Maj. Dr. Sham Kharat was conferred with the highest national award of NCC, the 'Raksha Mantri Commendation Card'. He received it at the hands of honorable Defense Minister Shri. Manohar Parrikar at New Delhi. Only one NCC officer is selected from all over the country for his unmatched dedication towards NCC. Maj. Dr. Kharat was selected for the year 2014 and became the first recipient not only from Ahmednagar district but from the entire Maharashtra state. He was also the guest of honor at a Tea Party specially arranged in admiration of the Commendation Card holder and other award recipients along with the dignitaries. Lt. Gen. Anirudhha Chakraborty, Director General of NCC, was the host of this programme.

Five cadets of our College were selected for the Republic Day Camp 2015. Cadet Aman Jagtap of FYBCom was selected as the Parade Commander for the Rajpath March Past. He led a contingent of 144 cadets who had come from different parts of the country. He had the special privilege of saluting the Flag as well as President of India Hon. Pranab

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Cdt. Aman Jagtap leading the Rajpath March
Achievements:

Dr. Shabnam Gurung of Department of Commerce has been awarded the Ph.D. by the Savitribai Phule Pune University for the thesis entitled 'A study of job satisfaction of women employees working in selected services sector with special reference to Ahmednagar District” in Sept. 2014 under the guidance of Dr. R. P. Deshmukh.

Dr. S. K. Mohapatra was awarded PhD for his thesis “Dalits in Higher Education: A Study of Knowledge Contents, Identities and Social Aspirations” from the Centre for the Study of Social Systems (CSSS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi on 19th November, 2014.

Dr. Shankar R. Thopate, Assistant Prof. Department of Chemistry, visited Department of Chemistry, University of Turku, Finland as visiting faculty under EXPERTS4Asia Academic Staff Exchange program sponsored by European commission Erasmus-Mundus program. He visited University of Turku for one month during 21.10.2014 to 20.11.2014 and delivered couple of lectures on carbohydrate chemistry.

Mr. Rohit Dengale, Ph.D. student of Dr. Shankar R. Thopate, Department of Chemistry, is currently visiting Department of Chemistry, University of Turku, Finland as research student under EXPERTS4Asia Exchange program sponsored by European commission Erasmus-Mundus. He is selected for 10 months program.

Mr. Arun Y. Balid, Registrar of our College, has been appointed as the Vice-President of Maharashtra State College Non-Teaching Staff Association.

Prof. S.A Ghule, Asst Professor, department of Mathematics, has been appointed as a Special Executive Officer for Ahmednagar District for the duration of 2014-2019 by the Maharashtra Govt.

Dr. D S Veigus, Physical Director of the College has been appointed as a member of Board of Studies in Physical Education of Savitribai Phule Pune University.

Prof. S D Nimbalkar, Jr. College Sports Teacher, has been nominated as one of the Selection Committee Members of the Maharashtra under 17 Cricket Team.

Newly elected Board of Directors of BHPE Credit Cooperative society
It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Ahmednagar College Chronicle 2014-15 to our readers. This bulletin provides an occasion for remembering the many memorable events we have been a part of during the year and also the several achievements of the staff and students.

I believe that one of the most important skills that we have to inculcate in students is determination and the spirit not to give up regardless of how difficult the situation is. The key to success in any profession is to have the ability to always find a way to solve any problems. It is when students show commitment, energy, dedication and drive to accomplish their goals and compete fiercely that the best in their own personality also shines forth. I am sure it is these sterling qualities that were on evidence when our students came up with so many achievements this year, be it in academics, NCC, sports, public speaking, theatre or social service. It is a great honor to the college that our students were leading the Republic Day Parade, won national level trophies, and have dazzled in every field. I hope that they will take forward all these qualities into their career, and come up winners again and again in the wider world. But, I also urge my young friends that every achievement should be seen as a beginning of the preparation for the next big thing. It should become a source of inspiration to go for more. It is this power of inspiration which I hope they will take forward and that they dream big, achieve ambitious goals and help create a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

I also wish to see the pages of this bulletin reflecting all the achievements of the students – small and big, because, I know for a fact that in every department there are such bright youngsters with some or the other accomplishments.

The Chronicle mentions several significant developments that have taken place in the College this year. It is heartening that our efforts continue to be recognized by independent bodies and that this year too our College is in news for the award received from the Asia Education Summit 2015. Another exciting news has been the prestigious “Raskha Mantri Commendation Card” received by Major Dr. Sham Kharat for his outstanding achievements as the NCC officer. For me it is an indication that we are on the right path and that others have taken note of it. The important take away from this is that we must keep on doing our best to provide the finest education to our students, which is our primary responsibility. I feel confident that the years ahead will only reveal the true worth of all the good things that are happening in Ahmednagar College and that more and more of our students and staff scale new and greater heights.

I congratulate the editing team of The Chronicle for doing such a magnificent job. God bless this great institution of ours.

Dr. R J Barnabas
Awards to the College

Ahmednagar College has been conferred with the “Most Promising Educational Institute in Maharashtra” Award for extra-ordinary achievements and growth of a College by the Worldwide Achievers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi at the hands of Abhinav Bindra, the Olympic Gold Medalist.

