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The Management of the BPHE Society, the faculty and staff of Ahmednagar College and the sister institutes i.e. IMSCD&R, CSRD-ISWR, as well as the various departments of the College felicitated Principal Dr. R.J. Barnabas for this prestigious honor. In a special program in December Dr. R.J. Barnabas was honored by the Staff of Ahmednagar College by presenting him a ‘Roll of Honour’ expressing our pride in him. Speaking on this occasion Dr. R.J. Barnabas emphasized that quality should be the hallmark of all our endeavours which alone can raise us above the mediocrity afflicting our society.

Graduation Ceremony was organized by the College on 15th February, 2017. Dr. N M Aston, Chairman BPHE was the Chief Guest for the function. Meritorious students were awarded the degree at the hands of the Dr. Aston, Principal Dr. R.J. Barnabas. Prof. Lagad, Chief Exam Officer, Dr. Shahnam Gurung, Chairman, Exam Committee were also present on the occasion. Meritorious students who were conferred upon with degrees in the ceremony are, B.C.A - Dharani Afshan Amirali; B.B.A. - Madhyan Sakshi Mahesh; B.A. - Kolpkar Prem Prasad; BioTech - Gitanjali Rajesh Kharat; BSc - Pathan Rameez Khan Sameerkhan; B.Com - Dhaneediya Shree Bhaaravi; MSc.BioTech - JadHAV Suchita Suryakant; MSc Botany - Madiyan Sukhi Mahesh.
Faculty Achievements

- Dr. M G Unde, Head, dept of Geography and Dr. B M Gaykar, Head, dept of Botany, have been promoted to the post of Professor in their respective subjects from the current academic year.

- Dr. Shabnam Gurung, Dept of Commerce has been appointed as Chairman of Examination Committee and Dr. M H Shinde, Dept of Economics as Assistant College Examination Officer.

- Mrs. Malati Yeola, Dept of Statistics has been awarded Ph.D by S.P.Pune University, Pune.

- Dr. Paresh Bora, Dept. of Political Science has been awarded Ph.D by Dr. Babasaheb Ambekar Marathwada University, Aurangabad.

- Prof. Sunil J. Kavade Head, department of Political science was felicitated by the Nationalist Congress Party of India (Ahmednagar District) for his outstanding contribution to education for 3 decades on 23rd Dec, 2016 at the hands of Hon. Shri. Arunkaka Jagtap, MLC, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra.

- Ms. Trupti Khabiya, Dept of BBA has successfully completed her M.Phil under the guidance of Dr. D B More, Dept of Commerce.


- Mr. Ajay Vijay Kakade, Dept of Geography has qualified CBSE-UGC NET held in December 2014 and December 2015.

- Mr. Dadasaheb Ranjit Jawre, Dept of Geography

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The Chronicle

From the Principal’s Desk

I am very happy to present the first issue of The Chronicle for the year 2017.

On this occasion the ideas immediately present in my mind relate to quality. Both in my personal journey and in the journey of Ahmednagar College, I have noticed that despite all considerations, quality matters. If we consistently pursue quality processes in our administrative, educational and research endeavors, it will result in desired effects. ‘Quality Education’ has become a catchword precisely because of the deficiencies of educational institutions. Various stakeholders – be it parents or employers – are worried that the falling standards of education in our country may not only impact the personal career of our students but also our nation building enterprise. This is so because the quality of education imparted in our educational institutions ultimately determine the standards of our industrial, social, cultural, and other fields. An acceptance of deficient standards in education is indeed dangerous as it will eventually mean that the same deficiency will show up in every other field.

Quality is not an abstract metaphysical idea – it is a material effect and hence measurable. It is not enough to adopt quality policies in all our practices, it is necessary that we submit ourselves to quality audits periodically so that we take a look at ourselves in the mirror. But importantly, we must develop an impatience and intolerance toward any compromise on quality in all our activities.

Quality is not merely an inherent aspect of what we do but is connected to our ability to change and respond to changes as well. Education is a field that needs to constantly evolve and re-form itself. Especially when faced with accelerated changes and revolutionary transformations in production, technology, and social relations, it becomes imperative that educational institutes adapt rapidly. Each time we see the world changing, we must reinvent ourselves in order to position ourselves as vanguards.

