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May — September 2020

### FINACC 2020

The sixth edition of FINACC was successfully conducted on 25th September 2020. FINACC 2020 was an intercollegiate accounting and financial fest hosted by the Accounting and Finance Circle. It consisted of seven events: two pre events-- Moneyball and Fundaz Apna Apna and five main events--Esploro Presentado, Business Analyst, Étude de Cas, Take it easy Policy and Quiz-o-ccounts. This year the fest was open for colleges all across India. On the 19th of September 2020, an inauguration-cum-webinar was conducted on zoom which was broadcasted live on facebook. The speaker of the webinar, Mr. Girish Vanvari (the founder of transaction square) delivered a talk on mergers and acquisitions during the pandemic. It was witnessed by the principal, Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan and vice-principal, Mrs. Kavita Jajoo along with the faculty and students. Moneyball, an online scavenger hunt event had 9 student participants from different colleges competing against each other. Fundaz Apna Apna was a PR event where the participants had to act as financial journalists. They had to make a video explaining certain financial concepts in a simplified manner. Four entries were received for the same. Esploro Presentado was a research paper presentation competition aimed at developing the instinct of research among students. Business Analyst was an analysis and ideation based event where the participants had to come up with a brand extension idea by keeping in mind the current pandemic situation. Étude de Cas was a case study analysis event where the participants had to come up with suggestions and solutions to the problems faced by the companies. Take it easy policy--a new main event which was introduced this year, in which participants had to draft a policy on the problems which fall under the mandate of the finance ministry. Quiz-o-ccounts was an interactive biz-quiz with three rounds viz. MCQ Quiz, Mixed bag of Puzzles and Audio-Visual round. The overall winner of FINACC 2020 was N.M. College.



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PRESENTS

# FINACC 2020

-INAUGURAL EVENT-



## **ESPLORO PRESENTADO**

On 25th May 2020, Accounts and Finance Circle of Podar (AFCP) organised an intra-college research paper competition named 'Esploro Presentado'.

The aim of this event was to motivate students to learn something new amidst the uncertainties faced during the pandemic.

### **Following were the topics for the paper:**

1. What does the Covid-19 Pandemic mean for the Education Sector?
2. Covid-19 and the rise of Online Education businesses.
3. Covid-19 Pandemic and the industrial Sector: Bane for many, a boon for some.

The ex-Podarites and the judges for the event, Ms. Nikita Tanksali and Mr. Shashank Sah declared the winners on 6th June, Saturday.



## **WIND YOUR WORDS**

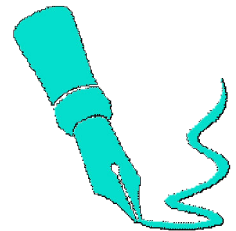
On the 15th of May 2020, Life Enrichment Centre conducted a creative writing event. The participants had to weave words given to them into either an essay, a short write-up or a poem. There were no essential language barriers. Around 30 participants submitted their thoughtfully written works.

### **The themes for those write-ups are as follows:**

- Cooperation, Co-existence and Compassion During COVID
- Importance of Family values and Positive Relationships/Friendships during a Lockdown.
- Self-Journey during COVID- 19 Lockdown.
- Life before & after the arrival of Corona.
- Career, College, Competition: Is the "New Normal" causing too much pressure on teenagers?
- Overcoming stress /insecurities during pandemic.
- Lessons we learnt during this pandemic.

## **TEACHERS DAY**

On the occasion of Teacher's Day on 5th September 2020, Marathi Literary Circle celebrated the day jointly with Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat. The program started with Ganesh Vandana, followed by the speech of the respected principal madam. After that, an Odia folk dance was performed by some students. Lastly, the students presented a photographic film that they had prepared for all the teachers as a token towards all their hard work to ensure a smooth learning experience for students despite the challenges faced during lockdown.