The thesis of a Harvard Scholar, Dr. BP Hivale

Dr. Bhaskar Pandurang Hivale, the visionary founder of Ahmednagar College, completed his Ph.D. on the topic, ‘Religious Consciousness and the Idea of God in Contemporary Occidental Philosophy’ from Harvard University in 1928. In his study he has analyzed and discussed the most important ideas of God and religious consciousness which were found in contemporary occidental philosophy then. His research is a quest to discover what God means in religious experience, and concludes that the God of religion is the personal God, “in whom we live, move and have our being,” and that the communion with him and the loving service of our fellowmen for his sake, with the resulting peace, “that passeth all understanding,” constitutes the essence of religious experience.
**Avishkar Competition**

At the behest of the Savitribai Phule Pune University, the College successfully organized AVISHKAR 2014, Zonal Level Competition on 30th September, 2014. Our College has been organizing AVISHKAR Activity for Ahmednagar district for the last 5 years and we are proud that many of our students have reached up to state level and won the prizes. This year 30 projects were selected for the University level competition out of which 10 projects were from Ahmednagar College.

**Founder’s Day**

The 126th Birth Anniversary of our founder Rev. Dr. B P Hivale was celebrated as Founder’s Day on 22nd January, 2015. Dr. K Shitole, an eminent educationalist and our former student was the guest of honour. Dr. N.M. Aston was the chairperson of the function. *A Garland of Grace* - a commemorative volume published on this occasion.

**Faculty Development Programme**

The College organized a week-long Faculty Development Programme in the subject of Science at the College from 17th to 22nd December, 2014 funded by the Academic Staff College, University of Pune. The College received a grant of Rs. 1.2 lakhs for the same. Dr. Bale was the coordinator of the programme.
Research Achievements

We feel proud to mention that in the field of research we have been doing exceedingly well as research plays a significant role in the academic arena of the college. During this academic year 5 Minor Research Projects funded by UGC to the tune of Rs. 5.35 lakhs has been completed and 15 minor Research Projects are ongoing. These are being funded by BCUD and UGC to the tune of Rs. 27 lakhs. In addition, there are six ongoing Major Research Projects funded by UGC and ISRO are to the tune of Rs. 36 lakhs.

The UGC, New Delhi, has sanctioned two Major Research Projects to our faculty members: Dr. SR Bale, dept of Botany and Prof. AE Gawade, dept of Microbiology to the tune of Rs. 22.00 lakhs. 15 staff members from various departments have submitted their Minor Research Project to BCUD & UGC to the tune of Rs. 71 lakhs.

Dr. V A Kawade, Assistant Professor, dept of Chemistry received the Young Scientist Research grant from DST to a tune of Rs. 23 lakhs for his Research Project. A large number of teachers are contributing towards research publications in reputed national and international journals and have also attended international and national level seminars/workshops etc. and have presented papers therein.

State level Seminar for Non-teaching Staff

State level Seminar for Non-teaching StaffPhotoA state-level seminar was organized by Ahmednagar College for non-teaching staff on 21st Feb 2015. Principal Dr. R.J. Barnabas was the Chief Guest of the programme. Dr. Dhanaraj Mane, Director of Higher Education and Dr. Sunil Shete, Jt. Director of Higher Education, Pune addressed the participants. There were 145 participants from all over Maharashtra out of which 98 were from Ahmednagar district. Principal Dr. R.J.Barnabas congratulated Mr. A.Y.Balid, Registrar of the College, Mr. Dipak Alhat, Superintendent and Mr. Daniel Patole and the non-teaching staff for this successful event.

National Days
**News from Department of Microbiology**

**Departmental activities:**

A welcome function was arranged for First Year UG and PG students. M.Sc. and Third year students celebrated Teacher’s Day. Farewell function was arranged for UG & PG senior students in the month of March.

M.Sc. students along with staff visited Vikhe Patil Pharmacy College for learning different routes of animal inoculation and bleeding as per the requirement of syllabus.

**Annual Day**

The Annual Prize Distribution function of the College was celebrated on 10th February, 2015. Dr. Nagnath Lalujirao Kottapalle Marathi writer & former Vice Chancellor of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University was the guest of Honour for the function.

Miss Sonali Jathar cleared NET Exam.

**Staff activities:**

Dr. S. B. Kshemkalyani was appointed as a subject expert for the selection of Asst. Professor at SSR Memorial College, Silvsa in the month of June. He was also appointed as a member of the committee appointed to revise T.Y.B.Sc. Microbiology syllabi. He was invited as a resource person in a workshop on M.Sc Credit based syllabus held in Baramati in the month of June. Mrs. Zareena Khuddus also attended the same workshop.

**Results:**

The result of T.Y.B.Sc. is 75%. Two students got distinction, 5 got first class and 2 secured higher second class. The results of M.Sc. (final) is 60% with two students securing 1st class and three obtaining higher second class.
**News from Department of Hindi**

Department of Hindi celebrated Hindi Day on 30 September 2014, Dr. Suresh Babar (Hindi Head, New Arts, Commerce and Science College, Ahmednagar) was the chief guest. Central Hindi Directorate, New Delhi organized a training camp for New writers in Guwahati (Assam). Students of the department, Prashant Shinde, Ms. Mangal Pimple, Ms. Swati Nimse, Ms. Manisha Nagpure participated in this camp.

**News from Department of History**

Prof. V.S. Kadam had completed a minor research project on 'Role of govt. in empowerment of visually challenged people'. He has also awarded teachers fellowship-FIP by UGC under faculty improvement programme. He had presented a paper on 'Disability and Human Rights' in a State level seminar on Human Rights and Social Exclusion organized by BPHES-CSRD- Institute of Social Work and Research. Prof. Ms. L. G. Ughade had also attended the same. She was the subject expert in the interview of PGT teachers held at Kendriya Vidyalaya.

