

## DR. AMBEDKAR COLLEGE, DEEKSHABHOOMI, NAGPUR ECHO- HALF YEARLY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022

### From the Editor's Desk.....

A feeling of elation sets in as the new academic session begins. The college is abuzz with the ringing sounds of youthful voices. Teachers gear up with time tables, annual plans, innovative ideas and what not to grab, hold and catch the students' attention. Interaction with students can always help you to bring the introverts out of their shell and the extroverts to add a dash of fun and frolic in the academic arena. The field is all theirs', invite them to play, perform with passion and zeal and go out with flying colours so that college life remains a cherished memory in their minds for years to come. Active participation in activities definitely bring out the best in our youthful students. They learn by observing as well as participating. Let the love of learning pull them out from their slumber so that they can become independent focussed and achievers in every walk of life.

### DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

In order to create awareness among students the department of **Biochemistry & Biotechnology** conducted a tree plantation program in the memory of Late Dr. S. K. Biswas, former H.O.D of the department on 28 July 2022. All the faculty members, non-teaching staff members of the Department, and Principal of the college Dr. B. A. Mehre participated and planted different kinds of flowering, medicinal and ornamental plants. Dr. Utpal Dongre, head, teaching and non- teaching staff took the initiative for the same.

The department organised a seminar on NET/SET Preparation on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022. Ms. Shravani Pandey, chairman and founder Team10 organisation informed students about various PhD entrances with special emphasis on NET/SET (National Eligibility Test/State Eligibility Test in life sciences). Around 54 M.Sc. Biochemistry and M.Sc. Biotechnology students attended the program. Ms. Shravani Pandey informed students about the NET/SET syllabus and how to prepare for it.

**Deekshaarambh** - A guide to Student Induction Programme, was conducted by the department on 3rd September 2021. Program coordinator Mr. Rohan Thaware welcomed students and apprised them about the department's vision and mission. He stressed upon the SAGE approach in developing ideal student values and formation of a good character. The students were also made aware of their constitutional values like fundamental rights and duties. Common concerns of the college regarding students' safety and dressing sense were also discussed. The presentation ended with information regarding the SWAYAM and NPTEL portal. The program was presided over by the Principal Dr. B. A. Mehre and chaired by the Head of the Department Dr. Utpal Dongre. The program was conducted by Mr. Rohan Thaware, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology.

The department also organized a guest lecture on Nutrition and Human Health on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to celebrate World Nutrition Week. Renowned Nutritionist Dt. Meghana Kumare, Red Apple Wellness Diet Centre, Dharampeth, Nagpur was the guest speaker.

She focused on all the necessary things like proteins, minerals, carbohydrates, vitamins, essential fatty acids required for healthy living. She also stressed on the fact that not only

food but yoga, meditation and exercise is also essential to be healthy. 39 students of B.Sc. attended the program. Out of which 28 were girls and 11 were boys. Ms. Shweta Paranjape, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology was the program coordinator.

A BLOOD GROUP DETECTION AND MEDICAL HEALTH CHECK-UP for all students of various streams (B. A, B. Com, B. Sc, BCA and Law Part -I) was organised from 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in the departmental laboratory. Around 375 students participated in the camp and Dr. Rahul Mehere examined the students and counselled them about their health, hygiene and diet. Medications for ailments were also provided to all students free of cost. All teaching and non teaching staff of department enthusiastically participated in the camp.

The department celebrated Rose Day for Cancer patients in association with Indian Cancer Society, Nagpur chapter (ICS) on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 Dr Mangesh Patil (MBBS, MD) Radiation oncology from American Oncology Institute Nagpur, Mr Sudhakar Gedam, Mr Vijay Sharma from ICS helped in organising this event. Dr. B. A. Mehere, Principal of the college welcomed the dignitaries. Dr Mangesh Patil delivered an enlightening talk on many aspects of cancer. Students' curiosity on cancer was also addressed. 65 students and 10 faculty members attended the programme.

A three-day online workshop on Research Methodology and Scientific Writing was organized from 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 for PG Students, research scholars and faculty members of various colleges and university Departments. 60 participants registered for this workshop from various Post graduate departments of our college.

On 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022 the department conducted a departmental lecture for the First Year PG students. The event was to celebrate Small Industry Day. Neoagrotech owner and speaker for the event Mr. Priyal Dhunde, alumni of M.Sc. Biochemistry spoke about his journey of academics and how he ended up being an owner of his agriculture-based start-up. He shared his experience of both success and failure. He also guided students to be continuous learners, exploring and experimenting things day in and day out. He concluded his lecture by asking the fellow students to join him if they had some innovative ideas. The event was concluded by Mr. Rohan Thaware by felicitating Mr. Priyal Dhunde

Eco-Vrikshabandhan (Rakshabandhan), was celebrated by **Department of Botany** to celebrate Rakshabandhan by tying rakhi to the trees and promising to protect them. The objective of the Raksha bandhan-Vrikshabandhan celebration was to inspire students to imbibe social responsibility to protect our green siblings that offer us food, medicines, oxygen, shade, sustenance and much more.

Orientation Programme on Career Prospects in Higher Education was organized on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Mr. Raju Kendre, SOAS, University of London, UK was the resource person for the program. He gave information about various opportunities in international universities to pursue education from premier Higher Education Institutions. He also interacted with the aspirants. This orientation programme was attended by 105 students.