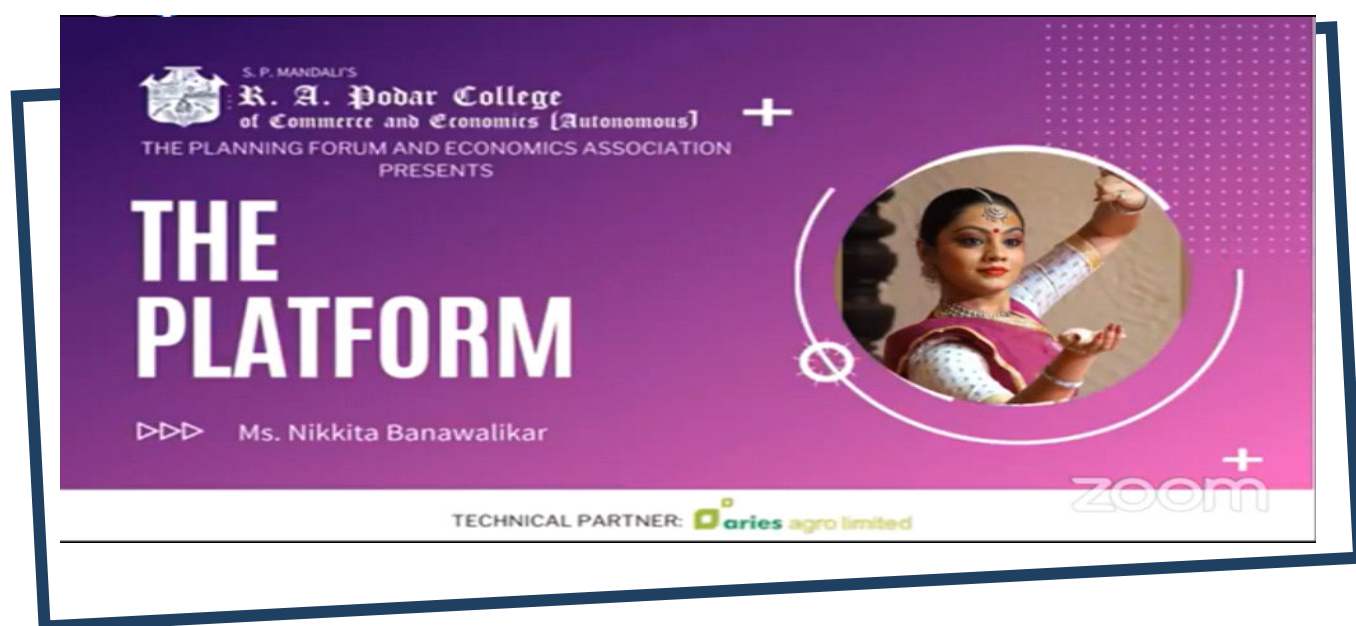


## PLATFORM

On the 30th and 31st of May 2020, the Planning Forum launched its very first edition of 'The Platform – Faces. Voices. Stories.'

The Platform' was created as an initiative under the student engagement programme and to provide a platform to people with inspirational life-stories. Prior to this event, the forum hosted an Instagram challenge: #theworldisyourplatform, where students were asked to send a photo or a video of any artwork that they had created during the lockdown.

The event featured two interviews-cum-webinars hosted on the college's official Facebook page. The first speaker, Ms. Nikkita Banawalikar, gave the audience a glimpse of her journey as a performing artist and how she overcame all the hurdles that life threw at her. The second speaker, Ms. Hemlata Tiwari shared her experience of founding Swaradhar— an NGO dedicated to giving a platform to underprivileged artists. This initiative received a great response from the attendees and helped change perspectives of many.



## VAATO NA VADA

On 21st September 2020, Gujarati literary circle organised a spontaneous event to spark up creative thinking abilities of its participants. People had to participate in pairs and had to make up an impromptu story line based on the pictures displayed on the screen. Vaato Na Vada was an overall success with its enthusiastic participants and light-hearted humour of the stories weaved.



## HINDI DIVAS

The Hindi literary circle celebrated its most awaited day—Hindi Diwas, on the 14th of September 2020. Around 70 people including teachers and students had joined them in the celebrations via Google meet. The event started with a melodious Saraswati Vandana followed by poetry and story recitals in Hindi. Mr. Rahul Singh, their teacher in-charge, presented some of his own inspirational poems and gave an insightful speech on the importance of Hindi as a language. The theme of this year's Hindi Divas was: Appreciation of the brave. It was kept to honour front-line workers like doctors, police officers, etc.



