘#ONAIR’

“Radio is the medium which brings people closer. So you should know how to script the program for different time and festivals” said Rashmi Warang, a Radio Jockey for 100.1 AIR FM GOLD on the occasion of *World Radio Day*, which is celebrated on 13th February every year, as declared by UNESCO, to celebrate radio as a medium of entertainment and information and the mode of communication. The Department of Mass Media celebrated this day by arranging ‘#On Air’, a lecture on *Challenges and Opportunities as Radio Jockey*.

The session began by asking students which RJ’s do they like and why. RJ Mallishka was the favorite among youngsters because of her style to wish Good Morning. RJ Anurag Pandey was on second in list, for his show Radio Nasha on Fever 104 FM. This showed the path of how the scripting for different programs takes place. The scripting for early morning show has to be soothing as people tune in when they have just woken up. As a RJ one has to make them feel positive through the thoughts and words. The scripting for evening show changes, where people leave from office in frustration and expect traffic updates from you. One has to understand the significance of show and accordingly use the words. She illustrated her experience of being on air after 26/11, wherein Rashmi was advised to talk about



Rashmi Warang, RJ, (100.1AIR) addressing students

environment but do not use the word Terrorism or Terrorist. That means one cannot divulge the information. This usually has to be taken care during the election phase and when there are critical situations happening in the society.

In the talk show, she further highlighted her experience as RJ for the first time. She made students understand all about Feeder and Voice Modulation. She expressed that AIR channel is the only one which gives you live show. All the other private channels provide you a pre-recorded show. So when you work for a Government channel, you have to be much disciplined and mistakes should be avoided. A RJ cannot leave the show unless and until the next RJ turns up.

Whatever emergency you may have still the show must go on is the need of media. She also threw light on thin difference between Media and Glamour World. This is generally mistaken by students where they understand media as glamorous world but fail to understand the pains and pressure a scrivener has to undergo. During her first show, even she made a mistake of not reducing feeder of talking and the consequence was the song and talk went simultaneously on air. A mistake may be tolerated once or twice but not all times, this is the underlined rule of media. So, you as students should understand these thin lines of becoming disciplined at this platform make your opinions clear of which stream in media fascinates you and your capabilities and make a choice accordingly. Media is that pillar of democracy which demands you to be on toes. A RJ has to be ready for 5:00 am show or 11:00 pm show and your mind should be set for the same. She also gave an input of how diplomatically the situation has to be handled. There are programs which play songs on public demand. At that moment you have to transit yourself from first song to another through common thread and tune the song. People recognize you through voice. So use your voice as an asset. Voice modulation is an indispensable part of radio and so, if any student dreams to pursue Radio Jockey as a career, has to develop a pleasant voice which will appeal to people. Your habits, stress and mental disturbances affect your voice.

The event was graced by the presence of and Dr. Lok Lew Yan Voon, Dean, University of West Georgia, Dr. Naresh Chandra, Principal, Birla College, Dr. Avinash Patil, Vice-Principal, Birla College. Principal addressed the students of how radio is changing time to time. He also encouraged students to come up with innovative ideas. Pupils were highly obliged to hear the inputs from Dr. Lok Lew Yan Voon, who hails from culturally diverse island of Mauritius, pursued his higher studies from University of Cambridge and University of British Columbia. A person with strong vision for development linked his knowledge with Radio Transmission Technology (Antenna). He provided information about the first radio transmissions from Eifel Tower, Paris. The program was attended by 90 students. The event was conducted under the guidance of Ms. Sayali Sonawane, Incharge, Department of Mass Media.



Students actively listening to inputs from RJ Rashmi Warang



Dr. Lok Lew Yan Voon, Dean, University of West Georgia interacting with students

बिर्ला महाविद्यालय, कल्याण येथे मराठी राजभाषा दिन उत्साहात साजरा

महाराष्ट्राच्या सांस्कृतिक क्षेत्रात मोलाचे योगदान देणाऱ्या कविक्षेष्ठ वि.वा. शिरवाडकर उर्फ कुसुमाग्रज यांच्या जन्म दिवस प्रीत्यर्थ २७ फेब्रु २०१८ रोजी बिर्ला महाविद्यालय, कल्याण येथे 'मराठी राजभाषा दिन' साजरा करण्यात आला.

