

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

As the academic session unfolds in the grimness of the pandemic, there is still hope that this too shall pass away... hope springs eternal in the human breast and we are hopeful that offline classes might begin again. Though online classes have become the new normal, the physical classrooms remain irreplaceable. Activities, conferences and seminars still continue in the digital mode. Students are enthusiastic and encouraging and look forward eagerly to all that awaits them.

# NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS

**Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology**, Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur organized an online International Conference on 27th August 2021 on "Scientific Expedition into the forces of Immune System to Fight Infections." The guest speakers for three sessions were Dr. Shilpa Rao, Research Associate, Molecular Biosciences, University of Texas, USA. She spoke on 'Genes with 5' terminal oligopyrimidine tracts preferentially escape global suppression of translation by SARS Cov-2 Nsp-1 protein.' The second speaker was Dr. Pranay Dogra, Senior Scientist, Oncology Biomarker development, Genentech, San Francisco, CA and his topic of deliberation was 'Learnings from Monitoring Immune response to COVID-19 in Children and Adults.' The third resource person, Dr. Vijay Upadhye, Associate Professor and Deputy Director, Research and Development Cell, Parul University, Vadodra, threw light on 'Role of Interferon –gamma release assay in detection of latent TB infection.' Officiating Principal, Dr. Mrs. B. A. Mehere welcomed the guests. Organizing secretary Dr. Deovrat Begde, gave the introductory remarks. A good number of students actively participated in the conference and interacted with the guest speakers with queries. HoD, Dr. Utpal Dongre proposed the vote of thanks.

The department took the initiative in organizing a two - day workshop on Standard laboratory practice and laboratory safety for laboratory personnel (non-teaching staff) of other departments in the institution on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Mr. Pradip Hirapure, Assistant Professor was the coordinator of the workshop. Around 35 participants participated in this workshop.

An Orientation Program was held for their new entrants of B.Sc. Semester 1. The program was organized by the department through online mode due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic on 27th October 2021. Coordinator of the program, Mr. Rohan Thaware gave the opening remarks. Officiating Principal, Dr. B. A. Mehere addressed the students and wished them well in their future endeavors. Head, Dr. Utpal Dongre, also welcomed the students.



Department of Botany, Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur and Dept. of Chemistry, Seth Kesarimal Porwal College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Kamptee jointly organized a National Level Webinar on Career Prospects on 21st August 2021, to create an awareness about multidisciplinary career prospects for graduates. The welcome address was given by Chairperson of the Event, Dr. B.A. Mehere, Principal of Dr. Ambedkar College. Dr. R.G. Chaudhary, convener, conveyed introductory remarks of the webinar. Shri. Abhay Nannaware, Hon'ble Joint Commissioner of Income Tax Department, Nasik, inaugurated the event virtually and addressed the gathering for preparation of UPSC Exam. Keynote address was delivered by Dr. Ravindra Ramatkar, Director, Regional Academic Authority, State Institute of Science Education, Nagpur. Further in Plenary Session 1, Shri. Shirish Wajape, Asst. General Manager and Director, State bank Institute of Learning & Development, Panaji, Goa delivered a vibrant talk on Banking examination. In Plenary Session 2, second speaker Prof. Ahmed A. Abdala, Texas, A&M University, Qatar, enlightened the participants about the post-doctoral fellowships worldwide and research arena. In Plenary Session 3, Dr. Nitin Labhane, Associate Professor, Dept. Of Botany, Bhavan's College, Andheri, Mumbai, provided the necessary guidance about professional examinations like, NET/SET/GATE/GRE/TOEFFL. Chairperson, Dr. M. B. Bagade, Principal, Seth Kesarimal Porwal College of Arts, Science & Commerce College Kamptee, delivered the presidential address. The webinar received an overwhelming response from the different parts of the country as well as overseas too. More than 2050 participants were registered for the webinar. The entire event was carried out on the virtual platform zoom and live streamed. Dr. S.R. Somkuwar, Convener delivered the formal vote of `thanks.

Department of Botany, organized an Orientation Program for freshers on 21st September 2021 on virtual platform, teachmint app. Dr. Subhash R. Somkuwar, HoD, Botany, gave the necessary information to students about the department and the apprised of the rules and regulations of the college.

