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**H.R. College of Commerce & Economics**

# City's youth give Obama a taste of what's next: The Pak question

After charm offensive, US prez forced to explain stand on Pakistan; deflects onus back on India, saying it has biggest stake in a stable neighbour; political parties disappointed with answer

Mihika Basu & Harish Gupta MUMBAI, NEW DELHI

US president Barack Obama had to summon all his fabled oratorical skills when a 19-year-old girl from a Mumbai college shot point blank the question he had been able to evade since his arrival in the country.

"Why is Pakistan so important an ally that America has never called it a terrorist state so far?" asked Afsheen Irani, a second year student from HR College, during Obama's interaction with students at St Xavier's college on Sunday. To his credit, the US president, who was under no obligation to respond, stitched together a balanced answer that seems to have disappointed the political leadership in India.

However, parties have held back official comments for the moment. Party sources claim that Obama has ended up almost reiterating what Pakistan has been stating in its defence all along. "There are more Pakistanis who have been killed by terrorists inside Pakistan than probably anywhere else," he said, adding the Pakistan government understands the potential threat that exists within its own borders.

He said India had "the biggest stake" in a successful and stable Pakistan. "The history between India and Pakistan is incredibly complex and born out of much tragedy and violence. So, it may be surprising, but I am absolutely convinced that the country that has the biggest stake in Pakistan's success is India. If Pakistan is unstable, that's bad for India. If Pakistan is stable and prosperous, that's good for India," he said.

Obama was at his diplomatic best when he said Pakistan is an enormous country which is strategically important not just for the US, but for the world. It has some extremist elements, but they are not unique to Pakistan, he added. "The Pakistan government is aware of it. We have been engaging aggressively with them to communicate that we want nothing more than a stable, prosperous and peaceful Pakistan," said Obama.



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## 'You will learn the meaning of education'

Indu Shahani



>Welcome to the vibrant world of junior college. As you leave school and enter the corridors of city colleges, you will experience a sense of joy, enthusiasm and optimism. But you will also have apprehensions about leaving school, friends and favourite teachers. Life in junior college will be different and it is important that you prepare yourself so that your transition is smooth and that you can make the most of the new exciting challenges that await you.

Coming from smaller classrooms, you will suddenly find over 120 students in your class and God forbid if a teacher is absent and a class is joined; you will have more than three hundred students. Don't let the numbers overwhelm you. Take this opportunity to make new friends from different schools.

The adage 'the survival of the fittest' is most applicable to college life. While you were in school, there was a lot of spoon-feeding, but that will no longer be the case in college. You will have to pursue teachers who are very busy. But college life gives you the opportunity to grow up quickly and develop your personality by interacting with other students and participating in activities. Go all out and participate actively in debates, dramas, competitions and

festivals. It is these memories that will be with you forever. But again remember, it is participation that is important and not winning that is essential.

A final word of advice to all young students: this is an opportunity for you to unlearn, learn and relearn the true meaning of education. Develop independent thinking, be positive and proactive, build accountability and responsibility, create a passion for your work and compassion for others. Use your time effectively and enjoy the dynamic world of college life.

*This is the first in a series of columns in which principals talk about the highs and lows of college life. Dr. Indu Shahani is the Principal of H.R. College of Commerce and Economics.*

**THE QUESTION**

Afsheen Irani, 19, HR College student



Why is Pak so important an ally that America has never called it a terrorist state?

**THE ANSWER**

Barack Obama US president



Pakistan is a strategically important country, not just for America, but for the world. If Pakistan is unstable, that's bad for India. If it's good and prosperous, that's good, because India is on the move. India and Pakistan can prosper and live side by side. Pakistan understands the threats from extremism. They now understand the threats within their borders. The progress is not as quick as we'd like.



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# > EDITORIAL

India's twenty first century economic story has just begun. We as a country are headed towards the third decade of liberalization (which started in 1991). Time has come that we take stock and approach with a little more imagination and daring.

With 65% of our population under 35, India should have a youthful, dynamic and productive workforce for the next thirty years while the rest of the world is ageing.

India's greatest strength is Indians themselves. In some sense we are culturally predisposed to view material and intellectual success as important and worth striving for. The critical challenge then is to ensure that we foster our human capital base.

A great deal needs to be done to expand

our capacity and multiply the number of schools and colleges to provide quality education to our growing young population. Vocational training is equally essential and needs to be set up on a war footing as we are beginning to feel the shortage of plumbers, masons, electricians etc.

Our focus ought not to be solely on education and training today, but on what we need to do to make today's Indians employable. A badly trained engineer from a second rate technical college will in the next decade and a half be unemployable. An unemployable or unemployed workers are potential revolutionaries. The frustration of a jobless youth lies behind most of the violent protests in the world.

We need to ensure that our children

become adept at surviving the fierce pace of innovation and economic downturn.

At H.R. the results create records, the college faculty is ever ready to go beyond the call of duty to help the students. The college is open 24x7 for the students to prepare for their exams in an undisturbed environment. Our social projects like CHIRAG have become benchmarks by themselves, from being small projects started by a few students they have become international youth movements.

At H.R. we endeavour to provide just the right mix of academic excellence, encouraging atmosphere for learning and opportunities to become fine human beings.

- Misha Bothra  
Faculty, Department of English  
Jr. College

## > FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dr. Indu Shahani

Greetings from the Sheriff of Mumbai and Principal of H.R. College of Commerce and Economics affiliated to the University of Mumbai!

It is our endeavour at H.R. College to provide high quality of education, and help accelerate the careers of all our students into successful professions and businesses. The college offers a variety of courses including five undergraduate commerce degrees, three add-on courses and a post graduate specialization in Business Management. From the AY 2011-2012 H.R. has two new offerings for the students - a Bachelor degree in Mass Media and a Masters in Commerce with specialization in Accountancy.

The academic year 2010-2011 has been an outstanding one with the students doing very well in their academics. At the University of Mumbai examinations H.R. College bagged 1st and 3rd rank at the TYBMS, 1st and 2nd rank at TYBAF and 3rd rank at TYBBI. H.R. College students also marked their presence with 8th, 9th and 11th rank at TYBCom examination.

In extra curricular activities H.R. created history in the University of Mumbai by winning all five major inter-collegiate festivals in this academic year. The Under 19 cricket team won the T-20 1st Ionian Cricket Schools Tournament 2011 held at Corfu, Greece.

Our focus centers on developing ethical leaders, inspiring entrepreneurial spirit within each student, and helping them gain a vision of what they can accomplish. Recently we have added a fourth area of emphasis: mastery in communication and critical thinking skills. We want our students to have the courage to experiment with bold, innovative ideas and to reach for the skies. We do hope the result is that we produce *'Managers with a heart.'*

H.R. has been amongst the first colleges in Mumbai to initiate strong industry-academia relations. Industry experts are regularly invited to come and share their business strategies and experiences. This interaction helps the students to keep abreast with the latest developments in the business sector which in turn equips them for their professional lives. Each year the best names in the corporate sector offer H.R. students internships and placements. We are also proud of our alumni who support the college at all times.

Internationalisation has become the focal point of the teaching learning process at H.R. The college leads the way in student and faculty exchange programs. This exposure helps the faculty to understand the best practices of leading institutions and incorporate them in their teaching methods. The students are offered scholarships and exchange programs from prestigious institutions like NYU Stern, USA and King's College, UK. At the end of this year a student delegation visited New Jersey City University to interact and to understand the dynamics of the diverse economic markets.

As the 110th Sheriff of Mumbai and as the Principal of H.R. College, I welcome you to this culture of excellence and to the strategic planning and decision making that support excellence as we propel ourselves to be an engine of growth for the student community, the nation, and the world.

*ishahani*

# > FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE HSNCB



Shri Kishu Hashmatrai Mansukhani  
President  
Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board

## MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that I send this message for another issue of the H.R. College magazine "Voyager" after the glittering celebrations of the golden jubilee of this iconic college of our board.

H.R. College under the dynamic leadership of Principal Dr. Indu Shahani has laid strong emphasis not only on academic progress of the students but also on development of their character, through extra curricular activities with the objective of inculcating values of social service.