Department of Botany, conducted the Deeksha Aarambh: Induction programme to familiarize students with the campus environment, faculty and infrastructure.

Principal Dr. (Mrs.) B.A. Mehere presided over the function.

Department of Botany and IQAC of the college in association with Spartan IAS Academy, Nagpur jointly organized a Mega Seminar on 'How to crack Competitive Exams' & State Level Scholarship/Aptitude Exam on 12th November 2022 so as to provide multidisciplinary career guidance and aptitude exam according to the competitive format. Welcome address given by Chairperson of the Event, Dr. (Mrs.) B.A. Mehere, Principal, Dr. Ambedkar College, Dr. Subhash R. Somkuwar, Convenor & HoD Dept. of Botany, Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur conveyed introductory remarks of the mega seminar. Mr. Ishukumar Asati, Co-Convenor & Co-founder, Spartan IAS Academy, briefed about the various courses for competitive exams run by Spartan IAS Academy.

In Session 1, guest speaker Mr. Prashant Hande, Deputy Superintendent of Land Records, Chandrapur District enlightened the participants about the various MPSC competitive exams, its formats, study techniques etc. In the second Session, guest speaker Mr. Kunal Bande, Chief Manager, State Bank of India, Ravinagar, Nagpur spoke about the ideas required for IBPS/Banking examinations. He also stated that the consistency plays an important role for achieving success. In the third Session, guest speaker Mr. Sunny Kumar, Preventive Officer, Customs Dept., Govt. of India guided about the ways and means to crack UPSC/SSC examination.

A competitive potential assessment test as a State Level Scholarship/Aptitude Exam for testing students on their aptitude potential was held. The exam and mega seminar received overwhelming response from the different parts of State and Vidarbha. More than 325 participants registered for the event. Winners of the State level scholarship exam was felicitated with attractive cash prizes, certificates & mementoes. Welcome address was given by Chairperson of the event and Principal Dr. (Mrs.) B.A. Mehere. Dr. Subhash R. Somkuwar, Convenor & head, Dept. of Botany, Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur conveyed introductory remarks of the mega seminar.

Students' Induction Program- Deekshaarambh was held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 for the students of CBZ and BCZ Sem I by the **Department of Zoology**. Head of the department Dr RS Bagade chaired the function. Dr DVNS Suresh gave a brief presentation about the infrastructural and functional aspects about the department explaining about the syllabus, the examination pattern as well as the rules and regulations to be followed in the institution.

The Zoological Society was inaugurated on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 by Dr. Varsha Dhurve, Professor & Head, PGTD Zoology, RTMNU and alumna of the college. She welcomed the nominated student office bearers of the department for the session 2022-23. She also delivered a guest lecture on 'In vitro Fertilization' thus enlightening the students about IVF and other related aspects of assisted fertilisation in a very lucid manner and their implication in real world.

Department of Zoology conducted a one-to-one interaction with students on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 for all the three semesters of BSc. Mentee submitted their responses online in the college link. Dr RS Bagade, Dr DVNS Suresh & Ms Amreen Zade were the mentors for different semester groups of students. The aforesaid mentors conducted one-to-one discussion and counsel selected mentee students with respect to scholastic, psychological guidance & personality development online on zoom meet.

**Department of Physics** organized aptitude test for B.Sc. first year students. Objective type question paper was given in google sheet quiz format. Students were segregated in three categories of low, medium and excellent base 92 students participated in this aptitude test. 13 students scored low category, 61 students scored medium category and 18 students were placed in excellent category.

The Department also organized an educational visit to the department of English on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The purpose of the visit was to provide the students with an insight into the language and to foster a better understanding of the English language. The visit was attended by approximately 20 students, who were divided into two groups. Each group was given an hour to explore the department and interact with the teachers of the department.

In order to spread knowledge and to develop interest and curiosity amongst students about the incredible facts and studies of chemistry, ACS International Student Chapter, **Department of Chemistry** observed the National Chemistry Week. ACS student chapter members organized FABULOUS FABRIC 2022 and also prepared a presentation on the common fabrics which we use in our daily life.

Both PG and UG students of Chemistry, Biotechnology and Biochemistry actively participated in the fabulous fabrics program.

**Department of Mathematics** conducted Induction Program on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 for the students of B. Sc. Sem 1. The students were also informed about the various activities conducted by the department throughout the year and were encouraged to participate in most of the activities. The students were introduced to the faculties of the department and each teacher discussed about their syllabus and pattern of examination. Students were also informed about the various activities carried out by the college and the department. They were also given information about the various cells working actively for the benefit of the students and different activities held by them. Different career options available to students pursuing Mathematics as a major subject was also discussed with the students. 68 students were present for the program.

A program on Career Prospects under Deekshaarambh was held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The program was conducted and a lecture delivered by Asst. Prof. Dr. Jitesh Tripathi. He welcomed students and told them about the department's vision and mission. He also discussed about the exams such as IIT JAM held every year for admissions to MSc Mathematics from Institutes of national importance like IIT's, NIT's etc. and career options in programming jobs for mathematicians. The lecture was attended by 64 students.

