

Report of Foundation Course Department for the year 2018-19

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The subject of Foundation Course is taught at FY and SY classes, to make the students understand the socio-politico-economic issues, and impact of new policies and technology in the country. The activities arranged were in the form of seminars and educational trips. The completion of Project work for 25 marks is compulsory for I and II terms, where the students submit a hand written project and PPT in groups of 4-8 each. It inculcates team-work and trains them to use computers.

1. Seminars and Guest lecturers:

- Mr. Balwant P spoke on “Alert and Aware Citizenship” from Praja Foundation, an NGO, in the month of February 2019.
- Ms. Neena Gupta talked on “Team-Work and Group Discussion” for the S.Y classes in January 2019.
- Mr. Prashant Kamat from Career Launcher spoke on ‘How to prepare for Competitive Examinations’ (January 2019).
- Dr. Mahesh Bhagwat, Associate Prof. Mithibai College of Arts Science and Commerce, Vile Parle, and Mr. Charanjit Singh, Social Activist and President of the Raigad Distt. Human Rights Council of India, provided guidance to students of FY for their projects on Human Rights.

2. **Earn and Learn:** Project by Smayukta NGO: trained five girl students, to work with group of artisans and weavers of Banaras Silk. It provided them training on managing ‘Exhibition cum Sale’ that was held for two days in the month of September at Jahangir Art Gallery.

3. Educational trips by the students of S.Y B.COM, as part of project -work:

- Seventeen students of the SYB.COM class visited Chhatrapati Shivaji **Railway Museum** in August, with team leader Deepak M, and collected Information on locomotives and history of Indian railways during the British period.
- Visit to **PALGHAR GAVSEVAK SANSTHA:** Twenty -Three students visited the site and spent time learning and understanding the ways of livelihood of women engaged from local areas in making cow-dung cakes and incense sticks. Thanks to Prof Kavita Vaidya who helped us in making it a gainful experience.
- An educational trip forty-three students to **NEHRU SCIENCE CENTRE AND NEHRU PLANETORIUM**, to make the students see the Space models and functioning of Satellite technology. The students gathered information on role of NASA and India’s space research. Thanks to student team leaders Ms.Muskan, Ms.Sonali, Mr.Kanhiya and Mr.Yadav.

4. Value-add-on Certificate Course:” Study on Life and Works of Gandhiji”: It took the students to different level of learning and made them introspect on how the father of the Nation followed the path of truth, righteousness and still work relentlessly for the welfare of others. Twenty-nine students completed their Certificate Course on Gandhi Vichar by Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal. They submitted articles, put up an Exhibition and took an exam of 100 Marks (Gandhi Vichar Examination – based on Gandhiji’s Autobiography, abridged by Bharatan Kumarappa).

My thanks to Dr.Perreira, HOD Economics Department of Nagindas Khandelwala College, Malad, for the support and guidance in completion of it. We even extend thanks to late Ms Santosh Bachoo who sponsored the expenses of field-trips which were taken by the students.

5. Film-Screening

- The Documentaries on “Climate Change” and “Scarcity of Oxygen”, were screened in August on environmental issues and its impact on habitat. and a film on “Raman Raghav”, was also screened that was thought provoking on issues of transgender and acceptance by society and legal system.
- A Film” Mohalla Assi” reflects on the concept of eco-spirituality, where the Indians settled on the banks of river Ganga in Varanasi, feel a threat to the existence of usage of Sanskrit language and Godliness. Hence forth the adaptation to neo -pseudo-life style making way for foreigners to imbibe the Indian mysticism is full of intrigues and conflicts, posing challenges to accepted customs and Indian beliefs. Thanks to Shubham Bhave and Mohan Acharya and all team.

Dr. Neelu Khosla

- ❖ Presented a paper on “India and Central Asia” Envisaging initiatives in enhancing the Health System” in a Seminar on’70 years of Indo-Russian Relations’ organised by CCES Dept., University of Mumbai and Russian Centre for Science and Culture. - the paper is also accepted at the International Conference on “India and Central Asia relations Economic Historical and Cultural Perspectives” organised by Ala-Too International University, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic.