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**BEST STUDENT  
TROPHY**

**SOUVENIR**

ON THE OCCASION OF



**GOLDEN  
JUBILEE  
YEAR**

**2019-2020**

## **Best Student Trophy committee (2019-20)**

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## *Preface*

Progressive Education Society's Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Shivajinagar, (Autonomous) Pune -5, is celebrating its Golden Jubilee year. Over all these years our college has offered several opportunities and launched diverse career pathways for the student community. Keeping our eyes to the future, we celebrate the past and visualize a bright future of our college with endless possibilities ahead.

Our college caters to the needs of diverse types of students by providing them platforms to explore and self realize their potential and to improve their overall personality. These are in the form of different associations, Sports, NCC, NSS competitions, career guidance sessions, remedial coaching, and many other programmes.

*Best Student Trophy Contest* is one among them. This contest was started by our college authorities almost three decades ago. The aim of this contest was to identify students who not only excel in their academics but also in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Identifying and selecting best students amongst the vast variety of multitalented students in our college is a challenging process.

We see a paradigm shift in the selection process of Best student as a need of the present time. In the beginning the process was manual where eligible students would fill the form manually and submit it along with relevant certificates. After scrutiny by the committee members, as per the prescribed norms the highest scoring students would be shortlisted under junior, undergraduate and postgraduate category. The list would then be displayed on the notice board for students.

Now the process is made online which has eased the work of both the students and the committee members. At the same time it is in alignment with the Green campus movement adopted by college.

The process is fair and transparent as the of panel of judges are from different faculties who judge the students at the personal interview and group discussion. The selected students are felicitated at the hands of the Chief Guest and the Principal. The parents are also invited to witness the success of their children.

This activity provides an opportunity to the students to face the interview conducted by diverse types of judges. It gives them a chance to improve their personality and to move ahead with a positive spirit. The selected students also contribute in different activities for college which not only enrich them but also motivate other students to participate in such competitions in future.

## *From Principal's Desk.....*



Principal Hon'ble Dr. R. S. Zunjarrao

I am very happy to share my feelings as this academic year was full of academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Our college is a proud recipient of Grade A+ from NAAC, Bangalore. The college is awarded "College with Potential for Excellence" Award by UGC, New Delhi, for second phase for the duration 2017-22, with a funding of Rs. 1.5 crores, after successful implementation of first phase of CPE, DST FIST Scheme by UGC New Delhi. The college is recipient of National Award for "Best Accessible Website" by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Our college celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> year we aim to empower and transform a global community of learners. Many new innovative activities have started in the college this year as we are keeping our eyes on bright future with endless possibilities. As we look back to the last 50 years, I feel proud of this legacy shared by visionaries who looked beyond the horizon, and in the Golden Jubilee year the college gained its Autonomous Status to excel and shape young minds.

I would like to congratulate the advisor, the chairperson and committee members of the Best Student Trophy committee for conducting the activities of the committee successfully. I am very happy to know that this year we are publishing a souvenir of the Best Student Trophy Committee which is active from last three decades. The committee has improvised and brought transparency in the entire selection process which is totally online. The committee aims at continuous incremental improvement which adds up to substantial changes over time. I would like to appreciate the efforts taken by the committee members to raise the level of this contest to a greater height and made it more dynamic and vibrant. I wish them good luck and success in their future endeavours.

Dr. R.S. Zunjarrao

Principal

## *Vice Principal's Message*



It's my pleasure to release "Best Student Trophy" souvenir on the occasion of the golden Jubilee year celebration of Modern College , Shivajinagar , Pune-5. This activity began in the year 1997-98, for Junior and senior college students with Chairperson Dr. Sushma Thatte. The rules and regulations for deciding the best student were framed first time during this year. From the next year Dr.Sushma Joag initiated a process to improve the rules and regulations to **invite** applications for best student trophy award and conducting personal interviews. In the academic year 2006-07 Best student trophy was also initiated for Post Graduate students in the memory of late Prof.G.M.Bansude, Head of the Department Botany. Dr. Sanjevane Rahane introduced Group Discussion from 2008-09 in addition to personal interview. As the response to the activity increased the Committee chairperson Prof. Madhuri Ghanekar began computerization of the data of this committee. Afterwards the process was computerised under the Chairperson Prof. B.U. Muttalgiri from 2010. From 2017, the complete process turned online under the chairmanship of Prof. P.M.Paratane. The details of the process are described in this souvenir. I appreciate all the committee members and the chairpersons for improving the quality of the selection process for best student every year.

I think this is a unique activity conducted by the college to find out the all rounder students with respect to academic performance, social, extracurricular, general knowledge, sports, personality and communication skill judging criterion for finalizing best student from the college. At every NAAC accreditation, the Peer Team was very much satisfied and appreciated this activity conducted by the college. I am happy to inform that all the best students of the previous years have formed an alumni group and giving guidance lectures to our students. This

souvenir is also planned in order to include experiences by these alumni students. I am glad to mention the efforts taken by Prof. P.M.Paratane , Chairperson of the committee this year to find out the academically top ten students from each class in the college and to conduct a challengeable task for these students. It is also proposed to identify academically the last ten students from each class, to know their problems and to conduct remedial classes for them.

In the capacity of the in-charge of this committee for more than twelve years this committee takes lot of efforts to organize the process of selecting best student among 11500 students by inviting applications, sorting, short-listing for personal interviews. The process of personal interview and subjects of group discussion are also decided by the committee by conducting meetings. The actual process of the personal interview and group discussion is a charming function with five students each from junior, senior and post graduate classes. This activity creates enthusiasm between students to develop their career with good personality, all around knowledge and good communication skill.

Prof. S.R.Chaudhari  
In-charge Vice Principal  
Best Student Trophy Committee

## *Editor's note*



It gives me great pleasure to publish this souvenir in the golden jubilee year of the college. For the last 50 years, our college has introduced many committees to enrich every student and Best Student Trophy committee is one of them. This committee taps the hidden talent of students who excel in academics as well as in curricular and extra- curricular activities. Every contestant has to prove his/her excellence and potential to win this trophy in healthy competition.

On the occasion of 50 years of college and under the able guidance of honourable Principal Dr. R. S. Zunjarrao and Vice- Principal Prof. S. R. Chaudhari, we hereby launch this souvenir of the Best Student Trophy. The committee makes its presence from the last three decades in the college and act as a medium to inculcate self confidence and self belief in students to boost their morale by arranging activities for advance learners. The committee aims to arrange programs to handle multiple intelligence and provide platform not only to groom the student for the future endeavours but also to prepare them for the battles of life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Principal Dr. R. S. Zunjarrao and Vice-Principal Prof. S. R. Chaudhari for their continuous support and encouragement to arrange such activities. I would also like to thank all the judges for their valuable decisions in judging the students.

I am thankful to all my committee coordinators and members for their contribution and endless efforts to make every program a grand success.

Special thanks to Prof. N. M. Naidu, HOD (Zoology) for his guidance in preparation of this souvenir, Dr. Anjali Sardesai, HOD (Animation) for her technical support to make this process online and Prof. Sameer Nerlekar for his graphics and designs.

I congratulate Dr. Arati Goggi, Prof. Reeja Nair, Prof. Pratul Gadagkar, Dr. Shilpa Dange and for their extreme hard work and passion to publish this souvenir. Prof. Ann Joy helped a lot in proof reading of this souvenir.

My deep gratitude to Dr. Gajanan Ekbote, Chairman, Progressive Education Society for his faith and trust on us.

Prof. Pooja M. Paratane  
Chairperson  
Best Student Trophy committee



## *About the contest...*

It is a unique activity of Modern College to felicitate and appreciate the most outstanding student with 'The Best Student Trophy Award' from each wing (Junior, Senior and Post Graduate). It has been done in order to tap the best potential of each student. Over the years, it has been done successfully and we are sure, it would continue to be so. To add up to the benefits of the students, this year onwards we are conducting the whole process online keeping in mind the transparency of the procedure. This will help each student to understand his status in comparison with those of others.

The Best Student Trophy is awarded to the Best Student from Junior Wing, Senior Wing and Post- Graduate Wing. The best student from **Junior Wing** receives **College Trophy and Late Jyotsna Godbole Cash Prize**. The best student from **Senior Wing** receives **Damodar Shield and Veer Savarkar Cash Prize**. The best student from **Post-Graduate Wing** receives **Late Bansude Trophy**.

The selected best student from each wing is honoured by the '**Excellence Trophy**' and a **blazer** by the college.

Any student of Modern college securing marks above 60% in the previous year with minimum 75% attendance is eligible to apply for this contest. A student should have good academic career and active participation in curricular, extra-curricular and sports also. Being a part of the society he/she should be active in social work individually or through any NGO. The Committee considers the valuable contribution in NSS and NCC by giving extra credits.

All activities performed into last two years of current year are taken into consideration for credits. On the basis of merit of credit points, the student is shortlisted for the next round of the contest. (**Co-curricular Activity** includes competitive examinations, Seminars, Project, Presentations related to academics, subject related competitions etc. and **Extra-curricular Activity** includes Arts, Vocal, Instrumental related competitions, sports, NSS and NCC or any activity other than academics.)

The process of selecting the Best Student of The Year is as follows:

- The committee invites online applications from the students and scrutinizes them by pre-defined norms.
- A separate merit list is prepared for each wing and eligible students are shortlisted for an interview which consists of a personal interview and a group discussion.
- List of shortlisted students and the date of personal interview is displayed on the web page of the college.
- Best Student of the Year' is declared only on the basis of his/her performance in the personal interview and group discussion. (The credit points received in the first round are not included in the second round)
- The Best Student Trophy winners are then felicitated in a grand ceremony which is conducted soon after the competition.

## *Record of Best Student Trophy Winners at a glance*

### **Junior Wing:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name of The Student</b>	<b>Class</b>
1997-98	Abyankar Nikit	XI Sci.
1998-99	Deshpande Junuka	XI Sci.
1999-2000	Devgaonkar Sumedh	XI Sci.
2000-01	Kale Prachi	-
2001-02	Naik Saudmini	XI Sci.
2002-03	Pasarnikar Prasad	XI Com.
2003-04	Athare Komal	XI Com.
2004-05	Harshali Damle	XII Com.
2005-06	Nikhil Bhushan	XI Com.
2006-07	Mayukh Gosavi	XI Sci.
2007-08	Miss.Shivai Aher	XI Sci.
2008-09	Miss.Raut Tejal	XI Sci.
2009-10	Miss. Madhavi Bijalani	XI Sci.
2010-11	Miss. Zalte Gayatri H.	XII Com.
2011-12	Akhilesh Gandhi	XI
2012-13	Miss. Navangul Sharvani	XII Com.
2013-14	Joshi Shesha Jayant	XII Arts
2014-15	Acharya Shreeya	XII Arts
2015-16	Sayali Bahirat	XI Com.
2016-17	Kewalramani Jatin T.	XII Com.
2017-18	Shah Neha	XI Arts
2018-19	Salunkhe Rohan	XI Sci.






## Under Graduate Wing:

Year	Name of The Student	Class
1997-98	Jain Jayashri	S. Y. B. Sc.
1998-99	Kurian Sibi	-
1999-2000	Mone Meghana	T.Y.B.Com
2000-01	Lonkar Smita	-
2001-02	Narve Kanchan	T.Y.B.Com
2002-03	Kanvadekar Smita	-
2003-04	Kulkarni Pranali	F.Y.B.Sc.
2004-05	Dipti Dole	T.Y.B.Com
2005-06	Rajkiran Shinde	T.Y.B.A.
2006-07	Rajesh Chomal	S.Y.B.Sc.
2007-08	Shrikant Gabale	S.Y.B.A.
2008-09	Miss. Jaiswal Trishla	T.Y.B.A.
2009-10	Miss. Sonia Mutha	T.Y.B.Com
2010-11	Thakur Rajan S.	T.Y.B.Sc. (Micro)
2011-12	Shriram Ramane	F.Y.B.Sc.
2012-13	Gawade Vikram Uttam	T.Y.B.A.
2013-14	Chaturvedi Mrunalini	S.Y.B.Com.
2014-15	Indore Suvarna	T.Y.B.Sc. (Maths)
2015-16	Miya Shaheen	T.Y.B.Sc. (Comp.Sci.)
2016-17	Sahu Rushav J	T.Y.B.A.
2017-18	Patil Shivani	T.Y.B.Com.
2018-19	More Ruchika	T.Y.B.Sc. (Maths)

## Post Graduate Wing:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name of The Student</b>	<b>Class</b>
2006-07	Gajanan Nerkar	M.Com.
2007-08	Miss. Rupali Albur	M.Sc. Comp. Sci.
2008-09	Bhosale Pradeep	M.Sc. Comp. Sci.
2009-10	Miss. Sherin Charley	M.Sc. Comp. Sci.
2010-11	Bhosale Vivek P.	M.Sc.I Comp. Sci.
2011-12	Devendra Tagare	M.Sc. Comp. Sci.
2012-13	Sagar Shinde	MCA-I
2013-14	Gujar Vedika	MCA-III
2014-15	Upadhyaya Sonakshi	M.A. II
2015-16	Ishita Gadgil	M.A.I
2016-17	Navale Sujeet C.	MCA-II
2017-18	Mane Vishwadeep	M.Sc.I (Micro)
2018-19	Sonar Deveshri	M.Sc.II (Micro)

## *Chairpersons of the Best student Trophy*

<b>Sr. No</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Name of Faculty</b>	<b>Photograph</b>
1	1997-1998	Dr. Sushma Thatte	-
2	1998-2005	Dr. S.D. Joag	
3	2005-2006	Prof. B.S. Dole	
4	2006-2007	Dr. S.D. Joag	
5	2007-2008	Prof. Anuradha kulkarni	
6	2008-2009	Prof. Sanjeevani Rahane	

7	2009-2010	Prof. Vipul Abhyankar	
8	2010-2013	Prof. Madhuri Ghanekar	
9	2013-2017	Prof. B.U. Muttalgi	
10	2017-2019	Prof. P.M.Paratane	

## *Past Chairpersons' view*

**Dr. Sushama Joag**

**Former Head, Department of Chemistry**



### 'WHO WILL BE THE BEST STUDENT THIS YEAR?'

The notice with the caption, 'Who will be the best student this year?' displayed on the Students' Notice Boards well in advance was the first step taken by me to motivate students to apply for the Trophy.

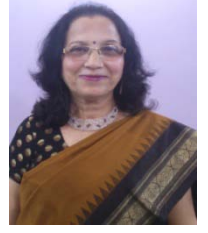
Selection as the 'Best Student' of the College is definitely a matter of pride for the student. If the selection process for the best student also motivates students to follow the path to this goal, the College would be proud of the students. In an attempt to achieve this, myself and my committee members revised the selection norms for the best student. The scope of the selection criteria was widened and an elaborate scheme of credit points was designed. The same was displayed on the notice board for the information of students well in advance. The selection criteria were classified as : achievements in academics, competitive examinations, cultural events, sports activities, NSS/NCC programs at college, regional, national and international level, and initiative in social work. Class attendance was also given due credit.

Cognizance of large number of newly started Post Graduate courses in the College was taken by introducing the third 'Best Student (PG) Trophy'.

It was indeed a pleasure to work with a positively spirited committee members and having an opportunity of interaction with good and motivated students of the College at one stretch.

It was a nice exercise for me of recapitulation. Thank you.

## बेस्ट स्टुडंट ट्रॉफी डॉ. संजीवनी राहणे



मॉडर्न महाविद्यालयाची आधी विद्यार्थिनी आणि नंतर प्राध्यापक. विद्यार्थिनी असतांना बेस्ट स्टुडंट ट्रॉफीसाठी पहिल्या फेरीमध्ये निवड झाली , पण पुढची फेरी पार करू शकली नाही , त्यामुळे बेस्ट स्टुडंट ट्रॉफी बदल खूप कुतूहल होत. बेस्ट स्टुडंट ट्रॉफी समितीमध्ये सभासद म्हणून काम न करता एकदम अध्यक्षपदी नेमणूक झाल्यावर प्रथम आनंद झाला आणि नंतर जबाबदारीची जाणीव झाली. पण एक प्रकारे पती पूर्ण कोरी होती म्हणून एकदम स्वच्छ नजरिया ठेऊन काम समजून घ्यायला मजा आली.

असे लक्षात आले कि काही लायक विद्यार्थ्यांना आपण ट्रॉफीसाठी अर्ज करू शकतो याची जाणीव नसते किंवा ते पुढे यायला घाबरतात , संकोच करतात. म्हणून वर्ग सल्लागार प्राध्यापकांच्या मदतीने , त्यांच्या प्रोत्साहनाने योग्य मुलांचा सहभाग वाढावा यासाठी प्रयत्न केले.

बेस्ट स्टुडंट ट्रॉफीचे काम खरे तर दुसऱ्या सत्रात. पण जास्त चांगले काम करता यावे म्हणून दुसऱ्या वर्षी पहिल्या सत्रातच काम सुरु केले. इतर उपक्रमात हिरीरीने भाग घेणारे काही विद्यार्थी वर्गातील उपस्थितीच्या बाबतीत थोडे उदासीन असतात असे लक्षात आले. शैक्षणिक गुणवत्ता आणि इतर निकष या दोन्ही गोष्टींना सामान महत्व दिले जावे यासाठी विद्यार्थ्यांनि त्यांच्या अर्जावर वर्ग सल्लागार प्राध्यापकाची शिफारस आणण्याची कल्पना समितीने उचलून धरली आणि लगेच कार्यान्वित केली.

पुढच्या वर्षी नवीन कल्पना सुचली कि या ट्रॉफीसाठी पहिल्या फेरीतून निवडलेल्या विद्यार्थ्यांची नुसती मुलाखत न घेता त्यांच्यासाठी गट-चर्चेचे आयोजन करावे. त्यामुळे त्यांच्या व्यक्तिमत्वाचे इतर अनेक गन समजून घेता येतील आणि जास्त अंगांनी विचार करून बेस्ट स्टुडंट निवडला जाईल. यासाठी कनिष्ठ , वरिष्ठ आणि पदव्युत्तर विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी त्यांना योग्य असे तीन-तीन विषय देऊन , लॉटरी पद्धतीने आयत्या वेळी एक विषय निवडून त्यावर गट-चर्चा करायला सांगायची. विविध विभागातील परीक्षक प्राध्यापक ह्या गट-चर्चेचे परीक्षण करून त्यांना गुण देतील.त्यामुळे त्यांची व्यक्त होण्याची पद्धत , संवाद कौशल्य , इतरांचे विचार समजून घ्यायची पद्धत , शांतपणे स्वतःचा मुद्दा पटवून देण्याची कला इत्यादी गोष्टींचे निरीक्षण केले जाईल आणि त्याप्रमाणे गन दिले जातील हि कल्पनाही समितीप्रमुख आणि उपप्राचार्य चौधरी सर यांनी उचलून धरली आणि अमलात आणली. याच वर्षीपासून पहिल्या फेरीतून निवडून आलेल्या मुलांना फुल देऊन त्यांचे स्वागत करायचे आणि गट-चर्चेमधली विषयांवर सहभागी विद्यार्थ्यांनी एकत्र येऊन नियतकालिकासाठी लेख लिहायचा हेही सुरु केले. समितीचे काम करत असतांना प्राचार्य गोसावी सर आणि प्राचार्य झुंजारराव सर यांच्याकडून कायम प्रोत्साहन मिळाले. तसेच समितीमधील प्राध्यापक मंडळींचे सतत सहकार्य लाभले. त्यापैकी



प्रा. वंदना नरगुंद , प्रा. रेखा आगाशे, प्रा. सुनीता गोसावी, प्रा. संध्या वर्तक, प्रा. पुजा परातने, प्रा. श्रद्धा हिरवे , प्रा. दिपाली लोध यांच्याकडून सहकार्य लाभले. विद्यार्थ्यांमधील उत्साह बघून काम करायला खूप प्रेरणा मिळाली.