On 22nd November 2022, the Mathematics Society was inaugurated for the students of Semester 1, Semester 3, and Semester 5 of BSc. The event is aimed at promoting the study of mathematics and encouraging students to take active interest in the subject. This event featured several activities like quiz competition, poster presentation, and a guest lecture on the role of mathematics in real-life applications.

Sweater distribution program for underprivileged kids of Tejaswini Madhyamik Shala was also conducted at Koradi on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 as part of the Social Outreach initiative of the Department of Mathematics. The program was attended by the management and staff of the school along with the students who were the beneficiaries of the program.

Mentoring activity was conducted on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 for students of Semester 1, Semester 3 and Semester 5 and on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023, for students of Semesters 2, 4, and 6 of



PSM and SCOM groups of science. The activity aimed to provide guidance and support to the students and help them achieve their academic goals.

Department of Mathematics also conducted Community Development Program 'AKSHAR' from 23<sup>rd</sup> November to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 for the underprivileged students of Chitnavis centre NGO. The students of BSc semester 5 were trained to teach mathematics to pre-primary and primary underprivileged students by Prof. Sushama Pawar and Dr. Jitesh Tripathi. As such the students provided services to the underprivileged students for a fortnight. Co-ordinator Mrs. Nisha Thakur, Chitnavis Centre Trust (NGO) thanked Dr. (Mrs.) Dr. B.A.Mehere, Principal of the college and Department of Mathematics for their services.

A week-long certificate course on Basic Mathematics for Arts students was organized from 10<sup>th</sup> October to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Varied topics were dealt with guest faculties viz: 1. Dr. Manjusha V. Borkar – "Lecture on Pattern Recognition" 2. Dr. Rajani Anturkar – "Speed and Time" 3. Prof. Rupali Meshram – "LCM and HCF" 4. Prof. Vishakha A Gujarkar – "Percentage" 5. Dr. Shilpa Samdurkar – "Ratio and Proportion".

A general Aptitude Test was conducted by the Department of Statistics for B.Sc.-I students on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to assess the level of awareness about Statistics and Mathematics in the students. The maximum number of marks for the test was 25 and the time allotted was 60 minutes and 26 students appeared for the test. The analysis of performance of the students in the aptitude test showed that 22 students out of 26 performed better than the average, which was taken as 40% and 4 students performed below average. They were encouraged to read basic books and get their doubts cleared by approaching faculty members.

The birthday of Padma Vibhushan Dr. P. C. Mahalanobis, which has been declared as National Statistics Day by Government of India, was celebrated on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Students were apprised of the achievements of Dr. P. C. Mahalanobis who changed the face of Indian Agriculture Industry and Indian economy. Dr. Mahalanobis is also founder of Indian Statistical Institutes. He established N.S.S.O. in 1950 and set up Central Statistical Organization to coordinate statistical activities in India and was member of Planning Commission too.

Department of Statistics organized induction program called "Deeksharambha Programme" for B.Sc. I students on 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The freshers were informed the about curriculum, examination pattern, academic opportunities and career opportunities in statistics as well as extra-curricular facilities available in college like N.C.C., N.S.S. and various activities carried by different cells for their overall development of students. The students are given tips for developing bonds with fellow students and teachers. They were motivated for sensitivity towards various issues of social relevance and to imbibe importance of human values so as to become tomorrow's responsible citizens. A well designed Deeksharambh Programme was chalked out to help both teachers and students for setting the pace of fruitful teaching-learning experiences.

The Statistical Society organized a guest lecture on Optimization Techniques in Operations Research by Dr. Gayatri Behere, Asso. Professor, Department of Statistics, Institute of Science, Nagpur. She told students of an analytical method of problem solving and decision making which is useful in the management of the organizations. She also explained about techniques used in operations research applied for addressing problems in business, government and society. The field of operations research provides a more powerful approach to decision making than ordinary software and data analytics tools she concluded.

Seminars were organized for students of B.Sc. I on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 and B. Sc. II on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Students chose topics from their syllabus. Students collected information for their topics and presented it. These seminars develop student understanding in a better way as they get rid of stage fear and develop practice of public speaking.

**BCA Department** organized an Induction Program (Deeksharambh) for students of Sem-I on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022. The program was addressed by Hea, Dr. Prashant Yende. The objective of the program was to enlighten students with various dimensions of the BCA course, career opportunities and to acquaint them with rules and regulations of the college. The topics covered in the induction program were related to academics, college activities, departmental activities, NCC, NSS, Sports, examination process, placements. Total 103 students were present and they were highly motivated with the inspirational video. The response was overwhelming

The department also conducted an Aptitude Test for Students of BCA Sem-I on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 via Google form. Paper was designed with 25 multiple choice questions based on computer awareness, current affairs, math, reasoning ability and English.

The primary objective of conducting test was to judge IQ level of students. The event was coordinated by Mr. Vaibhav Bhagwat and Mr. Javed Shah.

A guest lecture on “Awareness in IT Industries and Placements” was jointly organized by the **Departments of Computer Science & BCA** on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Guest speaker Ms. Pratigya Thakur, Tech Specialist, Unisoft Technology, discussed about the expectations of IT industries from fresh graduates. She also mentioned the current development in IT industry. The main motive of the lecture was to guide the students in their career goal and to build a strong future.

BCA department also organized collage making competition on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 for students of Sem I, III and Sem V. The topics for Collage competition were Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav, Har Ghar Tiranga, Digital India, Unity in diversity, Bollywood, Olympics, Women Empowerment, Current Technologies, Cultures of India and child labour etc. The objective of this competition was to showcase, student’s talent and creativity and also to encourage them for team work. 80 students participated in the competition and there were total 20 collages. Students worked hard and made wonderful collages and also presented in a good manner. The judge for the competition was Dr. Arti Wazalwar, Head of the Department of Physics & Dr. Jitesh Tripathi, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics. The criterion for judgement was creativity, image quality, overall design and theme based.

**Department of Computer Science** in collaboration with NU Intelligence Pvt. Ltd. organized a guest Lecture on Skill Enhancement in Data Science on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Ms. Neema Ukani, Director, Ms. Neha Tekade Business Development Manager, Mr. Amish Ukani Dy. Director Mr. Santosh Dhanalkotwar Operation head of NU Intelligence Pvt. Ltd. were present. Ms Neha Tekade gave information about data science to the students.

A career counselling session for graduate students in association with Unisoft Technologies was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022. The session started with an introduction of Ms. Pratigya Thakur, Director, Unisoft Technology Pvt. Ltd started the session by interacting with

students about description of weather expected the next day as there was a match between India and Australia in Nagpur. She elaborated on the basic and foundation course of Computer Science that is “C language”.

To encourage students and bring their interest towards Technical Geeks; The Computer Science Department organised an extra - curricular academic event; under the heading of 'TECHNO FRENZY: CS Fest' which provided students to showcase their talent in fields like Coding, Quiz, Sports and activities like dancing as well

The department in collaboration with Widesoftech Pvt. Ltd. Nagpur Organized a seminar on Internship on 22-02-23 in Computer Science Laboratory. MS. Madhu Tiwari, Director Widesoftech Pvt. Ltd was the resource person. Ms. Madhu Tiwari explained about the preparation for the placement, how the company works, Digital marketing, APP development, wordpress, java, PHP, cloud development, user interface, web development, Reactor JS development, Ionic development, Angular development. The students who are already doing Internship in Widesoftech pvt ltd. also shared their experience with students. Dr. P. V. Nimbalkar introduced the guest and proposed a formal vote of thanks.

**Department of Electronics**, Dr. Ambedkar College, Nagpur organized career guidance program on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022. Prof V. S. Pawar guided the students.

Deekshaarambh program was also organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. The purpose of Deekshaarambh Programme is to help new students adjust and feel comfortable in the new environment. They help them build bonds with other students and faculty members and expose them to a sense of longer purpose and self-exploration,

Another guest lecture on “Integrated Circuit based on Semiconductor materials” was held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Guest Speaker was Prof. Hari Paul, Ex- Head & Associate Professor, Department of Electronics SFS College Nagpur.

A query by Final Year students in Arts Faculty led to a very unique presentation on Admission process followed in various universities across the nation which was made by Post Graduate students of the college. **Department of English** played an instrumental role in this. The objective of the presentation was to make available a platform to the PG students for presentation skills and also to develop a close bond between UG and PG students. Ms. Ganga Pal and Ms. Sushma Chaure from M. A. English Semester III prepared an online presentation on the given topic and students from B. A. semester III largely joined the meeting. A specific target audience was selected as they were in the exiting year of their graduation and it was felt necessary to introduce them to various universities where they can possibly seek admission to higher education courses.

A library visit for the freshers of Faculty of Humanities-session 2022-23 was organized on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022. 86 students registered and participated in the programme. The visit was entirely planned and organized by the Final Year (End semester) students for the freshers. 6 Students (3 male/3 female) were given an orientation of the library premises, books, record keeping, other processes followed in the library. It was held on 13-09-2022.

These 'Buddies' were introduced to the freshers and informed to follow instructions and suggestions, etc. On 14-09-2022 these trained buddies took the freshers to the Central Library of the college.

An Interdisciplinary Poster Making-cum-Presentation Competition was organized jointly by the **Department of Commerce and Department of English**. The theme for the said competition was online financial transactions: Security and Prevention of Frauds. The objective was to create an awareness in the students who are the primary users of online transaction facilities these days. Though online transactions are preferred, are hassle-free and save a lot of human labour and timing for simple operations such as transfer of amount and deposits, they involve a risk. Dr. Ms. Rashmi Gupta and Dr. Ms. Chetana Soni from Dr. Ambedkar Institute of management Studies and Research, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur were invited to adjudge the posters.

A Certificate Course on 'SPOKEN ENGLISH' was organised from 11<sup>th</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022. A series of lectures was conducted by all the faculty members of English department, with a variety of topics for the enhancement of communication skills of the B.A. 1st year students. The series began with the inaugural speech by Dr Shailesh Bahadure (Head, Department of English) who equipped students with the knowledge and importance of the course and encouraged students for an interactive session. More than fifty students attended the course on daily basis. In total, 48 students were present in the lecture who were then drilled with some real- life examples which helped become the class more interactive and interesting too. At last students were provided with feedback forms to put in their opinions and share their suggestions for the session.

Under the banner of **Better English Association**, a unique programme was organized by the on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam who is famous across the globe as the Satellite Man of India and in order to commemorate his Birth Anniversary, an informative lecture on his life and career as well as contribution to the nation's satellite programme was organized. 15<sup>th</sup> October is celebrated in India as Students' Day. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Shailesh Bahadure, Head, Department of English.