I am sure the distinguished students of H.R. College will continue to work with great passion towards a successful future and bring pride to our country.

Best of luck to all of you, who will be graduating from H.R. College and entering into various professions.

## ABOUT THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Kishu H. Mansukhani, Trustee, HSNB Board, is the current President of Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board. He has been associated with the Board since May 1974 and is committed to excellence in higher education.

After completing his studies in Mechanical Engineering, and Management in the USA, Mr. Mansukhani returned to India as he was selected for a senior position in the newly created Export Department of Telco (Tata Motors). During his tenure, he organized the International Network of Dealership and Servicing Centers in Middle-East, Africa, parts of Europe and South America. He was posted in New York for nine years as CEO of a trading company under Tata Incorporated, USA. After being in service for the Tata Group for more than twenty-five years, he started his own business.

Mr. Mansukhani is also actively involved in social, educational and humanitarian work. He is a trustee of various charitable organizations and is associated with the Sadhu Vaswani Mission particularly for the K.K. Eye Institute.

He is the founder member and immediate past president of International Sindhu Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Mansukhani was Founder member of Asian - American chapter of Lions Club in New York, subsequently president of Lions Club and Zonal chairman of New York - Bermuda Island chapter.



# REMINISCENCES

# GERMINATING AN INSTITUTIONAL OAK

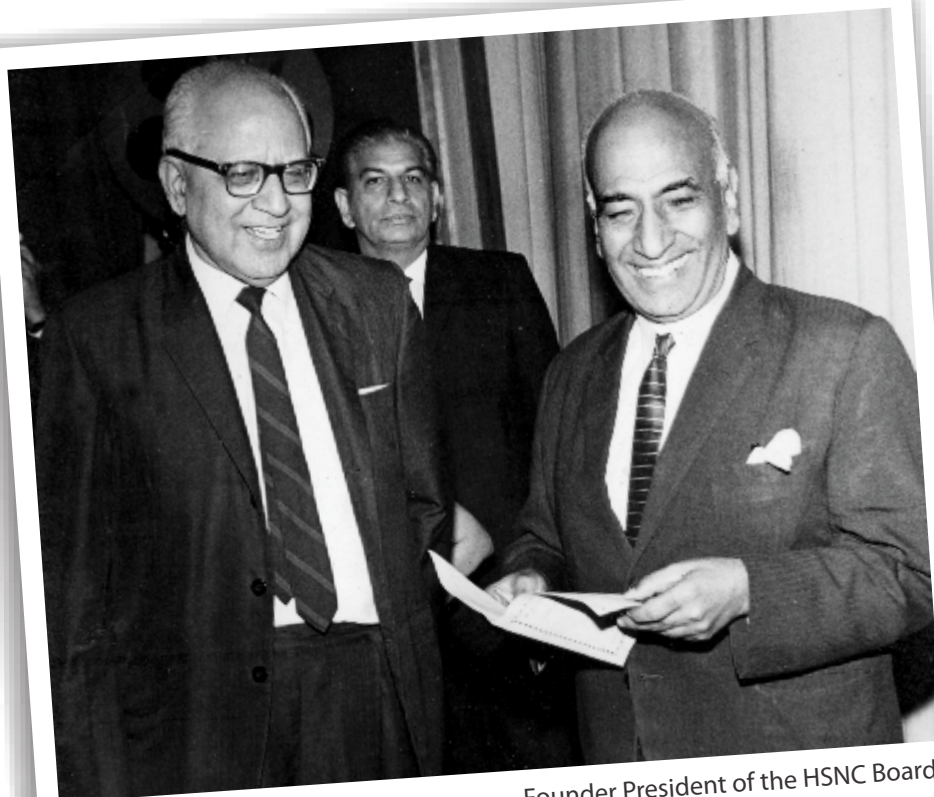


Seth Hassaram Rijhumal

It was the historic day of June 20, 1960 that saw the doors of Bombay's newest College of Commerce & Economics open wide at dawn. The city, back then, wasn't so populated, and the Principal wondered if he would have enough students to fill his classes.

History shows that classes filled up soon enough!

Located on 123 Dinshaw Wachha Road, at the intersection of the road that faces the University of Mumbai, with its imposing clock tower, the College was founded on idealism.



Founder President of the HSNC Board,  
Barrister H.G. Advani (R)





Principal H.C. Malkani



Principal K.M. Kundnani, Jyotu Kundnani with Principal H.C. Malkani

While the seed of what is today known as the Hassaram Rijhumal College of Commerce & Economics was planted in Hyderabad Sind (formerly undivided India), in 1945, and it was, perhaps, the first commerce college there, although another commerce college was also started in the same year in Karachi, the fledgling Institution had to be hastily forsaken in the storm of Partition.

Uprooted and felled as their spirit was, the foresighted and feisty founding fathers of the College were not about to give up easily, and certainly not in their mission to create an educational institution of lasting value once they migrated to Mumbai (then Bombay) and attempted to restart their lives again. The trials were tremendous, but so was the tenacity of the many mighty men who were determined to germinate this institutional oak again.

One such visionary was Principal Kundnani who, along with Barrister Hotchand Advani, reconstituted the Hyderabad Sind National Collegiate (HSNC) Board in Mumbai, and set about restarting the two colleges the Board already ran in Sind, pre-Partition.

One was the D.G. National College, which was the very first college founded by the HSNC Board in Sind in 1921, and of which Principal Kundnani was Principal at the time of Partition. The second was the College of Commerce & Economics, started with the financial support of the merchant *Bhaiband* community of Hyderabad.

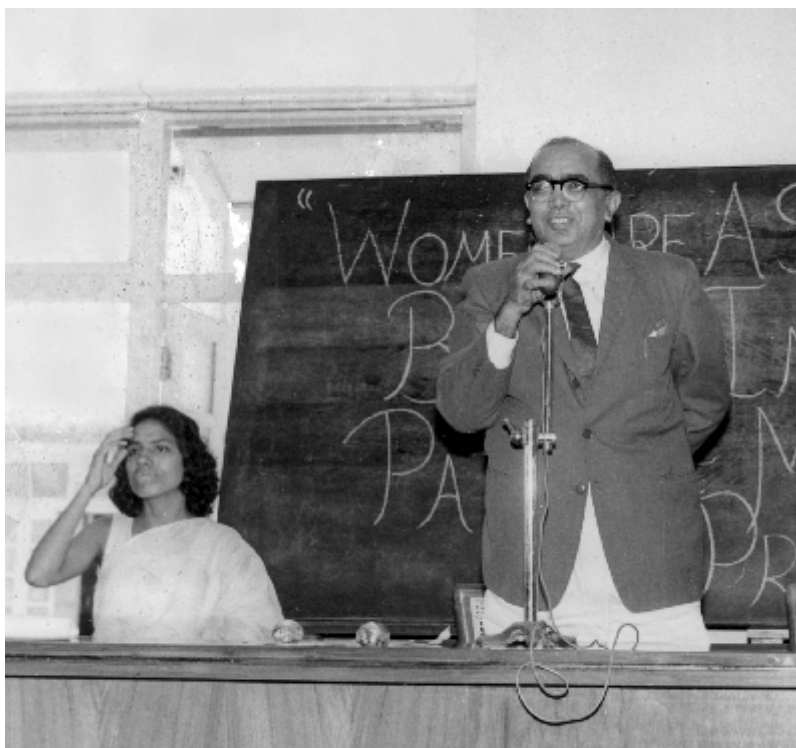
An interesting, and not entirely coincidental, fact is that when it first started in 1945, H.C. Malkani was appointed as its Principal - and when the College restarted in Mumbai in 1960, the mantle yet again fell upon the industrious H.C. Malkani, to take on the 'principal' role in mentoring and remaking the destiny of an institution that was so closely linked to his own! It was almost as though the two, the College and Principal H.C. Malkani, were a match made with divine exactitude that not even the ruinous Partition could rent asunder.

In the intervening years, between his two stints as Principal of the College, a lot had transpired. Most significantly, the map of the Sub Continent was irrevocably altered, and with it the lives of thousands of dispossessed Sindhis - all of who had to run helter-skelter overnight.