## **Balpan No Khajano**

On 19th June 2020, the Gujarati literary circle held an event called Balpan No Khajano. Their aim was to create a sense of nostalgia by revisiting the memories of childhood. Participants were asked to upload their childhood pictures on Instagram along with a brief written about it in Gujarati. A good amount of participation was received and many old memories were re-lived.

## **Mandala Art Therapy**

Life Enrichment Centre conducted a Mandala Art Therapy workshop on 16th September 2020, wherein Ms. Aakriti Khosla taught participants how to draw different types of mandalas. She explained how this art form helps relieve stress and enforces positive change in one-self— emotionally and physically.

By the end of the session, participants were asked to close their eyes gently and to listen to the mild music which was being played in the background. The entire practice was calming and therapeutic and the workshop ended on a good note with a positive response.



## **Dance & Movement Therapy**

On 19th September 2020, Life Enrichment Centre conducted a fun online workshop on Dance and Movement Therapy. Their resource personnel was Ms. Alisha Pinto who spoke about how dance has the power to connect the body and the soul. She also talked about self-acceptance.

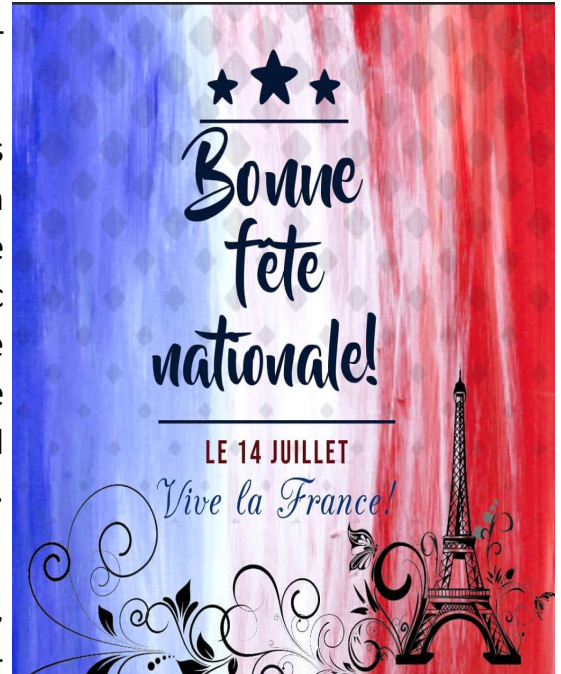
The session was divided into 4 parts and each part consisted of different activities which brought the participants a step closer towards acceptance of their bodies, emotions, beliefs and flaws without judgement.



## **French National Week**

The fourth and Final Event of the 'French Frydays' series which was held from 10th to 17th July 2020. It was solely dedicated to celebrating The Bastille Day. The event was divided into two Parts:-

- 1) in the first event 'Think in French' the participants had to show how they celebrated Bastille day in their own special way. A lot of unique entries were received from students who prepared authentic French dishes like Profiteroles and Crêpes and made elegant mandalas, posters, graffiti, doodles, knife paintings etc. The best of these entries were posted on their Instagram page on the 17th of July.
- 2) On 14th July, on the account of La Fête Nationale, one of the french forum members; Aarya Deshpande gave a gist about the history of this day along with the French Revolution through a very informative IGTV video. She even talked about how Coco Chanel boosted women



## **Risky Business**

On 5th August 2020, Quizzer's league organised Risky Business which was open to all ranging from college students to corporate employees and managers, who are passionate about both quizzing and the world of business.

## **Rivers Day 2020 – QUIZ**

Podar Nature Club celebrated Rivers Day on 27th September 2020. On this occasion, a few pictures depicting the importance of rivers were shared on their official Instagram page. The posts contained various measures to avoid river pollution. They also organised an online quiz on rivers around the world. A form was shared with the participants to know their opinions and ideas about what can be done to improve the conditions of rivers.

