

## **“Progress Report” of Bhavan’s College (Autonomous) for the Academic Year 2020- 21**

The academic calendar of 2020-21 marked the first year of Autonomy since we received the green signal from UGC on Aug 2020 to become Autonomous College .The road ahead was glimpsed on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 a day marked in infamy when nationwide lockdown was announced. Education institutes engulfed within the throes of examination suddenly had to shift to the virtual platform and from there onward it has been a momentous slide towards digitalization wherein education institutes not only conducted their college exams but also University of Mumbai Semester-VI examinations and released their results online.

Though Academic Year 2020-21 was stressful, at Bhavan’s College it has been a happening year. Covid-19 Pandemic took its toll on all and our college was no exception. Though we lost many of our staff, their family members and friends to that miniscule viral particle, we rose as one kindred spirit, working in cohesion, with Google, Zoom, Duo and Whats-up being our connecting medium and achieved the following.

### **1. Academic and Research Activities undertaken:**

- Applied and Received extension of our NAAC validity up to 2025
- Obtained permission to start our first vocational course “B. Com in Retail Management “wherein 30 students who enrolled were guaranteed placements and given paid internships at Reliance retails outlets
- Ranked our college in India times MDRA ranking for Best College and achieved 8<sup>th</sup> rank as a college that gives best value for money
- Revised the FY Syllabi for all courses under autonomy for both the odd and even semesters keeping in mind the Students feedback, global trends and Market demand. The same was discussed with the newly constituted Bhavan’s College Board of studies members who ratified the syllabi, which was then accepted by the Academic council and subsequently by the Governing body formed as per the UGC guidelines for our College
- For Improving our evaluation system an external Academic and Assessment Audit was undertaken and inputs received were used by the teachers to improve the quality of Question Paper set so that Blooms taxonomy can be implemented

- A webinar was conducted on ‘Effective Paper Setting Strategies using Bloom’s Taxonomy and Context Based Questions Generation’ by Prof. Marzban Kotwal on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2021
- Upgraded our Website using our in house college IT resources and the efforts of our staff and students
- Students’ feedback on Online Teaching-Learning was collected using Google Forms from all classes for both the semesters. It was analyzed qualitatively and the analysis was mailed to HOD/ Coordinators and Action Taken Report (ATR) was collected from them, wherever required. Along with it an Exit survey was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 for graduating students while Student Satisfaction **Survey (SSS)** was conducted in June, 2021 to which 1082 students has responded
- Constituted the revised DBT recognized Biosafety Committee and the Ethics committee for College
- Organized more than 10 workshops / seminars related to “Research Methodology”, “Effective question paper settings”, “Strategies to crack competitive exams” along with our very own “Kulpati Memorial Trophy competition”

## 2. **Administrative (including details of BOS and Examination)**

### 2.1 Administrative

- We welcomed our new student entrée with gusto through You tube streamed orientation program that was attended by more than a 1000 students
- Made all our classrooms Wi-Fi enabled
- BOS for all depts. along with Academic council (14<sup>th</sup>. Dec20 , 15<sup>th</sup> May 21) , governing body (8<sup>th</sup> Dec 20, 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 21) and finance committee (12<sup>th</sup> Dec 20 , 5<sup>th</sup> June 21) was constituted who held two meetings during this academic year all in the online mode to conduct their activities
- Statutory and Non-statutory committees were constituted who undertook their activities through ZOOM portal
- Dedicated internet lines and more than 15 paid Zoom connections for effective lecture delivery during the pandemic was provided

- The library and teachers made facilities available for providing books and reading material online
- Covid fund for students in need was set up through donations received from teachers and alumni

## **2.2 Examination:**

- Appointed as University of Mumbai Lead College for University College Cluster No 11 to lead 14 colleges in the smooth conduct of University of Mumbai UG and PG examinations during the pandemic times .
- The format of examination pattern was modified to 60:40 wherein 60 marks were allocated to semester end examination while 40 marks were allocated for continuous internal assessment(CIA). Thus introduction of summative and formative assessment system was introduced for assessing the students wherein In formative assessment, thrust on conceptual understanding, original thinking aspects was appreciated while for CIA, students were graded on various assignments and tests taken that assessed their learning skill, cognitive and critical thinking ability.
- Students were encouraged to attend Swayam and NEPTL courses and extra curricular credit certificate was given on successfully completing the courses
- Auditing of question papers by the teacher expert from other institutions.
- Effective use of Google form features to conduct online assessment.
- Maintenance of utmost secrecy and sanctity of examination process.
- Use of ERP software to reduce manual intervention in result processing.
- Formation of student groups on WhatsApp/Telegram to reach out to every single student who was located/ migrated at remote places due to COVID 19 situation.

## **3. Financial Report:**

- Applied and received the DBT Star College Status Award amounting to Rs 1.06 crores for a period of 3 years initiating from 2022-23 to five science departments
- Underwent the 1 week Government of India CAG Financial Audit

Item	Unutilized Grant available from Previous Year	Resources generated through fees and other sources	Grant received from UGC and other funding agencies during the year	Total Expenditure during the year	Unspent balance	Remarks
1	Nil	208746048	Nil	207386635	1359413	Nil

#### 4. **Extension Activities:**

- The head of Psychology department was appointed on the institutional ethic committee of Raja Ramdeo Andilal Podar Central Ayurveda Research Institute for Cancer by Ministry of Ayush GOI
- Staff from Botany dept was appointed by GOI as an expert member for the state Environmental Appraisal Committee (SEAC) for State of Maharashtra
- Capt. Malini Sharma was awarded the Raksha Rajya Mantri Prashashan Patra for excellence in NCC work
- At the Atal Karandak State level one act play competition our team won the best actress and best group act award
- A series of National and International webinars was conducted using In-house resources on Applied/Informative topics as listed below

Date	Topic	Speaker	No. of Participants
13 July, 2020	University Wits versus William Shakespeare's pre-eminent characters	Dr. Narayan Rao	139
15 July, 2020	Nurturing Entrepreneurship	Dr. R.Vaidya	119
17 July, 2020	□□□□□□□□ □□□□□ □□ □□□□□ □□□ पर □□□□□□ □□□□□□ □□□□□□□□□□ □□	Dr. Rekha Sharma	59

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21 July, 2020	Atma Nirbhar Bharat - Opportunities and Challenges	Dr. Nirmala Pawar	146
23 July, 2020	Impact of Covid-19 and lockdown on business of small proprietors	Mr. R. Suryawanshi	115
25 July, 2020	Developing Sustainable Tourism Challenges and Failures	Dr. Ajay Kamble	91

- Covid Pandemic created its own issues leading to various stress and thus mindful of that our Psychology Department made sure that counseling sessions were kept on.
- We hope and pray that by next year this pandemic comes to an end. But in the meanwhile all stakeholders remain unanimous in their message that learning shouldn't stop, be it offline, online or hybrid because it would be a humungous loss for our children and their future .

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Principal