Under 'TEACHERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME' a guest lecture was organized by the department on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Dr. Rohan Thawre from the Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology was invited to speak on different blogs and websites as well as free apps available online especially, Instagram. Examples were mentioned where people are engaged in community learning processes. Some other internet resources and websites such as tumblr, you-tube, wordpress, quora, linkedin, etc were also discussed.

**Department of English AND Alumni Association of DACN** jointly organised a programme on 'CAREERS IN JOURNALISM' via Google Meet platform on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. Resource person was Mr. Ajit Andhare, News editor, The Hitavada, Hyderabad and an alumna of the college. The objective of the programme was to inform, educate and explore facts and educate students with information they need to make the best possible decisions about their lives, their communities, their societies and their governments. Mr. Ajit Andhare said that a career in journalism is full of excitement and responsibility. As a journalist, you can't



miss the details because that only gives insight into the story. Depending on these findings, journalists write news-items. A journalist's career can be stressful at times, but if journalism is your passion, it is the right choice for you.

The Stalwarts of Commerce is a unique activity of the **Department of Commerce** in which the department celebrates the birth anniversaries of Eminent Businessmen, Economist, and Management Gurus etc. This year, the birth anniversary of Economist Dr. Amartya Sen was observed on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022. An elocution competition and guest Lecture was organized on "Famine in India" which saw a participation of 20 students.

A seminar was held for students of B.com 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years in association with a Mumbai based Start-up by the name GGC, Green Growth Consultancy's Practical Training Academy operated by experienced Chartered Accountants. They have designed online training sessions to prepare the students looking to build a career in the field of finance Management. The guest speaker and Co-Founder, GGC CA Sumit Tajpuriya lay emphasis on the choice of a career in finance cloud-based accounting with ZOHO, Income tax returns, GST module and TDS Module, Tally ERP 9, Labour Laws Compliances and word & excel sheets.

Mrs. Ritika Tajpuriya –Founder and faculty of GGC also enlightened the student's gathering about with her expert knowledge in the field of accounting. CA Sangram Karwatkar, faculty, PTA presented the TDS Module clip through various animated slides. He explained the topic in a very simple manner. All the teaching staff Dr. D. H. Puttewar, Dr. Vaishali Fating, Dr. D.D. Wasnik, Ms. Nidhi Nakhale, Ms. Priyanka Mishra were present. Around 50 students enthusiastically participated in the seminar.

A program on career in Accounting was organized in association with Yuva Career Newspaper and Yuva Career Club for the students of Commerce. Guest speaker Deepak Kate addressed the students about the importance of Accounting in their studies as well as in their career building. Nearly 50 students attended the program.

AUDIT DAY was observed on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to mark the importance of CAG. A Career awareness program was organised for the UG and PG Commerce students. Officers from Accountant General (Audit)-II Nagpur were present for the event. Guest speaker Ms.Pallavi Holkar, Senior Deputy Accountant General shared her experience. Guest speaker Shri. J.D Gupta, Senior Audit Officer also addressed the audience by presenting a power point presentation on the Duties and responsibilities of an Audit Officer in CAG Department. Ms. Aastha Garg, Senior Audit Officer also guided the students to prepare for competitive exams. Principal Dr. B.A. Mehere welcomed the gathering. Dr. A. P. Joshi, Vice Principal also guided the students.

A Batch Launch Program of Certificate Program in Banking, Finance and Insurance (CPBFI) 581 was organized by the Department of Commerce in association with Bajaj Finserv Limited, Nagpur on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Dr. Ambedkar College has partnered with Bajaj Finserv Limited, one of the top financial services companies in India, to conduct a Certificate Programme in Banking, Finance and Insurance (CPBFI). The programme is offered only for students and alumni of partner colleges of Bajaj Finserv. CPBFI equips fresh graduates with

domain knowledge and skills to help them become a part of the BFSI industry. Apart from this, the HR workshop is conducted at the end of the course which provides the students with a practical experience of the end-to-end recruitment process from selection of job advertisement to job interview. An offline batch comprising of 50 students underwent 30 days of training, 3 hours a day making it 96 hours. The program was successfully carried out with the help of technical guidance and operations by Mr. Siddhant Agarwal.

Career Guidance lecture on CMA courses of ICWAI for M.com students was held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022. CMA P. S. Patil, Chairman, Board of Studies, Nagpur Chapter of ICWAI addressed the students as to how they could get exemptions in various papers of CMA. CMA Renu Kulkarni spoke on career scope after completing the CMA course. CMA Shriram Mahakalinwar, Chairman, WIRC of ICWAI apprised about the ICWAI, its purpose, course, membership, placement, training programs, collaborations with academic institutions and other students' activities conducted by the ICWAI for students. CMA Pushparaj Kulkarni, Faculty of DAIMSR shared his experience while pursuing the CMA course and told students about professional behaviour. More than 50 students were present for the program.

Department of Commerce organized a program in association with CIEL (Center for Investment Education and Learning) on the emerging topic Financial Awareness on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Mr. Siddhant Agarwal was the invited speaker. He stated that saving and investing both should be done by everyone for running a smooth and stable life. There is a huge difference between saving and investing which was wonderfully explained by Mr. Siddhant Agarwal.