**News from Remedial Coaching Classes**

Remedial Coaching Classes organized a lecture on Competitive Examinations. Mr. Saurabh Deshmukh, (CA and Visiting Faculty for UPSC General Studies at various Coaching Centres in Delhi, Shrinagar, Nanded and Hyderabad) delivered a lecture on "Preparation for Competitive Examinations" on 31st March 2015.

A State-level One-act play competition was organized by Maharashtra Rashtrabhasha Sabha, Pune. Department of Hindi and Theater group of the College got the first prize for 'U hi chala chal rahis' in this competition. Vijay Sable received first prize for his (Ekpatri acting) performance. A study tour to Aurangabad was organized for M.A. students. Dr. Richa Sharma received Maharashtra State Hindi Sahitya Academy 2013 - Babu Rao Vishnu Paradkar Award for Hindi Patrika – kal aur aaj.

Prof. Ashok Ghorpade has completed Environmental Science-Interdisciplinary Refresher course in Kumaun University, Nainital, Uttarakhand - 19 Nov. to 9 Dec.14 Prof. Anand Tripathi has been selected as a member of 'Kendriya Hindi Samiti' by Government of India. Dr. Rupali Dalvi's Book 'Hindi Ke Swatantrtrotter Balkatha Sahitya Ka Anushilan' was published by Anamika Publication, Allahabad.

Prof. S.D. More presented a paper on 'Historiography in postmodernism' at Arts, Science and Commerce College, Rahuri. He was the chief guest in a cultural programme at Takhashilala English Medium School, Dedgaon. PG students visited eight schools around the city as a field trip which was a part of skill development programme, prevention of child abuse. They were divided in eight groups. They had prepared questionnaire and took interviews of students and teachers and submitted the report to the department. Prof. V.S. Kadam, Prof. L.G. Ughade and Prof. G.S. Gaikwad were in charge of this programme.
Welcome to freshers:
The Department of BBA started with full swing for the First term in the month of July. The T.Y. and S.Y. students had organized a welcome function on 24th July 2014. The chief guest of the function was Principal Dr. R.J. Barnabas.

Parents Teachers Meet:
Parents-Teachers meet was held on 14th August 2014 in the department of Business Administration to discuss various topics, present the students performance and achievements and solve parent’s queries regarding F.Y.B.B.A & S.Y.B.B.A students. The function was headed by honorable Principal Dr. R. J. Barnabas.

Imagica Tour:
Imagica tour was planned in the month of August for the S.Y.B.B.A and T.Y.BBA. HOD Dr.D.B. More, Prof. Trupti Khabiya, Prof. Sheetal Kulkarni, and Mr. Rushikesh Gayke accompanied the students for the same on 28th August 2014.

Management Exhibition:
MANAGEMENT REVELATION, VISION 2015 was well thought-out by students of B.B.A. on 17th January 2015. Inauguration was done by Principal Dr. R.J. Barnabas. The function was a grand event and students got practical exposure for their talents.

Management Week:
The Department of B.B.A. arranged Management Week in the month of February
2015 so as to enhance the skill of the students. BBA students were motivated to nurture their inborn skills and to acquire skills through such competitions. This included various activities such as Presentation competition, Group Discussion, HR team building, AD MAD show, Cricket and Badminton matches, Rangoli Competition and Best out of waste.

**Farewell Function:**
Farewell function was organized for TYBBA in the month of March 2015 at Library Conference hall. The event was inaugurated by chief guest Principal Dr. R.J Barnabas. The event started with a formal function which included welcome song, felicitation of Chief Guest, video clip for students of TY BBA, speech of T.Y. BBA students and the chief guest. Formal function concluded with prize distribution for the academic toppers, winners of various management competition and other curricular activities.

**Series of Guest Lectures:**
Guest lectures were conducted in BBA Dept in the month of September and October 2014. These included:-
- a) 9th September 2014. The topic was “LEADING OVERSEAS EDUCATION AND FOREIGN OPPORTUNITIES” and guest speaker for the occasion was Rashmi Patil, senior counselor.
- b) 10th and 11th October 2014, on the topic of “CASE STUDY ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN MANAGEMENT” for the S.Y.B.B.A students. The guest faculty was Prof. Hari Shankar Rai from IMS, Ahmednagar
- c) 13th September 2014, on the topic “INVESTMENT BANKING” for the all students. The guest speaker for the occasion was CA Dr. Rajesh Varma from Pune.
- d) 9th November 2014 on the topic “RECENT CHANGES IN INDIAN CAPITAL MARKET” for the all students. The guest speaker was Prof. Vikas Kulkarni from Pune.
- e) 15th November 2014 on the topic “HOW TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY THROUGH BODY LANGUAGE” for the all students. The guest speaker Mrs. Sejal Parkhe from Pune conducted the lecture.

**News from Department of Geography**
Azam Hajiabadi has been awarded Ph.D degree on 26th March 2015 from Savitribai Phule Pune University. She worked under the guidance of Dr. Maya G. Unde, Title of her thesis: "Assessment of Flood in Binalood Mountain Zone of North Eastern Part of Iran (A Study of Bouzhan and Khorvains Catchments). Dr. Maya G. Unde presented a research paper and was also a resource person for the session in the national conference organized by Department of Geography, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad.

The Department organized the 14th IIRS Outreach programme on Applications of Remote sensing and GIS for Natural resources, during 27th January to 27th March 2015. 30 Participants actively participated in this course.

The Department also organized Guest Lecture Series for P.G. students on 3rd March 2015. The guests invited for the same were Dr. Srikanth Karlekar, Dean, Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune; Dr. Rajendra Suryawanshi, Department of Geography, Garware College, Pune; Dr. Sunil Gaikwad, Department of Geography, S.P. College, Pune.