National Level Virtual Intercollegiate Student's Seminar Competition was organized for UG & PG students of chemistry on 29th September 2021 by the **Department of Chemistry**. Students had to choose and prepare a topic from the syllabus of UG & PG covering Organic, Inorganic, Physical, Analytical, Polymer, Nuclear Chemistry. The time allotted for the seminar presentation & question-answer session was 05 + 02 minutes respectively. Students presented their topics on PowerPoint presentation. Around 100 Students from Delhi, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal registered their entries. HoD Dr. Deepa Panhekar, Dr. N. G. Telkapalliwar, Program Co-ordinator welcomed & introduced the Judge for the session Dr. Rajdip Utane, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry, Sant Gadge Maharaj Mahavidyalaya, Hingna, Nagpur and also moderated the discussion. Dr. Ratnnadeep Sawant & Mr. Parag Panse worked as internal judges to assist Dr. Rajdip Utane. Ms. Preetha S. from Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai (Tamilnadu) and Ms. Vimla Kulkarni from KLE'S PC Jabin Science College Hubli, Dharwad (Karnataka) bagged the First and Second position in the seminar competition.



Under the aegis of American Chemical Society (ACS) International Student Chapter, the department organized a Virtual National Webinar for UG and PG Students with Chemistry as one of core Subjects on 11th September 2021 via Zoom meeting app. Resource persons were Prof. Sheshanath V. Bhosale, from Goa University and Dr. Vinod Kumar Tiwari from Banaras Hindu University. The purpose of this webinar was to create awareness about the importance of current research trends in chemical sciences and its usefulness in day-to-day life. The entire webinar program was conducted in two sessions, hosted by ACS (International Student Chapter) Executive Secretary Ms. Swarnima Burande, coordinator, faculty advisor- American Chemical Society (ACS) International Student Chapter. Ms. Anisha Rokade, vice-president of ACS (International Student Chapter) gave an introduction of the first resources person of the webinar Professor Sheshanath V. Bhosale, UGC-Professor (FRSC, FMASc, ARC-FF, ARC-APD, MRACI), Goa University. The second session of the webinar was delivered by the second resource person Dr. Vinod Kumar Tiwari on the topic 'Synthetic Chemists and Our Society.' Mr. Parag Panse proposed the vote of thanks.

World Ozone Day 2021 was organized on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 by the department. Chief guest for this function was Dr. P.R. Chaudhari, Ex Director & Scientist NEERI Nagpur. The Topic for this lecture was "Environmental and Health Aspects of Stratospheric Ozone Layer Depletion. More than 150 students were present for the lecture.

Under the aegis of Chemistry Alumni Association & American Chemical Society (ACS) International Student Chapter, a Webinar on Career Guidance on Orientation Towards IIT-JAM Examination was conducted on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Mr. Muneshwar G. Nandeshwar, Senior Research Fellow from IIT, Hyderabad and alumnus of this college was the resource person.

**Department of Computer Applications** organized "DIKSHARAMBH – Online Student Induction Programme" on 18th September 2021 for Students of BCA Sem-I. HoD, Dr. Prakash Bhongade, addressed the students. He talked on career opportunities of BCA, course curriculum, departmental placement record details, exam. pattern, college amenities and services like NCC & NSS, various cells activities etc. Around 70 students attended the program.

The department jointly organized a day long National Webinar on "Modern Approach in Web Development" with the **Department of Electronics** on 28th Sept 2021. The introductory speech was given by the Convenor Dr. Prakash Bhonagde, HoD, BCA. Dr. V. S. Pawar, HoD, Electronics, Co-convenor briefed about "Role of Science in day-to-day life". The Webinar consisted of two sessions. Dr. Ajay Kushwaha, Associate Professor, Bengaluru delivered a talk on 'Recent Trends in Web Development' in the first session. . the second session was handled by guest speaker Dr. S.B. Kishor, Head of Computer Science Department, Sardar Patel Mahavidyalaya, Chandrapur on "How do I make a website without scripting knowledge".

Another guest lecture was organized on Communication Skills - How to speak in Public on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Guest speaker was Mr. Aamir Khan, Gayakwad Patil College, TGP, Performance Coach and Motivational speaker. This talk was conducted under 'Aakar - Shaping the Future' (In house Training and Career Development Program).



How to Prepare for Campus Interview was organized on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021. This lecture was also conducted under "Aakar- Shaping the Future" (In house Training and Career Development Program). The main objective of the session was to guide the students for the selection of the right career, knowledge, skill and attitude and to meet the manpower requirements of the industry. The students were given guidance on the ways of presenting themselves in front of senior company officials in a proper disciplined way. How to adopt a formal dress code during test, GD and interviews, apply with a crisp and clear resume, before preparing for interviews.

