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MATHEMATRIX

Mathematrix 2021 was an intercollegiate Pan-India level and inter-school fest organized by the Mathematics Association of Podar from the 27th of August 2021 to the 29th of August 2021. The social initiative activities were conducted on the 17th and 18th of August for the specially-abled students. This was followed by some Pre Events for the schools and colleges.

Two webinars were conducted on the 20th and 24th of August featuring Mr. Archit Gokhale, a budding astronomer and a student of our college, and Mr. Prasan Kamat, director of Career Launcher, Mumbai respectively.

An opening ceremony was held on the 26th of August, along with the Chief Guest Ms. Sejal Vora. The ceremony began with a prayer and the Principal's speech followed by a webinar by Ms. Sejal Vora on Data Storytelling.

The main events began on 27th and went on till the 29th of August. The flagship event for both schools and colleges was Raiders of the Lost Arc. The fest also featured other events like The Natural Suspects, 2001: A Math Odyssey, 20000 Logarithms under the sea, and The Fast and the Factorial for both colleges and schools. The fest had more than 50 contingents with around 2400+ registrations for all the events.

The closing ceremony was held on 29th August in which all the winners were declared. Children's Academy, Ashok Nagar was declared as the overall winning school and Narsee Monjee College of Commerce and Economics was declared as the winning college.



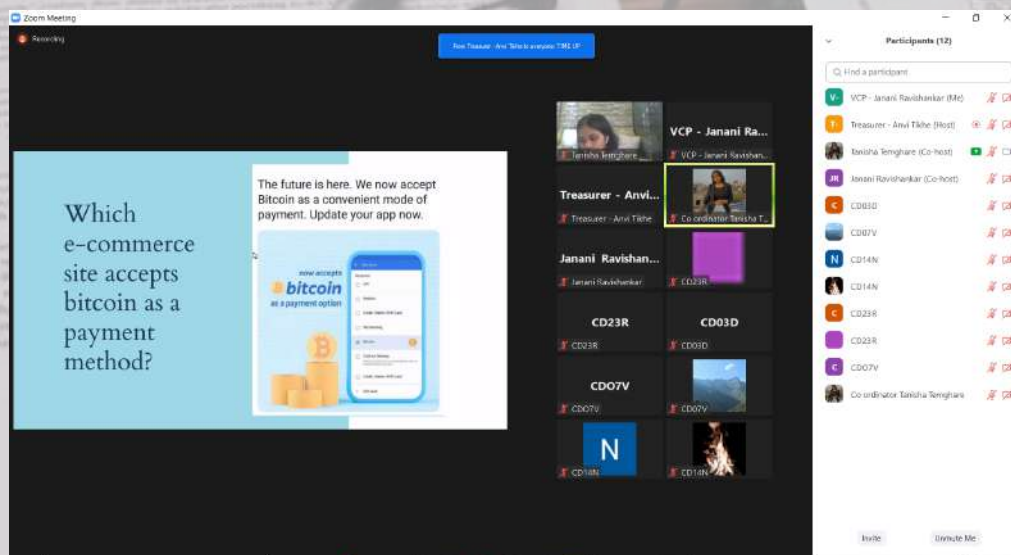
FINACC

FINACC conducted by the Accounts and Finance circle was held from 9th August to 13th August. The fest consisted of 7 events and more than 200 candidates participated from 30 Pan India Colleges.

On 7th August, the opening ceremony was conducted along with a webinar on the topic Data Analytics in Fintech by Mr. Vraj Gokhlay.

The events that were conducted on the main days were Étude De Cas, Business Analyst, Esploro Presentado, Quiz-O-Accounts, Crypto Decrypto along with two pre-events, Moneyball and Fundaz Apna Apna.

These were set to be challenging and also helped the participants bring out their skills. The overall winner for FINACC'21 was H.R. College of Commerce and Economics.