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With these thoughts on quality and innovation, I convey my greetings to all the readers of The Chronicle.

May God bless this great institution of ours.

Dr. R J Barnabas
Faculty Achievements

- Ms. Arti Pulsoungar, Dept. of Sociology, has qualified NET examination for lectureship held by UGC in the month of July 2016.
- Ms. Anuja Bhalerao, Dept of Zoology, has cleared the GATE as well as State Eligibility Test (SET) in Life Sciences.
- Dr. Sudhakar Shelar, Co-ordinator of Research Centre in Marathi was invited as the Chief Guest for the Annual Gathering of Shivachhatrapati Mahavidyalaya CIDCO, Aurangabad AND Dadasaheb Rupvate Vidyalaya & J. college, Ahmednagar.
- Dr. Satappa Lahu Chavan, Dept. of Hindi, received 'Manpatra' from Panhala Press Club, Dist. Kolhapur on 6th January 2017.

Graduation Ceremony


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College has received the Phase-II status of “College with Potential for Excellence” (CPE) for the next five years effective from 1st April, 2017 to 31st March, 2022. The grant sanctioned is to the tune of 150 lakhs for overall development of teaching learning process, lab up-gradation and infrastructure.

Annual Day and Prize Distribution

The College Annual Day was celebrated on 7th February 2017. Notable cine actress Ms. Chitra Kulkarni was the chief guest at the function. On this occasion select cultural performances by the students were showcased. This included group and individual dances, skit, and songs. The Chief Guest Ms. Chitra Kulkarni complemented the students on their fine performances and congratulated the College on the various advances it has made over the years. She reminisced her college days when she was a student of the Department of Botany of our College. The Prize Distribution Ceremony was held on 9th February, 2017. Dr. Arun Shinde, Associate Professor, Agashe College was the Guest of Honor. Dr. Shinde delivered a very inspirational speech in the course of which the audience was highly entertained. He congratulated all the prize winners and expressed his appreciation for the college for its role in ensuring the success of the students in diverse fields.

Graduation Ceremony

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Challenging tasks in their future. He motivated them to set their targets higher and to become more ambitious with each success. He emphasized the importance of competitiveness and determination. Dr. R J Barnabas in his speech guided the students on how to build on one's talents and become greater successes. He urged the students to develop a sense of quality and discernment. He encouraged them to stand up to small failures and take bigger challenges so that greater achievements will be theirs to savor. Prof. Lagad explained the importance of the Graduation Day in the life of students. He complimented the students on their performances.


Chief Guest Dr. N M Aston congratulated the students on their achievements and encouraged them to take up more

Founder's Day

The 128th Birth Anniversary of our founder Rev. Dr. B P Hivale was celebrated as Founder's Day on 21st January, 2017. Mr. Santosh Salvi, former student was the guest of honour. Mr. Vishal Barnabas, Secretary of B.P.H.E.Society was the chairperson. In his speech, Mr. Salvi recalled his memories of the years he spent in the college and how he was helped by the founder, Dr. Hivale. He paid his tribute to that great man and the institution by donating Rs. Five lakh to be kept as a deposit and the interest incurred to be

given to the deserving students.
Students' Achievements

Mr. Rohit Dengale, a Ph.D student of Dr. Shankar Thopate, dept of Chemistry, has been awarded Ph.D. in Chemistry from S P Pune University. Ms. Manisha Shinde, research scholar working under the guidance of Dr. Richa Sharma, Head dept of Hindi was awarded Ph.D in January, 2017. Ms. Shivani B student of T.Y.B. Sc Math stood second in the University. Mr. Prem Kolapkar a student of MA Geography has qualified UPSC Defense Service Exam. He will be undergoing training shortly.

Cadet Manoj Bote, Cadet Shubham Pise and Cadet Shweta Chauhan attended Republic Day Camp 2017 held in New Delhi. Cadet Manoj Bote was selected for the Guard of Honour to the Prime Minister of India. Cadet Shweta Chauhan attended Delhi Police training shortly.

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Three students of Politics Department - Ms. Poonam Ghodke, Ms. Archana Fulari and Mr. Ajay Salve - have passed NET/SET.