## January 20, 1961, Principal H.C. Malkani's address on the First Annual College Day



*Addressing dignitaries, staff and students a year later, on the occasion of the First Annual College Day on January 20, 1961, Principal Malkani stressed, "This is a College of Commerce & Economics - and not a Commercial College. A Commercial College exists for the sake of making money, but a College of Commerce & Economics exists for inculcating certain higher ideals of service and sacrifice in the students wishing to take up a commercial career. It is necessary to emphasise to young men and women taking up a career in commerce that they should maintain the highest standards of honesty. We, therefore, aim at teaching students not only sound principles of business and commerce, but giving them a moral tone and helping them in independent thinking. We aim at producing young men and women who would have the initiative and enterprise to chalk out independent careers for themselves in business and industry."*



Principal Malkani chairing a debate



1967: with Chief Guest Dr. P.B. Gajendragadkar (R), the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bombay

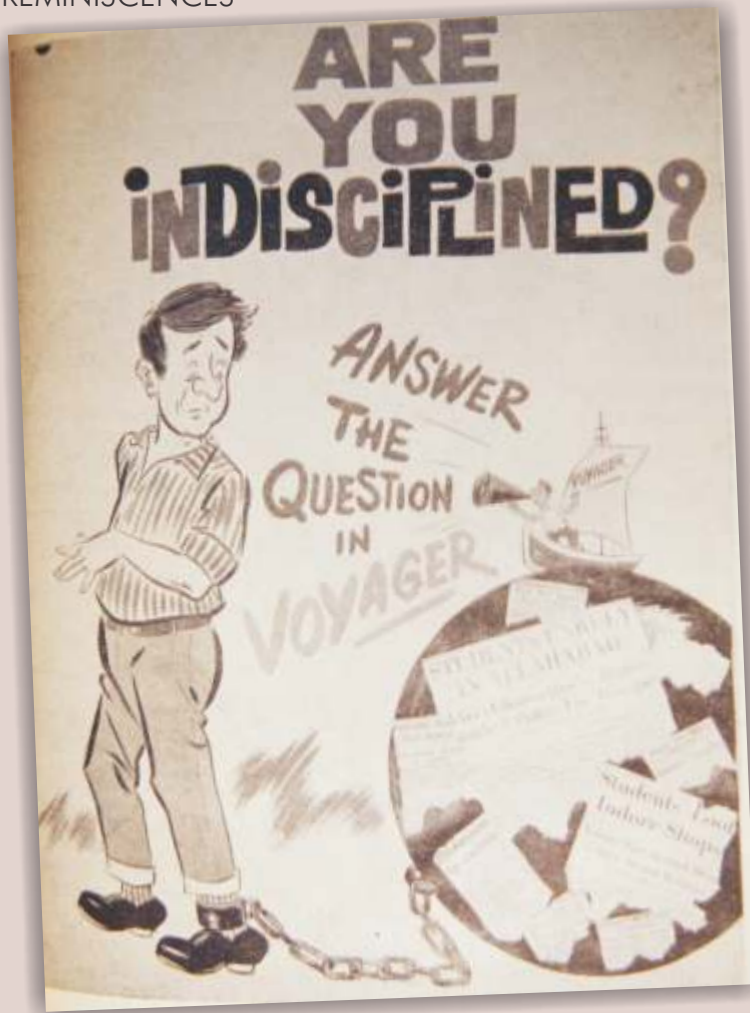
The building of the College of Commerce & Economics in Sind, which was inaugurated on October 13, 1945, by Dr. Radhakrishnan, the then Vice-Chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University was, according to the annals of history, occupied by Muslim refugees on September 12, 1947, leaving the Principal and staff with no option but to flee for their safety.

At the time, the College was already functioning as a reputed full-grade B.Com. College, affiliated to the University of Bombay, as all reputed colleges of Sind were in those days. All that came to naught, as the two Colleges set up by the HSNB Board had to be closed down in the aftermath of the Partition.

Fortunately, Principal Kundnani took it upon himself to revive them again in Mumbai. The first to get up and running was the Rishi Dayaram & Hassaram National College (of Arts and Science) in Bandra, built on a plot of land that Principal Kundnani obtained by the sweat of his blood and toil and, legend has it, by pawning his wife Jyoti's jewellery.

The challenges in getting that College started were stupendous, but Principal Kundnani was not found lacking in either vision or stamina, and far from feeling complacent over its successful commencement, he dreamt of building the HSNB Board, of which he was Secretary, into an educational colossus that would spawn many renowned colleges. In this, his mission was given wings by the late Barrister Hotchand Gopaldas Advani, an extraordinary visionary who was the Founder President of the HSNB Board.

So, in 1954 came the Kishinchand Chellaram (K.C.) College, in the heart of South Mumbai. Then followed, first, a Law College and, later, a Commerce College (subsequently christened the Hassaram Rijhumal College of Commerce & Economics, when a benevolent endowment of Rs. One lakh was given by the sons of Seth Hassaram Rijhumal). Both the Law and the Commerce Colleges were housed in a five-storied building adjoining the K.C. College at Churchgate, where they continue to be to this very day.



## Poster Created by Balasaheb Thackeray for the Student Symposium

Who would have imagined that one of the earliest contributors to the *Voyager* (the College magazine of H.R.) would be a cartoonist who later became, arguably, one of the most important men in Mumbai: Balasaheb Thackeray.

In the Acknowledgments of the *Voyager*, 1964, Editor J.N. Kamat writes: I am deeply indebted to Shri Bal Thackeray, the well-known cartoonist and Editor of *Maarmik*, for executing the poster that provoked a Student Symposium - 'Are You Indisciplined?'

Balasaheb, himself, may have no memory of his doodlings, but in the H.R. annals, his work is recorded for posterity.

As beginnings go, the renaissance of H.R. College in Mumbai (subsequently referred to simply as H.R.) couldn't have been more auspicious. Certainly, the God's needed to be exalted, as without some divine intervention the College that had been lost in Sind could not have been so swiftly and so splendidly restarted in Mumbai, and that too in such a short time.

An *Akhand Path Bhog* was performed for three days prior to the formal opening of the College. This entailed an incessant and ardent recitation of holy texts from the *Granth Sahib*. Daily, *kirtans* were performed by such legendary stalwarts of the time as Ram Panjwani, Tillibai Jiandani and Bhai Bhagwandas Masand. However, it must be underscored that the ethos of the College was secular from the start.

In fact, all the colleges of the Hyderabad Sind National Collegiate (HSNC) Board, prided themselves on their emphasis on the word 'National', and took due diligence in ensuring that education was accessible to all, irrespective of class, community or caste.

H.R. was no exception. Recorded in the Souvenir of the College, dated 1962, is the assertion that at its commencement "The majority of students were Gujarati, but other communities - the Deccanis, the Parsis, the Mahomedans and Christians also were represented in large numbers. The staff, too, was cosmopolitan; for, at the time of their appointment, only the qualifications were considered, as it should be. The College knew no barriers of community or creed."

The excitement was palpable when, on June 20, 1960, the H.R. College of Commerce & Economics was inaugurated in Bombay; the fourth college of the HSNC Board since its reconstitution after 1947.

In the brand new hall of the College sat an impressive audience including then Chief Justice H.K. Chainani (also Vice-President of



Actor Prithviraj Kapoor at the inauguration of the Hindi Sahitya Parishad at H.R. College

the HSNC Board), Principal T.M. Advani (ex Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bombay), Principal Kundnani, Principal Malkani and many prominent members of the community.

It was, from the very beginning, fully affiliated to the University of Bombay. And Principal Malkani was back in the saddle again, a powerful portent of the success that H.R. College would quickly see under his sagacious stewardship.

It is pertinent to point out that at the start of the twentieth century, there was not a single commerce college affiliated

to the University of Bombay. The very first one, Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics, commenced in 1913, and for several years thereafter it was the only one. Much later, two more commerce colleges were started. When H.R. appeared on the scene in 1960 it was, hence, among the very few commerce colleges in the city.