TEDXRAPODAR COLLEGE

The Planning Forum conducted the second edition of TEDxRAPodarCollege on 11th April 2021. They aimed to bring together bright minds and give them a platform to foster learning, inspiration, and wonder – provoke conversations that matter.

This year's event featured three speakers: Mrs. Subhangi Vijay Bhor (One of the first female firefighters of the Mumbai division, felicitated by the women's wing of Shanmukhananda Sabha), Ms. Shalini Kedia (Founder and Chairperson, Fragile X Society, India), and Ms. Isha Damle (Para swimmer, HSC Board Topper, a student of R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous)).

The event started with the principal's address, followed by the TEDx Talks of all three speakers. Along with the faculty members and students of our college, a few alumni members also had the pleasure of attending the virtual talks. The event came to an end with a vote of thanks by the secretary of the forum.

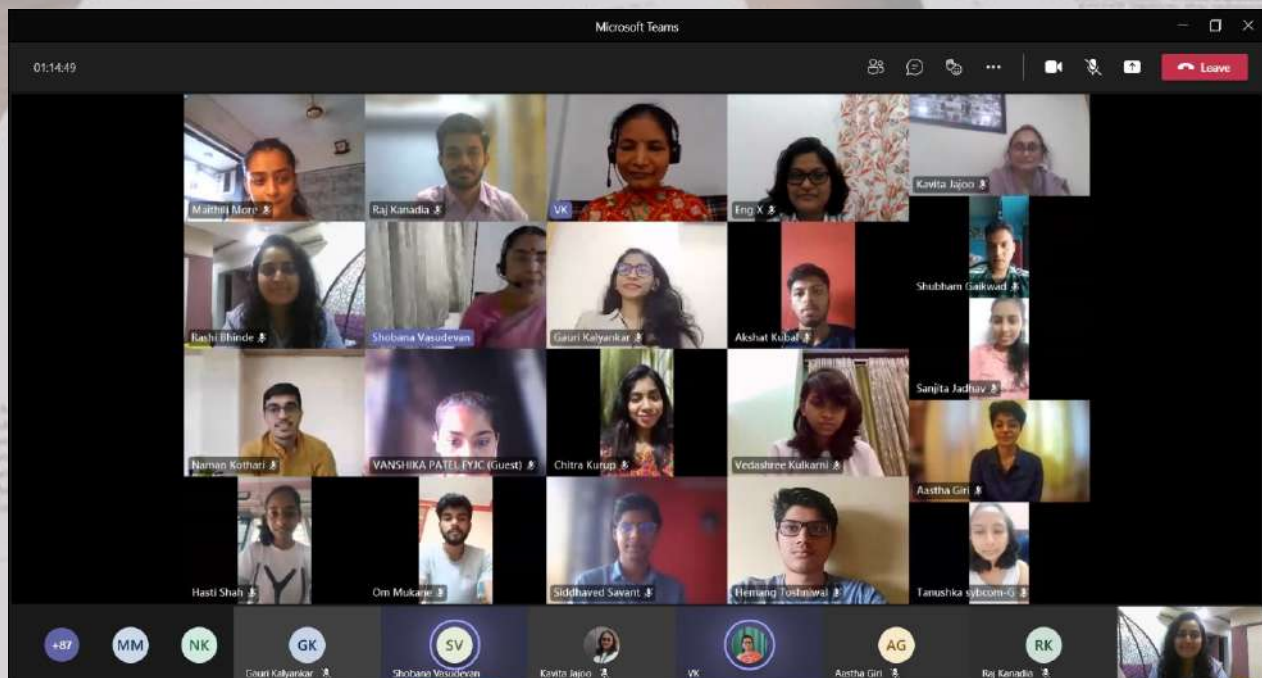


THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF THE ENGLISH LITERARY CIRCLE

The Inaugural Ceremony of the English Literary Circle was held on 19th July 2021 on MS Teams. It began with an Icebreaker Session wherein the members of ELC interacted with the audience asking them about their preferences regarding books, genres, authors, and poems among many others.