An online student interaction meet with the Alumni of BCA was held on 23rd October 2021. Alumni from the very first batch 2009 passing till 2020 pass outs were a part of this meet. The aim of conducting this meet was to apprise students of the career graph on graduating and the various job opportunities available. It was attended by approximately 198 students.

A collage making competition was held on 27th October 2021 for the students of BCA Sem I. There were varied themes like; Wild life and its conservation, Water conservation, Environmental awareness, Nature and you, Corona Pandemic, Current Technologies, cultures of India, wonders of world, Kal Aaj Aur Kal and child labour. The objective of this competition was to showcase, student's talent and creativity and also to encourage them for team work. The competition which was conducted in both online and offline mode saw an enthusiastic participation of students.

One - day International Webinar on "Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Statistics and Mathematics was organized by the **Department of Statistics**, **Department of Computer Science** and **Department of Mathematics**. The main objective of the webinar was to create awareness amongst the students about the use of artificial intelligence in statistical analysis and mathematics. Eminent speakers were Mr. Satyajit Pattnaik, Head, Data Science, Xccelerate, Hong Kong who conducted the first session on Machine Learning and Regression Analysis and Dr. Hemant Jalota, Quantitative Analyst, Equtick, Noida handled the second session on Applications of Mathematics in Machine Learning. 254 participants registered fort the webinar. Officiating principal Dr. B.A. Mehere welcomed the guests. Dr. J. J. Tripathi gave the introductory remarks.

Dept. Of Computer Science organized a guest lecture on Data Engineering on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021. At the beginning of the lecture Dr. Avinash Hedaoo, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science gave formal introduction and also introduced the honourable guest speaker Mr. Milind Chopade, Senior Data Engineer, Nomura Bank (Japan), Mumbai, Maharashtra. The speaker started his talk, with special emphasis on the importance of data engineering in today's era. As he had 12 years of experience in the field of Data engineering, he explained every aspect of data engineering in very easy and comprehensive manner. The Guest Lecture ended with formal vote of thanks by Dr. P. V. Nimbalkar Head, Department of Computer Science.



Owing to the pandemic this year the Department of Computer Science organized a Guest lecture on online mode, more than 40 students and the respective faculty members and Head of the department, also the Director of APS microtech PVT. LTD Mr. Ashish Gadpayle software developer and team leader were present. Dr. P. V. Nimbalkar, Head, Department of Computer Science gave the introductory remark and purpose of the Guest Lecture. The session was conducted by Mr. Prashant Jha, Co-founder APS Microtech PVT. LTD. Mr. Prashant Jha started Lecture by a detailed introduction of what is the procedure for applying in Abroad for different courses, fees structure and scholarship. In question answer session so many students asked queries and Mr. Jha giving and fruitful solution for each question. The session was ended by formal vote of thanks by Dr. P. V. Nimbalkar.

Department of Computer Science in Association with Department of Robotics and Cloud Technology, RTMNU, Nagpur Conducted a webinar on the topic "The Essence of Cloud Technology and Information Security and opportunities for graduates" on 14-02-2022 at 12.00 Noon in online mode. The target group was B.Sc. Semester –VI students and almost 70 students participated in the program. Mr. Anil Tatode is an alumnus of Dr. Ambedkar College, Deeksha Bhoomi, Nagpur. Currently he is working as Training Officer at Department of Robotics & Cloud Technology, RTM Nagpur University, Nagpur with 14 years of industrial experience and worked with Siemens in International Business.

Electronics Department jointly organized a One Day National Webinar on "Modern Approach in Web Development" with the Department of BCA on Tuesday 28th Sept 2021 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. The introductory speech was given by the Dr. Prakash Bhonagde, HOD, BCA. Prof. V. S. Pawar, HOD, Electronics, convenor briefed about "Role of Science in day-to-day life".

The birthday of Dr. P. C. Mahalanobis which has been declared as National Statistics Day by Government of India was celebrated in Department of Statistics on 29th June, 2021. Head of the department Mrs. A. M. Badar, Asso. Professor along with the students lighted the traditional lamp to mark the beginning of the function. Mrs. A. M. Badar garlanded the portrait of Dr. P. C. Mahalanobis. Mrs. A. M. Badar apprised the students about the life history of Dr. P. C. Mahanolobis. She also shared with students how Dr. Mahalanobis was instrumental in changing the face of Indian Agriculture Industry and Indian economy. An essay competition "STATESSAY" was organized as a part of National Statistics Day celebration. The topic of essay was "Life History of a Famous Statistician".Response to the essay competition was overwhelming. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ got the first prize in the above essay competition. Quiz competition "STATIQUIZ" was held on this occasion in which two teams Team A of B. Sc. – I and Team B of B. Sc. – II participated with enthusiasm.