At the time when H.R. College was to be restarted, Principal Malkani (formerly Principal of the College in Sind), was the natural choice. But he wasn't in Mumbai, as in the tumultuous period post-

Partition, before H.R. was restarted, he had taken up a job as a Reader in Economics at the M.S. University of Baroda. He was invited, once again, to be the Principal of H.R., and he readily agreed to be at the head of a much-loved institution. The *Souvenir* of the College, dated 1962, states: "Whenever he looked back, he wondered whether it was the birth of a New College (which he presided over), or the rebirth of the old one! Whatever it was, the College grew from strength to strength, under his administration."



Barrister H.G. Advani and Savitri Advani

On the opening day of the College, an editorial in the *Souvenir* further recalls: "The two divisions in the First Year Commerce, for which the College was affiliated, were full, and the rush for admission was so great that the University had to give permission, as a special case, to have one more division. No doubt, the number of students seeking admission in the College was abnormally large; and yet the rousing reception to the College was a hearty sign that the College at Churchgate was satisfying a genuine need of the student community. Immediately, therefore, the Board decided to make it a full-grade College, and applied for affiliation; and considering the huge number of those who could not be admitted, it also sought permission for three divisions in the First Year Commerce class, and three divisions in the Inter Commerce Class. It is once more to be noted that not only were the divisions full, but that there was, as in the first year, a huge waiting list; and the University had, at the last minute, to give permission for a fourth division, with a total of 500 students, in all, in the First Year. The results of the students sent up for the first University Examination were satisfactory. The College established a reputation for itself in the very first year of its existence."

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

9 High Court Chambers,  
Bombay 1  
March 6, 1962

Enterprise!

Indeed it is the spirit that should pervade the young students of the new Commerce College. But I am rather reminded of our National Plans—the First, the Second and the Third Five-Year Plans. They are our national enterprise. Something is better than nothing; and these plans have, indeed, achieved something. There is not, and there should not be, any spirit of complacency.

On the other hand, we should be ever conscious of what others have achieved and of what they have been achieving. While we seem to be groping and struggling, others seem to be running in the race of life. Yet, we must not feel discouraged, and say that 'the struggle not availeth'. Historical examples are there to show that progress does not take the same long time to reach the height painfully reached by the pioneers. The time lag is easily overcome, and those who have joined the race later show a spirit of freshness and even gain a lead. We are proud of our ancient cultural heritage and yet we must catch the new spirit of the age of science and industry.

Hence, the younger generation - the real leaders of the nation - should have a proper sense of reality, and also a spirit of optimism and rational enterprise, and produce, in a harmonious form, a synthesis of the antiquity of our culture and the modernity of the scientific age.

H.G. Advani  
President,  
Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board



December 1964: Lalchand Hirachand (centre) arrives for the Prize Distribution ceremony

Progressive parent body,  
the Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board - 1967



**1967** - Vice-Chancellor with President & Principals of Colleges of the Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board:  
*Front row (L-R):* Principal P.N. Gidwani; Principal H.C. Malkani; Barrister H.G. Advani, President of the HSNC Board;  
Dr. Gajendragadkar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Bombay; Principal K.M. Kundnani and Principal B.A. Chandiramani.  
*Second row:* Principal N.S. Bhatia and Dr. Parsanis.

H.R. College has had the advantage of a very forward-thinking and supportive Management Board. The Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board, was established in the aftermath of Partition in 1949 by a group of philanthropic Sindhis to cater to the academic needs of displaced people, particularly from Sind in West Punjab, Pakistan. The Board devoted itself to the cause of education and has established a number of reputed educational institutions of higher learning in various disciplines.



# The Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board - 2009



HSNC Board Members and Principals of the Board Colleges - 2009

The Board runs Arts, Science, Commerce, Management, Law, Education, Pharmacy Colleges and Polytechnic institutes in Mumbai and Ulhasnagar.

Imbued with an enlightened outlook, the current Board of Trustees have upheld the vision that its founding fathers, Barrister H.G. Advani and Vidyasagar Principal K.M. Kundnani, had sixty years ago - and have nurtured it with the same passion and fervour. The Board has mentored, promoted, and encouraged educational institutional growth and development by initiating new programmes, forging international linkages, tie-ups and partnerships, and actively engaging with foreign college faculty, universities and government bodies. The Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board has always believed in pioneering leadership and principles of altruism and, hence, is committed to the cause of social welfare through education. Its mission is to make a significant contribution towards a better, progressive and humane society.

Mr. Kishu H. Mansukhani, Trustee, HSNB Board, is the current President of Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board. He has been associated with the Board since May 1974 and is committed to excellence in higher education.

**HSNC Board**  
where ideas come to life.....

Simple living High thinking.

Global reach of power of knowledge  
while being firmly grounded.

Respect for environment &  
importance of ethics in all walks of  
life.

To outshine in all endeavors at the  
same time reaching new heights.

To bring in a revolutionary system of  
education with the new dawn,  
spreading light of wisdom.

To enrich lives making the world a  
better place.

# > PATH SAHIB BHOG

June 19, 2010



Dr. Shahani reminisces about the opening day of H.R. College at the hands of her father Founder Principal H.C. Malkani

*Path Sahib Bhog* was held to commemorate the completion of 50 Glorious Years of the H.R. College of Commerce & Economics on Saturday, June 19, 2010. The College started on June 20, 1960 with *Akhand Path Bhog* by Founder Principal Prof. H.C. Malkani.

The *Path* was followed by *Aarti* which was followed by melodious bhajans by Pushpa and Kishin Mirchandani. The participants of this event enjoyed a sumptuous lunch thereafter.



HSNC Board Members offer obeisance at the Path Sahib Bhog



Mr. and Mrs. Mirchandani singing a bhajan at the occasion



Audience enjoying melodious bhajans



# PRINCIPAL LEADS



## > SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Indu Shahani  
 Sheriff of Mumbai & Principal of  
 H.R. College of Commerce & Economics



*“I think there are three qualities that I see in H.R. College and its leadership, which is something all good Colleges aspire to.*

*The first quality is the working out of a Vision for bringing excellence to the College in a specific time-frame. H.R. has scanned the horizon, looked for opportunities and launched ahead before many other Colleges have even woken up to the situation facing us all.*

*The second quality is that of courage. It is apparent that the Principal Dr. Indu Shahani and College have been willing to pay the price for taking new initiatives.*

*Thirdly, any good College needs to invest in its faculty, who are crucial to academic excellence. The international exposure and training programs for faculty initiated by Dr. Indu Shahani, and the contact with resources from industry, shows an interest in the well being of the faculty which reflects in the tenor of the College....”*

Dr. (Fr.) Frazer Mascarenhas S.J.  
 Principal, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai

A doyenne in the field of academics, Dr. Indu Shahani, the dynamic Principal of H.R. College, is credited with transforming the College into an internationally renowned center for holistic student development. Dr. Shahani has over three decades of teaching experience at the college and university level where she has played a lead role in nurturing future leaders. She is a firm believer in the student empowered teaching-learning model, which places the responsibility of learning on the learner and which also promotes creative faculty development.

Recognised as an international academician, Dr. Indu Shahani is Advisor - India to the International Baccalaureate Organisation - IBO, being the first Indian on the Board of Governors. At the University level, Dr. Shahani holds key positions at the Academic Council, Faculty of Commerce and Board of Studies in Business Management. As Director, Academics of the Hyderabad Sind National Collegiate (HSNC) Board, she is responsible for enhancing the academic standards of 29 educational institutions managed by the HSNC Board in Mumbai.

She was appointed Sheriff of Mumbai in 2008 and is currently serving her fourth term. She was awarded an Hon. D.LITT. by the University of Westminster, UK in November, 2009. She also holds a PhD in Commerce from the University of Mumbai, her thesis being the first to be presented on a CD in 2000! She did her DHE from the University of Mumbai, where she stood First with distinction. In her M.Com. exams she stood Second in the University of Mumbai. A Fellow of the Sydenham College, she studied for a while at H.R. College when her late father, H.C. Malkani, was Principal of the College.

She has been responsible for pioneering the Internationalisation of the Colleges of the HSNC Board, and has initiated linkages with several leading international universities, and has led Faculty Exchange Programs and Student Exchange Programs with Universities in the US, Canada, South America, UK, Europe, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Japan & Hong Kong.