Following Podar's tradition, they began the ceremony by meditating for two minutes. The Secretary commenced the ceremony by welcoming everyone. He emphasized ELC's aim of being a confluence of words and ideas by providing a platform to enable students to put their thoughts and emotions into words. The Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Shobana Vasudevan enlightened the audience with her kind words and wisdom.

Ms. Rashi Bhide then recited a self-written poem, beautifully capturing the essence of what ELC stands for. The other core members gave an insight into ELC's upcoming events and how the circle would nurture and enhance literacy skills through its platform. The session ended with a vote of thanks by the Joint secretary.



ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

On 15th May 2021, our college conducted the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony on the online platform. It is an event wherein the students of our college are rewarded for their various accomplishments throughout the year amongst different fields. The event started with a rendition of Raag Desh on the flute by Kaustubh Shanbaugh followed by the display of portraits painted by our non-teaching staff Mr.Mangesh Sawant.

The hosts then welcomed the chief guest, an alumnus of R.A.Podar College, Dr.Raghavan Iyengar, Professor and Chair, Department Of Accounting, School of Business, NCCU, North Carolina, USA.

Our principal was then invited to light the ceremonial lamp which was followed by an invocation by our student Ms.Vaidehi Mekade. The annual report was also presented during this event. The prize distribution commenced soon after the address by the chief guest. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks and a recital of the Indian National Anthem



This auspicious occasion was attended by students, management representatives, teachers, and various other guests.



RRC WEEK

The NSS Unit conducted RRC week from 6th April to 9th April 2021. On the first day, a poster-making and awareness campaign was conducted. On the second day, rangoli making, T-shirt, and mask painting events were held.

On the third day, the volunteers made a short film with the aim to spread awareness about HIV- AIDS. Another activity called 'click it' was also conducted in which volunteers had to post their photos wearing a red ribbon. On the fourth day, a tattoo-making activity was conducted in which the volunteers had to write a message or a slogan with the RRC symbol on their hands. A quiz was also held for the volunteers.



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INDEPENDANCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

On account of the 75th Independence Day, the NCC unit gathered in college along with the staff members on 15th August 2021. The flag was hoisted by our Principal Dr.Shobana Vasudevan after which she addressed all the cadets and staff members. This was followed by the presentation of certificates and trophies to the NCC Cadets.



GLOBAL WARMING AWARENESS WEEK

The NSS unit organized Global Warming Awareness Week from 11th April to 14th April 2021.

On the very first day, slogan-making and tree plantation activities were conducted. The activities conducted the next day were poster making and an awareness campaign. On the third day, three activities were conducted i.e. PPT submission, gratitude activity, and quiz. In gratitude activity, volunteers kept a bowl of water on their balconies and doorsteps for the birds and stray animals in their locality.

On the last day, they organized an informative session highlighting the effects of global warming and displayed a video made for the same.



WEBINAR ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

The NSS unit held a webinar on Disaster Management on 16th & 17th April 2021, on Google meet. The officials invited to speak were from the Disaster Management Department of BMC.

On the first day, the first speaker Mr. Rajendra started by explaining the basics of what an individual should do during natural calamities like tsunami, floods, etc. He also shared the helpline numbers to call on during such situations. In the second half, the session was carried forward by the senior officials from the Fire Brigade Department. They talked about different types of fire extinguishers and what the person should do during a fire breakout.

On the second day, Mr. Rajendra talked about earthquakes and their types. He also briefed the students about the precautions to be taken. He further explained the Richter scale and what an individual should do in case of different intensity earthquakes.