An Intercollegiate Quiz Competition for UG Students was organized on 14th January 2015. Students from five colleges actively participated.

P.G. Students completed a village survey at Madadgaon on 21.02.2015.

P.G students completed a river survey at Arangaon of river Mendka River (tributary of river Sina) on 8th April 2015.
News from Department of Mathematics

Madhava Mathematics Competition -2015:

The Department conducted the national level Madhava Mathematics Competition, organized by Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, T. I. F. R., Mumbai. 1490 students from 22 different colleges of Ahmednagar district participated in the competition, which was held on 4th Jan. 2015.

Mr. Jetander Singh and Mr. Ankit Singh Yadav students of S.Y.B.Sc. stood first and second respectively in Madhava Mathematics Competition 2015, in Ahmednagar region.

Mr. Aware Balasaheb Parashram qualified JAM 2015, conducted by IIT for M.Sc. Mathematics course.

Mathematics Exhibition 2015:

The Department organized a Mathematics Exhibition on 13th Feb. 2015. Principal Dr. R. J. Barnabas inaugurated the exhibition. About 350 students of various Schools and Colleges of Ahmednagar visited the exhibition along with their teachers. The objective of the exhibition was to enable the students to realize that Mathematics is an exciting and challenging subject. In this year we had exhibited the projects on Recreational Mathematics. The exhibition was highly appreciated by students, their parents and teachers. Also teaching and non teaching staff of Ahmednagar College visited the exhibition.

Staff Achievements:

1. Prof. S. S. Munot, Head of the department was appointed as the Coordinator for the Madhava Mathematics Competition, organized by Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, T. I. F. R., Mumbai and S. P. College, Pune.

Prof. A. E. Lagad has delivered four lectures on 4-5 March 2015 to the participants of Refresher Course in Mathematics/Statistics at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad.

Differently Abled

This year the Resource Centre for the Differently Abled registered 27 regular students in usual courses and 20 student volunteers. Mr. Pradip Sonavane and Mr. Mohammad Nayyar joined the Center as fieldworkers. Dr. M. S. Deshpande, faculty of Bio-Chemistry Department, joined as the Deputy Coordinator from Sept. 2014. The Resource Centre celebrated the World White Cane Day on 15th October. On this occasion the Centre launched a year-long project entitled 'Jyotirgamaya'. 60 students enrolled in this program. Miss. Sanjivani Karjule participated in an elocution competition. Eight students participated in a workshop on 'Reasoning' held on 26th November 2014. Mr. Amol Chavan and Mr. Krushna Tawale gave a speech in the NSS camp at Village Kokale, District Palghar on 12th December 2014. Mr. Krushna Tawale also gave a speech in the Eye Donation Camp held on 12th March 2015 at the Collectorate of Ahmednagar.

The RCDA organized many cultural events as a part of Youth Week Celebration. Seventeen visually challenged students participated in 7 different competitions. Mr. Kiran Khetmalas and Mr. Balu Shinde attended a workshop on the use of touch screen mobiles, held on 16th Feb. 2015 at Pune. A four week teacher training programme was organized by the Centre for 8 teachers of the Andh Seva Mandal, Ahmednagar, on 27th Jan 2015. Mr. Kiran Khetmalas and Mr. Amol Chavan of the RCDA trained the teachers for computer aided teaching-learning of visually challenged students. Ms. Rebecca and Mr. Swagat Thorat, the editor of the Braille Magazine, from Reliance industry, visited the RCDA.
News from Department of Computer Science

“Kite Festival”
On the occasion of Makar Sankranti the department celebrated the Kite festival. All the students of the Computer Science department participated in this event by flying colorful kites. The festival started at 9 in the morning with releasing balloons in the air. The event was open for all the departments of the college. Snack stalls were arranged for everyone. Competitions were organized among the various groups in the department.

“Traffic Control”
A Traffic Control event was organized by the Department. This was specially designed for spreading traffic awareness. Ten areas of Ahmednagar city with heavy traffic were chosen. Groups of 10 to 15 students accompanied by members of the staff positioned themselves at the selected locations and helped to control the traffic. The students enthusiastically spread awareness about the importance of following traffic rules and emphasized the importance of wearing a seat belt and helmets. They also saluted those who were following traffic rules with roses.

“DAYS”
The Department once again took an opportunity to gather all the departments together to celebrate and this time it was "Days". As usual the 1st week of February was the time to celebrate days. The Days organized this year were various colors of Indian Tradition. Students took an effort to represent the various colours and traditions of Indian states. Students were rewarded for the perfect representation of the traditional look of the respective states. On Retro Day students dressed up according to the fashion in late 80's in imitation of the superstars of the 80's. On Chak De India Day was specially designed to cheer the Indian cricket team for the World Cup tour." Students dressed up like cricketers and flashed the logo: "We Won't Give It Back (World Cup). This was followed by a celebration of Tiffin Day by sharing various kinds of delicious food with the whole department.

Campus Interview
Twelve students from the Computer Science department were chosen by the IT company, Wipro, in a Campus drive at Ahmednagar college. They are Ketaki Gaikwad, Deepti Negi, Sukanya Lihine, Pallavi Pokale, Sapna Kanwar Khangarot, Pooja Mutha, Tarun Kumar, Ayeman Shaikh, Nitesh Yadav, Rohit Thawani, Aware Balasaheb, Akshay Sharma.