बेस्ट स्टुडंट ट्रॉफी समितीने नव्याने केलेले बदल कालानुरूप आवश्यक व कौतुकास पात्र आहेत. पहिल्या फेरीतून पुढच्या फेरीत जाण्यासाठीचे गन फक्त त्या फेरीपुरतेच राहतील , पुढे ते लक्ष्यात घ्यायचे नाहीत या विषयीच्या चर्चेला तेंव्हा सुरुवात झाली होती. आता हा निर्णय झालेला आहे. तो एक अतिशय योग्य निर्णय आहे. बेस्ट स्टुडंट ट्रॉफीची संपूर्ण प्रक्रिया ऑनलाईन करणे , बक्षीस समारंभ लगेच करणे , बेस्ट स्टुडंटचा इतर विद्यार्थ्यांशी संवाद घडवून आणणे असे अनेक सकारात्मक बदल समितीने केले आहेत. हे बदल मॉडर्न आणि प्रोग्रेसिव्ह या दोन्हीही नावांशी एकदम सुसंगत आहेत.

निवृत्तीनंतर तीन वर्षांनी आज बेस्ट स्टुडंट ट्रॉफीच्या निमित्ताने मन माझ्या महाविद्यालयात , गतस्मृतीत रेंगाळले आणि आनंद झाला. हि संधी दिल्याबद्दल प्राचार्य झुंजारराव सर यांचे शतशः आभार!

डॉ. संजीवनी राहणे

## Remarkable Changes.....

### सर्वोत्कृष्ट विद्यार्थी करंडक समिती

समिती सदस्य : डॉ. सुधमा थत्ते (कार्याध्यक्ष),  
प्रा. गीताराम गायकवाड, प्रा. किरण लागू, प्रा. अनिल  
व्हनकळस, प्रा. राजीव कुलकर्णी, प्रा. वीणा नरगुंद, डॉ. मेधा  
सिधवे, प्रा. विनोद छाब्रा, श्री. आव्हाड ( कार्यालयीन  
कर्मचारी).

समितीने सर्वोत्कृष्ट विद्यार्थी निवडीसाठी निकष तयार  
करून त्यांची माहिती काचफलक व वर्गसल्लागारांमार्फत  
विद्यार्थ्यांपर्यंत पोहोचवली. अर्जाची छाननी करून वरिष्ठ व  
कनिष्ठ महाविद्यालयांतून गुणानुक्रमे प्रत्येकी १० विद्यार्थ्यांच्या  
मुलाखती घेण्यात आल्या. समिती सदस्यांबरोबरच उपप्राचार्य  
रा. ग. लिमये व उपप्राचार्य जगदीश चिंचोरे हे मुलाखतींच्या  
वेळी उपस्थित होते.

**निर्णय :** सर्वोत्कृष्ट विद्यार्थी : (वरिष्ठ महाविद्यालय) :

जयश्री जैन, द्वितीय वर्ष शास्त्र

सर्वोत्कृष्ट विद्यार्थी ( कनिष्ठ महाविद्यालय) :

निकित अभ्यंकर, ११ वी शास्त्र

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**Deigned Norms for selection**



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### Best Student Trophy Committee

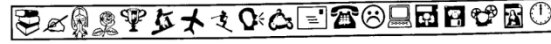
- **Chairperson :**  
Dr. (Mrs.) S. D. Joag.
- **Members :**  
Shri D. L. Khokale, Smt. A. A. Satbhai, Shri. J. L. Jorwekar, Smt. S. V. Kuvlekar, Smt. A. S. Oke, Smt. S. R. Hirwe, Shri S. N. Inamdar.
- **Nature of Work :**  
The "Best student Trophy Committee" invites application for the student, prepares shortlist of students after scrutiny of the applications, conducts interview of the shortlisted students and declare the names of the selected best students. The trophies are given away to the 50 selected best students in the academic prize distribution function.
- **Contribution of the Committee in 2006-07 :**  
(1) **Revision of Selection Norms :**  
Selection norms are further revised this year. In the revised credit point system, due weightage is given to students achievements in academic field (College/University/Board and competitive examination) as well as co-

curricular activities and extra-curricular activities (at different levels). Separate credit points are given for the newly introduced criterion of individual initiative taken by the student in social work. Endorsement by class-advisor and two subject teachers regarding attendance is made obligatory to ensure that the applicant is a true beneficiary of the class-room teaching, for which colleges are run.

### (2) Institution of "Best student Trophy - P. G."

The college authorities have upheld the proposal for institution of "Best Student Trophy" for post-graduate students of the college. For last several years "Best Student Trophy" is being awarded to two selected students.

The Best student from the senior wing is given "Damodar Shield" instituted by Late Principal P. D. Apte and "Veer Savarkar Cash prize" instituted by Shri. N. V. Joshi. The Best student from the junior wing receives "College Trophy" and "Late Jyotsna Godbole cash prize." This year the college authorities have made provision for "Best Student Trophy-P.G." and a cash prize as well, the memory of Late Prof. G. M. Bansode, who had worked as Vice Principal, P. G. Wing in this college.



**Started Best Student Trophy for Post Graduate Wing**

**Prof. Madhuri Ghanekar**  
**Assistant Professor**  
**Department of Computer Science**



I was a member of Best Student Trophy Committee from 2006-2008. Earlier when Prof. Kulkarni was the Chairperson I was invited as a member of the panel of judges for interviewing best students for three years and this is how I got acquainted with the working culture of this committee. And then from 2009-2013, for 5 years, I got an opportunity to shoulder the responsibility as the Chairperson of the committee. I have indeed immense pleasure to work with the Best Students committee as it gave me the prospect to understand and implement the various processes of selection of the Best All rounder students of Modern College, Shivajinagar from the three wings Junior, Senior and Post Graduate.

Basically, as I belong to Computer Science Department, my first intention was to make utmost use of computers in the process of functioning of the committee to avoid paperwork to a great extent. There were some existing formats already but I started storing the whole information digitally. Our committee finalized many of the formats for various reports of the committee including different notices, individual student's marks as per their various certificates, a summary report for all the students, magazine report as well as assessment sheets of judges after the interview with group discussion and marking criteria. Actually I wished to completely computerize the committee working but due to my other responsibilities it became difficult for me to complete the computerization process.

Dr. Sanjeevani Rahane had introduced group discussion of the shortlisted students in her tenure. So the judges had to interview the candidates and then all the candidates were needed to be called together for a group discussion. For two years, there was a bit of difference of opinion among the judges about whether to consider the marks based on their certificates (short listing marks) in order to finalize the results obtained through the interview process. Some judges were of the opinion that if a student is shy to express himself then even if he is topper of the short listed students, he cannot be considered as the winner. Under the guidance of Vice-Principal Prof. S.R.Chaudhari it was decided that after short listing the students, those marks should not be considered for final results. So those were to be considered only as the qualifying marks. Then

onwards the same procedure is followed till date. I am still working in the judges panel for the last three years.

All the chairpersons have to bear a great responsibility, as they have to deal with the multi-talented students of the college, also they have to take some steps towards efficient working of the committee. Every decision has to be carefully taken after discussing with Principal Sir, Vice-Principals, teachers and committee members, as it affects the students. It was indeed a great opportunity to work as the Chairperson of this prestigious committee which gave me enormous pleasure and also added some great learning experiences which I carry with me today.

I am thankful to our Principal Dr. R.S. Zunjarrao and Vice Principal Prof. S.R.Chaudhari for considering me eligible for this position. I am thankful to all my committee members as well for their support and help extended through out.

**Prof. Beena Muttalgi**  
**Department of English, Junior Wing**



The committee formed for recognizing The Best Student has been a privilege of this college. Best Student Trophy is given every year to students of this college recognizing their caliber.

I have carried out my responsibility as a chairperson of this committee from 2014-2017. The advisor of the committee Prof. S.R. Chaudhari sir has been supporting for any innovative step. It has given immense pleasure to work with the committee members and their ideas. Members of the committee take pains in sorting out application forms and shortlisting them. Each class from XI th standard to PG departments will be given chance to prove themselves.

This activity of the college has helped many to be successful in their careers. This gives scope for building self confidence and to be competitive and dedicated. Many students have gone abroad and some have settled there. Thus the Best Student is recognition of the student by the college. Participation of teachers as judges, The principal and the secretary of the institution as guests of honour makes it a success. Cooperation of the Gymkhana department is appreciated. Such activities bring festive mood in the month of December and students are honoured with the trophies and our college acknowledges them.

Prof. Beena Muttalgi  
(Department of English, Junior Wing)

## *Activities .....*

### *Leadership Quality....*

#### **A report on “*Bhartiya Chatra Sansad*”**

#### **By Best Students of The year 2017-18**

Vishwadeep Mane	M.Sc (Microbiology) (Post Graduate Wing)
Shivani Patil	T.Y.B.Com (Under Graduate Wing)
Neha Shaha	XI Arts (Junior Wing)

Best student trophy committee encourages the students to participate in Bhartiya Chatra Sansad and sponsors the registration fees of winners. The Best Students of the year 2017-18 attended the conference. Here is the report of the same published in “Modern’ magazine of 2017-18 given by winners

#### ***Report:***

This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year since the conception of the idea of the Indian student parliament or well known as the “*Bhartiya Chatra Sansad*”. As usual more than 800 students assembled here on the land of Pune to conglomerate the spirit of Democracy and the role of youth towards building a good and strong democracy along with a transparency in the governance system.

It was indeed a privilege to be a part of this conclave where the ideas on various topics are brought into limelight and eminent speakers deliver their thought processes on the same. We, the Best students of the Modern College are very thankful to Mrs. Paratane and our beloved Principal Dr. R. S. Zunjarrao for giving us a chance to enrich ourselves by attending the sessions.

This year the 8<sup>th</sup> Bhartiya Chatra Sansad was organized on the grounds of MIT-WPU from 19 to 21 January 2018. This initiative was launched by the hands of Dr. Vishwanath Karad, UNESCO-INDIA, Chair and founder of MIT-WPU and by his son Mr. Rahul Karad. The youth refrain from entering politics, as the face of politics is maligned by some previous notorious peoples. So, to increase the active participation of youth and strengthen our democracy, Mr. Rahul Karad started this venture.