A general Aptitude Test was conducted for B.Sc.-I students on 30thSeptember, 2021 to assess the level of awareness about Statistics and Mathematics among the B.Sc.-I students. The test was conducted without giving any prior intimation. The maximum number of marks for the test were 25 and the time allotted was 60 minutes. Total 43 out of 56 students appeared for the test. The analysis of performance of the students in the aptitude test showed that 41 students out of 43 performed better than the average, which was taken as 40% and 2 students performed below average. The result of the aptitude test was discussed with the students. They were encouraged to read the basic books and they were asked to get their doubts cleared by consulting the faculty members.

The Statistical Society of Dr. Ambedkar College organized a guest lecture as a part of its annual programme plan. Mrs. Mamta S. Dani, Asso. Professor, Department of Mathematics, Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering, Nagpur was invited to deliver guest lecture on "Application of Statistics in Engineering". Mrs. A. M. Badar, Head, Department of Statistics heartily welcomed guest followed by introductory remarks and formal introduction of guest. Mrs. Dani mentioned basic uses of Statistics in daily life in fields such as government, weather forecast, emergency preparedness, political campaigns, sports, research, education, prediction, predicting diseases, quality testing, insurance, consumer goods, financial market, business Statistics, transportation, crypto currency, tourism etc.

The Diksharambh program was conducted on Google Meet and 40 students attended this program. The purpose of Induction Programme at DACN is to help new students to adjust in new space and feel comfortable in the new environment, to inculcate in them the ethos and culture of the institution. To make them aware of history of the institution and importance of the place where Dr. B. R. Ambedkar embraced Buddhism, to help them to build bonds with other students and faculty members, to expose them to self-exploration. The activity was intended to motivate, encourage and energize the students for their academic and extracurricular endeavours in the department. This program also aimed at improving the awareness of students regarding scopes and career opportunities the subject Statistics has to offer.

Due to pandemic the students did not have an opportunity to attend the college physically. Therefore, they could not see different facilities provided in the college which contribute substantially in enhancing their knowledge and simultaneously help in building up their personality. Various sections and facilities provided in the college were shown to the students online through a video as explained below.

Education does not merely consist of classroom teaching and examinations. After passing out from the colleges the students become the future citizens of any country. Therefore, progress of any nation also depends on many other aspects of the personality development of the students. Among them inculcating human values plays a very important role in the effective discharge of duties by



the citizens of the country. With this in mind a lecture by Dr. Mohan Wankhede, Head of Dept of Pali Prakrit.on "Importance of Human Values" was arranged as a part of Deeksharambha.

One Day International Webinar on Diversity of Spiders & Geologic Evolution was conducted by the **Department of Zoology** on 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2021. Participants will be introduced to the biology of spiders, with an emphasis on the ecological roles of spiders, their incredible diversity, and techniques to identify specimens to species level. The organizing secretary, Dr A A Meshram conducted the program with association with Dr R S Bagade, the convener; Dr DVNS Suresh, the co-convener. Speakers were Darko D. Cotoras Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellow, Senckenberg Museum, Research Associate, California Academy of Sciences, USA. and Prasit Wongprom Nature Educator of Thailand, Director of Thai Nature Education Centre. Formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr DVNS Suresh, Co-convenor, IWSDGE 2021.

Department of English organized an Orientation Programme for the Postgraduate Students of English on 9th October 2021 on Google Meet platform. The objective of this programme is to introduce postgraduate students to the beauty and utility of the English language through the university prescribed syllabus of English literature. The Guest Speaker for this program was Dr. Manjushree Sardeshpande, Head, Department of English and Associate Professor, R.S. Mundle Dharampeth Arts and Commerce College, Nagpur.

A National Seminar on 'Text, Creativity and Cyber Criticism'' was held on Monday, 25th October 2021 via zoom platform by the Department of English, Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur in association with the Department of English, University of Mumbai. The webinar was planned to have a proper deliberation on the connectivity of text, its creative aspect and criticism, a new of its kind Cyber Criticism. This step was taken to introduce the scholars nationwide in order to achieve a space where academia will have a fruitful dialogue for furthering the literary horizons.