## **Ganeshotsav**

This year the Podar Ganeshotsav Mandal celebrated its 80th Ganesh Chaturthi. The celebratory competitions were held online this time because of the lockdowns. A poster making competition was held from 20th to 23rd of July 2020 and a photography competition was also held from 13th to 15th August 2020. The idol of Lord Ganesha was brought to the college campus for one and a half days, i.e, 22nd & 23rd August 2020. On day one, the Ganesh Sthapana ceremony took place at 11 in the morning. Like every year the Aaghman was followed by Puja and Aarti after which the members of the Ganesh Utsav Mandal took the blessings of Bappa. On day two, the Ganpati Visarjan was set to take place. Before the Visarjan, Uttar Puja ritual was performed to bid farewell to Bappa. The Visarjan was carried out in the campus itself in an eco-friendly manner.



## **Nostalgia 1.0**

On 26th of September 2020, the Photography Club conducted Nostalgia 1.0. The event was based on their theme 'capturing memories in a photograph'. With this event, they aimed at revisiting the good old days. The participants were asked to submit a picture along with a caption explaining the memories associated with it. The event was conducted on their official Instagram account. All the pictures received were featured on their feed.

## **Witty Gritty**

Witty Gritty was the first intra-college event of the Quizzers' League for the academic year 2020-21. It was held in 2 rounds, with the elimination round on the 8th and the final round on the 9th of August, 2020. This event tested the logical reasoning, analytical thinking, and problem-solving skills of the participants. The questions ranged from mathematical puzzles, analogies, short case studies to out-of-the-box thinking problems. The idea behind the event was to promote application of observations from day to day life and the basic concepts that are learnt at school/college level to actual real life problems. Around 70 students participated in the eliminations round, out of which the top 25 qualified for the finals.



# **NSS EVENTS**

## **Quiz Competition**

On account of International Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement on the 8th of May 2020, the NSS unit organized a Quiz Competition. The competition was open to participation on a national level. A total number of 1350 people participated from all over the country and the objective of the competition was to appreciate and recognise the efforts taken by Red Cross and Red Crescent during the times of a global pandemic.

## **International Yoga Day**

The NSS unit celebrated international yoga day on 21st and 22nd of June, 2020. On the first day, they jointly organised an online yoga session with the college's NCC cadets. A total number of 67 people attended the session. The instruction for the session was given by Mr. Ved Prakash, the yoga instructor of the college. On the second day, the NSS unit organised activities like poster and slogan making, poetry writing and photography. The celebration of international yoga day highlighted the importance of a fit and healthy lifestyle.

## **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**

On 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the NSS Unit organised a two-day event on the occasion of international day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking. On the first day, they organised events like: poster making, slogan writing, rangoli making, essay writing and photography. The next day, an online session was conducted. The first speaker, Dr. Amrit Patojoshi delivered a speech on drugs and their types. Following him, Dr. Darpan Kaur talked about types of addictions and their causes. Dr. Mahesh Gowda spoke about the process of rehabilitation and legal terms related to substance abuse followed by a question and answer session. A quiz was also held on the same day and a short Video Byte was created on the side effects of drugs and how an addict can overcome his addiction.

## **World Environment Day**

On account of world environment day on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the NSS Unit conducted events as a token of care towards the environment. Activities like photography, poster making and essay, slogan and poetry writing were held. A tree plantation activity was also conducted as well. Around 20 volunteers participated for the same and were happy to serve mother nature with their humble gesture.

## **International Nurse Day**

On account of International Nurse Day, the NSS unit organised two events on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020, to pay their respects towards all nurses for working relentlessly alongside doctors. A poster making and an online photography contest were held in which 6 students participated. The results of this event were later declared on NSS's Instagram page.



## **Online Skit**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, the NSS unit came up with a creative way of spreading awareness and promoting an eco-friendly Ganesh Utsav. They had put up an online skit wherein they advocated an environment friendly Ganesh Chaturthi. The video of the same was uploaded on their instagram page.