As this program is backed up by the Ministry of cultural affairs, Sports and development and the HRD of course, this program has become of national importance. On the first day there was inauguration at the hands of Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Hon’ble HRD minister, Mr. Vinod Tawade, Minister of education, state of Maharashtra. Two MPs and MLAs from the different constituencies were awarded in the recognition of their work. Along with them two special awards were conferred to women parliamentarians for their commendable job. The inaugural ceremony was followed by talks of the eminent personalities from the government on issues like the “*Beginning of the Trump era, India’s stand on it*”. The sessions were chaired by the speakers of various states. As there were two sessions, the second session was presided by Mrs. Smriti

Irani, Hon,ble Broadcasting and Telecommunication minister. The topic that she was asked to speak about was on the “Role of Pakistan and the perspective of the civilians towards the army of the nation”. There was a brief intellectual dialogue between Mr. Tushar Gandhi and Mrs. Smruti Irani on the same.

On the second day, i.e. On 20<sup>th</sup> January there were very intense sessions to be organized. The peculiarity of the *Bhartiya Chatra Sansad* is that each session of interest allows 4 student speakers to put their views in front of the masses and the selection of such students is scrutinized. People, youth from all over the nation actively participate in this very arcade. Secondly, at the end of each session there is a question panel forum where in the student leaders could ask questions to the dignitaries related to the session. The second day was marked with burning topic, “*TripleTalaq*”, it was chaired by the famous personalities of the All India Imam association, Mr. Moulana Rizvi, Ms. Shabana, an women’s right activist from Lucknow and the famous lady Ms. Shayara Bano the sufferer of the *Triple Talaq* incident, who petitioned in the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India and the decision of the panel of the judges went rightfully in the favour of Ms. Shayara Bano and made this decision a legendary in the history of India. There was also an announcement of considering the holy Cow as the national animal of India by the chief Imam and this decision was very well acknowledged. It was really an honour to witness the journey of Ms. Shayara Bano to attain such a marvelous feat and to listen to her talk. After this, a session named, “GDP or Gross domestic Happiness (GDH)” was chaired by many notable spiritual gurus like Gaur Gopaldas Swamiji and notable ISCKON spiritualists. This session was a mind awakening one and was really acknowledged by the audience.

The Bhartiya Chatra Sansad platform also performs a novel idea of forming and passing resolutions based on the sessions planned in the event. The resolutions are passed by the active participation of the student leaders and are directly sent to the Loksabha and the Rajyasabha for further considerations.

The third and the final day was marked with the presence of very notable and distinguished dignitaries like the Hon’ble Ex and First lady President of India Mrs. Pratibha Devisingh Patil, Hon’ble veteran leader of the BJP, Dr. Murali Manohar Joshi and the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Rajmohan Gandhi. The session that was to be chaired by them was a very new concept- “*100 years of Satyagraha*”. We were deeply enlightened by the talks of Rajmohan Gandhiji, ideology behind Satyagraha and its implications in the routine life. The talks by the Ex-President and Dr, Joshi were also enlightening.

Lastly the session was graced by the presence of Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Odisha state. He was awarded the Best Chief Minister award by the 8<sup>th</sup> BCS platform. We were very enriched by seeing the life and the work of Mr. Pattnaik in Odisha since the last 17 years and how he transformed Odisha in the 17 years. His transparency of work, simplicity and knowledge was astounding and that is why people of Odisha trust him a lot. His speech was definitely a grandeur.

Thus the 3 days passed and the event ended with a promise of returning back next year.

## *Understanding life & challenges....*

### **Sankalp Vyakhyanmala 2019 By Best Students of The year 2018-19**

Deveshri Sonar	M.Sc. (Microbiology) (Post Graduate Wing)
Ruchika More	T.Y.B.Sc.(Mathematics) (Under Graduate Wing)
Rohan Salunke	XI Sci. (Junior Wing)

The Best Student Trophy winners of the year 2018-19, and NSS department of our college had organized *Sankalp Vyakhyanmala* for the students of the college in February 2019. It was a program along with the collaboration with *Jnana Prabodhini*.

They say college experiences are mesmerizing and hence worth remembering. So with the thought of doing something different "*Sankalp Vyakhyanmala*" was organized first of its kind in Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, an event completely organized by the students from various departments across college under the initiative "By the students, for the students".

The event focused on the importance of "Resolution" (*Sankalp*) in one's life and how determination towards it can help you succeed in your life. Students across the college showed their active participation and were addressed by various speakers, they shared experiences related to their career and addressed their queries too.

The event was scheduled on 1st and 2nd February 2019. On 1st February Mr. Prashant Patil (IRS, Dy. Commissioner, GST Pune Comissionerate) shared his experiences both as an administrator and a citizen as well. They shared an experience about "Rapelling" and collecting Rs. 300 crore revenue in one week which were very inspiring and their message to students was "*Develop you inquisitive nature and ultimately it leads to the development of your perspective towards society*".

On the next day (2nd Feb), the speakers we had were Mrs. Meera Badve (Founder of *Nivant Andh Mukta Vikasalay*) an organisation which works for visually challenged students and Mr. Vivek Velankar (Director, *Sajag Nagrik Manch/ RTI Activist*) Meera Mam shared experiences of *Nivant* explained the functioning of *Nivant*, which included a software firm and *Chou Niwant* which was inspiring in itself alongwith it a few students from *Niwant* shared their experiences. An important message that Meera Mam gave was "*Be sensitive and humanity will be imbibed within you by itself*".

Mr. Vivek Velankar enlightened us about Right to information (RTI) and how *Sajag Nagrik Manch* works. He also shared experiences of *Smrutivan* and Petitions of RTI and told students "Be alert towards the routine problems of life. "*If you tackle the small problems of life, the bigger problems will not arise*" which are really encouraging.



The organization of the event was done under NSS department by various students and in coordination with few students from *Jnana Prabodhini* Leadership Development Center. We are thankful to the chairperson Prof. Pooja Paratane for her continuous support and guidance. We also got huge support from all the teachers and specially our Principal Dr. R.S. Zunjarrao. Including both days more than 250 students attended the event and considering this as a good beginning we plan to organize a regenerative lecture series for students of Modern College in the upcoming days with greater participation of students.

Thank you

Team Sankalp.

## *Guidance Session.....*

### **By Ms. Trishala Jaiswal (Best Student Trophy Winner 2007-08)**

The Best Student Trophy committee arranged special lectures by our past winners under its vital programmes from the current year. One such programme organized by the committee was an interactive session for T.Y.B.Com. (Finance) on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019 by Ms. Trishala Jaiswal (Winner 2007-08), Deputy Manager, State Bank of India.

Trishala Jaiswal delivered lecture and covered the following points :

- She highlighted importance of participation in co-curricular and extra curricular activities organized by the college as it has given her confidence and stage presence.
- Regarding preparation of competitive exam she shared with the students the need to focus on those elements in which you all work. As she was not good at Mathematics, she believed practice and continuously solving test series helped her.
- About work experience she said one should be very strong while accepting any job where you can be posted anywhere in the country. Here she shared her experience of her first posting in Rajasthan. A stable mind, dedication and patience helped her in this period.
- She said that she is fortunate to work in various departments of Banking Sector. She shared her experiences while dealing with people in rural areas. She also shared the need to update and learn new things to be a successful banker. She shared her experience of working in foreign exchange department and loan recovery department.
- Having held a conversation with Ms. Trisha Jaiswal we learnt about the various qualities a best student of the college should possess. She also made us aware of some good character and personality traits that should be imbibed in us right from the beginning

Our Principal, Dr. Zunjarrao, Vice-Principal Dr. A.V. Kamble and Chairperson Prof. Pooja Paratane were present on the occasion. Prof. Reeja Nair and Prof. Prajakta Sabane organized this lecture.

The session was quite useful to us as it was a good learning experience.

## *Instigating Anchoring Skills.....*

**By Ms. Mrunalini Chaturvedi (Best Student Trophy Winner 2013-14)**

The Best Student Trophy committee arranged special lectures by our past winners under its vital programmes from the current year. One such programme organized by the committee was a workshop on anchoring skill by Ms. Mrunalini Chaturvedi (Winner 2013-14) for our students.

On 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019, the workshop for anchoring skills was arranged in the assembly hall. The inauguration was done at the hands of our honourable Principal Dr. R. S. Zunjarraon in the presence of the Vice-Principal, the chairperson, committee members and students.

It was an interactive session where the students actively participated in various activities arranged by Miss Chaturvedi. The students got an idea about how to write a script and how to make a script effective through practice. The importance of command over the language was taught calling some students on the stage where they were given a short script and were asked to speak in front of the audience. The speaker also spoke about the fear associated with anchoring and also enacted in front of the students. The students enjoyed the session and they also saw Power point presentation prepared by Miss Chaturvedi about errors committed during anchoring. The programme was well organized by Dr. Vaishali Aher and Prof. Bhakti Kapre. The entire workshop was a success and students enjoyed it.

## *Nurturing Advance Learners.....*

### **Advanced Learners Club**

This year Best Student trophy has started new activity for advance learners. We collected top 10 students from all classes division-wise. These are the students who are academically excellent, but need more nurturing.

On the basis of result analysis conduction by the Result analysis committee, an initiative was taken by Prof. Pooja Paratane to conduct a programme for Advanced Learners for each class of under graduate and post graduate sections. Ten students securing highest marks in their respective classes were sorted and a list of topper students is prepared. A program was arranged for all these students in Assembly Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The intention of this programme was to introduce the upcoming academic programmes for these advanced learners. The programme was chaired by Principal, Vice Principal, Dr. Shubhangi Puranik Prof. Pooja Paratane gave an introductory speech and gave a brief idea of the programme. Principal Dr. R. S. Zunjarrao shared many interesting activities and ongoing projects in our college. He thereby motivated the students to contribute their talent for the betterment of these projects. He appealed the students to actively participate in all the activities that would be planned for them via the Committee. He also introduced them to the New Education Policy and discussed many important points in details. Prof. P. V. Gadagkar concluded the session by appealing all the students to be actively present in the upcoming events organized by this Committee. The program was well organized by Prof. Pooja Paratane and Prof. P. V. Gadagkar.

We are organizing grooming sessions by corporate trainers with help of Rotary Club for these students in next few days. Sessions on stress management during examination period, Saturday club, working on project of college, coaching to weak students through remedial coaching etc activities are also be conducted in future.

