

Report
Department of History
2020-2021

Departmental Activities:

❖ **145th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**

National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is celebrated on October 31 every year. This day was introduced by the Government of India in 2014 to mark the birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. This year marks the 145th birth anniversary of the freedom fighter.

The History Department of Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Ganeshkhind, Pune, had organized an online event on this occasion on 31st October, 2020. The event was held on an online platform keeping in mind the pandemic and safety of the students and staff members. During the event, students of the History department spoke on the contribution and personality of Sardar Patel. The program was organized to inspire the youth of today with the ideals of our great 'iron' leader, Sardar Patel. 37 students from the history department had attended the program.

The program started with Sawani Nibandhe's self-choreographed classical dance performance on the song 'Jayostute'. Sahil Mhaske, Ankita Raut, Kalyani Bhoir, Avinash Sonumkar expressed their inspirational thoughts about Sardar Patel. Pranita Nale expressed her admiration about the leader through a self-written poem, while Supriya Pawar and Mukul Kunte expressed their thoughts through PPTs. The chief guest at the event was Prof. Somodatta Bhattacharjee from Assam College who expressed her intellectual views on Sardar Patel. Our Hon. Principal Dr. Sanjay Kharat appreciated the speeches of the students. Dr. Shweta Sawale, Dr. Meenakshi Tiwari, Prof. Vivek Jadhavar and Prof. Pournima Gaikwad gave guidance to the students. Parimal Gangurde compèred the program and Saurabh Kinnare gave the vote of thanks. 37 students participated in this program.

❖ **Sub-Inspector, Mr. Keshav Hasgule delivered a lecture on the topic, 'Preparation for Competitive Examination'**

Sub - Inspector of Police, Mr. Keshav Hasgule (MPA, Nasik), and proud alumni of the History department, delivered a lecture to all the students of the Arts faculty on the topic 'Preparation for Competitive Examination' on 23rd October, 2020. 70 students attended the online event.

The event was anchored and organised by Dr. Shweta Sawale. The vote of thanks was given by Ms. Pournima Gaikwad. Hon. Vice Principal Dr. Jyoti Gagangras shared her heartfelt views as she recalled her student, Mr. Keshav Hasgule from his college days at

Modern College, Ganeshkhind. Hon. Principal Dr. Sanjay Kharat honoured us with his presence.

❖ **Kaun Banega ? History Scholar !!**

P.E.S's Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Ganeshkind, Pune – 16; Department of History had organized an inter-college history quiz competition by the name of 'Kaun Banega? History Scholar!!', which was held on 9 January 2021, between 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. 137 students participated. A tie-breaker round was held for the toppers on January 29, 2021 between 4.30 to 4.50 pm. 13 students participated. Dr. Meenakshi Tiwari coordinated the event. This quiz competition has become a popular tradition of the department for quite some time now and is enthusiastically attended by members of other colleges.

Result:

❖ **First Prize:**

Wagh Swatej (Modern College, GK) and Nivrutti Gund (FC, Pune) - 12 out of 20.

Second Prize:

Abhijeet Kshirsagar and Saurabh Kinare (Modern College, GK) - 11 out of 20

❖ **Third Prize:**

Akshay Kadus, Rushikesh Khotre and Chetan Kokane (Modern College, GK); Sandip Suryawanshi (FC, Pune)

Sr. no	Name of the College	No of students in first round
1	Modern College	111
2	Vasandrao Naik College, Mhasala	7
3	Fergusson College, Pune	4
4	C. K. Goyal College, Dapodi, Pune	2
5	Flame University	1
6	AGC, Pune	1
7	VIT, Pune	1
8	SPPU	1
9	Subhash Baburao Kul College, Kedgaon	1
10	Raje Chhatrapati Kala Mahavidyalaya, Dhamangaon	1
11	SP College	1
12	RA College of Arts, Science and Commerce	1
13	Yashwant Mahavidyala, Nanded	1
14	Anuradha Pharmacy, Chikhali	1
15	Sheth J.N Paliwala College	1
16	NA	2
Total		137

❖ **Celebration of Shiv Jayanti/Birth Anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**

The department had organised an event via Microsoft Teams on the auspicious occasion of Shiv Jayanti on 19th February, 2021. Dr. Shweta Sawale anchored the event. The main speech was given by Prof. Vivek Jadhavar on the topic “**Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj & Nationalism**”. Hon. Principal Dr. Sanjay Kharat expressed his thoughts on the occasion. Dr. Meenakshi Tiwari gave the vote of thanks. The number of attendees was 69.

❖ **Prof. Dr. Lahu Gaikwad delivered a lecture on the topic ‘Career in History’**

The department had organised a lecture for the students on the topic ‘Career in History’. It was delivered by Prof. Dr. Lahu Gaikwad (Gramonnati College, Narayangaon) on 15th March, 2021 via Google Meet. The event was organized by Prof. Vivek Jadhavar. Vote of thanks was given by Dr. Meenaskhi Tiwari. The students interacted with the speaker and expressed their gratitude. 60 participants attended the program.