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION by

G.H.Kharatmal

Station Officer(Mumbai Fire Brigade)
Former Service Engineer (Div &Daman)
Advance Diploma In Fire (D.O. course, Nagpur)
Diploma In Fire and Instructor(STO course, Nagpur)
Post Graduate Diploma In Plastic Engg(Ahmedabad)
Post Graduate Diploma In Industrial Safety(MSBTE)
First Aid Instructor Course(Bombay Ambulance Corp)
Advance Diploma In Fire, Disaster, Industrial Safety
Management(Garware Institute- MCGM,Mumbai University)



MIND BREW

On 16th August, the English Literary Circle conducted yet another exciting event called Mind Brew to provide a platform for students to express their opinions and share their feelings. The event revolved around blogs. The participants had to send in their blog submissions which were then judged by Dr. Amita Kamat.

There were two topics given for this particular event:

1. What makes you feel 'a particular color'?
2. A letter to your 13-year-old self.

All the blog submissions were posted on the BlogSpot site elcrapc.blogspot.com.



STADT, LAND, FLUSS

On 10th May 2021, the German Forum conducted its own version of *Name, Place, Animal & Thing*. The event was only for FYJC students. The participants were asked to find German words that begin with all possible alphabets under the given categories.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY V/S MODERNIZATION

The Life Enrichment Centre organized a webinar on Cultural Diversity V/S Modernisation on 28th May 2021 on MS Teams with our principal Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan. She explained how dynamic the environment is and why we need to constantly adapt and make changes with the help of modernization and new technology. She also mentioned how culture is unique to mankind and explained the evolution of both culture and diversity right from the time man started life on Earth. She also highlighted the importance of "Loka Jana Sukhina Bhavantu" which means "make everyone happy".

Lastly, Ma'am concluded the session by advising everyone to be like a lotus stem; up high but keep their roots to the ground.



RESUME BUILDING SESSION

On 15th July 2021, The Placement Cell conducted a Resume Building Session along with Prof. Atul Sathe. The session began on a light, friendly note with him introducing the students to the topic and giving examples of the different bizarre email IDs he has come across in the past.

He then explained the primary difference between CV, Resume, Bio Data and also their usage and purpose. He then highlighted the recent developments in the screening of resumes as to how it used to happen and how technology has started taking the roles. He taught and gave ideas on how to build a resume that will pass through the current system and will help students make the process easier.

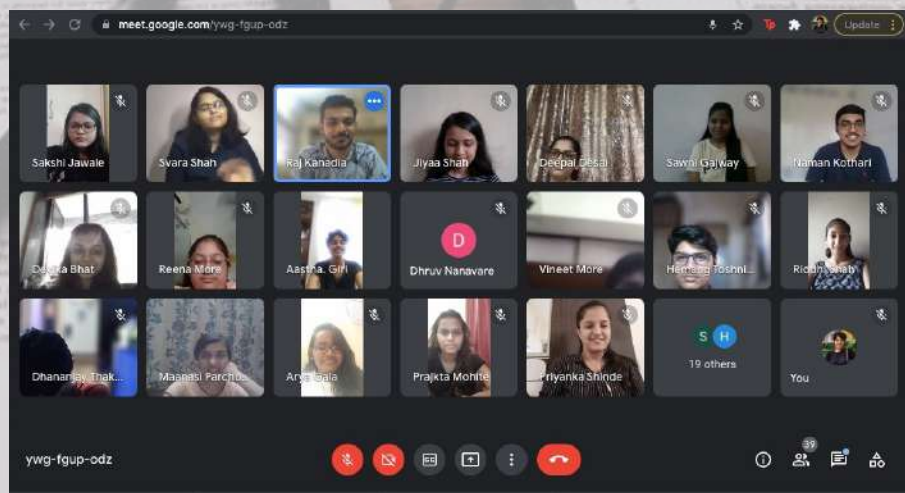
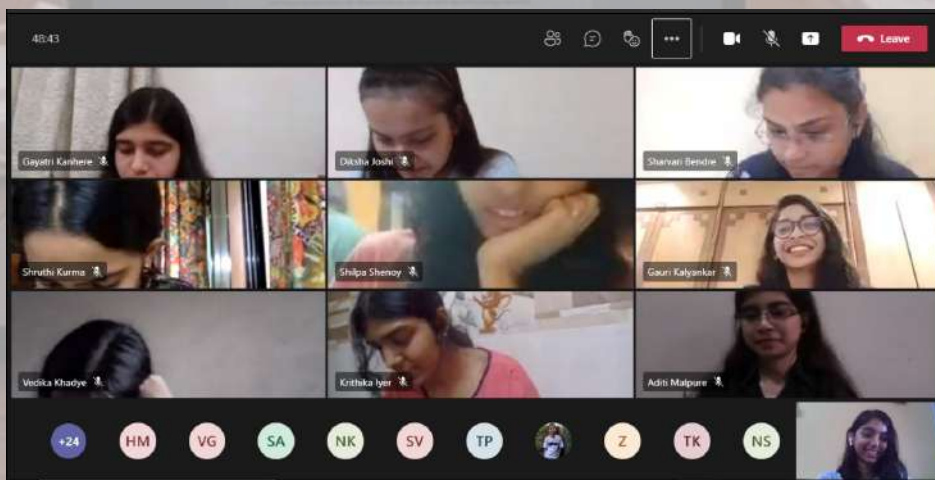
Towards the end, students were allowed to ask their queries and doubts. The session ended with positive feedback from the students.