## *Success Stories from pen of past winners .....*

**Rajkiran Arun Chinde (Project officer NPR)**

**(Best Student Trophy Winner- Post Graduate Wing 2005-06)**



My career journey started from my 11<sup>th</sup> standard in Modern College. I completed 12<sup>th</sup> Science in this college and during holidays I used just to go to Pune University campus to listen to lectures of Vishwas Nangre Patil (IPS). I was so inspired by his words that I decided to change my faculty to Arts and continue with the same college. At first everybody was unhappy with my decision but today proud of me. I completed my B.A. Economics and for secured admission for M.A. Economics at Pune University. The department of Economics at the university gave me a direction for my career. After the completion of my M A I did my M Phil from Garware College and PGDBM from Pune. I then got a job at MSEB as A.P.O. and was posted to Ratnagiri. I was unhappy with this job and so after a year I switched over my job and joined LIC as ADO. Currently I am working as a project officer, NPR under Registrar General of India, Union Home Ministry, Government of India. I also worked on deputation in other departments. Recently I completed MBA (HR) now am in the final year of LLB. In 2015, I was awarded with Silver Medal by the President of India for the best officer.

### **FOR OUR COLLEGE:**

My College contributed a great deal in developing my personality. In this college I experienced that teachers teach students with heart; they are truly like our second parents. Our NSS and NCC Departments play a commendable role in personality development of student, I personally feel that it should be mandatory for students to join any one of those schemes.

When I was in college I spend more time in the library. I personally thank all the teachers in all sections who gave me a thorough knowledge of various subjects. I would like to put up in one

line that our college not only creates an educated person but also “a perfect man/women” for the society.

I would like to give a suggestion to the committee that they should contact those students who are successful and are placed in good position, so that they can also contribute towards our college

I would like to add one more thing “In each student there is one best student, it is the duty of each individual to do his study within the stipulated time and every subject has its own power in this world, every course has equal importance, every work has equal weightage”, so choose a career which you like and not what others like. That will definitely help you to do your duty more effectively and you could stay happy throughout life.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to write some words in this booklet.

**The Golden Memories of Modern College.  
- Prof. Gajanan Nerkar**

(M.A, M.Com, M.B.A, C.S Assistant Professor, AISSMS IOM, Pune)

**(Best Student Trophy Winner- Post Graduate Wing 2006-07)**



“Kindness and compassion are excellent virtues but knowledge is man’s topmost beauty. Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education.”

I was just skimming through the annual issues of Modern College from 2000 to 2010 and found the above thought of quite relevant. Yes! My journey with Modern College has been so colorful and illustrious. Modern College has educated my heart and mind which has glittered my life.

**A ‘product’ of Progressive Education Society**

I was a student of Progressive Education Society’s Modern English Medium School and thereafter Modern College. So, from KG to PG, I have a long association with this Educational group. I am a product of P.E Society. This has happened even in case of my sister Dr. Gauri Nerkar Chandra.

**Academic and professional growth with a vision**

I was fond of numbers and calculations and hence chose commerce at 11th. Eminent Faculty at Modern College channelized my interest in various subjects in the commerce domain. College life really meaningful while attending lectures and enriching my mind. Missing a lecture would create a feeling of an investor making losses in the stock market.

**Personality development through extra-curricular activities**

Modern College has been encouraging all of its students to participate in various extra-curricular and cultural activities for their overall growth and personality development. The College also makes students attend guest lectures, conferences, industrial visits and external events. Arts Circle, Planning Forum, Commerce Association, Chinmay Yuva Kendra, Chapter are the various groups which add value to a student’s life at Modern College.

**Able guidance of my professors**

I would like mention that the professors are the intellectual capital of Modern College. Our Professors at Modern college were the best combination of knowledge, talent and enthusiasm. They inculcated values in us to shape a generation. Whenever I think of any of my Teachers, a feeling of gratitude bows my head down. All the other teachers have equally contributed to my growth.

### **Best Post-graduate Student Trophy 2006-07**

To be the best among all should be the thirst for success which everyone should have. My objective to participate in the Best Student Trophy contest was not to prove something to the world. It was just an effort of self-realization. I was selected as the Best Post-Graduate Student in 2006-07. I would like to mark this as the happiest moment of my college life as a student, as the committee appreciated my efforts with a special trophy and Late Dr. G M Bansude Prize. It was the first time when a trophy was awarded for a post-graduate section. That was a moment to cherish for life.

### **The USP of Modern College**

After 12 years of experience in the education field, I have observed that state-of-art amenities in the campus, efficient infrastructure and advanced technology are not the USPs of a college. The true USP is the value system that it imbibes in its students to transform their lives. I am glad that Modern College has done the same for me. Secondly, adequate respect and recognition to the intellectual capital shall be given by every college.

### **Looking for further association:**

I have been involved in coaching, training, career guidance, soft skill workshops, and personality development programs since last 12 years. It would be my pleasure if I could help the present and future students of Modern College on any of the above areas. I must thank Prof. Paratne Madam for making me a part of the Best Students Group and I look forward for a further association with the college as Alumni.

Thanks to Modern College Family!



## **Rajesh Chomal**

**(Best Student Trophy Winner- Under Graduate Wing 2006-07)**



Hi everyone! This is Rajesh Chomal, recipient of The Best Student Award for the year 2006-2007, Senior wing. I feel very privileged and honored to share with you, my journey and acknowledge the college's efforts.

### **About myself:**

Well I run my own coaching institution named Rajesh Sir's...The Ace Coaching Class in Bhosari, Pune for the students of 8th, 9th and 10th. We have over 600 Students and I handle them all alone! Our work was published recently in the Times of India (Pune Mirror edition) for being one of the most innovative institutions in the city. I was also invited by the famous motivational YouTube Channel "Josh Talks" as a guest speaker to share my success story with the audience!

### **About Best Student Trophy:**

Well, in my opinion, Awards are a way to encourage good behavior and inculcate competitive spirit. This is the reason why our esteemed institution Modern College, organizes the Best Student Award ceremony every year to encourage its students. The Best Student Award is not just for recognizing those students who have performed exceptionally well in their academics, but also to honor those students who excelled in sports, performing arts and visual arts, including the ones who were proactive in various social events. The aim is to recognize that extra talent of the students other than academics and motivate them to shine in their respective fields.

### **About the college:**

Our institution Modern College, Shivajinagar, Pune-05, has always provided its students with a healthy and fairly competitive environment to help them grow in every sphere of activity, be it academics, sports or any other extra-curricular role. It has given equal opportunities to all the students so that they realize their true potential and get ready to face the outer world once they complete their school studies. And I am much pleased to be a proud alumnus of such an amazing institution!

### **My feelings about The Award:**

Well I remember, all the finalists, were selected during the strict tentative rounds grounded on a range of all-around evaluation criteria. Regardless of their majors and spheres of interests, all

these individuals (including me) had something essential in common – we loved this institution and did our best to make it proud!! I'll never forget that goose bump moment when I was awarded the Best Student Award of the year in front of the dignitaries of the college! That feeling is still fresh and brings a smile on my face whenever I recall it!

**A big thank you to the institution:**

My sincere thanks goes to the College, all my teachers from F.Y.B.Sc. to M.Sc. for their strong efforts and support in promoting the complex personal development of the young people here, in preparing them for a future career, and mostly, in upbringing their young personalities with a faithful mind and open heart.

Also, I would like to admit the hard and honest work of our professional and experienced judges of the Award Committee. Their activity was lasting for months and helped to make the difficult selection between “the best of the best.” Due to their painstaking work, I had the honor of being the recipient of the

Student of the year award!

**A message to the Students:**

Well, Apart from an illustrious track record of academic and non-academic achievements, you should have the quality of an active learner such as independent and reflective thinking, initiative and creativity, signs of a responsible citizen such as positive values, public spirit and commitment and a capable leader! This was the reason why I was a Proud Recipient of the Best Student Award of this esteemed organization!

**Dr Shrikant Gabale, Ph.D**  
**(Best Student Trophy Winner- Under Graduate Wing 2007-08)**



Since my schooldays, my interest always followed humanities and environment. So I decided to pursue my higher education in the Arts subject and its relation with environment and got admission at Modern College, Shivajinagar, Pune. Thereafter my journey began through Modern College. I remember my first day in college, attending session conducted by Ms. Thakur from English department. In the introductory class, she asked everyone, what's your future plan? I was clear at that time, I want to know the world, people, environment and that was in the field of **Geography**. After two years, I was selected as the Best Student of the batch and the same teacher gifted me a Thesaurus of Geography.

In 2007, I joined National Service Scheme (NSS) under the guidance of the great Prof. Narendra Naidu. While pursuing higher education, as an NSS volunteer, it helped me develop my personality as well as getting involved in community service. In the second year of college, I was selected as NSS student representative by Prof. Naidu. One fine day, I received a message from my friend "You are selected to represent NSS wing in University Representative (UR) election". I was surprised to hear this and went to Prof. Naidu. He said, "Everyone gets a chance to show their skills and capabilities at appropriate time, now you have an opportunity to show your skills and your ability". In the college election, I was selected as University Representative (UR) of Modern College, Shivajinagar in 2008. At that time I was not even aware of roles and responsibilities of a UR. I remember the date, it was 8.08.2008 I had conducted a special meeting for all student representatives from NCC, NSS, Gymkhana, Arts wing, etc. for issues related to Play Ground, Toilet, Ladies rest room, Library, etc. We had a meeting with Principal Gosavi sir for all the issues. Principal Gosavi sir is one of the best mentor. During my tenure as an UR, I tried to create bonding between all representatives from various wings. The main issues focused were availability of playground, clean and hygienic toilets, etc. Being an UR, it was a lifetime experience for me to build my leadership skills for my future development.

Prof. Naidu, a real hero for me. I respect him like a father and his guidance, support, futuristic as well as spiritual view have always guided my journey of life. I would also like to thank Ms. Sunita Purohit from Hindi Department for guiding me with management skills. She is a good dancer. Under her guidance I won State level Hindi One Act Play and Drama Competition. Due to Naidu sir and my friends Shiraj and Rohit, I was selected for Tata Jagriti Yatra - 2008 among ten thousand participants from entire India. There were 250 students selected for the programme. In this tour, I travelled for 21 days to cover the various corners of India.