## **Kargil Vijay Diwas**

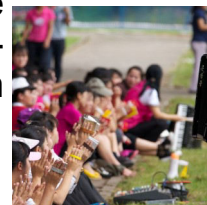
On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26<sup>th</sup> July, the NSS unit conducted a series of intercollegiate competitions like: dancing, singing, poetry and essay writing; All of which were held digitally. The events were witnessed by many students. After the competitions, a diya lighting ceremony was held to pay respects to all the brave soldiers who continue to defend the nation's borders vigilantly. All the participants lit diyas outside their homes. The event as a whole was conducted to honour the martyrs of the Kargil War.

## **Gratitude Day**

The NSS Unit organised a series of events on 1st August 2020, to mark the occasion of Gratitude Day. Poster making, poetry and shayari writing were the three activities that were conducted. These activities gave a chance to the volunteers to express their gratitude and love towards their mothers and grandmothers.

## **International Youth Day**

On account of International Youth Day on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 the NSS unit jointly organised an event along with a few colleges under Mumbai University to spread awareness about HIV and COVID-19. They conducted activities like painting, poster making, 1 minute promotional video and meme making. These activities were informative and helped participants learn about the causes, symptoms and diagnosis of HIV and covid-19.



## **Think Out of the Box- Career Guidance Webinar**

To mark the 74th Independence Day, the NSS Unit organised a web seminar on 15th August 2020, titled- Think Out of The Box. The volunteers along with other students attended the seminar. Three experts from three distinct professions were the guests of the seminar. The first guest was Ajay Verma sir, who is a BCCI level-1 cricket umpire. He talked about different careers in sports and their scope. He also emphasised on opportunities for girls in sports and related fields such as coaching, management of sports events etc. Next, cinematographer and photographer, Mr. Sheldon Roth, enlightened the participants with his journey in photography, delivered a talk on how to start and survive in the world of cinema and photography. Lastly, Mr. Kishor Patil who is a writer and a director introduced the audience to various known and unknown aspects of filmmaking—like Foley. He also gave a brief on institutions for learning film making and how to start on this career path.

## **Corporate Governance and Leadership Webinar**

The NSS Unit organised a university-level webinar on 17th September 2020, on corporate governance and leadership. It was conducted in association with Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT). Mr. Prasad Chandran (former Chairman of board and M.D., BASF Asia Pacific Pvt. Ltd., PCGT Trustee) was the guest speaker of the event. The webinar was successfully conducted with 500 participants. It also went live on YouTube. It started with the principal, Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan talking about the need for leadership qualities in students. The guest speaker, Mr. Prasad Chandran also delivered a talk on leadership qualities and importance of good values and ethics. He also talked about Corporate Governance through an example of his personal work life experience.



## **Guru Poornima**

On July 5th, 2020, on the auspicious day of Guru Poornima, Marathi Literary Circle arranged for a programme named "Charcha Satra" meaning 'discussion session'. It started with Ganesh Vandana, after which the teacher in-charge of Marathi Literary Circle, Mrs. Swati Bangar gave

a speech. Following that, the discussion began with the topic "Samajik madhyamatle tumche guru" meaning- Your Guru in Social Media. During the discussion, the participants talked about the growing influence of social media and similar topics. Then the chief guest of the event, Mr. Sushant Ghadge delivered a talk about raising awareness of social issues and the YouTube channels Bhadipa (Bharatiya Digital Party) and Vishaya Khol. He also talked about how with more following on social media comes more accountability. At the end of the program, he was given a digital illustration as a memento for the day.



## **Bharat Prashnottari (Quiz)**

From 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020, Hindi Literary Circle held its five-day long quiz event: Bharat Prashnottari. The theme of the quiz was India and it covered all aspects such as heritage, food, sports, Bollywood and wildlife. Around 70 students participated in the quiz over the span of five days. Winners were later featured on Hindi Literary Circle's Instagram page.

## **Resilience at the Time of Pandemic**

An interesting webinar on "Resilience at the Time of Pandemics" was conducted by Life Enrichment Centre on 25th May, 2020. Their resource person; Dr. Sunitha Shanker, highlighted diverse facets of strong resilience and talked about how it can help boost productivity during an odd juncture such as the current pandemic. Her words gave everyone a new perspective to look at things and helped youngsters and their family members to manage emotions during the challenging times.