WORD SLEUTH

On 25th July 2021, the English Literary Circle held its very first event Word Sleuth: a word search event. The registrations for this event began on 22nd July 2021.

The participants were given five categories, i.e., loan words, homophones, palindromes, words without vowels, and figures of speech respectively. They were also provided with a pdf containing the puzzle from which they had to find and note down words that fall in the respective categories within half an hour. Post that, a google form was circulated to collect the submissions of the students.



ORIENTATION SESSION

The Placement Cell conducted an orientation session for the new recruits on 25th July 2021. The primary objective of the session was to evaluate their work and solve their queries following their very first experience of the Second Final Placement Week and Articleship Week.

The meeting opened with a questionnaire round where they were given a chance to clear their doubts. An in-depth and detailed analysis of the process of conducting the Placement Weeks and Articleship Weeks was conducted. An explanation of the debar policy was given with several examples and possible scenarios that may arise.

The meeting concluded with an evaluation of the Mentor-Mentee program by the core, followed by a doubt-solving session.



WEBINAR ON SELF-COMPASSION

On 11th August 2021, the Life Enrichment Center conducted a webinar on Self Compassion along with Dr. Sunitha Shanker.

She started by stating a simple meaning of self-compassion which is accepting oneself with all their flaws and imperfections. She shared a story revealing the secret of success and made the audience realize that making mistakes is a very human thing and nothing to be ashamed about. She used analogies to explain the ideologies of a self-compassionate person. Overall, the entire session was very interactive and productive.



FÊTE NATIONALE

The French forum kick-started the new virtual academic year with the joyous and most awaited Fête Nationale on the 14th of July, 2021.

The chief guest, Ms. Briggite Dejesus-Gaillard brought a cachet to this beautiful afternoon. To create an amicable environment, the forum conducted a session of fun-filled games and entertainment. The participants dressed in the colors blue, white, and red.