Simultaneously, I also participated in various competitions like elocution, street play, theatre, etc. I also won many trophies in various competition. During 2007 to 2009, we won most of the trophies for Modern college, just because of proper support from professors. In 2008, I won 13 competitions including Event Manager of the Year from Event Management Institute, Charitrya Chatra Upasak Award by Charitrya Pratishtan.

I would like to thank Dr Vilas Kamble and Prof. NayanaKulkarni from Geography department. Kamble sir's teaching skills and knowledge gained my interest in Geography subject. His interaction with students and his subject delivery was really awesome. I learnt to remain calm and happy in every situation from Prof. AlkaKamble of English Department. She has friendly attitude and is an inspiring personality, one can discuss anything with her and she will reply you with positive smile and guidance. Admane madam, our History teacher, her relation with me is like mother and son, she has always supported me at every step. I would also like to mention Jagtap madam and Oak madam from Psychology department. Jagtap madam was very friendly in nature and this is the reason we all open-up with teachers.

During my college days, due to financial constraints I lived in the kitchen of VanchitVikas-NGO. Under Earn and Learn scheme, I worked for my bread and butter. We conducted state level painting exhibitions by Chitari Academy of Fine Arts. I delivered speeches on Social issues which led me to get into the contact with many Social organisations of Maharashtra. From the same year I started working for JaneevYuva as its President. JaneevYuva is a platform created by Youngsters for Youngsters. I am also involved in various activities like "ManavNirmanCamp", helping Police during "Ganesh Festival and Palkhi" as "Police Mitra", Street Plays on various issues, helping those youngsters who have lost their way in life, giving them Psychological support. Till now all these activities are under JaneevYuva foundation.

The subject specific education and co-curricular activities should go hand in hand. Subject knowledge makes a student learn about the technical specification related to that subject but co-curricular activities make a positive impact in a student's personality. So, apart from attending regular classes, I was involved in extra curricular activities in college but I never lost focus on my study. Every year I achieved highest percentage in top three positions in my class. Modern College is a big asset in my life.

I have worked in Yashada – Govt. Administrative Training Institute as a Research Officer for four years, after that I worked under Dr. Vijay Bhatkar for South-East Asia in GIS domain. Today after completing Ph.D in Urban Geomorphology, started Partnership Company with the name of 'Unity Geospatial LLP'. We are focussing on Geographical Information System (GIS) and Drone Technology.

Yes, most of the credit goes to Modern college and its teachers.

**Trishla Jaiswal**  
**(Best Student Trophy Winner- Under Graduate Wing 2008-09)**



My journey with Modern College began in the year 2006 when I joined FYBA with English as my subject of specialization. Coming from a cocooned life at convent school, coming to college was quite an experience in itself.

Away from home and being all by myself, I already had enough on my plate to handle but as we say we grow through what we go through. Literature always being my area of interest, English was naturally the first choice for my majors. My teachers especially Ms. Dipali Thakur and Ms. S. Parab became my mentors and guided me throughout my journey in college. They encouraged us all to read more and more and that's what I did. Ultimately, not only did I ace my examinations in college I also topped the University exams in English in 2009. I was elected as the University Representative and I got the opportunity to interact with students on a one on one basis with other students as well as the teachers from other departments.

Being nominated for Best Student Trophy came as a total surprise. We were supposed to have a group discussion and an interview for the same. Preparations began in full swing. I had to maintain not only my grade and attendance but also be well versed with everything that was happening in the world around. Little did I know, this preparation was also preparing me for my entrance exams later on. However, with a pounding heart and a nervous mind I went for the group discussion and interview which now I can say went really well.

The day on which I was awarded as the best student, is a day which is as fresh as dew in my brain. My happiness knew no bounds and something that made that day extra special was the presence of my teachers and my friends.

Today I am a banker by profession and I'll soon become a manager. I still continue to read on a daily basis and calligraphy is my latest passion. However, no matter how many pages I engrave with my calligraphy, nothing gives me more pleasure than reading my name at the back of the Best Student's trophy.

Thank You dear Modern College  
Forever indebted

## **Vivek Bhonsle**

**(Best Student Trophy Winner- Post Graduate Wing 2010-11)**



Hello,

This is Vivek Bhonsle, M.Sc(Computer Science) student of Modern College, 2012 batch.

Personally, I consider my time in college as one of my most valuable experiences in life. In summary, my time in college has enriched my life in many ways. It has provided me with the necessary tools to enhance my skills more taught me valuable knowledge about this diverse world and people and concepts in general apart from just the academics. And this eventually always helps and pushes me to move ahead and grow in my personal as well as professional life.

It also has taught me the importance of thinking critically and asking questions in many situations which helps me in my day to day life. All these aspects of college have also made me better-rounded as a person.

Being a Placement Representative of M. Sc (Computer Science) batch got an opportunity to do management work and handle and deal with other areas apart from just academics which helped to develop my overall personality.

Modern College helped me kick start my career in the IT Industry. We always had Mockup Interviews, technical training sessions from visiting faculty working in the Industry that helped us in our preparations for the interviews, groomed us and gave us the confidence to crack the same. This also motivated me to participate and also win the Best Students Trophy Award in 2010-11.

Today, it's been more than 7 yrs now I am in the IT Industry and currently working as Sr. Software Engineer at Cybage and on the path of a successful career in IT Industry. I also have been a visiting faculty to many Institutes in Pune imparting my technical knowledge in Computer Science which also keep the passion of teaching alive in me.

Modern College has always motivated me to follow my dreams and also achieve them. Inspiration can strike you from anywhere, anything, or anyone at any time.

But I believe if it comes from within, then nothing like it.

Lastly I would like to say to all the current students to keep the flame burning and the winning attitude. If you believe it, half is already achieved. Be passionate about your profession, love what you do and do what you love.

Once again thank you Modern College for everything.

## **Rajan Thakur**

### **(Best Student Trophy Winner- Under Graduate Wing 2010-11)**

I was extremely excited and interested to pursue medicine during my high school days. However things didn't go as well as planned and I was almost certain to take year off to prepare for the entrance exams. Prof. Satbhai one of my zoology teachers from the high school convinced me to do a bachelor in microbiology. She was also instrumental in convincing newly appointed principal Dr.R. S. Zunjarrao to grant me admission to F.Y.B.Sc even after losing the entire first semester. I look back and it was this decision that changed my life forever. After completing bachelors in microbiology from the college I went on to do a Ph.D in life sciences from National Center for Biological Sciences (Bangalore, India) and now I am pursuing my further research interests in cellular neurobiology at Brown University (Providence, USA).

It was during my undergraduate in microbiology where I got my first taste of actual research. I was one of the few students in the district to be selected for a scholarship to do research at undergraduate level. I worked on isolating and characterizing bacteria for bio-fertilizer application. This work was done under the guidance head, department of Microbiology. The helpful work environment in the department made this experience extremely rewarding. I was also awarded silver medal for this work at national level conference and it was this moment in my life which motivated me to take up research in future.

College support was always great as it offered excellent infrastructure which was easily accessible as a student and hence I could get most of my work done through self-study. The central and departmental libraries (microbiology and biotechnology) where I would spend most of my time greatly benefited me while preparing for university exams and common entrance test.

My teachers, staff at the department and friends always believed in my abilities as a student and it was this selfless care and belief motivated me to apply and win the best student trophy. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at the college for helping me become a better person and teaching me to always dream big and work hard to achieve those dreams.

I will always be grateful for the support and guidance I received from my teachers which helped me take up research as a career. College offered excellent infrastructure which was easily accessible as a student specifically the updated central and departmental libraries, where I would spend most of my time. My teachers, staff at the department and friends always believed in my abilities as a student and it was this selfless care and belief motivated me to apply and win the best student trophy."

Thank you,

Rajan Thakur,Ph.D

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**Modern - Memories**  
**By Shriram Ramane**  
**(Best Student Trophy Winner- Under Graduate Wing 2011-12)**



**The Era of Junior College and NCC:-**

‘Left right left’ the sound grabbed my attention as a new comer to the Modern college. Those were the days of late summer (August) of 2009. I felt a tremendous transformation in me when I gained admission to FYJC (11 Science) as it was the first time I was moving from a protective and comfortable shell of a Marathi medium school at Bhosari to a junior college in a city.. I was feeling like a butterfly that emerged out of cocoon. Being curious about the source of the voice, I decided to find out and saw that a few NCC cadets were marching in the porch besides the pavilion. Scared at first, I inquired with the JUO present there if I could join the NCC. He asked me to meet Cpt B.B.Yenage who was the Associated NCC officer of our college. Initially I was refused admission as I was a science student; but I persisted for a week and he finally agreed to enroll me in NCC.

Thus the development chapter of my life started. Every Sunday when scholars were busy in IIT classes and rests were merry making I started attending parades and fall-ins. NCC parade taught me that we can challenge our physical limits and conquer them. As we cannot be always motivated we must learn to be disciplined. This discipline was inculcated in me by the Training. Those two years were one of the best years of my life. In academics all my teachers of junior college were supportive. It was here that I met friends for my life Sameer (Currently developer engineer in NVIDEA ), Nachiket (went to IIT and now runs a great startup name phool.org), and Tanmay (doing MS in Germany). In NCC Rohan (Banker), Vishvajit (MR), Kedar (in securities), Ganesh (wildlife photographer at NatGeo), Kamlesh, and many more. These people became my family. Here I came to know about the various entries in the army and we all together started preparing for it. As the study mostly required group discussions therefore library was not suitable for it. We requested Principal Dr. R. S. Zunjarrao if we could utilise classroom G31 (now it’s a competitive exam centre) after college hours and he happily agreed. We studied together and got our doubts cleared from our teachers. All the teachers readily helped us. I completed my 12<sup>th</sup> and NCC C certificate in 2011.

**Senior College:-**

After twelfth I procured admission to FYBSC. Here I met my mentor Prof. Arun Deshpande (HOD Physics). I joined the astronomy club of our college and he also motivated us all to do various experiments. Deshpande sir never said no to any lab related activity and also helped everyone. I used to live more in the physics lab and less at home. In one of the Teachers’ Day speech our Principal sir jokingly said that the lab is our first home. Prof. Thengadi



conducted the industrial electronics course and developed a sense of competition of the outer world in us. I am very grateful to the teachers as I had got very supportive teachers in my F.Y and S.Y.B.Sc. for Mathematics who not only taught well but paid special attention as I lagged behind in my syllabus due to the camps. The Electronics teachers helped in developing logics and circuits. In my final year all teachers of the Physics Department nourished me well. They helped me in understanding Physics at a deeper level.