Mr. Pathare Udayraj Machhindra a student of T.Y.B.Sc. (Maths) qualified IIT JAM (Joint entrance examination) Admission test for M.Sc. conducted by Indian Institute of Technology.

Taking forward our glorious past our sports department has had another fruitful year. This year, 10 of our students represented S P Pune University in various games at the Inter-University and All India level. We are proud that our College Cricket Team were Runner’s Up at the Katariya Cricket Trophy Tournament held at Daund. They won a cash prize of Rs. 61000/- for the same.

English Department

The staff and students of English Department engaged in different academic and cocurricular activities in the year 2016. Both the undergraduate and postgraduate students of the department organized welcome and farewell parties for the incoming and outgoing students. A Cultural Day was organized at which students read poetry written in different Indian languages. A Remedial English course was conducted for the undergraduate students from 18. 07. 16 to 30. 07. 16. Select students from the UG and PG classes visited Pumpkin House, a rehabilitation centre for children in Ahmednagar. The students entertained the children with songs, skits, etc. for 3 hours. Most of the staff of the department accompanied the students. Dr. Chandrani Chatterjee, Department of English, SP Pune University, delivered a guest lecture on Colonial Indian English Literature to the MA students on 01/08/2016. A one-day workshop on Film Theory and Appreciation was conducted for the UG and PG students on 19.09.16. Prof. Girija Gupte (Satheya College, Mumbai) was the Resource Person. At the MA final year examination two students – Tejal Sonawane and Gaurav Misal – secured distinction while 13 students secured first class.

Mr. Afroz Shaikh and Mr. Musabih N Shaikh students of T.Y. BA Urdu Dept won the best speaker award in the State Level Elocution competition held at Poona College.

Visitors to the College

Dr. David Banks, Senior Adjunct Professor from the University of La Verne, California USA visited the College on 19th & 20th January, 2017 for preliminary discussion with regards to collaborating with the College for Student and Staff Exchange Programme and Short Term Programmes. Dr. Banks was very impressed with our presentation, academic achievements and the infrastructure facilities. He has conveyed his consent to establish the aforesaid collaborative exchange programme.

Dr. Andrew N Drinan from Melbourne University and Dr. B.M.S. Rao from IISER, Pune visited and interacted with heads of Science faculty on 10th September 2016 and in December 2016 with regards to initiation of B.Sc. Blended program for Science which is a three years degree course in collaboration with SP Pune university and University of Melbourne.

Dr. Narkhede, Deputy Director, Higher Education, visited our College.

Dr. Sachin Wagh, a medical officer of Primary health center, Rui Chhatrapati was invited to deliver a talk on organ donation. Undergraduate and postgraduate students of science faculty were present for this lecture. Dr. Sachin Wagh delivered a lecture on the importance of Organ Donation. He appealed to all the students and faculty members to give their consent for organ donation. He also clarified the doubts of the students.

ORGAN DONATION: A NEED OF THE HOUR

Science Association of our College organized a guestlecture on “ORGAN DONATION: A NEED OF THE HOUR” on 26th July 2016. Dr. Sachin Wagh, a medical officer of Primary health center, Rui Chhatrapati was invited to deliver a talk on organ donation. Undergraduate and postgraduate students of science faculty were present for this lecture.

NSS

This academic year 200 student volunteers enrolled for NSS. Numerous activities were carried out by them during this period such as Tree plantation, International Yoga Day, Azadi 70, Road Safety Programme, Swach
The College organized AVISHKAR 2016, a Zonal Level Competition on 08th December, 2016. Our College has been organizing AVISHKAR Activity for Ahmednagar district for the last 7 years and we are proud that many of our students have reached up to state level and won the prizes. An amount of Rs. 1 lakh has been sanctioned by the University for the same.

Avishkar 2017

Professor B. M Gaykar, Dr. A A Kulkarni and Dr. S. S Suryavanshi attended an “International Conference and Convention” held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during 11th March 2016 to 14th March 2016. They presented their research papers in the conference.

Professor Maya Unde presented a research Paper entitled “Changes in Confluence Characteristics in Downstream Direction of River Bhima in Maharashtra” in the 33rd International Geographical Congress held at Beijing, China, during 21st to 25th August 2016.