The department organized an orientation program on New Education Policy 2020. Dr. Mujahid Siddiqui, Deputy Director, Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Management Studies and Research, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur highlighted the important provisions in the New Education Policy 2020. He also talked about Academic Bank of Credit, interdisciplinary courses, research and innovation. Nearly 50 students were present.

A Seminar was organised on International Equal Pay Day. The guest speakers were Mr. Vijaykant Panbude (Former Additional Commissioner of Labour Government of Maharashtra) and Vilas Bhongade (Social Activist). Mr. Vijaykant Panbude spoke on how Labour Laws are being implemented, the benefits of it and the loopholes such as disparities in remuneration. Mr. Vilas Bhogande spoke on the types of the labourers in India and their socio-economic exploitation. Example on Gender inequality in Labour payment in a workplace was also cited by him. The program was coordinated by Dr. Sheetal Jaikar and Dr. Vaishali Fating. Around 50 students attended the program.

Webinar was conducted for LL.M students and members of The Nouveau Corporate Club on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 on Corporate Crimes by **Department of Law**. Guest speaker, Ms. Priya Kumari, Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Law, at Kirit P Mehta School of Law, NMIMS Mumbai was welcomed by Dr. Pratima Lokhande (Associate Professor and Vice Chair of the Nouveau Corporate Club, Department of Law DACN). Ms. Priya Kumari addressed the students by giving an overview about corporate crimes and she briefed the students about the consequences of corporate crimes. Ms. Anusha Patre, Assistant Professor and Acting Chair of the Nouveau corporates Club moderated the session and Ms. Siddhi Deshpande,

Student of LLM III Semester proposed a vote of thanks. Over 60 participants attended the webinar.

Department of Law, through its Centre for Constitutional Law and Public Policy Debate in association with Goonj, an NGO had held Joy of Giving Week in the college from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022. Goonj is a Delhi based NGO having its offices all over India. The Joy of Giving Week is held throughout India to help Goonj further its philanthropic activities. The Collection Centre was open for all the citizens of Nagpur from 9 am to 11 am from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Donations could be given in the form of sarees, school materials, unused papers, woolens clothing, utensils, blankets etc. Co-ordinator of the Centre for Constitutional Law and Public Policy debate, Dr. Varsha Deshpande guided the students to undertake this philanthropic activity. The students of the department and the public at large participated in large numbers. The collected material was then transferred by the volunteers to the Collection Centre at VNIT, Nagpur.

Department of Law of Nagpur conducted a guest lecture on the topic E Commerce and Product liability- Consumer protection for students of V Semester BA. LLB 5 Years and LLB 3 Years course on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022. Around 60 students attended the lecture through Google meet link. Mrs. Jyoti Samir Minocha, Assistant Professor in Chembur, Karnataka College of Law Mumbai, delivered a talk on E Commerce and Product liability- Consumer protection highlighting the procedures for making online complaints wherein she also discussed the jurisdictions of different forums, starting from District Consumer Redressal forum now known as District Commission as per the New Act of 2019. The program was conducted and co-ordinated by Mrs. Vaishali A. Sukhdeve.

Department of Law organized Alumni Meet on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in which alumni from the batch of 2006 to 2020 were present. Students of LLB 3 Years and 5 years were also present. On the occasion, a literature section named 'The Book Hangout' was inaugurated for students in the Department Library by prominent alumni, Hon'ble Judge, Shri. Uday Patil, Senior Judge, Hingoli. Over 332 books in the genre of Biographies, Mystery, Political Tragedies and many more for the cause were donated by the Alumni. The program was attended by all the regular and visiting faculty members.

Another guest lecture was held in online mode on International Criminal Law and Human Rights. Resource person Dr. Hemangini Sharma, Assistant Professor (Selection grade), UPES, Dehradun, discussed about the importance and purpose of International Criminal Law. She also discussed about the general principles involved in the International Criminal Law. The session was attended by approximately 70 participants including students of LLB and LL.M and faculty members.

The Legal Aid Clinic in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority organized an Awareness talk on the POCSO ACT on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Principal Dr. B. A. Mehere gave the welcome speech whilst Dr. Pratima Lokhande, coordinator of Legal Aid Clinic gave the overview of Legal Aid clinic activities. Shree Jaydeep Pandey, secretary DLSA delivered a lecture sensitizing the students on sexual abuse of children by citing examples.

Adv. Rajendra Rathi explained the urgency and importance of population issues during the celebration of World Population Day. He urged to pay attention towards issues like family planning and curb the increasing population, gender equality, maternal and baby health, poverty, human rights, right to health, girl child education etc. He lay emphasis on the urgent need and ease of access to reproductive health services everywhere as part the basic primary health for each couple.

The Centre for Constitutional Law & Public Policy Debate organised a guest lecture on Social Sensitization on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. Guest speaker was Dr. D.R. Peshwe, Professor, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering and Dean (Faculty Welfare), Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT), Nagpur. In keeping with the message of the lecture, the Department organised the Joy of Giving Week in the College from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 through the Centre for Constitutional Law and Public Policy Debate in association with Goonj, a Delhi based NGO having its offices all over India. Donations could be given in the form of sarees, school materials, unused papers, woollen clothing, utensils, blankets etc. in the Collection centre.

The Centre then took the initiative to start a Research Wing to conduct quality research in different areas where critical research gaps have been identified. An online meeting was conducted by the Centre for Constitutional Law and Public Policy debate for the students who got their names registered for the Research Wing of the Centre. Dr. Varsha Deshpande, Professor and Coordinator, Centre for Constitutional Law and Public Policy debate addressed the students regarding the vision and mission of the Research wing.

Two groups Research Wing Group A and Research Wing Group B were formed each comprising of 5 members.

## **CELLS**

**The Legal Aid Clinic of the Department of Law and Anti Ragging Cell** of, in collaboration with Nagpur High Court Legal Services Subcommittee, Nagpur organised an awareness Program on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 for the students of various disciplines Art, Science, Commerce, and Law. Around 200 students were present. Hon'ble Shri Anilkumar Sharma, District Session Judge and Secretary of Nagpur High Court Legal Services Subcommittee, Nagpur and Adv. Mrs Smita Deshpande Practicing Advocate in District Court and High Court were invited as Chief guest and Guest of Honour. Adv. Smita Deshpande enlightened the audience on Anti-ragging laws. She provided a statistical record of the courts dealing with Anti-ragging cases. Hon'ble Shri Anilkumar Sharma in his Presidential address shared the information regarding the provisions of anti-ragging laws. He further spoke on "Victims of Drug Abuse: Eradication of the Drug menace". He has shared the statistical record of the Drug abuser and briefed regarding the various terminology of Drug abuse, drug victim and drug pedlars.

**The HR Cell** organized a talk on Need for Innovations in Teaching- learning in the current educational scenario on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Guest speaker Dr Nanoti began his talk by bringing into discussion the key highlights of the NEP and what exactly it seeks to achieve. He threw light on the inter-disciplinary approach to education which lies at the heart of the policy and the multiple entry-exit scheme which has been suggested therein. He also brought into discussion the importance of skill development in all programmes run by universities. Dr Nanoti, in his effective style brought forth on the minds of teachers the fact that it has

become imperative for teachers to bring in innovations in the way they work and engage with students.

**Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology** joined hands with **HR CELL** to organize a FREE MEDICAL CAMP on the occasion of WORLD DIABETES DAY. Dr. Preeti Gupta, MBBS, DNB, FDFM, diabetic foot care consultant, Swasthayam Hospital, Neha Marodkar, Nutrition counsellor, diabetic educator, MSc. Food science and nutrition, Dr. Prasad Mulmule, Dr. Ashish Kathuria, Dr. Deepak Yadav and Dr. Ujwala Kale, Dr. B. A. Mehere, Principal of the college were present. More than 50 registrations were done from all the teaching and non-teaching staff of the college. A team of medical experts from Swasthayam Superspeciality Hospital, Nagpur conducted the testing of ECG, BMI, Diabetes, etc. at free of cost for all the teaching and non-teaching staff. Large number of students attended the programme.

The 3rd HR Lecture series was based on the topic Outcome based Education – the Future of Education on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. Dr. Abhijeet Agashe, Controller of Examination, Ramdeobaba College of Engineering and Management was the Resource Person. Dr. Agashe emphasized the need for paradigm change in the present academic system in such a manner that it improves knowledge along with skill assuring employability to young graduates of any discipline. He also focused the six parameters of Outcome Based Education as projected in Blooms Taxonomy and highlighted the new regulations and guidelines of NAAC by stressing upon that any Institution desirous of getting better grading in the next cycle should implement Outcome Based Education curriculum effectively.

A Guest Lecture was organised by the **Legal Aid Cell** on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022 by Mr. Abhishek Nath, Senior Counsellor at Global Reach Institute and educational consultant. He gave information regarding preparing for master's and doctoral programs abroad in countries like Europe, America and Australia. Mr. Abhishek Nath explained various global career opportunities and talked about quality of education abroad. He also talked about Student Life Abroad and gave an overview of Scholarships that is based on merit; scholarships are given by universities abroad to the foreign students grading. He also highlighted the requirements of admissions of different universities of different countries like USA, Canada, Australia, UK, Singapore, New Zealand etc. Queries asked by students was duly answered by the guest

Three days Free Legal Aid and Legal Literacy Programme was inaugurated on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022 at the hands of Chief Guest Hon'ble Shri S.B. Gawande District Judge & Additional Session Judge, District Court Nagpur in presence of Guest of Honour Shri Jaideep Pandey Secretary, DLSA Nagpur and Members of Param Poojya Dr Ambedkar Smarak Samiti Adv. Shri Anand Fulzele, Shri N. R Sute and Shri Pradeep Aglawe to mark the 66th Dhammachakra Pravartan Din in the Deeksha Bhoomi organized by the Legal Aid Clinic. Free Legal Aid and Literacy Programme has been regularly organized since the past 18 years by the Department of Law.

In addition to this, the Legal Aid clinic has also organised a Poster Making Competition which was based on 10 different themes. This competition received the overwhelming response from the students of LLB and LLM Course. Around 30 students prepared unique posters based on the given themes which were displayed and inaugurated on the first day of Free



Legal Aid and Legal Literacy Programme at the hands of Chief Guest and in presence of other invitees.