### **The Best Student Trophy:-**

When I was doing my FYBSc I participated for Best Student competition. Being a well disciplined cadet and also an NSS volunteer I performed well in the interview and GD. The competition was tough, but I managed to grab the title on the basis of my competitive exam preparation. I am one of the very few students who won Best Student trophy in the first year of senior college. That changed my life. The confidence built in me helped me to participate in the various competitions and succeed in them.

### **NSS:-**

I joined NSS in the FYBSC and excelled in there under the guidance of Dr. Varade and Bhandare mam. I attended various camps and the sense of responsibility and leadership grew in me. Camps like AVHAN and pre RD Parade camp are life changing experiences. The annual camps and various activities there like street-play, sky gazing, cleanliness drive, awareness programs, helped me to search my true self. The Somanath and Aanadwan camp (shramsanskarshibir) gave me an opportunity to meet renowned personalities and inculcated the value of work. I lived there the, 'Not me but you' slogan of NSS. In the Republic day selection camp I went up-to zonal level where we compete with candidates from 7 different states. I won the quiz and elocution competition.

### **An emotional Moment with Principal Sir:-**

It was the cultural day of 2014. We all were clicking photos on the ground. As principal sir came on the ground I asked him to share a photo with me. When I handed over my mobile to my friend for photo, Principal sir also did the same saying, "when you become renowned, I will say, 'he is my student'".

### **Career:-**

After completion of college I prepared for Defence along with my friends from NCC. Abhishek, Nishant cleared SSBs and are officers now. Few others went through AEC entry and are serving in the army. I tried hard but could not clear SSB. So far I cleared 16 written exams and attended 22 SSB interviews. Though I did not succeed they gave me the vision to introspect myself. I continued preparing for other competitive exams as well and got selected as a clerk in HQ Southern Command, Indian army in July 2018. I cleared *Mahapariksha* by MPSC and was selected as store in-charge at Regional Forensic Science Laboratory, got posting to Kolhapur. In September 2019 I cleared the examination and Interview for Senior clerk-store at Bhabha Atomic Research centre(BARC), Mumbai. Also at the same time I cleared the examination and interview for National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA), Pune and was posted at Giant

metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) as Scientific Assistant B. I still aspire to gain more knowledge and higher positions in life.

### **Modern- Excelsior :-**

Modern college gave me the potential to see the colors of life, a scientific point of view, teachers who cared like parents and motivated like true gurus, the friends for a lifetime and unforgettable era of my life. The freedom given in academic and extracurricular aspects by college is overwhelming. Our principal sir always says, 'there is my standing permission to every good cause.' I am very blessed to have such teachers, friends and college in my life.

### **Achievements-**

1. Silver medals in map reading and cultural competitions at Annual training camps 2011.
2. Participated in Pre republic day parade camp and won quiz competition 2011.
3. Won most deserving NCC cadet award in 2012.
4. Won most deserving NSS volunteer award in 2012.
5. Selected as college ambassador for I2I (ignited innovators of India Competition)2011-2013.
6. Participated in international conference Youth Unite for Voluntary Action(YUVA)at TERI university Delhi, in Jan 2013, represented as group leader and won second group prize.
7. Worked as college connect reporter in Prabhat daily from 2012-2014. Also wrote articles in it.
8. Participated in refresher's course in experimental physics and won certificate for excellence. In Dec 2013.
9. Won consolation prize in physics poster competition 2012.
10. Won first prize in power pont presentation competition by Dept of Physics 2013.
11. Won first first prize in Project presentation competition by Dept of Physics 2014. Selected for Avishkar university level.

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(Best Student Trophy Winner- Post Graduate Wing 2012-13)



नमस्कार ,

माझे नाव सागर नथुराम शिंदे, modern college म्हणजे माझ्या आयुष्यातील न विसरणारा एक भाग आहे , मी जून २००९ मध्ये या महाविद्यालयात प्रवेश केला. बघता बघता ६ वर्षे कशी गेली हे समजेलच नाही . त्यात च Computer Science हे माझे आवडते विभाग ज्या मध्ये मी माझे पदवीधर आणि पदव्युत्तर शिक्षण पूर्ण केले . सुरवातीला मला माझी admission fee भरण्यात काही अडचणी येत होत्या पण मला आमचे computer department चे head व उपप्राचार्य देशमुख सर यांची साथ मिळाली त्यामुळे मी माझी fee टप्या टप्यात भरू शकलो. तसेच computer department मधील सर्व शिक्षक व शिक्षकेतर कर्मचारी ह्यांनी मला कधीही कोणत्याही गोष्टीची उणीव भासू दिली नाही. मी शिकत असतानाच वेगवेगळ्या Intercollegiate Competitions मध्ये सहभागी होऊ लागलो आणि आजपर्यंत जवळ जवळ ७० prizes जिंकलो. तसेच modern college मधील R. M. मराठे आणि कार्तिकेय रिंदानी ह्या competitions मध्ये सुद्धा मला सहभागी होण्याची संधी मिळाली आणि मी त्या संधीचे सोने केले. मला कार्तिकेय रिंदानी scholarship मिळाली आणि २०१६ मध्ये Best Student चे पारितोषिक मिळाले ह्याबद्दल खरच modern college चे मनापासून खूप खूप आभार. Placement Coordinator यांची सुद्धा मोलाची साथ मिळाली त्यामुळेच मी आज एका IT Company मध्ये Team Lead या पदावर कार्यरत आहे . ज्याप्रमाणे मला scholarship मिळाली त्याचप्रमाणे मी आता job ला लागलोय गरजू विद्यार्थ्यांना scholarship देण्याचा एक छोटासा प्रयत्न नक्की करतो.

धन्यवाद

सागर शिंदे

## **Vedika. N. Gujar**

### **(Best Student Trophy Winner- Post Graduate Wing 2013-14)**



“The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one”, said Malcolm Forbes. Indeed, and so has the Modern College bestowed upon me. I Vedika Gujar would like to introduce myself as an alumnus of the college and a Best Student trophy winner.

Needless to say, this college is known to be one of the esteemed institutions in Pune. Not only is the faculty knowledgeable, but assures salubrious relations with their students. The eclectic interactive sessions, promising project works, giving presentations, all added to feathers to the cap. Nonetheless, social activities were never compromised. The college instead encouraged us to indulge in extra-curricular ventures. On similar lines, we used to willingly participate in various dance competitions, bringing victory to our home. Undoubtedly, the college provided me the platform to add a new dimension to my capabilities and thereupon drew my interest prominently to my subjects. While I still remember when we not only presented mock interviews but were also asked to conduct some. Puzzled by this, when we asked our teachers, the answer they replied was, “Knowing what a person truly expects can be understood only when you be at their position!” And that is where it instilled me to think out of the box to arrive at solutions swiftly. Finally, I would undeniably credit my college to get me placed into an acclaimed company. And over the years, the enthusiasm and the zeal within the campus yet remain untouched.

It’s true, Modern college, not only justifies its vogue but its name as well!

Thanks and Regards

Vedika.N.Gujar

**Mrunalini Chaturvedi**  
**(Best Student Trophy Winner- Under Graduate Wing 2013-14)**



**Modern College: A life full of Experiences**

I ventured into Modern College with many dreams in my eyes. Dreams brimming of success, enjoyment, job, etc. But, there was no clarity of ideas.

Call it luck or destiny; I was a part of a college which extends multiple opportunities for its students through various activities & competitions. A timid, reticent girl that I was; became capable of gathering enough courage to be a part of several events organized in the college. The ever cooperative, helpful & guiding staff encouraged & applauded my efforts, thus building my confidence to accept new challenges and overcome them. They would give full freedom to all students to come up with creative ideas for events. Such a friendly, non-demanding yet prodding environment helped me to blossom.

I was actively a part of Commerce Association & Planning Forum hosting, coordinating & even participating in various events. A vast kaleidoscope of careers & opportunities were unfolded before me. The healthy competitive environment added with awards & recognitions determined me to choose event management as a career. I knew that this is what I want to do.

Our Honorable Principal Dr. Zunjarrao Sir was ever encouraging & helpful. He even allowed me the opportunity to setup a stall in the college premises prior to Diwali, where I sold self-painted diyas along with lanterns and chocolates made by me. The stall was a whooping success as the ever encouraging & helpful teaching & non-teaching staff awarded my efforts by purchasing the entire inventory in just a days' time! This immensely boosted my self-confidence as a person & also as an artist.

My college life took a turn when I went through the college magazine which showcased names of students who topped and won the Best Student Trophy. I too started nurturing the dream to be one in this gallery. As a child I had always aspired to see joy & happiness of my success in my mothers' eyes. Modern College propelled me to strive harder & succeed in winning the Best Student Trophy thus, fulfilling one of my dreams'.

## *The day of interview....*

### **Best Student Trophy Contest 2019-2020: Date: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

In order to make this competition a success this year also, our committee members gave the information about this trophy to each class. In response we received total 173 applications from students. Our committee members Dr. Sheetal Pardeshi, Prof. Kiran Kulkarni, Prof. Reeja Nair, Prof. Latika Chaudhari, Prof. Ann Joy, and Prof. Fernandice analysed and scrutinized all forms thoroughly well. Prof. P. V. Gadagkar Dr. Arti Goggi and Dr. Shilpa Dange prepared the final list of shortlisted students. Prof. Umesh Kothawade helped in downloading documents of students.

The following students were shortlisted for the final round:

**Junior Wing:** Tanvi Neeta Gunjal (XI Commerce), Samay Suresh Parmar (XI Commerce), Ravindra Nagesh Shinde (XII Commerce), Urja Shekar Bakale (XI Commerce), Priyanka Rajendra Tikole (XI Science)

**Senior Wing:** Himani Dhyani (T.Y.B.Sc. Microbiology), Nikita Shankar Bahirat (F.Y.B.Sc. ), Harshada Makarand Tilloo (F.Y.B.Com), Vedika Balasaheb Jadhav(F.Y.B.A.), Shantanu Dyaneshwar Ghumatkar (T.Y. B.Sc. Mathematics).