Her Sheriff's Delegations and humanitarian initiatives have also won her much acclaim. Down-to-earth, compassionate, and accessible, she has motivated thousands of students as a mentor and role-model. At H.R. College, she has fostered Industry-Academia partnerships, to make education relevant in a contemporary economy and to give students the extra edge that coming to H.R. College, under her stewardship, invariably ensures.

## > SHERIFF OF MUMBAI'S DELEGATIONS

Destination India is on the world's radar today. With the Education Bill in Parliament, it is important that we equip ourselves to meet the international standards and benchmark with the best in the world.

The objective of the **Sheriff of Mumbai's Delegations to Singapore, South Africa, London, New York, Rio De Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Greece, France and USA;** was to observe best practices of world class institutions; broaden the vision of Indian faculty and students through global exposure; study

curriculum development and design; understand teaching excellence; nurture junior faculty; mentor student leaders; establish industry-academia interactions; empower faculty and students; and to offer India as a destination to explore academic frontiers and feel the pulse of the nation. Institutions visited by the delegations were encouraged to look at South-East Asia, China and India as the emerging platform that will influence both world politics and economics.

"The future jobs will be in this part of the

world and to ensure that our people enjoy the fruits of growth it is important that we in the field of education equip them with the required skill sets," says Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai and Principal H.R. College of Commerce & Economics, Mumbai, India.

Exploring campuses across the globe and sharing the India growth story, the delegations hope to bring the world closer by understanding developing countries, the opportunities they offer and the challenges they face in the ever changing scenario of global dynamics.

## > London, UK

Wellington College is the place where a fusion of originality, innovation and 150 years of tradition and history produces an education unlike any other.



**Wellington College:**  
Anthony Seldon, Master



**Wellington College:**  
Lucy Pearson, Deputy Head

May - June, 2010

## > New York, USA

At Columbia University, the core of the academic inquiry is the commitment to attract and engage the best minds in pursuit of greater human understanding, pioneer new discoveries and serve society.

New York University is today one of the largest private universities in the United States. The core of New York University is the academic enterprise.



**Columbia University:** Nicholas Dirks,  
Executive Vice President,  
College of Arts & Sciences



**NYU Stern School of Business:**  
Susan Greenbaum and Sally Lyon-Blount

May - June, 2010

May - June, 2010

> Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

A visit to South America reflected a different dimension in Education. While schools and universities did have their share of American and British influence, Rio de Janeiro has a unique blend of Brazilian Culture integrated into the teaching learning process. The visit resulted in a delegation from Rio de Janeiro visiting Mumbai.



Presentation to students at CIEI, Rio De Janeiro

May - June, 2010

> Sao Paulo, Brazil

The visit to Sao Paulo reflected that students in schools commit long hours to Community Action and Service Programs. The experience of the students working with the favelas brought in an understanding that sharing requires the teacher to be sensitive to the needs and likes of the taught, as learning is best imbibed in a shared environment.



The Graded School, Sao Paulo

May - June, 2010

> Buenos Aires, Argentina

Meeting with the Ministry of Education and Principals of High Schools brought in shared learning. The Argentinean High School students prefer to be educated in local universities and stay with their families. A strong family culture and a proud nationalist attitude was reflected while interacting with the groups.



**Ministry of Education:**  
Professor Domingo de Caru  
and Maria Angeles



Graceila Xanthopoulos of Saint Mary of the Hills & Dr. Shahani interacting with **Principals of IB Schools**

March &amp; Sept., 2010

## > Singapore

Dr. Indu Shahani presented the India Story at the IB Asia-Pacific 24th Annual Regional Conference. With the eyes of the world on India, this was a unique opportunity to showcase India and its potential to a forum of over 700 delegates from different parts of the world. The shared learning resulted in an invite to Ritsumeikan Uji, Japan in February 2011 to present a social Entrepreneurship program.



Keynote Speaker at **IB Asia-Pacific 24th Annual Regional Conference** held at Singapore March 2010



At the launch of the **SP Jain Global BBA Program Singapore** - September 2010

## > South Africa

Sept. 16 - 26, 2010

Dr. Indu Shahani visited the University of Kwazulu-Natal, Graduate School of Business in Durban, South Africa. As her keynote address she presented a paper on the *Use of Internet in India* in the World Wide Web conference held at the school. The conference was for 3 days and the delegation also took the opportunity to visit schools in Cape Town to discuss international exchanges.



Keynote Speaker on the 'Use of Internet in India' - the conference on Worldwide Web Applications at the **University of Kwazulu Natal**



## > Athens, Greece

Nov. 1 - 2, 2010

Dr. Shahani spoke about 'Life After IB' to students in high schools in Greece. She urged the students to take up social projects to improve the quality of life in the society.



**International School of Athens**, Nov. 2, 2010: Dr. Shahani addressing the students on "Life After IB" and "Social Entrepreneurship by the Indian Youth." (R) With Arthur Kattavenos, IB Diploma Co-ordinator, Prof. Tragas, School Head and C.N. Dardousfas, Director

> Bolton,  
UK

Nov. 5 - 6, 2010

The Sheriff of Mumbai Dr. Indu Shahani delivered an address at the *Big Bang Event* to inaugurate their new Sixth Form College. The Mayor of Bolton John Bryne presided over the event.



Reception by John Bryne, **Mayor of Bolton** and Mayoress Linda Bryne



Bolton College 'Big Bang Event' Launch of the **Bolton Sixth Form College**

> Paris,  
France

Nov. 10, 2010

The delegation met with the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry, or *Chambre de commerce et d'industrie de Paris (CCIP)*, one of the largest Chambers globally. They discussed educational initiatives as the CCIP educate 14,500 young people each year – including 4,373 apprentices – and 30,000 adults in continuing education.



**International, Paris Chamber of Commerce & Industry:**  
Elisabeth Hervier, Vice President in charge

> Minneapolis,  
USA

Nov. 12, 2010

Dr. Shahani delivered the keynote address on "Its Morning in India" tracing the Indian growth story and the role of its youth in the universities bringing social entrepreneurship models of change at the Indian Chamber of Commerce's 1st Annual Gala Event at Hilton Minneapolis, USA.



**India Chamber of Commerce 1st Annual Gala Event** at Hilton Minneapolis: Dr. Shahani with (L - R) Seanne Nelipinath, President, India Chamber of Commerce; Senator Amy Klobuchar; Mayor of Brunsville Elizabeth Kautz



Nov. - Dec., 2010

> Melbourne, Australia

Dr. Shahani was invited by Australia India Institute to give a talk at the University of Melbourne on Education & Social Entrepreneurship.



Talk at the **University of Melbourne** on Education & Social Entrepreneurship



Dr. Isher Ahluwalia and John McCarthy University of Melbourne

Feb. 16 - 24, 2011

> Japan & Hong Kong

Dr. Shahani was invited to address the International Students Forum held on February 18, 2011; hosted by Ritsumeikan Uji Junior & Senior High School, Kyoto, Japan. She spoke about India's growth and the power of youth to bring about transformation at the grassroots level. This was followed by a presentation on a Social Entrepreneurship Project by the students of India.



Feb. 18, 2011 - The delegation with Sumio Shiozaki, Ritsumeikan Principal, Kyoto, **Japan**



Feb. 24, 2011 - (L - R) Dr. Stephen Codrington, Principal & Martin Gough, Director of Studies, Li Po Chun United World College, **Hong Kong**

March 17 - 20, 2011

> Australia: Sydney, Melbourne, & Brisbane

Dr. Shahani presented a paper at the 25th IB Asia Pacific Annual Conference in Melbourne where renowned speakers from the fields of education and creativity were present. It provided an excellent opportunity for educational leaders and decision makers in schools and the government to come together to share best practices.



**University of Melbourne:** The Hon. Alex Chernov, AO QC, Chancellor; Prof. Field W. Rickards, Dean, Faculty of Business Economics; Prof. Simon Evans, Pro-Vice Chancellor (International) and Prof. Margaret Abernethy, Dean, Faculty of Business Economics



**Australia India Business Council, Brisbane:** Judith Stow, Communications Manager, Arun Sharma, President AIBC - Qld and Randeep Agarwal, Vice President



**June 13, 2010** - Chief Guest at **31st Charter Anniversary of the Zonta Club of Bombay III**. Dr. Shahani presented "Women of the Year" Award to Ms. Kanchan Pammani, a visually impaired Solicitor and Advocate of the High Court and "Encouragement Award" to Miss Karishma Lole, a hearing impaired state level swimming champion studying in Vikas Vidhyalaya for the Handicapped.