Byramji B. Chavhan delivered a lecture on ‘Marathi and Experiences in Journalism’. Mr. Bhushan Deshmukh, editor, Divya Marathi, talked on ‘Opportunities in Journalism’. He delivered another lecture on ‘History of Ahmednagar’. Mr. Vijay Sathe presented the famous monologue ‘Varhad Nighalay Landonla’. A film on the famous Marathi writer, Pu. La. Deshpande, was shown to the students.

Celebration of Marathi Pandharvada

Department of Marathi observed a fortnight long celebration in the College. Various activities took place during the fortnight. Poet Amol Bagul recited his poetry. He also played beautiful Marathi songs on flute. Various competitions like, essay writing, story-telling and poetry reciting were conducted for the students. Many students from all faculties participated in these. Dr. Satappa Chavhan delivered a lecture on ‘Marathi places by our NSS wing. As a ‘Shramdan’ (Labour Donation) under save water-‘Pani Adva Pani Jirva’, one new dam was built, another existing dam was rejuvenated, planted trees, painted the trees at roadside and volunteers offered their services in cleaning the various campuses at the village Madadgaon. A Socio-economic survey of 170 houses was made by the students.

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Innovation -2016

A Regional Research conference INNOVATION -2016 was organised on 4th Oct.2016, where 72 faculty members from all faculties (arts, commerce, science, management) from various colleges from Ahmednagar district, participated and presented their research projects work. The activity was funded by BCUD,SP pune university , to a tune of amount 90,000/-.

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Exhibition of Psychology Department

The Psychology department had organized one day an exhibition on “Application of psychological testing into various arias of life” dated on 3/03/2017. All UG and PG students were actively participated in exhibition. It is inaugurated The Principal Dr.R. J. Barnabus and Vice principle Simon Barnabus were the chief guest of the programme .Prof. Divya Vatsa made anchoring and Prof. Santosh Shelke gave vote of thanks.
Department of Commerce organised a Two-Day National Seminar on ‘Recent Trends in Taxation’ on 1st & 2nd February, 2017. Shri S. K. Agal, Asst. Commissioner of Income Tax was the Chief Guest whereas CA Umesh Sharma, Regional Council Member of WIRC of ICAI was the Keynote Speaker. The Seminar was attended by over 175 participants which included teachers, research scholars & students. CA (Dr) Paresh Bora was the Coordinator for the seminar.

Programmes in BBA

Programmes under CPE: An Inaugural Ceremony of various programs like Personality Development, Leadership, Research Methodology etc. under College with Potential for Excellence was organized in the Department. Principal Dr. R. J. Barnabas was the Chief Guest of the function. These programmes were run through out the academic year.

Management Day

Keeping in mind that “Management is Attitude”, the Department organized various activities on 28th September 2016 so that this attitude can be developed among students. Various management activities like Ad-mad Show, H-R Team Building, Building Blocks, Situation Round, etc were organized for students.

Social Awareness Programme of Commerce PG Students

Post Graduate students of Commerce took initiative to visit a Rehabilitation Centre for Disable Children and spent the Republic Day 2017 with them. Principal Dr. R.J.Barnabas appreciated this visit and accompanied the M.Com students and donated two multipurpose wheel-chairs to the Centre. Students made self-contribution and donated the necessities and sweets for those children. Dr. V.D.Barve, Head and Dr. R.P.Deshmukh guided these students.

Dept. of Statistics

T.Y.B.Sc. Statistics students Miss Sadiya Shaikh and Miss Anjali Khade have won the second prize for the university level project competition in statistics held on March 2017. Mrs. Malati Yeola has been awarded Ph.D. degree in Statistics recently.

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Parent-Teacher Meet

To get more connected with the parents and discuss about their ward’s academic Performance and extracurricular activities a Parent - Teacher meet was organized. Coordinator Dr. D.B. More guided the parents.

Theater Group

Akhay Deshpande a student of S.Y.B.Sc has produced and directed a short film named ‘Ankur’. The film has secured second rank in ‘Vivek Short film festival’ organized by Andhshrdhha Nirmulan Samiti and Aatpat Production of Nagraj Manjule. Out of 264 films of all over India, the film ‘Ankur’ is selected for Delhi screening. Now it is in top 10 films and ready for the screening in all over India.