**Post Graduate Wing:** Nikita Shashikant Sathe (M.Com Part I), Rima Dindayal Ahuja (M.Sc.II Mathematics), Kartik Kailaskumar Adake (M.Sc.I Zoology), Anshuman Arun Surjuse (M.Sc.I Physics)

The shortlisted students were called for personal interview and group discussion on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 at hall no.432 and 433.

The panel of judges judged the students on the basis of confidence, personality, communication skills, general knowledge, their perspectives etc. Also for each wing, students were told to select the topic for group discussion from given topics. The selected topics by students were:

Junior Wing: **Books vs Google**, Senior wing: **Classroom Learning vs E-Learning**, Post Graduate wing: **Education and Jobs**.

We are thankful to all judges of respective wings who have assessed, analyzed each candidate from all aspects for the best student.

The best students declared from junior, senior and post graduate wing are:

**Junior Wing: Tanvi Gujal (11<sup>th</sup> Com.), Under Graduate Wing: Himani Dhyani T.Y. B. Sc. (Microbiology), Post Graduate Wing: Nikita Sathe M.Com Part I**

*Congratulations to All*

Prof. Pratul Gadagkar  
Coordinator  
Best Student Trophy Committee

Prof. Sheetal Pardeshi  
Coordinator  
Best Student Trophy Committee

## *Winner's Words.....*

### **Tanvi Gunjal (Best Student Trophy Winner- Junior Wing 2019-20)**



Myself Tanvi Gunjal speaking to you! I am extremely honoured and privileged to be receiving such an important award. I am extremely grateful for the recognition for my performance throughout the year!

Student of the year award is annually recognized and warmly welcomed by us students. Thanks to the generous support that we got from Dr. R. S. Zunjarrao sir and the college staff for conducting this contest. This award not only recognizes students who have excelled in the academic pursuits but also who have developed all round skills and attained remarkable achievements in the domains they have passion for.

For me it's is not just an award, but it is an acknowledgement which provide recognition and increase visibility of our excellence. It is the epitome of our qualities and skills like positive attitude, attitude towards studies and other work, passion for chosen course, ability to think and work independently, an inquiring mind etc.

So I am glad to receive such a huge Honor by my esteem college who has a pivotal role in molding my career. The gratitude also goes to the teachers, principals and parents for the efforts they took and support in enhancing the whole person development, in grooming us for future leadership. I was always motivated by my family especially my mother who is also a proud recipient of 'best student award' in her career! Thank you all for encouraging me throughout the year!!

Since childhood I was good in academics but throughout my career I got so many opportunities to develop my extra-curricular skills!. This college had been the best platform for the extra-curricular activities. Being a part of '*Kala Mandal*' and '*college girls cricket team*', I am groomed in the '*art of living and working together*'. So here I got to learn beyond subjects.

All the students shortlisted for the preliminary round had something unique between them. Regardless of the talent and interest, we all have something common and that is we are going to represent our college. We all are in the phase of 'moving to excel' where utmost importance is

given to studies rather than any activities. So being a 'student of the year',it would be my responsibility to encourage my fellow friends towards other art. Our college had always been supportive to the extra-curricular activities....may it be sports...dance ...drama and etc. Hence I would instill the quality of participation among the students of this college which would develop their personality. I would love to serve myself as an inspiration through the work I do for college.

Last but not the least I would love to congratulate all the winners for their achievement and my other friends for reaching this peak! we all are going to achieve something outstanding in our career by balancing all the activities but let's not forget that the key to success is not moving ahead of others but to get ahead of ourselves!

My heart full thanks goes to the college for organizing such a successful and meaningful event.

Finally, may I wish you all a happy and prosperous year ahead!!!

Thank you!!!



**Himani Dhyani**  
**(Best Student Trophy Winner- Under Graduate Wing 2019-20)**



HIMANI DHYANI

I am Himani Dhyani from TY BSc microbiology. First I want to express my gratitude and I am really honoured to be awarded the best student award for the UG 2019-20. I would take this opportunity to thank all my teachers and family members who supported me and help me in shaping up my mind and encouraging me at every step of my student life. I would like to share a life event here when I was in high school I was always interested in science in which biology was what attracted me the most. When young students start out learning biology they learn about polymorphism. Metamorphism is a process where a small larve turns into a beautiful butterfly. Those larve and caterpillars are never that attractive to look at. With the process of going through all that and then coming out as such beautiful being is what makes a butterfly so strong.

Similarly the process of my success, this award has been a beautiful journey. I would take this opportunity to thank all my teachers who encourage me to go on and discover different fields of science by attending seminars. Who thought that I was one of the deserving candidates for this award and even ask me to enroll for it. I would like to thank Naidu sir for teaching me how to learn from my own mistakes. Thank you all the staff members who helped me to my journey. I would also like to thank my parents for all the love and support they have shown me in this journey without them I wouldn't have been where I am today I thank them that they always encourage me to pursue my field of interest.

I would also like to express my gratitude towards college for organizing different activities, which helped me to grow and develop as a student. Finally I want to thank everybody again whom I couldn't mention in my speech because of time restrictions therefore for supporting me and being a part of this journey.

**Nikita Sathe**  
**(Best Student Trophy Winner- Post Graduate Wing 2019-20)**



**JOURNEY FROM AN ORDINARY STUDENT TO “THE BEST STUDENT”**

It is rightly said that if you have passion to achieve your goals then it hardly matters whether your goal is SMART or not. I had a goal to become a ‘**Best Student**’ of my college, to get the blazer of my college and to become such a student who will be known to all. Then my journey towards my goal started. I had started applying for best student competition since I have been in 11<sup>th</sup> standard and had always failed to be shortlisted every year continuously for 5 years. But, the passion towards the goal was of such level that I have tried and applied for continuously 5 years for such competition. As it is rightly said that efforts towards any passion gets counted, I was also shortlisted for second round after my continuous efforts taken towards it.

I have continuously participated and had taken initiative. I have also increased my academic score which is one of the important criteria in the process of short listing for the second round. As it is truly said that, “nothing can be done alone.” Same was the case with me, my teacher right from 11<sup>th</sup> standard till today has supported me in every possible way they can. Prof. Amol Nikale (commerce faculty) has continuously supported me and has helped me in preparing for the competition.

Finally, I was shortlisted for second round in my M.Com Part 1. That day was the happiest day for me, my parents and my teachers, but my responsibility was doubled that day. My sir has instructed me to prepare for each and every question that will be asked in my interview. I prepared for my second round very sincerely and made myself capable in every possible way to present myself outstanding amongst all of my competitors.

The day of second round that is, personal interview and group discussion has arise. I was prepared for every question but the confidence was lacking somewhere. But my passion has helped me to overcome my fear. I gave my personal interview confidently and had presented myself very effectively in group discussion. It was a great experience to appear for such scrutiny. It helped me to understand the level of confidence that I have.

After the declaration of the result, I was overwhelmed because my efforts for continuous 5 years were counted and finally I was selected as the **Best Student of the college from Post**

**Graduation section for the year of 2019-2020.** That day my parents, teachers and my friends were very satisfied and proud. They all were very happy for me. Looking at them I felt that there cannot be any achievement better than this. The thing that I realized on that day was, never to give up on anything however difficult it seems to be, take it as a challenge and present yourself confidently, the success is assured to you.

**“Successful and unsuccessful people do not vary greatly in their abilities.**

**They vary in their desires to reach their potential.”**

**- NIKITA SATHE**

## *Glimpses....*



**Felicitation of PG best Student 2017-18**



**Felicitation of Junior best Student 2017-18**



**Felicitation of UG best Student 2017-18**



**Vice Principal, Chaudhary Sir addressing (2018-19)**



**Vice Principal Dr. A. V. Kamble addressing as a judge**



**Vishwadeep Mane Expressing his views**

## *Best Student Trophy 2018-19.....*



**Chairman, Prof. Pooja Paratane, Best student trophy committee addressing**



**Audience of the felicitation ceremony**



**Felicitation of PG best Student 2018-19**



**Felicitation of UG best Student 2018-19**



**Felicitation of Junior best Student 2017-18**



**Chief Guest Mr. Shrikant Gabale addressing during felicitation program**

*Shining glory of Modern College .....*



Rajkiran Chinde



Gajanan Nerkar accepting Trophy



Gajanan Nerkar



Shrikant Gabale



Shriram Ramani



Shivani Patil



Neha Shaha



Suvarna Indore



Vishwdeep Mane guiding  
T.Y. B.Sc. (Maths) students



Rohan Salunke



Ruchika More



Deveshri Sonar



Sonakshi Upadhyay



Mrunalini Chaturvedi receiving Award



Shrikant Gabale with Prof. Parab & Prof. Dipali Thakur



Shrikant Gabale with Principal Prof. A. G. Gosavi



Shrikant Gabale as a chief guest

*Activities By Best Student Trophy Committee.....*



**Felicitation of Trishla Jaiswal**



**Students attending Trishla's lecture**



**Dialogue of Principal with students**



**Trishla Jaiswal**



**Anchoring Workshop**





**Felicitation Ms. Mrunalini Chaturvedi**



**Anchoring Workshop-Mrunalini Chaturvedi**



**Students interacting with Mrunalini**



**Students are performing activity in Anchoring Workshop**



**Participants with Mrunalini in Anchoring Workshop**

## *Scholar Student Meet 2019 (Advance Learners' Club).....*



Chairperson of committee introducing idea of Scholar Student Meet



Principal Dr. R. S. Zunjarrao addressing students



Students Attended Scholar student Meet 2019-2020



Principal Dr. R.S. Zunjarrao



Prof. P. V. Gadagkar cocluding Session

## *Second Round of Interview & Group Discussion 2019-2020....*



Committee members with PG Judges



Committee members with UG Judges



Group discussion of UG students (2019-20)



Personal interview of UG student (2019-20)



Personal interview of Junior student (2019-20)



Personal interview of PG student (2019-20)



Personal Interview (Junior)



Personal Interview (PG)



Personal Interview (PG)



Group Discussion (PG)



Greetings to Prof. Dr. M. M. Satam from Best Student Trophy Committee



Personal Interview (Junior)



*Committee Members*



*Committee Members*



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