अगदी महाविद्यालयापासून ते शालेय स्तरावर मराठी भाषेचा जागर जपण्याची परंपरा हे महाविद्यालय सातत्याने पार पाडते . सर्व स्तरातील विद्यार्थ्यांना मराठी भाषेचे महत्त्व पटवून देणे आणि आपल्या मातृ भाषेतील सामर्थ्याची ओळख करून देणे हे या कार्यक्रमाचे मुख्य प्रयोजन होते.

महाविद्यालयात झालेल्या या अप्रतिम कार्यक्रमात ग्रंथदिंडीचे आयोजन , तसेच यंदाच्या लोकसत्ता वकृत्व स्पर्धेत विजेती ठरलेली 'महाराष्ट्राची वक्ता दशसहस्रेषु' कु. रिद्धी म्हात्रे या विद्यार्थ्यांनीने 'अभिजात मराठीचा अर्थ ' या विषयावर छोटेखानी भाषण दिले . त्याचबरोबर सुप्रसिद्ध चित्रकार आणि शिल्पकार मा . श्री. सदाशिव कुलकर्णी यांचे 'मराठी भाषा आणि मराठी चित्रकार' या विषयांवर व्याख्यान झाले; त्यात त्यांनी मराठी भाषेचे महत्त्व विद्यार्थ्यांना पटवून दिले.

या व्याख्यानाबरोबरच महाविद्यालयातील परिसरात असलेल्या गुरुकृपा प्राथमिक विद्यालयाने लेझिम खेळून मराठी संस्कृतीची ओळख करून दिली.

बिर्ला महाविद्यालयाचे प्राचार्य डॉ. नरेश चंद्र यांनी मराठी भाषेचे सर्व कार्यक्रम भव्यतेने साकार करण्याचे सूचन केले . मराठी विभागप्रमुख डॉ . अरुण देवरे यांनी वाचनाचे महत्त्व , भाषा बोलतानाचे आणि लिहितानाचे (लेखनाचे) नियम विशद केले . कार्यक्रमाचे सूत्रसंचालन प्रथम वर्ष बी.ए. च्या हर्षद आव्हाड आणि साक्षी वाळिंबे यांनी केले . त्याचबरोबर आभारप्रदर्शन प्रा . सीताराम म्हस्के यांनी केले.

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“Education is not to reform students or to amuse them or to make them expert technicians. It is to unsettle their minds, widen their horizons, inflame their intellects and teach them to think straight, if possible.”

-Robert M. Hutchins.

Report on Intra-Collegiate Competition ‘MAYA’-The Vicious Circle’

‘MAYA’ displays the hidden potential of students in intra-collegiate competition

Education and competitions are very closely related. Competitions are put in pedagogy for the development of scholastic skills. Indeed, without competitions, we cannot imagine education. Competitions enable students broaden their horizon, boost confidence and develop practical thinking.

To develop an overall personality of student, the Department of Management Studies, organized an Intra-Collegiate Competition *‘MAYA- The Vicious Circle’* on Friday, 16th February. Elocution and Debate were the competitions conducted.

The Elocution competition was conducted in three languages i.e. English, Hindi, and Marathi. 31 students were vying for this contest. The judges for elocution Competition were Dr. Vinod Narayane for English, Mrs. Sushma Phadke for Marathi and Dr. Balkavi Suranje for Hindi.

The Quiz Competition was conducted in three rounds with general knowledge and management questions. The competition was judged by Miss. Sandhya Parashar and Prof. Bipin Chandra Wadekar. The winners were selected on the basis of Merit, Knowledge, Communication Skills and Presentation Skills. 17 teams comprising of 2 members were formed for this competition.

The event was very enriching and informative which helped students to learn event management, leadership skills, team spirit etc.

The event was inaugurated by Principal Dr. Naresh Chandra with motivational guidance. Mr. Anil Tiwari, Mr. Anand Dharamadhikari, Mrs. Sheetal Kejriwal, Dr. Vinod Narayane, Mr. Kiran Raikar, Dr. Balkavi Suranje, Prof. Bipin Chandra Wadekar, Mrs. Sushma Phadke, Miss. Sandhya Parashar, Dr. Harish Dubey were a few present for the inaugural function .

The competition ended with the distribution of Trophies, Medals and Certificates. Vote of Thanks was given by Dr. Madhu Shukrey. The program ended with National Anthem.