Taare Zameen Pe
The event "Taare Zameen Pe" organized by the Computer Science department was designed for the children from orphanages, who are deprived from the happiness of being in a family. In this event, various kinds of entertaining events of fun, games and dance performances were planned for the children from four orphanages.

Traditional, Retro, Chak De India and Tiffin Day. Traditional Day was a great day as it showed
invited to Ahmednagar college. There were shown cartoon movies which made the kids laugh and enjoy. Some of the students of the department acted as jokers. A special magic show was also arranged for them. The children were also given opportunity to present their talents. They were given gift hampers.

**Saalam Tula**

Saalam Tula...! This event was held on 20th February as a tribute to all the social personnel who are neglected by the society but without whom society wouldn't be complete. It was a ceremony in which the opportunity was taken to show them our gratitude for our protection and welfare. Among the invited were personnel such as; a truck driver who looks after transport across the country but insufficiently paid, a farmer who provides society with food though his own house starves, an ambulance driver who helps to save lives though his own life is not safe, a nurse who nurses the needy though her own needs are ignored, a sweeper who keeps the environment clean though he is bound with sickness, a firefighter who protects lives from fire without caring for his own life, a soldier who protects us from terrorism but his own blood is being shed.

This event helped to create an awareness of such personnel as superheroes around us. This tribute ceremony also included many entertaining programs performed by children from orphanages as their contribution to this social event. Students of the department also known as ‘Creative Heights’ gave an amazing performance for the superheroes. This event concluded with the birthday celebration of our beloved Principal Dr R.J. Barnabas.

**News from Department of Statistics**

- A two-day national level seminar was organized by the department of Statistics on 12th -13th January 2015. The topic of the seminar was “Application of Statistical techniques in Science Subjects”. Prof Chandrashekhar R.S. was the convener of the seminar, assisted by Prof M.C. Yeola as organizing secretary and Prof Yogesh Yewale as a joint Secretary. 32 Senior college teachers and 22 M.Sc. students participated in this event. Eminent personalities delivered lectures, prominent among them were Dr. Avinash Dharmadhikari (General Manager, Tata Motors Pune), Dr. M.B. Kulkarni (HOD, Statistics, BYK Commerce College, Nasik), Prof. P.G. Dixit (H.O.D, Statistics, Modern College Pune) and Prof. V.R. Pawagi (H.O.D. Statistics, Garware College, Pune). A workshop on computing in R-Software was arranged as a part of this seminar.
· University-level quiz competition for students of F.Y.B.Sc. Statistics was organized by the Pune University Statistics Association (PUSA) on 30th Jan 2015. Miss Shaikh Tanvira of F.Y.B.Sc. from the college was the topper.
· University-level quiz competition in Statistics was organized by PUSA on 30th Jan 2015, for S.Y.B.Sc. Statistics students. Four toppers from the first round viz Miss Manju Shinde, Azim Pathan, Prashant Baheti and Miss Yogita Chavan selected for the final round of quiz competition held in Modern college Pune on 26th Feb 2015.
· State level quiz competition for Statistics students was organized in K.T.H.M College Nasik on 21st Jan 2015. Two of T.Y.B.Sc Statistics students from the College Miss Taskeen Shaikh and Miss Puniya Pooja and one of S.Y.B.Sc. student Miss Manju Shinde participated in the event.
· Miss Puniya Pooja a student of T.Y.B.Sc has qualified the IIT-JAM 2015 examination for admission to M.Sc.

Junior College Activities

Parents Meeting
Interaction between parents and teachers
Awareness Campaign against terrorism
(Police Officers enlightening students)
Interaction between parents and teachers
e-learning
Teachers Day Celebration
Many academic, social and cultural activities were conducted by the Department in the current year. The academic year started with fresher's party for our F.Y.B.Sc and first year M.Sc students. Dr. Chitra A. Vanjare (PhD-Pune University, Pune) and Miss. Annapurna Kappa (M.Tech - IBB, Pune) joined the department as faculty members in June 2014. One of our faculty, Miss. Asmita Gavhane, cleared State Eligibility Test for lectureship (SET).

A trip was organised by the Department for all students and teaching faculty to Bhandardara and Ratanvadi in August, 2014. An academic visit was organised by the Department for our M.Sc-II students to BAIF, Pune, on 9 October 2014.

The teaching and non-teaching staff and the students of our department participated in the programme “Swacchata Abhiyaan” in December 2014. Activities of the department during the year concluded with “HELIX-2014” held for two days in the month of December. The theme of the event was “Go Green” and students demonstrated science models, posters, charts for school and college students. Around 750 students attended the programme. A food fair was also organised on the second day, which was also a huge success.

The new year began with opportunities for our post graduate M.Sc II students joining in various reputed institutes and industries for their last semester projects. A two day trip was arranged for the entire Department to Murud-Janjeera, Kashid, and Harihareshwar. During the trip the students also visited the Patalganga and Rasayani industries near Khalapur. The Department also organized Parents-Teachers meet for our F.Y.B.Sc students in order to discuss the progress of their wards. The Department also planned a send-off party for the outgoing T.Y.B.Sc students. The party included several games and entertainment activities for them. Campus interviews for the M.Sc. II students are planned for the end of this academic session.
News from Department of Commerce