Prof Dineshkumar Nair of V.G. Vaze College (Autonomous), Mumbai, and Dr. Anusha Ramanathan of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai were the resource persons for the webinar. The opening remarks were delivered by Prof. R. Karankal, Head, Department of English, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, wherein he stressed the need to go in depth the new definitions of criticism. Speaking on "The Discerning Eye: Critiquing Art and Art in Critiquing", Dr. Anusha Ramanathan explained how the scope of the word "text" has enlarged today. "Today even a YouTube video or a film can be text. Speaking on "Cybercriticism: A cultural perspective", Prof Dineshkumar Nair said,"Knowledge today is transformed into atoms of information through computer technology.



The Inaugural function of 'Better English Association'- Study forum of Department of English was organized on 7th December 2021. Chief Guest of the program was Prof. Mrs. Suchita Marathe, Vice Principal & Head, Department of English, SMT. Binzani Mahila Mahavidyalaya,, Nagpur. She delivered her speech on 'Improving Communication Skills in English'.

A guest lecture on 'Soft Skills' was organized on 17th December 2021. The Guest Speaker for the session was Mr. Onkar Deotale, a Soft Skills Trainer and an English Language Coach. The webinar was hosted on the Zoom platform and witnessed a great turnout of participants. The event was compered by Ms. Devyani Sharma and was organized and attended by all the members of the department.

A Study Cell Lecture Series was organized under Better English Association by the department during 21 to 30 December 2021. A proper schedule was prepared beforehand in order to streamline the entire lecture series. Each resource person delivered two lectures via online mode on zoom /google meet platform. All the students in Post Graduate course attended the programme. Mr. Shreyas Kokate delivered a lecture on W. H. Pater's Renaissance followed by Paradise Lost Book II by Ms Devyani Sharma. Dr. Rupali Bhave talked on Christabel Part I whilst mr. Dilip Rathod spoke on Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart.

The Department of English organised a lecture on the occasion of 148th Birth Anniversary of a legendary writer Virginia Woolf on 25th Jnauary 2022. The lecture was part of 'Celebrating a Day' activity which is annually followed to commemorate a writer and his literary contribution. Dr. Sunil Ramteke, Department of English, Santaji College Nagpur, was invited as the resource person for the programme. He shared a PowerPoint presentation on the topic and gave important inputs on the life and works of Virgina Woolf.

International day for eradication of poverty is observed every year on 17th October, it was declared by the United Nations in the General Assembly on 22nd December 1992. To celebrate international day for eradication of poverty an online guest lecture and power point presentation was organized by Department of Commerce on World Poverty and Poverty Eradication in India: Issues and Challenges. It was delivered by Dr. Jyothis Satyapalan, Professor and Head, Centre for Wage Employment & Livelihoods, National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad. The guest lecture was coordinated by Mr. Sankalp Hadke. Around 44 students participated in this guest lecture.

An online Induction program was organized by the Department of Commerce. Officiating principal, Dr. Mrs. B.A. Mehere, welcomed everybody and gave the opening remarks. Dr. Varsha Panbude, HOD department of Commerce. Dr. Mrs. Varsha Panbude introduced students to the course, syllabus, faculties and all rules and regulations regarding the same. The deeksharambha activities consisted of Induction program to inform new comers about college level activities and



cells as well as activities organized by the department throughout the year on 15th September 2021. Introductory Session: where a brief introduction by the faculty members and detailed introduction by SEM 1 students (Their hobbies and interest, career planning and personal goal, favorite game\sports, family members, ideal personality etc). On 16th September 2021. A Guest lecture on SWOC analysis and self-analysis by students was conducted on 17th September 2021. A virtual visit to the Psychology department was on 18th September 2021. A virtual visit to Deeksha Bhoomi to introduce students to the history and importance of this historical place on 21st September 2021. Literary Activity - Reading & Discussion on the chapter of the book Sasai authored by Bhante Nagarjun Surai Sasai on 24th September 2021. EXPRESS-TION - Creative art and culture - each student can express his/her talent in two minutes on 22nd September 2021. Guest lecture and group discussion on universal human values was conducted on 27th September 2021.

The Department of Commerce organized a webinar in association with UTI Mutual Fund on the emerging topic "Wealth Awareness" on 18th October 2021 through zoom app. Mr. Kunal Joshi was invited as the speaker. Dr. Mrs.Varsha Panbude , Head of the Department, gave a warm welcome to the speaker.. The speaker highlighted the importance of financial goal planning. Around 47 students participated in this webinar.