**July 2, 2010** - Dr. Indu Shahani attended **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Strategy Meet** held in Shimla. As an Independent Director she made a presentation to the Board on 'Fostering Leadership and Mentorship.'



**July 17, 2010** - On **Dr. Shahani's birthday** the Students' Council organized a surprise party for the Principal with Children from the Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Dharavi. The Principal cut a cake with them and the students played games. The young children had a very enjoyable morning.



**July 26, 2010** - Dr. Indu Shahani was the Chief Guest at the Award Ceremony of the **American Alumni Association (AAA)** celebrating 28 years of continuing scholarship grant awarded to students who are pursuing a graduate degree in the US. 15 students received the scholarships this year.



**July 27, 2010** - Dr. Indu Shahani inaugurated the new state-of-art Faculty Room and Cultural room at **Jamnabai Narsee School**, a leading school in Mumbai with an ICSE, IGCSE and IB Diploma. The students performed a classical dance (Gondhal) and gave a musical performance in the newly opened cultural room.



**July 30, 2010** - Dr. Indu Shahani was the convenor of the **Indo-US Summit on Higher Education**. It was held for the first time in India from July 30 - August 1, 2010 on the occasion of its 50 years celebration of cross culture unity. The Indo-American Society (IAS) is one of the premier institutions in the country, promoting Indo-US Educational, Cultural and Economic Co-operation.



**Aug. 1, 2010** - The Indo-US Summit was inaugurated by Hon. Shri Kapil Sibal, Union Human Resource Development Minister and Hon. Sam Pitroda, Chairman Knowledge Commission, was the keynote speaker. A book titled *'How America Benefits from Economic Engagement with India'* by World Affairs Institute, Washington was also released.



**Aug. 3, 2010** - *"Inclusive growth and the role of youth leadership"* at HR College had an eclectic mix of panelists - Ms. Daryl Rand, Founder and President Harrison Advertising Inc.; Mr. Nadir Godrej, Managing Director of Godrej Industries; Mr. Sushil Jiwarajka, Managing Director, Salora International Ltd.; and Ms. Alka Talwar, Hon. Secretary, Tata Chemicals Society for Rural Development.



**Aug.10, 2010** - Joint Board meeting of young students and Board Members of AIESEC where Student and Corporate Exchange Programmes, Student Membership Programmes and Communication Strategies for **AIESEC** in the coming year were discussed. Sushil Jiwarajka and Sudeep Malhotra gave their feedback and suggestions to the AIESEC members.



**Aug. 12, 2010** - Dr. Indu Shahani delivered a lecture on *"Youth Empowerment"* at **FICCI, FLO** (FICCI Ladies Organization, Jaipur). In the evening she addressed over 200 FICCI FLO women and gave various examples of social entrepreneurship that she has witnessed as Sheriff of Mumbai. She joined the celebrations of *'Tej'* with FICCI FLO ladies.



**Aug. 12, 2010** - Dr. Shahani visited **Step-by-Step World School**, Jaipur where she met & interacted with a large number of students and teachers on the topic *"Going Beyond Academics."* She visited different classrooms from the primary years to the senior years.



**Aug. 16, 2010** - A workshop on **Higher Education Forum on QS Benchmarking** had Dr A.K. Sen Gupta, Convenor and two distinguished speakers Dr. Kevin Downing, City University, Hongkong and Ms. Mandy Mok, MD, QS-Asia. Importance of using Ranking and Benchmarking to improve performance & quality in institutions was highlighted.



**Aug. 6, 2010** - The Sixteenth Lalit Doshi Memorial Lecture on “Reshaping the World : Challenges for an India in Transformation” was delivered by Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament for Thiruvananthapuram. He emphasized that the future of India is in the hands of young people and it was important that they find solutions to the challenges of the country.



**Sept. 6, 2010** - Dr. Indu Shahani, Chair International Advisement, S.P. Jain Center of Management attended the launch of their new Global BBA program designed as a twin city BBA program at Singapore. The students will get to study in Singapore and Sydney 2+2 in this four years program.



**September 9, 2010** - Dr. Shahani met the former Chief Minister, Shri Ashok Chavan, with her team of students to discuss Project Chirag. He was impressed with the project done by young students who have put their careers on hold to promote social cause for the state of Maharashtra. He extended his support to Project Chirag.



**Sept. 17, 2010** - The Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai’s Savitribai Phule Gender Resource Centre (SPGRC) and Akshara, a women’s rights organization, organized a felicitation ceremony of Barefoot Women Counselors. They have completed three months of training for dealing with violence against women. Dr. Indu Shahani was the chief guest at the event.



**Sept. 14, 2010** - The Sheriff of Mumbai, Dr. Indu Shahani, launched “Global Marketing Management” 7th edition by Keegan and Bhargava at ‘Bookzone’, Mumbai. Mr. Ranjit Shahani, Country President for the Novartis Group of Companies in India and Mr. Anil Shroff, Faculty at S.P. Jain Institute of Management were also present at the book launch.



**Sept. 17, 2010** - Dr. Shahani inaugurated an exhibition “The Lotus Sutra: A Message of Peace and Harmonious Co-existence” organized by Bharat Soka Gakki. Highlighting the relevance of the Lotus Sutra in contemporary society, it also displayed the art and culture of Lotus Sutra. Dr. Saryu Doshi, Curator and Historian and Mrs Bakul Patel, Former Sheriff of Mumbai were the Guests of Honour.



**Sept. 21-23, 2010** - Dr. Shahani delivered the keynote address on the *Use of Internet in India* also encompassing case studies of how the internet was incorporated in India's primary, secondary and tertiary sectors. The conference was hosted by Dr. Anesh Singh on the World Wide Web Applications at University of Kwazulu-Natal Graduate School of Business, Durban, South Africa.



**Sept. 2010** - **'The Road to the Top'** a roundtable discussion was organised by Spencer Stuart, one of the world's leading executive search consulting firms. It centred around individual journeys and provided insights into how women are embracing a new role in their lives. What emerged was the need for women to believe in themselves & their inherent strengths, which forms the bedrock of success.



**Oct. 2, 2010** - Dr. Shahani attended a **Fashion Show for CEOs** organised by Economic Times, Mumbai an event which has very few precedents,. More than 40 CEOs graciously obliged to walk the ramp and flaunt designer wear.



**Oct. 5, 2010** - Organized by *Common Purpose* in London on leadership skills of the East, Dr Shahani engaged two sessions of the **Masterclass** in which over fifty members participated from UK.



**Oct. 10, 2010** - **Children's Hope** held its *Annual Fund Raising Gala* at New York City. Mr. Prabhu Dayal, Consul General of India honoured Dr. Shahani for her contribution to education in Mumbai. A non-profit organization, supporting over twenty programs for improving lives of children living in slum communities in India, Childrens Hope gives scholarships to deserving students.



**Oct. 17, 2010** - **The Khudabadi Amil Panchayat's** 53rd Annual General Meeting was held in Mumbai. Dr. Indu Shahani was unanimously elected President of the Khudabadi Amil Panchayat for the third year in succession. 16 young graduates received scholarships and the book launch of 'Amazing Amils' was followed by a musical function.



**Oct. 26, 2010** - Dr. Indu Shahani initiated a dialogue at a Panel Discussion on 'Getting ready for Obama' for building a Youth Agenda for the future of Indo-US relations, by saying that Obama's visit was a defining moment in the history of bilateral relations between India and the United States of America and that the youth has an important role in shaping the future of Indo-US relations.



**Nov. 11, 2010** - Dr. Indu Shahani met **Lord Kamlesh Patel** of Bradford at the House of Lords. Discussions revolved around the University of the East and the possibilities of student and faculty exchange programmes between the two institutions. Student scholarships were also discussed.