National Seminar on ‘Recent Trends in Taxation’ at Department of Commerce

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Management Week: Fourth week of January 2017 was celebrated as a Management Week for Students. Various activities inside and outside the classroom were organized such as sports, Presentation, Group Discussion and Extempore; Art & Craft & Best out of Waste and the Traditional Day with Food Festival.

News from Geography Department

Activities:
- P.G. Students undertook a village survey at Madagdoon, Takli Kazi and Sarola Baddi in October 2016.
- P.G Students did a survey of river at Sarola Baddi in October 2016.
- River Survey of Bend Nala near Nimbalak village has been completed on 25th February 2017.
- An Intercollegiate Quiz Competition for UG Students was arranged on 12th January 2017. Under this the team visited Nashik, Saputara (Gujarat state).
- An Alumni Meet of past P.G. students was organized in January 2017.

Students from five colleges actively participated and the first prize went to the New Arts Commerce and Science College, Ahmednagar.

Dastan-E-Ahmednagar

Computer Science Department organized a unique function - 'Dastan-e-Ahmednagar' highlighting the history of Ahmednagar city. It was a voyage from the inception till building of the city by various periods of this once royal city in dances, songs and tableaus; Shahi to the modern Moghal and Maratha and independence of this program showcased our nation and the College by the great Pandurang Hivale through of dynamic leadership in this has been carried forward by Dr. Thomas Barnabas, Rev. Prof. Joseph Barnabas and is now continued by Principal Dr. R. J. Barnabas. Many other stalwarts in Ahmednagar College were also remembered.

Hon. Principal Dr. R.J.Barnabas was observing the Transition from Pesheva to British Raj. During the Programme he was bestowed with a cap.
The Department of Mathematics conducted the National Level Madhava Mathematics Competition, organized by Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, T. I. F. R., Mumbai. 1373 students from 26 different Colleges of Ahmednagar district were participated in the competition, which was held on 8th January 2017. Miss. Narwade Yogita Ankush a student of S.Y.B.Sc. Maths, stood first in Madhava Mathematics Competition January 2017, from Ahmednagar region organized by Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, T. I. F. R., Mumbai.

The Department of Mathematics organized a Mathematics Exhibition on 10th Feb. 2017. Dr. B.K. Karale, Principal, Radhabai Kale Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Ahmednagar inaugurated the exhibition. About 400 students of 8th and 9th standards of various Schools and students from various 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. This year the projects on recreational models in Mathematics were exhibited. The exhibition was highly appreciated by students, their parents and teachers. Also teaching and non teaching staff of Ahmednagar College visited the exhibition.

Students of T.Y. B.Sc. Botany visited Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani. They studied the flora of the Hill Station and surrounding area. Students of T.Y. B.Sc. Botany also visited M. P. K. V Rahuri. They visited Dhanawantari Medicinal Plant Garden, Seed Technology and Processing Unit and Horticulture Department. This was a part of their regular curriculum.

Students of M.Sc. Botany I & II visited 'Kos Pathar' in Satara District to study the Floristic Diversity. They also visited Forest Department Nursery situated at Guregar near Pachgani. They reported various gymnosperms growing in the garden and also reported various species of Orchids cultivated in Orchidarium. M.Sc. students also organized a study tour to Bhandara, Ratanwadi and Harishchandranath gadh to study the Floristic Diversity of the surrounding area.

Many Colleges actively participated in this event. Various games applications and entertaining projects were developed by the students and all the participants and visitors enjoyed the journey of entertainment and knowledge sharing exhibition. Trophy and certificates were presented to winning participants.

Techno Mutation

Computer Science department organized a 'Techno Mutation computer Exhibition' on 25th August 2016. This exhibition was a fusion of Mathematics, Electronics, Statistics and other Science faculty, Robotics with technology i.e Computers. Dr N. M Aaston, Chairman, B.P.H.E. Society and Principal Dr R.J. Barnabs inaugurated this event.
Women’s Cell of our College is an active forum through which several activities are conducted.

† Protest against Kopardi Rape Case: On 20 July 2016 women’s cell raised protest against Kopardi rape case by putting on black ribbons and submitted a protest letter to the Collector of Ahmednagar containing 1007 signatures put by the Principal, vice-principals, Nonteaching, teaching staff, girls and boys students.