On 6th October 2021, a webinar on youth empowerment was organized. Mr. Nitin Lonkar immediate past president, Butibori Manufacturers Association, Mr. Shravan Kumar, Vice District Governor District,3234 Lions Club International, Mr. Hemant Adgaonkar, speaker of the webinar, former MD and founder Ensoft, Mr. Sanjay Pathak, President Lions Club and Mrs. Gauri Chavan, President, Lions Club Karad Nakshatra were present. Around 136 students participated in the webinar.

A Batch Launch Program of Certificate Program in Banking, Finance and Insurance (CPBFI) 358 was organized by the Department of Commerce in association with Bajaj Finserv Limited, Nagpur on 28th October 2021. 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. Mr. Raja D'Cruz, Senior Manager, Bajaj Finserv also briefed the students about the program and how it will be conducted along with essential requirements. Officiating Principal, Dr. Mrs. B.A. Mehere welcomed the guests. HoD Dr. Varsha Panbude, also welcomed the CPBFI representatives and appreciated their valuable time and efforts to make this launch happen. Mr. Siddhant Agarwal, Lead trainer at BAJAJ Nagpur also present welcomed the students and introduced the trainers of the batch, Mr. Alekh Chourasia, Ms. Sheetal Gaikwad and Mr. Ajit Parwate. It was attended by 54 participants.



An Alumni panel discussion on career options was held on 16th November 2021 through zoom app. Mr. Harishikesh Nayak, Mr. Sourabh Seshadri and Ms. Anudha Fender were invited as the speakers for the panel discussion. Dr Varsha Panbude , Head of the Department, welcomed the speakers. Ms. Anudha Fender threw light on the significance of understanding career options by sharing her life experience. Mr. Sourabh Seshadri described his career path and life experience. He explained how the work environment is in big multinationals and how students need to mentally and academically prepare themselves. After that speaker Mr. Hrishikesh Nayak discussed careers related to banking sector and finance He guided for various competitive exams. Around 42 students participated in the webinar.

Another guest lecture on "Current Affairs" was organized on 18th December 2021 through zoom app by Mr.Vjaykant Panbude. Officiating Principal, Dr. Mrs. B.A. Mehere welcomed the guest. Mr.Vjaykant Panbude highlighted the role of Defence Forces. The session covered the working, ranking and mechanism of functioning of defence forces in India and its strategic importance which made students aware of the hard work and planning that goes in the country's protection, making them proud of their country's powerful defence system and capacity. Around 32 students participated in this webinar. The session was very enriching and updated the students on current affairs related to defence. It also gave them a perspective into the rich heritage of Indian Defence System. Around 32 students participated in this webinar. All the programs were co-ordinated by Mrs. Shefali Chouksey.

A guest lecture was organized by Adv Chetan Dhore, a practicing advocate at the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court and a brilliant alumnus of the Department of Law, for the students of the II Sem (3 yrs course) on the 3rd September 2021. The topic of the lecture was Anti-Defection Law/X Schedule to the Constitution of India. This talk enlightened students into the functioning of Parliamentary democracy in India. Dr Varsha Deshpande welcomed the guest speaker. Adv Dhore introduced the basic framework of Parliamentary democracy and the complications that emanate out of a multi-party system.

National Constitution Day was celebrated with great frolic and fervor by the department on 26th November 2021. The celebrations for the day continued with the Second Annual Oration organized by The Centre for Constitutional Law and Public Policy Debate, a society of Department of Law. Dr. Nishtha Jaswal, Vice Chancellor, Himanchal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla delivered the lecture.



#### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION & NCC**

Tejaswini Dhoke, Vaidehi Shende, Abhijit Bhende and Manav Ingale scored gold in the 39th Maharastra State Karate Championship – 2021 organized by Dr. Ambedkar Sports Academy in association with Mitsuya Kai Hayashi Ha Shito Ryu Karate Do India.

As a part of its social responsibility, 20 Mah Bn, Dr. Ambedkar College Sports Academy (DACSA) arranged a social activity in which 25 cadets of 20 Mah Bn, NCC of Dr. Ambedkar College, Deeksha Bhoomi, Nagpur voluntarily donated blood to save the life of needy people on 18th July 2021 at Dr. Ambedkar College Sports Academy (DACSA), Nagpur. Under the guidance of Dr. A. P. Joshi, Vice-Principal of the college, Shri. V. M. Gajghate, member of Param Poojya Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Smarak Samiti, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur, Dr. B. A. Mehere, Principal of the college, Dr. Mankar from Jivan Jyoti Blood Bank and Lt. Sujit S. Chavhan, ANO were present. 25 cadets selflessly donated blood. Certificates and refreshments were given to blood donors. Subhedar Jaspal Singh and Hav. Kulwindar Singh from 20 Mah Bn, NCC, Nagpur unit were also present.