· An induction programme was organized by T.Y.B.Com and M. Com-II students on 11th Aug. 2014 for the newcomers in the college to welcome them and introduce our college to them. The chief guest of the function was our respected Principal, Dr. R.J. Barnabas.
· A one-day trip for undergraduate students of Commerce was organized to Bhandardara on 16th August, 2014. 70 students were accompanied by 4 faculty members of the department.
· On 5th of September 2014, Teacher’s Day was held in the classroom complex, Room No. 15 of our college. Our respected Principal, Dr. R.J. Barnabas was the chief guest of the function.
· A seminar on “Overseas Career Opportunities” was organized for students by “Edwise Overseas Education Consultants” from Pune on 27th. Sep. 2014
· On 7th. Oct. 2014 Poster Competition was organized on the theme “ENVIRONMENT”.
· Various competitions such as Rangoli, Essay in English, Hindi or Marathi language; Mehendi, Cooking, Flower Arrangement, Best out of Waste; Extempo Competition as well as sports activities like Tug-of-War, 100 Meters Race and 400 Meters Relay Race, Cricket, Kabaddi, Basketball were organized.
· Cultural Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony were held on 28.01.2015 in College Auditorium. Principal Dr. R.J. Barnabas was the chief guest of the ceremony. All the winner students of the various competitions which were organized by the department were felicitated during this program.
· Mr. Prasant Tipule won the title of Mr. Commerce 2015. Ms. Namrata Yadav won the title of Ms. Commerce 2015.
FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. V. D. Barve authored a book entitled “Human Resource Management” for BCA as per syllabus of 2014. He was also invited as a Subject Expert for Ph.D Viva-Voce Examination on 10.12.2014 at Tikal Maharashtra Vidyapeeth.

One student of Dr. D. B. More had successfully awarded Ph.D. Degree and one has submitted Ph.D. Thesis. He also completed a Minor Research Project entitled “A study of mutual fund in India of capital market with special reference to individual investor (Ahmednagar city)” funded by UGC.

Dr. R. P. Deshmukh completed a Minor Research Project entitled “A study of Women Entrepreneurship in small scale industries of Ahmednagar City” funded by UGC. Under his guidance two students successfully completed their Ph.D. degree from University of Pune and two students have submitted their Ph.D. thesis to Nagpur University. He also published several papers in renowned journals and authored following books -


Dr. Ms. Shabnam Gurung has been awarded the Ph.D. degree by the Savitribai Phule Pune University for the thesis entitled ‘A study of job satisfaction of women employees working in selected services sector with special reference to Ahmednagar District” in Sept. 2014 under the guidance of Dr. R. P. Deshmukh. She also published research papers in impact factor journals.

Major Dr. S. S. Kharat was conferred with “Raksha Mantri Commendation Card for 2014”.

He completed a Minor Research Project entitled “Performance evaluation of Urban Co-operative Banks in Ahmednagar District” funded by UGC. He also authored a book entitled “Lashkaratil Sewa Sandhi”.

Prof. B. E. Gouda, presented research papers in National Seminars.

COMMERCE RESEARCH CENTRE

Inauguration of the new office for Commerce Research Centre was held on 25th Nov. 2014. Chief Guest of this inauguration ceremony was Principal Dr. R. J. Barnabas. All registered guides and research scholars were invited for the same.

Students Awarded Ph.D Degree

Hatim Kayumi was awarded the degree of Ph.D. by the University of Pune for the thesis entitled ‘A study of Debt Mutual Funds and Equity Mutual Funds of Indian Financial Market with special reference to Individual Investor” in July 2014 under the guidance of Dr. D. B. More.

Shabnam Gurung awarded the degree of Ph.D. by the University of Pune for the thesis entitled ‘A study of job satisfaction of women employees working in selected services sector with special reference to Ahmednagar District” in Sept. 2014 under the guidance of Dr. R. P. Deshmukh.

Paresh P. Bora has submitted his Ph.D. synopsis to University of Pune.

Students Enrolled for Ph.D.

Mr. Gaikwad Pavan Laxman, Mr. Abhijeet Vidhate and Mr. Manoranjnan D. Biswal were new Ph.D registered candidates for the year 2014-2015. Topics of Mr. Gaikwad Pavan Laxman and Mr. Abhijeet Vidhate were approved by University of Pune.
News from Theater Group

The Theater group of the College participated in the Puroshottam Karandak, Pune held on 27th August 2014 in the Bharat Natya Mandir. They performed the one act play “Visangat Chalnare Raste”. Sneha Patel (S.Y.B.A.), & Suraj Pawar (F.Y.B.A.) both have given excellent performance.

On 24th August 2014 the above unit also performed two one-act plays at the Natya jaloshani kala yantrik antar Mahavidyalay district level Shahi Modak Karandak. Herein the one act play 'Visangat Chalnare Raste' was performed & Sneha Patel won best acting award.

Theater group of Ahmednagar College successfully performed in the 'State-level' drama competition on 24th November 2014 which was organized by Maharashtra State govt. Theatre group performed a full length play named as 'Yatun Sutka Nahi'

Best comedy Actor of Theater Group Vijay Sable won best mimicry award at 'Hindi Rashtra Bhasha Sabha' Pune.

'Lokankika' inter-college state level one act play competition was held on 9th December 2014.

The Theater Group bagged four awards at this event: Best music {First} - Shshikant Ghadge (T.Y. Bcs); Best Acting {First} - Anuja Patait (T.Y.B.A.) ; Best Dir action {First}- Shruti Deshmukh (M.A. Psy.) ; Drama Second - "Chimni Chimani Khopa De".