## **Mathematrix 2020**

Mathematrix 2020 was an intercollegiate Pan-India level and inter-school fest organised by the Mathematics Association of Podar from the 28th and 30th of August 2020. The aim of this fest was to remove the stigma attached to mathematics as a boring subject by providing a fun learning experience. The theme of the event revolved around the concept of 'Answer to everything – Knowledge'. Professor Mayur Ankolekar (Alumnus of R.A Podar College) was the guest of honour for the inauguration ceremony. Following the inauguration, an online seminar was held. Mr Neelkanth Bhanu (known as The Fastest Human Calculator) who was also the brand ambassador for the event graced the seminar with his presence. The main highlight of the entire event, owing to the current Covid-19 crisis was the development of a new website which acted as the platform for conducting The Maths Exhibition. The digital exhibition on their website was designed in the form of animated videos that showcased various concepts revolving around Mathematics.

The X-Men, being their flagship event, got a participation of more than 2500 students from different schools and colleges across India. They participated in the events like, Deva Shree Ganesh, Whodunnit, Mission Impossible, Schrodinger's Syndrome, Puzzlaholic, and Back to the Future. Gaming was also included as a part of the events. A separate set of events were conducted on 17th and 18th of August viz. Need for speed, Vocal Codes and Cinematics for the specially-abled section of students. At the end of the events, winners were awarded in the category of school, college and specially-abled. All the winners of the school category received free subscriptions for 6 months from Mathematrix's learning partner – STEPapp and one month subscription from their stationery partners – Edzam & Sundaram. All the winners for the flagship event received cash prizes as well. Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhania School was declared as the overall winning school and N.M. College was declared as the winning college.



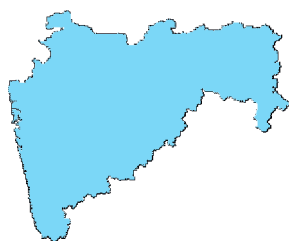


## **Building Psychological Strength**

Life Enrichment Centre organised an interactive three-day session beginning on Building Psychological Strength with Dr. Sunitha Shanker. During the first session on 21st September 2020, she had shared some strategies for tackling a negative mind-set. She had also shared some aphorisms on problem solving and attaining success with persistence. Some insightful tips about leading a good life were also given by her. Two more sessions of this workshop will be held later on 5th and 12th of October.

## **Maharashtra Day**

The Marathi Literary Circle celebrated Maharashtra Day and Labour Day on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020. An online doodling and essay writing competition were held. A video



showcasing the rich culture, art forms and heritage of Maharashtra was also shared on their official Instagram page. The results of the doodle making and essay writing competition were announced after the competition.

## **Word Search Week**

The French Forum commenced its 'French Frydays' series with its first event Word Search Week. This event was held for 6 consecutive days from 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June. Every day at 5pm, a word search game was posted on their Instagram story with these themes:- Des Endroits, Bon Appetit, Des Sports, Les Francophones, Les Personnes Célèbres and La Terre. The three winners were decided on the basis of their quickness and consistency during the entire six day event.

## **Panthera Tigris Quiz**

On 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Podar Nature Club conducted Panthera Tigris Quiz via their Instagram handle. The motive behind their quiz was to create awareness about the endangerment of tigers in our country. 117 students participated in this quiz. Through the quiz, participants got to learn about the species and its global population.



## **Quiz on German Cuisine**

An online quiz was organised by the German Forum on 15th August 2020, on the theme of German cuisine. The quiz was held on Quizizz. Around 80 students participated in total. This engaging quiz helped these German enthusiasts in polishing their knowledge about the German culture and gastronomy.

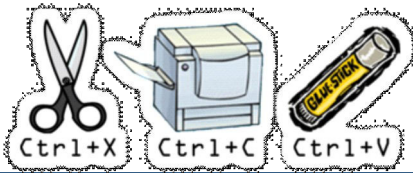


## **Quizard of OZ**

The second event of the 'French Frydays' series under the French Forum was Quizard of Oz. It was held for six consecutive days from 20th to 25th June. It consisted of 3 sub-events--pjumbled words, mazes and riddles. Every alternate day they were put up on the Forum's Instagram story at 5pm.