Kargil Vijay Diwas rally was conducted on 26th July 2021 by National Cadet Corps of Dr.Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi. The rally was taken from Dr. Ambedkar College, Deeksha Bhoomi, to Chokhamela Hostel square to Dr. Ambedkar College, Deeksha Bhoomi. Dr. Mrs. B. A. Mehre, officiating principal was the chairperson of the function. 60 NCC cadets participated in the rally.

Rank Award Ceremony of National Cadet Corps on 9th August 2021 was celebrated in Dr. Ambedkar College, Deeksha Bhoomi, Nagpur in the presence of IInd & IIIrd year NCC Cadets. Dr. Mrs. B. A. Mehere, Principal was the chairperson of the function. Naib Subhedar M. D. Jameel was the chief guest, BHM Gurjit Singh from 20 Maharashtra Battalion NCC, Nagpur Unit was the special guest of the function. Lt. Sujit Chavhan, Associate NCC Officer and CTO Vikas Sidam, and 70 NCC cadets were present.

Cleanliness Drive was undertaken on 9th August 2021 on the occasion of August Revolution Day in the premises of Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur on behalf of National Cadets Corps, 20 Mah. Bn. Dr. Ambedkar College, Deeksha Bhoomi, Nagpur under the scheme of "Swachhta Hich Seva". 50 NCC cadets participated in the cleanliness drive. Cdt.Akansha Kacchawe handled the programme. Cdt. Kaustubh Barsagade proposed the vote of thanks.

Independence Day on 15th August 2021 was celebrated in the college with patriotic fervor. The National flag was hoisted at 8:00 am by Bhadant Arya Nagarjun Shurei Sasai, President, Param Poojya Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Smarak Samiti, Deeksha Bhoomi, Nagpur, Col. Amod Chandna, Commanding officer was the chief guest of the function, Dr. Sudhir Fulzele, Secretary, Shree. N. R. Sute and Shri.V. M. Gajghate, members of Smarak Samiti were present.



# CELLS

The **Entrepreneurship Development Cell** organized a Webinar cum Inaugural Function on 5th October 2021 on ZOOM platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation. Every year, Dr. Ambedkar College organizes a training programme under Entrepreneurship Development Cell with the objective of promoting entrepreneurship among the students thus nurturing a passion for self-employment and creation of new knowledge-based innovative hi-tech ventures, industries and new breed of techno-preneurs and more avenues of employment opportunities ultimately turning job seekers into job creators and in the process, leading the nation towards industrial excellence and self-reliance. The Guest Speaker for the program Dr. Tushar Chaudhari, Assistant Professor, S.K. Porwal College, Kamptee, Nagpur inaugurated the program. Dr. Harshala Pethe organized the program. 78 students participated.

A Webinar on the 'Ill Effects of Bullying and the Need to Prevent and Curb it' was organized under the aegis of the **Anti-Ragging Cell** of the college to sensitize the students on the ill - effects of ragging and the legal repercussions on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Resource Person Dr. Pankaj Kakde dealt at length on the subject and opined that bullying could happen anywhere to anyone and is not campus specific, but ragging is campus specific. He very well brought out three aspects of ragging in consideration namely;

- a) Psychological Perspective
- b) Moral and Ethical Perspective and
- c) Legal Perspective.

Around 200 students participated in the webinar. Mrs. Shilpa Rathod ably conducted the proceedings and proposed the vote of thanks. Along with Coordinator, Dr. Sandhya Kalamdhad, and Committee members Dr. Dhanashri Borikar, Dr. Priti Singh, Dr. Utpal Dongre were present.

On 12th August 2021 a vaccination camp for 18 plus age group was organized by Zee TV in association with **Social Outreach Cell** of the College at Dada Saheb Kumbhare Hall (College Auditorium) from 9 am onwards. Officiating Principal, Dr. B.A. Mehere welcomed Chief Guest of the program, Executive, Zee TV and other team members by giving a sapling. Large number of people participated in the program. A total of 210 people got vaccinated with Covaxin and Covisheild free of cost. Dr. K.G. Rewatkar, Vice Principal, Mrs. Shweta Paranjape, Co-ordinator, Social Outreach Cell, Members of the Cell, Teaching and non-teaching staff members of the college along with the members of Zee TV were present at the inaugural program.