† Felicitations: On 5th Dec Women Cell felicitated Dr. R.J. Barnabas for his receipt of D.liit from University of South America, USA. Prof. Dr. Maya Unde for receiving Professorship and Dr. Shabnam Gurang for being appointed as Chairman of Examination Committee of Ahmednagar College Center.

† KrantiJoyti Savitribai Phule’s 186th Birth Anniversary Celebration: On 5th Jan. 2017 Savitribai Phule’s 186th Birth Anniversary was celebrated by Women’s Cell. Dr. Manda C. Wagh delivered a lecture entitled ‘KrantiJoyti Savitribai Phule’s struggle for Women’s Rights’. A short film on Savitribai Phule’s life and work was shown on this occasion. Mrs. Vidhyullata V. Mahendru read a poem on Savitribai Phule.

† International Women’s Day: On 8th of March 2017, International Women’s Day was celebrated and to grace the occasion Dr. Rashmi Kulkarni (Nutrition and Dietition) was the chief guest. She delivered a lecture on the topic “Nutrition and Diet”. The girls shared their problems on health and the discussion was a satisfactory.

Open Poster Exhibitions of Sociology Department
Open Poster Exhibition was organized on 4th Sept. 2016 on the topic ‘Say No to Drugs’ which was inaugurated by Dr. N.M. Aston, Chairman of BPHE society. Principal Dr. R. J. Barnabas, Mr. R.M. Khisty & Dr. Joshua Aston (Members of the Board) were present and appreciated the posters displayed.

Another Open Poster Exhibition on ‘Child Abuse’ was organized on 15th Oct. 2016. The exhibition was inaugurated by Principal Dr. R. J. Barnabas in the presence of Vice-Principal Dr. Simon Bernabas, Registrar A. Y. Balid, HoD. Dr. Manda C. Wagh, other staff, participants and students.

On 8th march 2017, students of Sociology Department presented poster on ‘Women’s Issues’ at Collector office Ahmednagar.

State Level Seminar on ‘Tools & Techniques in Animal Sciences’
Department of Zoology organised a BCUD-SPPU sponsored State Level Seminar on ‘Tools & Techniques in Animal Sciences’ on 29th September 2016 which also included a Poster Presentation Competition. Resource persons from the fields of Animal Toxicology, Animal Husbandry, Genetic Engineering and Stem Cell Research delivered presentations during the Seminar. The Seminar received overwhelming response from faculty and students from various colleges in Maharashtra. Dr. G. S. Pande, Dr. Ivan Aranha, Dr. Avinash Vanjare, Dr. Rahul Gaikwad and Ms. Anuja Bhalerao looked after the organisation of the event.

Alumni Meet of Zoology Department
An Alumni Meet of the Department was organised, wherein many past students participated amongst which were alumni Prof. Dr. Sandhya Jadhav (HOD Zoology, New Arts, Commerce & Science College, Ahmednagar). Prof. Dr. Sudhakar Kurhade (HOD – Zoology, New Arts, Commerce & Science College, Shemyagoon). Dr. Dnyaneshwar Wakhoure (Agriculture Expert & Industrialist), Ms. Kalyani Borude (Social Worker), Ms. Chitra Kulkarni (Actress).
Zoology Day

The Department of Zoology organised 'Zoology Day' on 28th February 2017 in which Dr. Abhay Khandagale (Vice Principal, Ramkrishna More College, Akurdi, Pune) delivered a presentation on 'Emerging career opportunities for Zoology students' for the undergraduate students of B.Sc. On this occasion, a 'ZooLOGY Model Making Competition' was conducted in which the undergraduate Zoology students exhibited models on various concepts in Zoology. Prizes and certificates of appreciation were given to best model makers.

Activities in Hindi Department

- Golden Jubilee of the Department was celebrated on 11th February 2017. Department organized Alumni meet programme on that occasion. Yaade (Hindi dept. Annual Publishing) was also released.
- P.G. Students visited Snehankur, Jankibai Aapte Differently Abled School, Mauli NGO during the academic year 2016-17.
- Our students participated and bagged the first and third prize in the one act play competition organized by Maharashtra Rashtrabhasha Sabha, Pune. Best Actress, Best Director and two more prizes for Bahupatriya Abhinay Pratiyogita received by our students.
- Inter College Essay competition was organized on 28/01/2017.

