Planning Forum and Economics Association Annual Report 2018-19

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The Planning Forum and Economics Association conducted its first event, an essay writing competition on 23rd August, 2018. The intra collegiate online contest was open to both junior and degree college. The contest invigorated a thought process and research attitude among the participants who submitted brilliant essays on the topics:
1. Universal basic income in India.
2. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.
3. Importance of Financial Inclusion.
4. Bail out to banks is not a cure for bad behaviour.
The 10 entries were judged by our honourable faculty Prof. Vinita Pimpale. The results of which are as follows :
1st place: Jaina Acharya TYBCom- A
2nd place: Komal Jain - TYBCom- C
3rd place: Anjali Singit- FYJC- E

The Planning and Economics Forum of conducted an intra-collegiate mock parliamentary debate on the 8th of September 2018. The event was judged by honourable Prof. Harshad Bhosale from Kirti M. Doongursee College, Dadar. The debate included a discussion on actual draft bills to provide the students an experience of an actual parliamentary debate and hosted 17 participants from both Degree and Junior college. The degree college winners represented the College for the University selection.

The bills were:
The Whistle blowers Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (Group A) and the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016 (Group B).

The winners for Group A were -
First place: Shivam Agarwal (FY.BMS - A)
Second Place: Nidhi Parab (SY.BMS - B)
Third Place: Durgeshri Patil (SYBCom - G)

The winners for Group B were -
First Place: Sneha Semaleesan (FYBCom - F)
Second Place: Divya Shetty (FYBCom - F)
Third Place: Alolika Dutta (SYJC)

The following students have been selected to represent the college for Youth Parliament of the University of Mumbai -
1. Divya Shetty (FYBCom - F)
2. Durgeshri Patil (SYBCom - G)
3. Nidhi Parab (SYBMS - B)
4. Renuka Bahulker (TYBCom - D)
5. Shivam Agarwal (FYBMS - A)
6. Sneha Semaleesan (FYBCom - F)
7. Sripad Ainavolu (FYBMS - A)

Students from our college participated in the intercollegiate Economics festival Arthmanthan organized by Acharya Marathe College on 1st September, 2018.

The team bagged the following prizes with their exemplary performance :

Elocution: Shivam (Second Runner-Up)

Debate: Sneha (Winner)

Quiz: Madhur, Shivam, Vikas, Urja & Rishikesh (Winning Team)

12th January, 2019 marked TEDxRAPodarCollege, the flagship event pioneered by the Forum. Through 8 months of zestful and persistent efforts, the Forum finally organized the College's very first TEDx event on 12th January, 2019. The two hour event comprised of 3 wonderful speakers Rama Khandwala, Parul Kumtha & Saini Krishnamurthy. These experts in their own fields, projected their stories along the theme for the event – 'Beyond Borders'. It was attended by 100 invitees, including the Chairman of S. P. Mandali, Mr. S. P. Jain, and the event was live streamed in 2 other colleges namely: Ruia College, Mumbai and SP College, Pune.

An online essay contest was conducted on 5th January, 2019. The competition was conducted via the Facebook page and the Instagram handle of TEDxRAPodarCollege and was open to all. Winners were given special invites to attend the live session of TEDxRAPodarCollege in the Auditorium. The event had a far and wide reach. The winners were Chinmaya Patil, Sinjini Singh, and Kaustubh Gokhale.