Award winners of Intra-Collegiate Competition

“The more we give importance to skill development, the more competent will be our youth”
-Narendra Modi

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2018

Skill and knowledge are the driving forces of economic growth and social development for any country. College is the place where a student can develop his skills and polish them to bridge the gaps of market. India is striving to make youth competent enough unlike other developed countries, with higher and better levels of skills, adjust more effectively to the challenges and opportunities of work.

Under DBT Star College Scheme, Department of Mathematics organized a 4 day's workshop on '*Skill Development Programme 2018*' for undergraduate students from 20th to 23rd February, 2018.

The forethought of this programme was to provide management education and employable vocational skills in the demand oriented manufacturing and services sectors.

Microsoft Excel is one of the most important computer software program used in the workplace today. Hence learning Excel is necessary for the students in their career.

In this workshop, lectures on Advance MS-EXCEL and its applications were held in the New Seminar Hall from 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm on all four days.

Mr. Prakash Sansare delivered lecture on Advance MS-Excel which includes Conditional Logic functions IF, Nested IF, COUNTIF, SUMIF and AVERAGEIF.

Creating and Navigating worksheets and adding information to worksheet, Mathematical Function and Sorting of data were covered by Mr. Gajanan Dhumal.

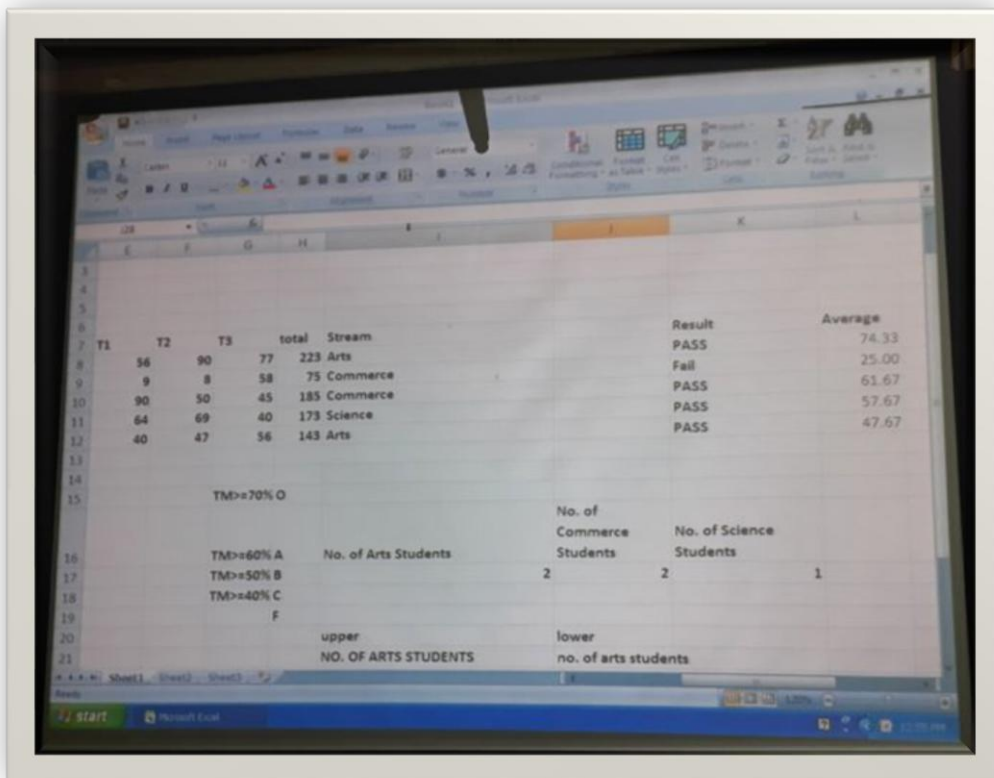
Mr. Krishna Ghode emphasized on Data Analysis using Goal Seek and Solver.

Mrs. Manjushree Ahire, faculty of Geography, explained how to draw graphs and charts in Excel.

The workshop was attended by around 50 students from F.Y. B.Sc., S.Y. B.Sc., T.Y. B.Sc. and T.Y. B.A (Geography) students. Feedback of the workshop was taken from the participants in the last day of the workshop. The certificates were given to all the participants of the workshop.