Award Winning team of Theater Group

Best comedy Actor of Theater Group Vijay Sable

Jyanpeeth Award winner Dr. Bhalchandra Nemade

We are very happy that Dr. Bhalchandra Nemade, who was once a member of our faculty has been bestowed with the prestigious Jyanpeeth award for the year 2014. He was a lecturer in the dept of English in the year 1964.
News from Department of Sociology

Dr. Manda C. Wagh, Head of the department, presented the following research papers: “Dalit Sahitya: Dalit Lekhikanche Yogdan” at the three-day International Seminar at Rashtriya Sant Tukdoji Maharaj University, Nagpur; “Stree Sikshanatil Samasaya” at the two-day Marathi Samajsastra Parishad organized by the Department of Sociology, A.T. Senior Arts, Sciences and Commerce College, Nigadi, Pune. She also delivered a guest lecture on “Dr. Ambedkar and Dalit Movement” in New Delhi to the students of the Department of International Studies, Keisen University, Japan on 5th September 2014 and delivered a series of lectures on “Women Empowerment” to the participants of NSS orientation course held at Ahmednagar college in the year 2014.

Dr. S. K. Mohapatra was awarded PhD for his thesis “Dalits in Higher Education: A Study of Knowledge Contents, Identities and Social Aspirations” from the Centre for the Study of Social Systems (CSSS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi on 19th November, 2014. He also received second prize (certificate and Rs 1000/) from Research Committee (RC)-9 at the 40th All India Sociological Conference held at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi during 29th November – 1st December 2014 for best paper “Dalits and Reservation: Developing a Dalit Perspective” presented at RC-9 of the 39th All India Sociological Conference held at Karnataka State Open University, Mysore during 27-29th December 2013. His research paper “Ambedkarism, Dalits and Human Rights” was published in the book “Human Rights in India: Concept and Concerns” as conference proceedings by the Pointer Publication, Jaipur (ISBN – 978-81-7132-787-4) and also presented two research papers “Dalit Issues in Indian Higher Education: A Study of Exclusion and Discrimination” in RC-9 and “Understanding Religious Conversion of Dalits” in RC-21 at the 40th All India Sociological Conference held at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi during 29th November – 1st December 2014.

Mr. Ravi P. Mate & Ms. Arti Fulsoundar attended a five-day workshop on “Research Methodology in Social Sciences” at the New Arts, Sciences and Commerce College, Ahmednagar during 5th-9th September 2014.

A Two- Day state-level Seminar on ‘Dalits and their development and problems’ was organized by the department on 6th and 7th March 2015.

A Freshers’ Welcome programme was organized by the department on 6th August 2014
A farewell party was organized for the outgoing PG & UG students on 11th April 2015
A visit to Chand Bibi (a historical monument) was organized on 5th September 2014
Teacher’s Day was celebrated in the department

The Staff and students of the department visited Bhimashankar on 11th Dec. 2014.

News from Gymkhana

Our college is the winner of Dr. M.S. Gosavi T-20 tournament organized by BYK college Nasik. The team won a cash prize of Rs 1,00,000/-.
Ronak khandelwal & Sandip Adole won the best bowler prize and Sripad Nimbalkar was the man of the final match.
News from Department of Political Science

Dept. of Political Science celebrated the National Youth Day. Dr. Pritam Bedarkar was the Chief Guest of the programme. He delivered a lecture on "Vivekananda's Thoughts on Youth" on this occasion.

Hon. Adv. Pradnya Hendre-Joshi (Member, District Legal Aid Authority, District Court, Ahmednagar) delivered a lecture on "Human Rights in India" on the occasion of International Human Rights Day organized by Department of Political Science.

Department of Political Science celebrated Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Mahaparinirwan Day on 6th December 2014.

The teachers and the students of the department and Gandhian Studies Centre paid soulful tributes to Prof. Rajni Kothari, (Pre-eminent Indian Political Scientist, Thinker, and Writer) for his contribution to the Political Science.

Dept. of Political Science observed the 126th Birth Anniversary of Rev. Dr. B.P. Hivale, Founder and First Principal, Ahmednagar College, Ahmednagar.

Dept. of Political Science observed the Birth Anniversary of Rev. Prof. Joseph Barnabas for his great contribution and sacrifice for Ahmednagar College and BPHE Society. Prof. S. J. Kavade, Head, delivered a lecture on this occasion.

News from Career Guidance Cell

Career Guidance Cell organized a Lecture Series on Competitive Examinations. Staff and Students of the Career Guidance Cell.

News from Gandhian Study Centre

Communist leader Com. Govindbhai Pansare visited the Gandhian Studies Centre on 8th January 2015. A renowned Gandhian research scholar and social worker Dr. J. P. Vaidya delivered a lecture on "Gandhi in Different Perspectives - Role of the Students" at the Gandhian Studies Centre on 23rd February 2015.

The staff of the Department presented a gift to Principal Dr. R. J. Barnabas brought from the land (Sabarmati Ashram) of Mahatma Gandhi.

Ms. Varsha Makhija stood first at the university-level "Gandhi Vichar Sanskar Pariksha-2014" jointly organized by Gandhi Research Foundation, Jalgaon and Gandhian Studies Centre, Ahmednagar College, Ahmednagar. This examination is conducted in 5 states of our country as also in Japan.

Gandhian Studies Centre observed "Martyr's Day" on 30th January 2015. Superintendent of Police of Ahmednagar District Hon. Mr. Lakhmi Gautam was the Chief Guest of the Programme. Gandhian Studies Centre also felicitated the winners of "Mahatma Gandhi Vishesh Tantamukti Gram Puraskar" to the Sarpanchs and their representatives of three Grampanchayats of Ahmednagar district.

Gandhian Studies Centre felicitated the Women of Beedi Workers Union, Ahmednagar on the occasion of the International Women's Day.