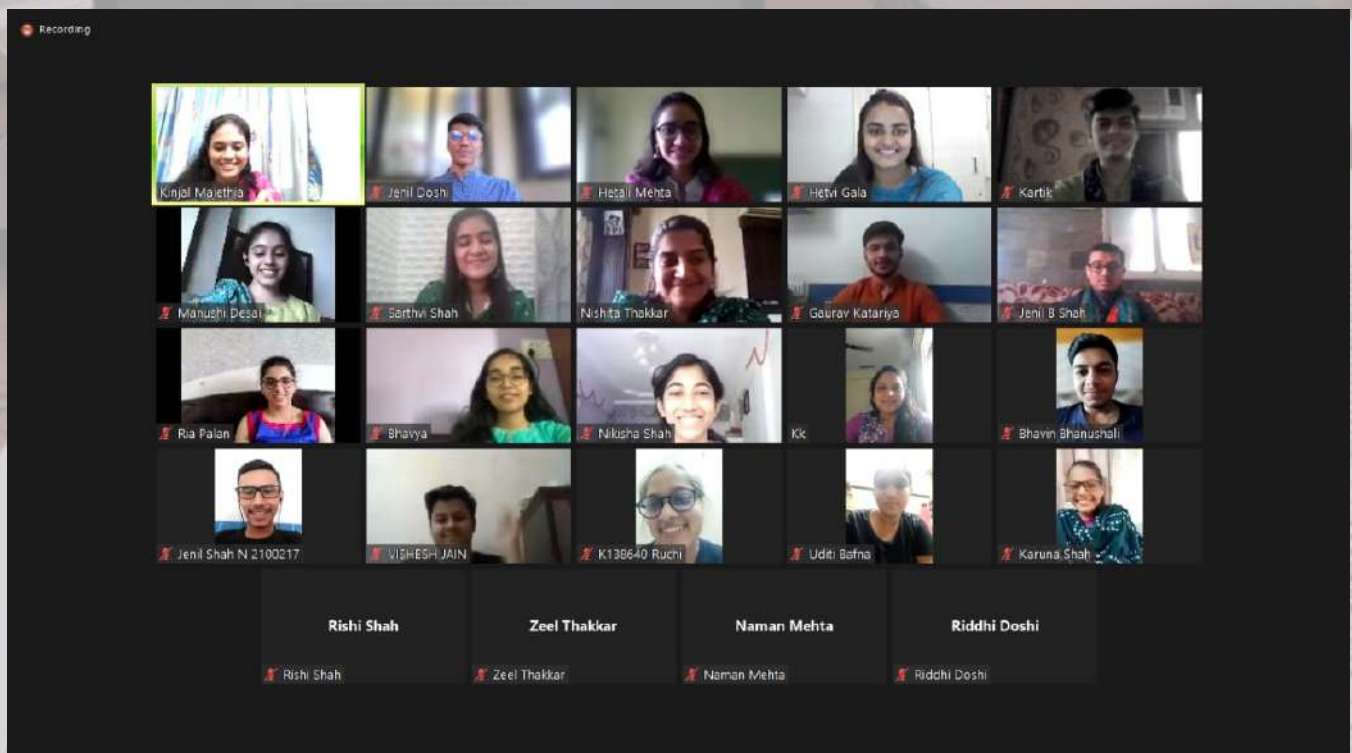
A video montage was curated by the executive members to give a lovely ode to this day. A mélange of French songs, poems, and some discours about France were brought up together. To ribbon up the event, a video of the pompous celebrations in France was shown to which the French guest Ms. Brigitte Dejesus-Gaillard elaborated on what happens in their country throughout the entire day. The playing of the national anthem marked the end of the event.



AAPDI GARVI SANSKRITI - GUJARATI DIVAS

The Gujarati Literary Circle celebrated Gujarati Language Day on 24th August. Students were given a chance to showcase their skills by speaking about the Gujarati culture, heritage, and cuisine which was also recited in the form of Gujarati poems.