To bring awareness about personality development, positive thinking, effective communication and presentation skills in the students, a seminar on Soft Skills and Leadership Development was organized by the Department of Law on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Resource Person was CS Priyanka Shrinivas, a practicing Company Secretary and Soft Skills Trainer from Nagpur. While highlighting the importance of communication. Ms Shrinivas opined that language is not only the mode of communication but one of the factors which influences the impact of the message on the receiver. She further described the key attributes of soft skills - Attitude, Body Language and Communication with very good examples and analogies. She concluded on the note that it is a person's attitude that influences confidence and knowledge.

Dr.Ambedkar College in association with Vidharba Industries Association organized the Inaugural function of UNNATI, a skill development program for UG students on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Chief Guest Dr.Suhas Buddhe, Vice President, VIA, Pilot faculty Mr. Kumar Zilpelwar, Mrs. Neelam Bowade, VIA coordinator for Unnati, Patrons of the college and President of the event, Hon'ble Bhante Arya Nagarjun Shurei Sasai, Hon'ble Dr.Sudhir S.Fulzele, Secretary, Parampujya Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar Smarak Samiti Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur, strength and pillars of the institute graced the occasion. Principal Dr. B. A. Mehre, Chairperson of the event took the initiative for organizing the event. More than 120 participants registered for the programme.

The inaugural program of the ED Cell was an online webinar on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Resource person for the program was Dr. Arpita Pandey, Assoc Professor and Head Retail, ITM Business School -Mumbai and her topic of discussion was 'Government Scheme and Skill Development for successful Entrepreneur.

The Lifeline Services Cell of Dr.Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur organized a Visit to physiotherapy center of the Sports Academy, Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur College and a talk on "Rehabilitation and Prevention of Injury" on 14th November 2022 in association with the Department of Physical Education and Sports Academy, Dr, Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur. This program was organized to educate the students of the college about the ways to lead an injury free life and to seek proper medical attention whenever one feels the need. The Visit and talk was presented by Dr. Vivek M. Bambal, Physiotherapist, Head of Multi-Specialty Rehab Center, Nagpur. A talk on "Rehabilitation and Prevention of Injury" by Dr Vivek M. Bambal was also conducted.

The Lifeline Services Cell organized a guest lecture on Stress Management and Anxiety Management Techniques on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in association with the Department of Physical Education and Sports. The aim was to educate the students how to lead a stress-free life and ways to keep anxiety level in check. Dr. Pooja Malviya, a renowned counsellor in Nagpur, interacted with the students and also gave a detailed explanation about various types of stress that affect a person from time to time in their social and professional life. She

also emphasized the need for early detection of stress related trauma and if needed then a visit to a counsellor for early mitigation of the problem.

## WORKSHOPS:

**Department of Law** of Dr. Ambedkar College, Deeksha Bhoomi had organised a three days' workshop on "**ADR, DRAFTING AND MOOTING SKILLS**". The course received overwhelming response from the final students of LLB 3 years and 5 Years course and IV Sem 3 years. 81 participants attended the workshop.

The erudite resource persons invited to deliver lectures on different topics for this workshop were Adv. Abhishek Mulmuley, Adv. Richa Inamdar and Adv. Mohit Sharma.

On day one, virtual inauguration was done by Adv Abhishek Mulmuley followed by his lecture on Drafting, pleading and Conveyance He enlightened the students on the basic rules of drafting and pleading and explained in details the fundamental principles of Drafting. On the **second day** a session was organized on Practical Applicability of ADR for which Adv. Mohit Sharma was the resource person. He aptly discussed the importance of ADR mechanism in India and different types of alternate dispute resolution. He further explained the different types of ADR available to the parties for the resolution of their dispute. He lay emphasis on the Lok Adalat and explained how it acts as an alternative to the present court system. On day three, Adv. Richa Inamdar spoke on Drafting Moot Memorials She explained how to identify legal issues involved in a case as well as to conduct research for moot memorials.

## VISITS

Industrial visit is considered as one of the tactical methods of teaching. The objective of an industrial visit is to provide the students an insight regarding the internal working of companies. The students of the **Department of Computer Science** were taken for a visit to MIHAN SEZ to Infocepts. Mr. Jay Padwekar HR associate at Infocepts gave a briefing about the company and its working. The students were given the idea of the kind of education required to work in an IT company like theirs. Dr. Vijeet Meshram and Ms. Pooja Kavishwar escorted the students for this visit.

**Department of Physics** organized an educational visit to the Department of English on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022. It was aimed to provide the students with an insight into language and to foster a better understanding of the English language. 20 students were present and they were able to gain valuable knowledge about the English language.

**Department of Commerce** organized a visit to the Audit Exhibition in the office of the Accountant General, Nagpur division on the Occasion of Audit Day (Audit Week) on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022. About 70 Students from UG and PG visited the Exhibition. Mr. Jayant Gupta and Devendra Mishra, Sr. Audit Officer guided the students about Audit exhibition and gave detailed information about the CAG, its origin, the Audit Mechanism, Audit Process, Audit Reports etc. Mr. Thirupathi Venkataswamy (IAAS) Accountant General (Audit-II) also interacted and encouraged students to make career in Audit.

With a view to nurture and enable students with the knowledge of the Textile Industry, the **Department of Commerce** executed a day long industrial visit on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 to MSMÉ ORANGE CITY TEXTILE CLUSTER with support of Director, Mr. Vipul Panchmatia at Kamptee.

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