**Nov. 28, 2010** - Dr. Shahani was invited by **Think Beyond** as the Chief Guest for a Peace March which showed solidarity to those who lost their lives on 26/11. She paid homage and acknowledged that the peace we enjoy today is due to the strength they showed at the time of crisis. Hundreds of young students marched towards Peace singing "Hum Honge Kamyab".



**Nov. 29, 2011** - Dr. Shahani invited HSNC Board Principals and IB School Principals for a **Tea Meeting** at her residence along with Dr. Rajan Welukar, Vice Chancellor of University of Mumbai and Dr. Dawn Dekle, Dean, S.P. Jain, Global BBA Program, Singapore.



**Dec. 7, 2010** - S.P. Jain Center of Management, Singapore marked its **8th Convocation Ceremony** - a glittering event at Singapore. S.P. Jain conferred MBA degrees to 130 graduates comprising the GMBA and EMBA cohort. Dr. Shahani is seen here with graduating alumni of H.R. College of Commerce & Economics, Mumbai.



**Dec. 16, 2010** - *International Roundtable of Business Partner Cities from Asia Pacific Region* met at a full-day **conclave** and shared their experiences in coping with environmental problems. The event was organized jointly by IMC and Osaka Business Partner City Council for Sharing Information and Structuring a Framework for Environmental Business Development among BPCs!



**Dec. 18, 2010** - Dr. Shahani was the Chief Guest at the **18th International Economics Convention** hosted by CHM College on the theme of "Restructuring of Asian's Economies" where 7 colleges discussed restructuring and reform of countries like Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, India, Indonesia and South Korea.



**Dec. 26, 2010** - Dr. Shahani was the keynote speaker on *Youth and Education* at the **Rotary District 3030 Conference** held in Nagpur. Nearly 2000 delegates were present at this annual event where Rotarians of the District, converged together for two days to deliberate over various aspects of Rotary, from Community Service to Vocational, International and Youth Service.



**Jan. 3, 2011** - A **Road Safety Drive** was organized by Mumbai Police and Rotary Club of Bombay. Hon'ble Home Minister Mr. R. R. Patil was the Chief Guest and the Rotary District Governor Rtn. Jayant Kulkarni and the Hon'ble Sheriff of Mumbai Rtn. Dr. Indu Shahani were the Guests of Honour. Held from Marine Drive to Mantralaya, it was attended by young Rotaractors.



**Jan. 8, 2011** - Dr. Shahani delivered an address on 'Youth Empowerment' at Annual Conference of the Association of **Heads of Anglo-Indian Schools** at Mumbai. The Conference was attended by the Chairman of the Council (ICSE & ISC) Mr. Neil O'rien, the CEO; Mr. Gerry Arathoon; all School heads from across the country, special invitees and life members.



**Jan. 6, 2011** - Dr. Shahani released a guide on savings for parents looking to ensure a prosperous future for their children, for Fidelity International. The function at Mumbai saw the guide being unveiled by Dr. Indu Shahani, Mr. Alexander Treves of Fidelity International and Mrs. Ashu Suyash.



**Jan. 15, 2011** - Dr. Shahani was invited by **Oaktree International School**, a first-of-its kind school in Eastern India, which opened the gates of its campus in September 2011 to its first co-educational intake of students. Located 15 kilometres south of the heart of Kolkata, the School is being constructed on a 30 acre site to the most rigorous international standards.



**Jan. 16, 2011** - Dr. Shahani cheered the teams of the Mumbai Marathon 2011. It wasn't as much a marathon event as it was a celebration...of spirit and of life. There were celebrities raring to go, businessmen on a high, social workers campaigning for good causes, students testing their stamina, the disabled stepping forward, and those who simply wanted a long, long run.



**Jan. 16, 2011**- Dr. Indu Shahani was the Chief Guest at the 'Sound of Music' preview directed by Rael Padamsee where she walked with special children in a 'Fashion for a cause' show. The fashion designers had made special clothes for the children who walked the ramp on the music of 'Sound of Music' which opened to the public on Jan. 26, 2011.



**Jan. 20, 2011** - Dr. Shahani addressed the **Rotary Club of Bombay North** on 'Youth & Education.' She said that a college or a university must give holistic education to the students and must go beyond academics and the students should be trained to be responsible citizens who are sensitive to the society and communities around them.



**Jan. 19, 2011** - In order to encourage the culture of India and America, U.S. Consul General Paul Folmsbee and Atul Nishar, President of Namaste America, were co-hosts at the celebratory launch of **Namaste America** on the Consulate lawn. It is a new organization dedicated to promoting U.S.- Indo relations through culture and education along with Indo American Association for Art & Culture.



**Jan. 22, 2011** - Dr. Shahani was the Guest Speaker at **Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface** meet at the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Mumbai. She addressed the club on 'Its Morning in India' dealing with youth and education and cited examples of a large number of students who are working for social causes.



**Jan. 21, 2011**- Dr. Shahani was the Chief Guest at the Launch of "**The Adventure of Toto the Auto, Books 1 & 2**" published by FunOKPlease at Landmark Bookstore, Mumbai. The bright young kids present said Toto was 'Kind', 'Caring' and 'Happy'. Preeti Vyas, CEO of FunOKPlease Publishing India welcomed the Sheriff and introduced the author Ruta Vyas.





**Jan. 23, 2011** - Inaugurated **Preventive Healthcare Camp** at Dukh Bhanjan Darbar Charitable Trust, Mumbai. The camp was attended by 137 patients who were examined by an expert panel of doctors; a skin care consultant, pathologist, eye surgeon and a homeopath. They also distributed 150 spectacles for free to the needy. KAP is committed to work for the betterment of the society.



**Jan. 28, 2011** - Dr. Shahani inaugurated the **Stakeholders Meeting** on *National Code of Conduct on Safe and Honourable Tourism*. An introduction by Dr. Subhadra Anand, Director and CEO, *Save the Children India*, was followed by a film on Human trafficking, urging to enforce zero tolerance of such practices, to protect the dignity, safety and right to freedom of children from exploitation.



**Jan. 29, 2011** - Dr. Shahani was the Chief Guest at the **Sports Day of Cathedral Vidya International School** at Lonavala near Mumbai where 400 parents attended the Sports Day Programme. Welcomed warmly by Principal Meena Sain, Dr. Shahani released a white dove which is a symbol of Peace, to flag off the Sports event. There was a grand March Past, Marshal arts and Lazim dance show.



**Jan. 31, 2011** - Invited by the Director of the Bureau du Québec in Mumbai Mr. Benoit-Jean Bernard to address a 52 member delegation '**India Mission 2011**' led by Mr. Clement Gignac, Minister of Economic Development, Innovation & Exports of Québec; represented 36 enterprises & institutions, with a vision to collaborate with academic institutions and business enterprises in Mumbai & Delhi.



**Feb. 1, 2011** - Met members of the **Women's India Trust (WIT)** a charitable organization, to help women to help themselves; to encourage women from less privileged backgrounds to acquire new skills; to give them the self-confidence and the self esteem required to earn by their own industry and initiative; to enable them to carry this newly discovered skill and confidence into the wider world.



**Feb. 2 & 3, 2011** - Dr. Shahani was the Chief Guest at a two day **UGC Sponsored National Conference** on '*Environment Management & Challenges for Sustainable Development*' organized by Maharshi Dayanand College of Arts, Science & Commerce and the International Society of Science and Technology. The objective of this conference was to provide a healthy environment for the future generation.



**Feb. 5, 2011** - Dr. Shahani delivered a presentation on *'Who is Mickey Mouse?'* at the seminar on **'Leadership for Educational Excellence'** held at Grand Steps Universal School organized by Dayanand Institute of Education Management Research (DIEMR). The Primary focus of the deliberations was on the emerging challenges and responses for the Institutional Leadership.



**Feb. 5, 2011** - Dr. Shahani attended the Model Indian Parliament Session, a youth initiative organized by the Rotaract Club of Mumbai District 3140. She addressed The Joint Parliamentary Session of Parliament as The President of India. She set the agenda for the session by talking about the goals outlined by the XIth 5 year Planning Commission of India.