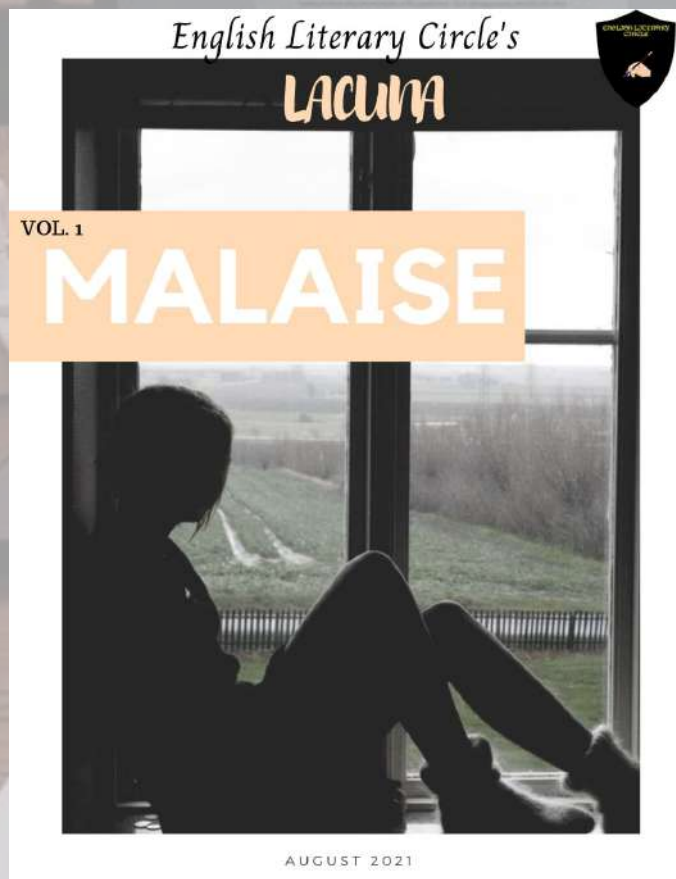
Students stressed how the current generation is more ready to accept the western languages and culture at the cost of neglecting their mother tongue. It helped to throw light on the life of poet Narmad who popularised and had spread awareness about the significance of the language.



LACUNA

On the 31st August 2021, English Literary Circle published their own journal 'LACUNA'. The aim was to develop an outlet for the students to bring out their creativity, ideas, and evolve their critical thinking skills.

The theme for August was 'Malaise' which means the dilemma a person finds himself/herself in.



GEETBAHAR

On 3rd June 2021, the Hindi literary circle conducted GeetBahar which is a musical event. The judges for this event were Mr. Mahesh Deshpande & Mr. Amit Shinde. The event commenced with the blessings of our Principal Mrs. Dr. Shobana Vasudevan and our Vice-Principal Ms. Dr. Vinda Paralkar. The students were then given a platform to showcase their musical talents where they were judged based on their performance.



THE SECRET TO STRESS MANAGEMENT

On 21st August 2021, The Career Guidance Forum conducted a webinar on Stress Management along with Mrs. Maithili Thanawala Khanbar. The host Ms. Mrunmayi Haval started the event and introduced the prime speaker of the day.

The topics that she covered through this session were:

1. The problem: What if I have made a mistake choosing this career?
2. Myths of Career Change: The misconceptions we hold which prevent us from taking action.
3. Solutions and Action Steps: Few things you could try and follow what works best for you.

Ma'am started the session by stating examples from her own life, then continued by busting some myths. She then spoke about the external and internal factors that affect while changing careers and gave solutions to the problems faced by people in certain situations. The webinar ended with a question-answer session followed by a vote of thanks.



GURUPURNIMA

On 23rd July, Marathi Literary Circle celebrated Gurupurnima in presence of the Principal Ma'am, teachers, and teacher-in-charge. The event commenced with Ganesh Vandana followed by cultural programs like classical dance, music, etc. Digital greeting cards made by students were gifted to teachers. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks.



MAHARASHTRA DIVAS

On 1st May 2021, Marathi Literary Circle arranged an online program to celebrate the glory of Maharashtra on the occasion of Maharashtra Divas. The anchors inaugurated the event with the historical description of the state. Ganesh Vandana and Cultural Performances like classical music and dance glorified the event. A digital video prepared by members of MLC was displayed which described various aspects of Maharashtra State along with its historical importance.