A webinar on 'Tourist Places of Nagpur' was organized online by the **Yatra cell** on 30th October2021. The lecture informed about various Tourist Places of Nagpur. Ms Pooja Kamble one of the guest speakers is working in MTDC Regional Office. Nagpur as an Information Assistant. And second guest speaker Mrs. Vaishali Bhandarkar is working in MTDC Hotel & Tangerine Restaurant Manager. The program was attended by about 92 students.

Another webinar on 'How do cities affect water around them? Case Study Nagpur' was also organized on 28th November 2021. Guest speaker was Mr Pradyumna Sahastrabhojanee, Hon, Secretary, Vidarbha Nature & Human Science Centre (VNHS). The lecture was organized for the students of BSc (all streams), BCom, BCA and BA. The lecture provided information on how Eco cities do ecological restoration instead of being a burden on the regional ecosystem. Around 95 students attended the program. Coordinator, Dr (Mrs) Aarti N. Wazalwar worked hard towards the success of the programs.

The valedictory function of Unnati Programme was organized by **Unnati Cell** online in association with Vidarbha Industries Association, Nagpur on 27th July 2021. Coordinator Dr. Prakash Bhongade welcomed the guests. He briefed about the progress of all round personality development of the students through extensive forty sessions over a period of six months by dynamic trainers from different fields. Officiating Principal Dr. (Mrs) B.A. Mehere also highlighted about the development and achievements of college in her address. Mr. Suresh Pandilwar, VIA HRD-Forum gave his remarks about the confidence building in students. Ex-Principal Dr. (Mrs) Pratibha Siriya also shared her past experience of the Unnati Programme. Unnati students Ms. Priyanka Joshi from BCA SEM-I and Kedar Koradkar from B. Com Sem-I also shared their experiences. Pilot faculty Mr. Kumar Zilpelwar inspired the students by narrating success stories. Guest of honour, Mr. Hemat Lodha, Chairman of VIA HRD- Forum blessed the students with pearls of wisdom. Chief Guest of function Mr. Aditya Saraf, Vice President of VIA appreciated the efforts of the organizing committee. Dr. Utpal Dongre proposed the vote of thanks.



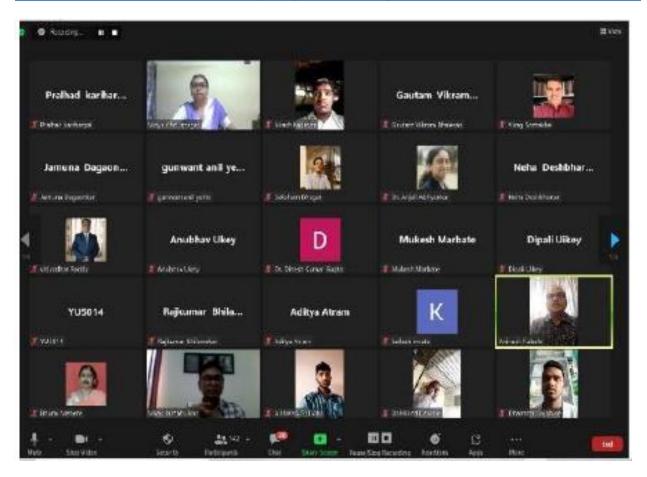








#### **Dr.Pranay Dogra Delivering his lecture**

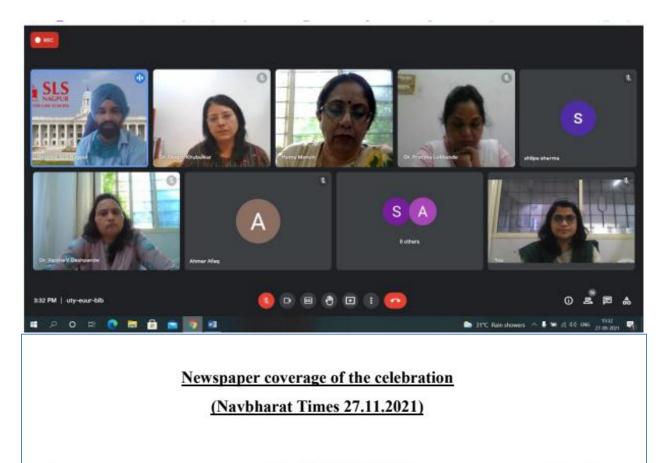














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