NCC PM RALLY 2017. It was first time in the history of 17th MH Bn Ahmednagar and Ahmednagar College NCC Unit. Cadet Shubham Pise and Shweta Chauhan were selected for RDC Rajpath Contingent. All three were felicitated by Principal Dr. R J Barnabas.

NCC cadets during the visit of Kapurvadi dam.

Five students from our collegem Shirish Deshmukh (TYBA), Aman Jagtap (TYBCom), Darshana Joy(TYBBA), Neeraj R Godse (TYBBA), Parkhe Shivani (SYBSc) have been attended 7th Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (Indian Student Parliament) an Annual National Conclave (non-political) at MIT, Pune on 17th-19th January, 2017.

NCC cadets visited Salvation Army Center for Orphans, Solapur Road, Ahmednagar, and organized games, cultural activities, sport and distributed snakes to the student.

Blood Donation Camp was organized on 9th December, 2016. 105 blood bags had been collected and handed over to Anand Rishi Blood Bank. HDFC bank provided snacks and certificates to donors.

World Water Day was celebrated on 22nd March, 2017 and CTO M S Jadhav explained and demonstrated how waste water deteriorates the water bodies to
Career Guidance Cell

Career Guidance Cell of our College provided assistance to the students regarding competitive examinations for ex. MPSC, UPSC, Bank, LIC, Police, B.Ed. CET, Post etc. Regular lectures were conducted as per the student's demands. Individual guidance was also provided for the students. The Centre succeeded in making students aware about the competitive examinations as well as career guidance and results are very encouraging. This year, 34 students registered and availed the facilities of this Centre under the guidance of Prof. Sunil Kavade and his team.

Remedial Coaching Classes

Remedial Coaching Classes started continuous lecture series on Competitive Examinations for the students of various faculties. Dr. Madhav Shinde, Prof. Firoj Shaikh, Prof. Bhasker Kasote delivered lectures in this lecture series. 54 students from various faculties participated in this activity.

Remedial Coaching Classes has organized a course on "Personality Development and Communications Skills" for the students. 36 students from various faculties participated in this activity. Prof. S. J. Kavade, Prof. Firoj Shaikh, delivered lectures in this lecture series.

- Gandhian Studies Centre

Mahaparinirvan Din

Gandhian Studies centre observed Mahaparinirvan Din. On this occasion Prof. Sunil J. Kavade Director, Gandhian Studies centre paid soulful tribute to Bharatratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. Prof. S. B. Wadekar, Prof. F. B. Shaikh and students were present for the programme.

Death Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

Gandhian Studies Centre observed Death Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. On this occasion Renowned Educationist and Gandhian Thinker Hon. Prof. Shrikant Bedekar delivered a lecture on "Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's Thoughts".

International Youth Day

Gandhian Studies Centre celebrated International Youth Day/Birth Anniversaries of Swami Vivekananda And Rajmata Jijau Maa Saheb. Prof. S. J. Kavade, staff paid tribute to Great King Shivaji Maharaj.

STUDENTS ACTIVITIES:

Mr. Pravin Gaikwad and Mr. Dattatray Pandit students of Gandhian Studies Centre participated in 13th State Level
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Camp on “Gandhi and Youth” by Gandhian Studies Centre’s JES’s College, Jalna. They performed Yoga and other Shram Samska (Shramdan) at the camp.

Gandhian Studies Centre organized a certificate course on Gandhi’s Life, Principles and Thoughts for the students of our college. 83 students from various faculties participated in this course. Yilianci Ringdi secured top rank in this course.

Activities in Department of Political Science

Department of Political Science celebrated Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Prof. Sunil J. Kavade, Staff and Students paid tribute to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. On this occasion Prof. Sunil J. Kavade delivered a lecture on “Mahatma Gandhi and Subhash Chandra Bose - One Aim Different Path”. The Staff and Students were present for the programme.

The Department celebrated the birth anniversary of Rajmata Jijau Maa Saheb. Prof. Madhusudan Mule was the Chief Guest for the function. He delivered a lecture on “Mahatma Gandhi and Youth”. Prof. S.J. Kavade, Pradeep Pendhare Sub-Editor Punya Nagari, Prof. S.B. Wadekar, Staff and students paid present for the Programme.