## Cut, Copy, Paste

The English Literary Circle commenced its activities for the academic year 2020-21 with an event called 'Cut, Copy, Paste', which was held on 20th August 2020. The event required participants to make a meme/comic strip with the theme given- Online Classes. More than a hundred memes were sent from which twelve of the best memes were featured on English Literary Circle's official Instagram Page.



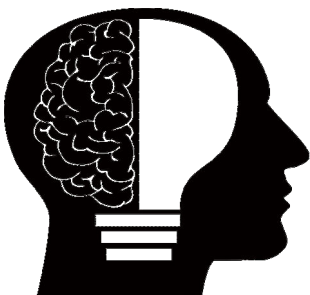
## Make a Meme

On 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020, the German forum organised a three day long meme making competition named, Make a meme. Around 120 memes were sent within the span of 3 days. All the entrees were creative and humorous in their own aspect. The memes of all the winners were later featured on the German forum's Instagram page.



## Biz Quiz

The French Forum's 'Biz Quiz' was the 3rd event of the 'French Frydays' series conducted on 4th July 2020. It was held on the forum's Instagram handle. Brainy yet fun questions related to French brands and companies were asked in the quiz. More than 70 students participated in it. The top 3 contestants with the highest scores were declared as the winners.



# **ONES WHO BROUGHT**

# **US GLORY THIS SEASON**

## **Extra Curricular Achievements**

- ◇ Congratulations to Ms. Suhani Kulkarni, a student of SYJC, who has been awarded with a fully paid scholarship to participate in a MINT (Mathematics, Informatics, Natural Sciences, Technical Sciences) camp in Germany next year.
- ◇ Heartiest Congratulations to Aryan Joshi, a visually impaired student of SYJC from our college, for scoring 70% in his HSC exams, while successfully balancing his academics and sports. Aryan played 6 chess tournaments and participated in a state level para-swimming championship last year and his achievement was appreciated in the recent edition of The Times of India.
- ◇ Heartiest Congratulations to Isha Damle, a student of SYJC, for scoring 98.76% in her HSC exams. Isha is also a National-Level Para-swimmer who qualified for the National para-swimming championship this year. Isha's academic excellence was appreciated in the recent edition of The Times of India and Hindustan Times.
- ◇ Congratulations to Ms. Anisha Parag Vora, a student of our College, who participated in 'The National Quiz on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016,' conducted by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India in collaboration with MyGov.in, between July 1st, 2020 and July 31st, 2020. She has been awarded a certificate of merit for having ranked in the top 10% performers of the quiz.
- ◇ Heartiest Congratulations to Ms. Janvi Kamlesh Gajaria, a student of TYBCom F, for securing the first position in an essay writing competition conducted by The Gandhi Smarak Nidhi (Mumbai) & Mani Bhavan Gandhi Sangrahalaya on the topic 'Truth Is God'. She also received a Cash Prize of 1,500/- for the same.



# **ONES WHO BROUGHT**

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## **Extra Curricular Achievements**

- ◇ Heartiest Congratulations to Ms. Janvi Kamlesh Gajaria, a student of TYBCom F, for securing the third position in the National Level Quiz Competition AD-MAD 2020 (ONLINE) conducted by Thakur College of Science and Commerce on the 18th of August, 2020.
- ◇ Congratulations to Mr. Avin Chowta, a student of SYJC from our college who participated in a picture-story competition "Wie, du und ich" organised by the PASCH team, and won the first prize at an International Level.
- ◇ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jammu, hosted a Case Study Competition in the month of May, 2020. Out of the 115 teams of undergraduates and postgraduates from across India, who participated in the event, two teams of students from our college have secured positions. Heartiest congratulations to Nidhi Parab (TYBMS B) and Akshat Mathur (TYBMS A) who secured the 3rd position as 'Team Scotts Tots' and Aryan Jain (SYBMS A) and Sagar Patel (SYBMS A), who secured the 4th position as 'Team Gamma'.



*The End*  
*That's all folks!*

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