BHOOMIPUTRI: FUTURE OF WORK

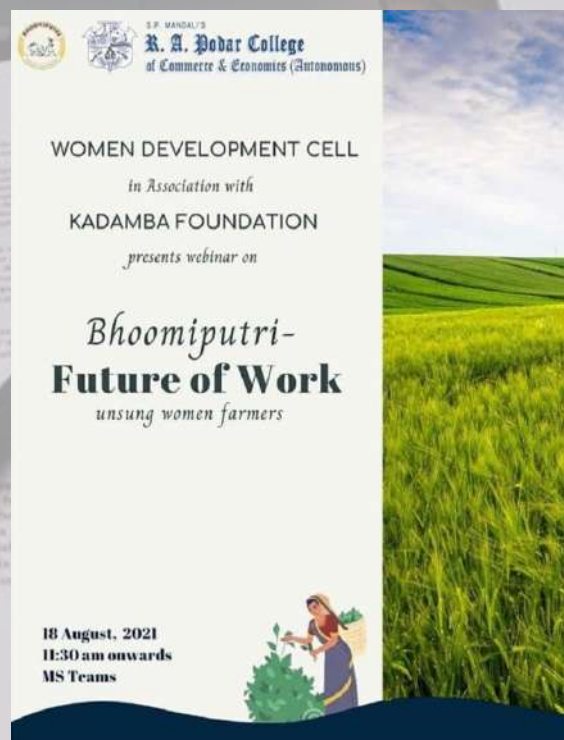
On 17 August 2021, Women's Development Cell conducted a webinar on the topic Bhoomiputri: Future of Work in association with the Kadamba Foundation. The event started with the introduction of the guest speakers. The first speaker Shashidhar Bhatt covered topics like how quantum computing is hitting the world rapidly and how should we start preparing for a better tomorrow especially due to the drastic changes after the pandemic.

The second speaker Mrs. Shobha Bhatt explained the difficulties faced by 9 to 5 jobs, stated facts about MSMEs, and suggested students acquire as many skills as possible from a young age.

The third speaker Ms. Pratima explained about a few government Aids for Entrepreneurs.

The teacher in charge, Dr. Mrs. Tejashree Patankar, then enlightened students with her insights.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks.



THE ONES WHO BROUGHT US GLORY THIS SEASON

- Hearty Congratulation to Mr. Amey Mhaskar (F.Y.B.Com.), Ms. Gauri Kalyankar (F.Y.B.Com.), and Ms. Devanshi Garg (S.Y.BMS) three students of our College who had written a research paper along with Dr. Pratap Patil from Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College, which has been published in the International Journal of Advanced Research in Science, Communication & Technology (IJARSCT).
- Hearty Congratulations to the team of students from our College, who participated in the XXVIII International Economics Convention, under the guidance of Ms. Karishma Khadiwala and Ms. Pradnya Nadkarni, and won the Best Research Paper Award. The team consisted of Aastha Giri (S.Y.B.M.S), Chayanika Banerjee (S.Y.B.Com), Chirag Kedia (F.Y.B.Com), Roopika Saini (S.Y.B.Com), Sakshi Mishra (S.Y.B.Com), Sharayu Vyavahare (F.Y.B.Com), Shilpa Shenoy (F.Y.B.Com), and Shrihari Prabhu (F.Y.B.Com). In addition, Ms. Sharayu Vyavahare won the 'Outstanding Contributor Award and the 'Best Speaker Award was secured by Mr. Shrihari Prabhu.

CONGRATULATIONS

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- Hearty Congratulations to Contingent Leader Sara Agrawal and Assistant Contingent Leader Neha Kumbalath for bagging the 2nd podium in the overall winner's category in Malhar Parallax 2021 , St.Xaviers College. The following students bagged the individual event podiums:-
 - 1.Aashna Jain - Solo Classical Singing - First Podium
 - 2.Barnali Pattnaik - Solo Fusion Singing - Second Podium
 - 3.Aryan NH - Solo Western Dance - Second Podium
 - 4.Vedant Srivastava - Malhar Icon - Second Podium
 5. Disha Mansukhani, Mihir Tiwari, Shrihari Prabhu, Ayushi Kotak - Panel Ideation- Third Podium
- Congratulations to all the winners.

CONGRATULATIONS

THAT'S ALL *folks*

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