III. Prof. Sunil J. Kavade, staff and students paid tribute to Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule on her Birth Anniversary.

The programme is organized by the Department to remember her sacrifice for Women Education and Social reforms.

IV. Department of Political Science observed Mahaparinirvan Din. On this occasion Prof. Sunil J. Kavade paid soulful tribute to Bharatratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. The faculty and students paid tribute to the great man.

Gymkhana Champions selected for Inter University Team

Jason Vandalhan
T.Y.B.A.
Football

Sandeep Adole
S.Y.B.A.
Cricket

Ankit Duggal
M.A.
Cricket

Sayan Varade
S.Y.B.A.
Chess

Shubham Dhandore
T.Y.B.A.
Basketball

Yash Kasliwal
FYBCom
Cricket

State Level Workshop on “Physics Laboratory Experiments”

On 9th January 2017, Department of Physics organized a one day state level workshop on “Physics Laboratory Experiments”, sponsored by BCUD, SPPU. In this workshop hands-on and lecture sessions of PG and UG Physics laboratory experiments were arranged.

Planning Forum at Dept. of Economics

The department of Economics has started a “Planning Forum” which is a student centric activity. This concept was proposed by Dr. M.H. Shinde. This forum was inaugurated in January 2017. Two students were elected to represent the forum. The main purpose of this forum is to bring awareness of national policies and economies. A platform is made available for the students to discuss various national and international issues in Economics.

This forum consists of Dr. P.P. Kadam, Chairman, Mr. Sayyad Shahbaj, TYBA as Secretary; Ms. Mahanoor Ashwini, M.A. II as Vice-Chairman.

The Dept. of Economics had conducted a discussion on “Central Budget 2017-18”.

The department conducted a visit to Lavasa on 23rd Jan. 2017 for students to study a renowned pattern and a role model of urbanization.

A farewell function was also organised by new comers for outgoing students of the department.

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In the academic year 2016-17, 23 differently-abled students enrolled with the Resource Centre for Differently-abled (RCDA) of Ahmednagar College. College has encouraged RCDA students to avail the basic facilities of the Centre like computer lab, internet audio books, braille books, computer typing, career guidance etc. RCDA has been relentlessly helping to develop various skills such as computer literacy, braille reading and writing.

Activities
The RCDA organised programmes on Teacher’s Day on 5th September 2016, Louis Braille’s birth anniversary on 4th January 2017. On 22nd October 2016, World White Cane Day was celebrated in RCDA. Mr. P.D. Kulkarni (retd bank manager), Mr. Sudhir Lanke (Editor, Lokmat newspaper) Mr. Kalyan (Manager, Vijaya bank), Mr. Pradeep Pendhare (Editor, Punyanagari, news paper), Prof. Mrs Divekar (CSRd, Ahmednagar), enlightened and guided the students. The Rotary Club Pune central and Technical Training Institute Pune also held a one day training on how to smartly apply “smart cane” on 4th February 2017, for RCDA blind students. Mr. Anil Bora (Member of Rotary Club Pune central), Mr. Manoj Joshi (Member of Rotary Club Pune central), Mr. Atul Bamankar (Technical Training Institute Pune) and Mr. Ashok Patil were the guess and trainers.

Achievements
Our students did the centre and the College proud with their achievements. They have excelled in different fields. Amol Chavan cleared STI main examination in March 2017. He is already working in Vijaya bank as probationary officer. Krushna Tawle is also working as probationary officer in Pune’s Vijaya bank.

Nalini Shirke is selected as college topper among the disabled students. She scored 72% in degree examination with Political Science as special subject. She is recently appointed as a teacher in Kendriya Vidyalay, Ahmednagar. Nanda Shelke selected as Clerk in Union Bank of India and Balu Shinde as Clerk in Mumbai Corporation.

In the State level competitions organized by Netradeep Pratishtan, Mumbai held on 28th February 2016, Krushna Tawle bagged first prize in debate, Balu Shinde and Amol Chavan secured second prize in quiz and Sanjivani Karjule got third position in poetry-reading.

This year Reshma Bhide, Nalini Shirke and Ashok Gund have completed their degree course in Arts stream. Nanda Shelke has completed her post graduation.