❖ **Bharatratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti**

On the occasion of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti, the history department organised an event on 14th April, 2021. Prof. Mahendra Waghmare offered Buddha vandana and inaugurated the program. Dr. Shweta Sawale welcomed the attendees. The main speech was delivered by Prof. Dr. Naresh Waghmare on a much relevant topic ‘The Indian Constitution and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar’. Hon. Principal Dr. Sanjay Kharat also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Meenakshi Tiwari gave the vote of thanks. 81 members attended the event.

❖ **‘Contribution of Historian V. S Bendre’ by Prof. Santosh Shelar**

The department had organised a special event for the students to introduce them to the contribution of historian V. S Bendre. Prof. Santosh Shelar delivered the main speech while Prof. Vivek Jadhavar anchored the event and gave the vote of thanks. The event was held on 18th March, 2021 on an online platform and was attended by 40 students.

Staff Achievements:

- **Dr. Shweta Sawale**

- Participated in a one day workshop on ‘**Suggestion Revised Syllabus of History for TYBA**’ organized by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College, Aungh, Pune on 9th November, 2020.
- Successfully completed an online certificate course on ‘**Introduction to Indian Heritage**’ conducted jointly by Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORA) & Heritage India.
- Research article published in the book of **Bhartiya swatantrya chalvalicha arthik pariprekshatun abhyas(1757-1947)** ISBN- 978-93-84600-38-9
- Delivered a lecture to the commerce faculty of Modern College, Ganeshkhind, on the event of Shiv Jayanti/Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Birth Anniversary, on the topic '**Business Model of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**' on 19th February, 2021.
- Conducted a workshop on **How to Right Project** for TYBA History Special Students, on 7th march 2121

- **Dr. Meenakshi Tiwari**

- Successfully completed an online certificate course on ‘**Introduction to Indian Heritage**’ conducted jointly by Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute & Heritage India.
- Research article published in the book of **Bhartiya swatantrya chalvalicha arthik pariprekshatun abhyas(1757-1947)** ISBN- 978-93-84600-38-9

- **Prof. Vivek Jadhavar**

- Delivered a lecture on the occasion of **Celebration of Shiv Jayanti/Birth Anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj** at Modern College, Ganeshkhind, Pune on the topic “**Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj & Nationalism**” on 19th February, 2021.

- **Ms. Pournima Gaikwad**

- Participated in an online workshop on **Feminist Research Methodology** organized by Tarabai Shinde Women’s Studies Centre, BAMU, Aurangabad, during 22nd February 2021 to 4th March 2021.

- Participated in an international webinar organized by the History Department of Lokmanya Tilak Mahavidyalaya, Beed; on the topic **‘Thoughts of Dr. B. R Ambedkar’**. She wrote a research article titled **‘Some Views of Dr. B. R Ambedkar on the Chaturvarnya system’**.
- Participated in a one day workshop on ‘Suggestion Revised Syllabus of History for TYBA’ organized by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College, Aundh, Pune on 9th November, 2020.
- Completed an online course in Brahmi script/Dhammalipi.
- Participated in an online workshop on **‘Buddhism: Philosophy, Literature, Vipassana, Meditation, Art and Architecture’** from 10th August to 22nd August 2020 organized jointly by the Department of History, University of Mumbai and Ambedkarite History Congress.
- Volunteered online to help secure resources for people in the Covid-19 pandemic.

Students Achievements:

- Our students have always done well in competitive examinations. The pandemic too did not stop them from achieving. Our alumni **Jotiba Gidde** qualified for the **SET examination** held in the year 2020.
- The pandemic has unfortunately left many vulnerable sections of the society dependent on the youth. Many of our students, both from BA and MA, worked as brave covid warriors. The jobs of covid warriors included activities related to sanitization, guiding vulnerable senior citizens, and working at vaccination centres, etc. Covid warriors Mukul Kunte, Aishwarya Deshpande, Vishal Kamble, Suresh Margale and Avinash Bhadale served the needy in the pandemic. We are proud of the fact that our department is made up of socially aware young citizens.
- Ajay Sathe (MA I) is a published author. His book titled “Burning Breeze (the poems on death) has been published in 13 countries. ‘The poems included in this anthology bring out the universal truth associated with death.’ The book is available on Amazon. ASIN : B08P4RR232
- The pandemic has cut off many children from the virtual classrooms due to lack of digital equipment and internet resources. Mukul Kunte, during these times, taught in slum areas to make sure these students were not deprived of education.

- We are especially proud of Suresh Margale's commendable activities. Be it the Covid-19 pandemic or the severe flood in Kolhapur, Suresh volunteered to help in both.