Students learning MS Excel in Skill Development Workshop



MS-Excel Conditional Logic functions IF, Nested IF, COUNTIF, SUMIF and AVERAGEIF

“The doctors of the future will no longer treat the human frame with drugs, but rather will cure and prevent disease with nutrition.”

-Thomas Edison

Food Science Fest 2017-18

Do you like to have Chinese, Italian, Pizza, Burger???. This seems to be mouth-watering but what about health? Are these food stuffs going to serve the purpose of stay fit, stay healthy? Today's young generation is more attracted towards junk food, ignoring their health. To grab the attention of the '*go amiss*' generation and promote awareness regarding nutritive food, Department of Biotechnology and Bio analytical Sciences organised '**Food Science Fest**'.

On 20th February, the College organized a food based competitions in collaboration with **Science Association**. The theme of this fest was to encourage the college students to make nutritive food. This event was conducted in the P.G. Biotechnology lab, at 11.00 am. Many students have participated from different classes including Under Graduate and Post Graduate courses. **Dr. Sonal Tawde**, Incharge, Department of Environmental Studies was the judge for this competition.

15 teams of *duo* students shared the preparations in this competition. Alimentary food was prepared and presented along with the nutritive content chart. On the basis of nutritional content, recipe, the taste of that dish and including presentation of recipe, our judge announced prize winners. For this fest the judges announced one first prize winner and two second prize winners. The Fest was created to celebrate, promote and raise awareness in the college students regarding nutritive food.



“Good teachers know how to bring the best in students”

-Charles Kuralt

Department of Management Studies celebrates 5th Student Encouragement Awards

SEA- Student Encouragement Awards is an initiative taken by the Department of Management Studies to acknowledge the efforts and the achievements of the students of the department, into various fields. In this event the students are nominated into various categories by the respective class mentors of the classes and then the faculties vote for the deserving student and the winner's name is announced on the day of event. Only nominated students are allowed to attend the program along with the talent hunt winners. The winners of talent hunt perform in the program and then collect their winning trophies.

Student Encouragement Awards is a traditional event conducted every year by the Department of Management Studies. It is the one event that brings together the students and faculties, to engage and work in harmony and the results have always been successful. 2018, marks the 5th anniversary since the inception of SEA in 2013. The bar has been rising every year with better management and development in organising. This award function was organised under the mentorship of Mrs. Sheetal Kejriwal.

5th SEA would be marked outstanding for not only raising the grandeur to conduct the event at the College Lawn but also as the first year to have introduced the 'Student of the Year' Award.

Pre Event

The event committee along with the Mentor took over the task of decorating the college and promoting the event to the core. SEA focuses on encouraging the vigorous students to do more and so various categories were announced. The names of students who fit well into the categories were chosen. Auditions for 'Student of the Year' were also being conducted. The theme for SEA, 2018 was decided to be 'Ladies and Gentlemen'.

Event Day

Date - 24th February, 2018 Venue - College Lawn

The registrations for the event had started at around 5 pm. Girls and boys were seen dressed up in sarees and tuxedos. The event started at 5:30 pm. The dignitaries of the day were Dr. Naresh Chandra, Principal; Dr. Swapna Samel, Sr. Vice Principal and Dr. Avinash Patil, Vice Principal. Mrs. Sheetal Kejriwal welcomed the dignitaries and also requested them to give away awards to the persons who have always worked backstage.

The event was hosted by the trio of Mr. Manoj Bhatia, Mr. Jeet Joshi and Mrs. Akansha Thakur. SEA, 2018 was also a platform where the winners of Talent Hunt, 2018 under various categories like Dance, Singing, Skit, Beat-boxing and Photography performed and were felicitated by certificates and trophies.

Prizes for the Best Class Representative, Highest Attendance, Most Talented, Creative Brain, Chupa Rustam and Best Spokesperson were given away to students under male and female categories.

The prestigious award for the 'Best Class' for which only the classes of T.Y. are nominated are selected on the basis of the performance of 3 years, was won by 'T. Y. BMS (B)'. The previous and present mentors of the class along with the class were bestowed with the trophy. The newly introduced 'Student of the Year' Award was won by Ms. Gayathri Nair of T. Y. Accounting & Finance on the basis of her performance during the past 3 years.

The event was also graced by the presence of Dr. Vijay Joshi, Principal, K. J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce and Dr. Bipin Wadekar, Department of Commerce, Birla College. They shared their wise words with the students.

On this occasion, prizes for the various Departmental Activities such as Time for Taxation and Future Business Tycoons were given away to students.

In the late evening, the event witnessed one of the most awaited performances by none other than Mrs. Sheetal Kejriwal. The winners of Talent Hunt Dance along with Mrs. Sheetal Kejriwal lit up the stage with their performance.

SEA, 2018 also felicitated the favourite student alumni - Mr. Priyam Sharma of the 2013 batch. The event ended with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. Anil Tiwari.

Post Event

The event was highly appreciated by all the attendees. Principal also showed extreme support towards the event. The event was a success.

The Mentor along with her event committee left no stone unturned to organise the 5th Student Encouragement Awards. Their hard work paid off as the students were happy, satisfied and encouraged.



Winners of 'Best Class' Award

“To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe”
-Marilyn vos Savant

Report on Study Tour to IIG, Panvel

Study tour to bring fresh insights to campus life

46 students from all the three years of B. Sc. in Physics witnessed a unique opportunity to visit Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG) as a part of their study tour.

To introduce students to ‘Geomagnetism’, the newly introduced concept by University of Mumbai, students of F.Y., S.Y. and T.Y. B.Sc. on Monday, 26th February, visited IIG, Panvel Campus.

15 students of T.Y. B.Sc., 23 students of S.Y. B.Sc. and 8 Students of F.Y. B.Sc. attended the tour with Dr. Harish Dubey and Dr. D. E. Kshirsagar.

The Students reached IIG at 9.45 am. Two Lectures on **“Introduction to Geomagnetism”** and **“Earth’s Magnetism”** was delivered by the Faculty members in the forenoon session.

After the lunch break, the students were divided in three groups. The faculty members and researchers from IIG demonstrated various instruments to the students. The visit ended with Vote of Thanks to the Director and Faculty members at 4.30 pm.

The students reached back to College at 7 pm.



B.Sc. (Physics) students at IIG Panvel Campus



Demonstration by IIG Researchers

“Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything”

-George Bernard Shaw

One Day Workshop on Students Support and Progression

IQAC of Birla College organized One Day Workshop on ‘*Students Support and Progression*’ on 27th February 2018. 160 students including 40 students of **Students Council**, nearly 25 in house teaching faculties and five from peripheral colleges attended the workshop.

Dr. Geeta Unnikrishnan, Coordinator, IQAC very thoughtfully selected the resource persons for the workshop. Dr. S.T. Gadade, Principal, CKT College, Panvel, Navi Mumbai graced the occasion as chief guest and delivered a Key Note address on the main theme of the workshop, that is *Students Support and Progression*. In his lecture he said that the student support and progression comes under Criteria IV and it is one of the most important criteria. He spoke about two best practices of his college under student support and progression. He spoke about NSS, which is given maximum importance in his college where they have 300 students. These students are divided into thirty groups of 10 ten each. Each group is allotted one teacher in charge with whom the students carry out various projects of social relevance. The findings of these projects are then published in the form of research papers in their in house journal having ISSN no. He also mentioned that they are the winners of Avishkar Research Convention of University of Mumbai for eight consecutive years and it is their one of the best practices.

Second session was conducted by Dr. Vijay Dabholkar, Principal, Gurunanak College, Sion, Mumbai. He delivered the lecture on ‘*Value Education and Today’s Youth*’. He mesmerized the audience through his narratives and anecdotes and correlated them with the several values such as respect to elders, punctuality, regularity, importance of good peer group etc. He ended the session by wishing Marathi Bhasha Din to the audience and by reciting The Pasayadan by the famous sage of Maharashtra, Shri Dnyaneshwar.

Dr. (Mrs.) Gauri Hardikar, Kapila Khandwala College of Education, Juhu, Mumbai, conducted the post lunch session on ‘*Self-Motivation and Stress Management*’. Her session was interactive as she involved students in various educational games. Through these games she helped students in understanding their own worth and capacities.

Dr. Naresh Chandra, Principal, Birla College, emphasized on continuous progress in academics, importance of attendance in the class and also appreciated the contributions made by the three eminent speakers for the workshop.

Prof. Kiran Raikar ended the workshop by vote of thanks.

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