Students and Staff of Gandhian Studies Centre visited to 'Snehalaya' on 24th March 2015. They also had an interaction with the students from UK who were on their India tour.
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News from Department of History

Prof. V.S. Kadam had completed a minor research project on 'Role of govt. in empowerment of visually challenged people'. He has also been awarded teachers fellowship -FIP by UGC under faculty improvement programme. He had presented a paper on 'Disability and Human Rights' in a State level seminar on Human Rights and Social Exclusion organized by BPHES-CSRD- Institute of Social Work and Research. Prof. Ms. L. G. Ughade had also attended the same. She was the subject expert in the interview of PGT teachers held at Kendriya Vidyalaya.

News from Department of Marathi

Dr. Nagnath Kotapalle the President of Marathi Sahitya Sammelan visited the Department and the Research Centre in Marathi.

News from Department of Economics

Dr. P.P. Kadam attended a workshop organized by Adult Continuing & Education department, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. Dr. P.P Kadam organized a workshop on Women & Youth empowerment.

Dr. M.H. Shinde & Dr. P.P. Kadam presented a paper at a national conference organized by Varadkar College, Dapoli on 7th March 2015.

Prof. S.D. More presented a paper on 'Historiography in postmodernism' at Arts, Science and Commerce College, Rahuri. He was the chief guest in a cultural programme at Takshashila English Medium School, Dedgaon. PG students visited eight schools around the city as a field trip which was a part of skill development programme, prevention of child abuse. They were divided in eight groups. They had prepared questionnaire and took interviewed of students and teachers and submitted the report to the department. Prof. V.S. Kadam, Prof. L.G. Ughade and Prof. G.S. Gaikwad were in charge of this programme.

World Marathi Day was celebrated in the Department and a well-known Marathi writer Dr. Sanjay Kalamkar delivered a lecture.

An educational excursion for MA – II was arranged to Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad. Twenty students have taken admission for the M.Phil course and 17 students registered themselves for Ph.D. In the academic year, 8 students completed their M.Phil and 4 students were awarded Ph.D by Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune.

Dr. M.H. Shinde presented several papers at national seminars and delivered lectures in various institutions. His research paper on "Maharashtrachi Arthik Sanrachana: Ek Magova" was published in Arthsanwad. Three students are doing their M.Phil research under the guidance of Dr. M.H. Shinde.

The Department of Economics organized a symposium on "budget-2015-16". Honorable Principal Dr. R.J. Barnabas also delivered his thoughts on budget at the symposium.
News from Department of English

Students of the department organized three programs during the year: “Teachers' Day” in September 2014, “Cultural Day” in March 2015 and a “Farewell” function for the outgoing students in April 2015. These occasions also saw imaginative activities presented by students. Two of our MA students, Ms. Nimisha Bandellu and Ms. Tejal Sonavane, participated in a national-level paper reading competition held at M S University, Baroda in February 2015. Ms. Nimisha Bandellu won the first prize in this event and the they also won the team first prize. Mr. Ganesh Rajdeo, a student of MA II, has received “Kavya Bhushan- 2015” award for his collection of poems. Mr. Gaurav Misal, a student of MA I was adjudged the “Best All-round Student” of the year.

Dr. Simon Bernabas presented a paper at an international conference held in Mahe, Pondicherry, in December 2014. He also presented a paper at a national seminar held at M.S.University, Baroda, in February 2015. One of his papers on research in English studies has been included in the proceedings of a national seminar held at Arts, Commerce and Science College, Rahuri.

Dr. Kamalakar Bhat published two articles in national level journals and one article in an edited book. He was invited as a resource person at an international seminar held at C.T. Bora College, Shirur, and one national and one state level seminar held, respectively, in Pathardi and Shevgaon. He was invited to give a lecture at the Faculty Development Program for Social Science teachers held at New Arts College, Ahmednagar.

Mrs. S.R. Tiwari presented a paper at an International Seminar held at Tukdoji Maharaj University, Nagpur in the month of January 2015. She presented a paper at a National Seminar held at Arts, Science and Commerce college, Rahuri on 13 and 14 February, 2015. She also presented a paper at a state level seminar organized by Dept. of Sociology, Ahmednagar College in Feb 2015.

Mrs. Ashita Dsouza completed a refresher course on Computer Application, ICT in Higher Education, held at ASC-PUMBA, SPPU, in March 2015.

Mr. Ashok Borude attended a 3-week intensive training programme on ‘Introduction to Translation’ at CII, Mysore in May 2014. He attended a one-week faculty development programme on Soft Skill Training organized by ASC, SPPU, Pune, in January 2015. He presented a paper at a state level seminar organized by the Dept. of Sociology, Ahmednagar College, Ahmednagar in February, 2015.

Dr Parag C Athavale presented a paper at a national level seminar held at Vaze College, Mumbai.
Mukharji, and President of USA, Barak Obama. For the first time, a cadet from Ahmednagar district was selected for this event. He was also conferred with the Director General NCC Commendation Card. He was selected as the Best Cadet of the Maharashtra Directorate of NCC.

- Cadet Shirish Deshmukh was selected as the Parade Commander for the Prime Ministers Rally March Past. Hon. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, was the chief guest and our cadet had the privilege to salute the Prime Minister of India.
- SUO Prem Kolapkar and JUO Shivani Parkhe were selected for Youth Exchange Programme to Russia and Sri Lanka, respectively.
- Cadet Surekha Teotia, Cadet Darshana Joy and Cadet Bhagyashri Diwate were also selected in the contingent of 144 cadets of NCC for the Rajpath March Past.