**Feb. 7, 2011** - Dr. Shahani was invited as the Chief Guest to unveil the **Curriculum Ver 5.0 of the Eurokids**. The event began with a welcome by Ms. Sibi Fakhri followed by a presentation on 'The EuroKids Incredible Journey' by Prajodh Rajan. A preview of the Making of the Curriculum Ver 5.0 was given by Ms. Anita Madan.



**Feb. 8, 2011** - Dr. Shahani was the Chief Guest at a **Face to Face Seminar on Education** organised by *Puncham - A Child Aid Association*. This seminar was conducted by the Principals of Dhirubhai Ambani School, Bombay Scottish School and Greenlawns School (Kemps Corner, Mumbai). The topic was *Relationship between the Teachers and the Parents*.



**Feb. 9, 2011** - A workshop on **'Mental Health of Women and Role of Service Providers'** was conducted by the helpline 1298, dealing with Domestic Violence and Women's Issues, under the guidance of Ms. Shweta Mangal. The seminar was attended by representatives of various NGO's, inclined towards Women Development inspiring all to become socially responsible and worthy citizens.



**Feb. 14, 2011** - The first meeting for the **19th International Economics Convention** for hosting the convention on Dec. 16 - 17, 2011 was held at H.R. College. The theme decided for this year is *TIME FOR AFRICA* with 14 colleges participating. H.R. College will research on the *IVORY COAST*.



**Feb. 14, 2011** - Dr. Shahani inaugurated the **National Conference** on "Women Empowerment - Power of the Nation" at Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara College of Business Management, Post Graduate Centre for Management Studies and Research, Mangalore. The conference was presided over by Dr. Sudha Rao, CEO (Academics) SDME Society. Paper presentations followed.



**Feb. 14, 2011** - Invited to the **27th Anniversary Literary Awards & Educational Scholarships** at the IMC. Mr. Nanik Rupani, Chairman Priyadarshini Academy presented Literary Awards & Scholarships. Dr. Kulin Kothari, Ophthalmologist was felicitated at this function. Addresses were given by Dr. Indu Shahani, Special Guest and Hon'ble Shri Dilip Valse Patilji, Guest of Honour.



**March 3, 2011** - Dr. Shahani inaugurated an **Art Exhibition** for the "Celebration of Women's Week" organized by Women Art Foundation. For the first time in the history of Indian art shows, 121 female artists from varied backgrounds across the country came together under one roof to exhibit their paintings, sculptures, photography, installations, video-art, textile art and ceramic art.



**March 3, 2011** - Gave a talk at a conference organised by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS); "**Impetus 2011**" to Inspire Minds, held with an intention of professional development of IT professionals, to encourage new thinking, creativity and innovation. Dr. Shahani's presentation "*It is Morning in India*" based on youth and education. It was inspiring for one and all.



**March 9, 2011** - Officials from United Way visited Dr. Indu Shahani Sheriff of Mumbai and Chairperson of United Way of Mumbai; which is a nine year old premier organization working to advance the common good and welfare of the society. The motto is to mobilize citizens - to give, advocate, volunteer and to improve the communities.



**March 10, 2011** - An Annual Womens' Day Celebration was held at LIFE Trust, Mumbai, which was organised for 1500 Anganwadi Sevikas and Madatnis. Life Trust is an organization powered by the vision to improve the lives of millions and make 'School Chalo', the mantra of every child in India. It also provides training in entrepreneurial skills to women.



**March 10, 2011** - Inaugurated the Annual Sports Day of The Fellowship of the Physically Handicapped (FPH), Haji Ali, on FPH grounds. The sports event was sponsored by Pratap Saraiya Sports Fund. Mrs. Shobha Kamra, Hon. Gen Secretary introduced the guests. Mr. Atul Desai, President, FPH distributed the prizes and Mrs. Phoola Kaul, Asso. Hon. Gen. Secretary gave the vote of thanks.



**March 25, 2011** - Dr. Indu Shahani was invited as the Guest of Honour at the inauguration of the school library, laboratory and auditorium at the Sadhu Vaswani International School in Navi Mumbai which is managed by the Sadhu Vaswani Mission. Lord Meghnad Desai was Chief Guest for the evening.



**March 28, 2011** - The Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon held a Press Conference to present the charity awards to various dignitaries who participated actively in the Marathon held on Jan. 16, 2011. Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai and Chairperson of United Way of Mumbai, official charity partner of the Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon, addressed the gathering and welcomed Chief Guest Shri K. Sankaranarayanan.



**April 16, 2011** - Dr. Indu Shahani was Chief Guest at 'The Graduation Day' of the outgoing batch of IB-DP (International Baccalaureate Diploma students) for the year 2009-2011 at 'GDGWS Refectorio' G.D. Goenka Education City, Sohna, Gurgaon, Haryana, India. Her presence was inspiring and sharing her experiences as an educationist added great value to this momentous occasion.



**April 22, 2011** - Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai, paid rich compliments to the contribution of Folmsbee at a fond farewell hosted by Atul Nishar, President of Namaste America, an Indo American Association for Art & Culture, for popular US Consul General Paul Folmsbee. Shiamak Davar's dance troupe dazzled a mix of industrialists, corporate CEOs and US consulate staff with a splendid show.



**April 26, 2011** - Dr. Indu Shahani chaired a Panel Discussion on **Future Career Paths for Young Amils** at C.K. Naidu Hall, CCI. Organised by the Young Amil Circle of the Khudabadi Amil Panchayat of Bombay, the speakers for the session were Jetu Lalwani, Rohit Malkani, Gaurav Lalwani, Akhil Shahani and Siddharth Shahani.

# > INDO - US SUMMIT ON HIGHER EDUCATION

The Indo - American Society (IAS) organized the **Indo - US Summit on Higher Education in Mumbai during July 30 - August 1, 2010**. The theme and content of the Summit were developed in consultation with Dr. Vijay Khole, former Vice Chancellor of University of Mumbai; Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai and Principal of H.R. College of Commerce & Economics and Dr. Suhas Pedneker, Principal of Ram Narain Ruia College.

The program was designed to cover all aspects of Higher Education and eminent speakers and chairmen were carefully selected to match the topics. The Summit attracted about 500 delegates out of which 45 were from

other countries. The delegate list comprised 145 Vice Chancellors & Deans, 175 professors and Principals, 125 Directors & Chairmen of various Management Institutes and several others including Government policy makers and educationists.

The Summit was inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri Kapil Sibal, Union Minister of HRD. There were eight sessions in all followed by a valedictory session on the concluding day.

The Special Guests of Honour for the Summit included Mr. Michael Pelletier, Minister - Counselor for Public Affairs, US Embassy, New Delhi, Mr. Paul Folmsbee, US Consul General, Mumbai, and Mr. Rajesh Tope, Minister of Higher & Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra.

The list of speakers included overseas specialists and Indian authorities, thus forming a good line up of speakers. Several important subjects relating to Indo-US co-operation in Higher Education were discussed at length inviting several questions from the audience, making the Summit an interactive forum.

Price Water House Coopers submitted a Position Paper on the status of Higher Education. IAS released a publication *"How America Benefits from Economic Engagement with India"* which was prepared by the Indo - US World Affairs Institute, Washington, D.C. The Summit received support and sponsorship from the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of Maharashtra and US Consulate General and AMCHAM, Mumbai.

Support was received from 3 American Institutions -

- The Kellogg's School of Management
- GKI-Global Knowledge Initiative, Washington DC
- IIE, Institute of International Education, New York

Technical sessions were chaired by senior educational experts. This contained a wealth of information and a number of creative ideas that India can consider for future implementation.

The detailed proceedings are under preparation by Price Water House Coopers.



Day 1 - Convener Dr. Indu Shahani at the inauguration of the Indo-US Summit



Day 2 - Dignitaries have an informal Tête à Tête



Day 3 - A distinguished gathering



Price Water House Coopers submitted a Position Paper on the status of Higher Education

## SPARROWS TAKE WING



Dr. Indu Shahani's first project as Sheriff of Mumbai was taking up the cause of Mumbai's declining sparrow population. After promising to do something for the city's deteriorating environment, Dr. Shahani started off by putting up a sparrow shelter at her own college i.e. H.R. College of Commerce & Economics, Churchgate. She felt that it was important that students got sensitised to environmental issues.

In the first ever Sindhi Sammelan held from Feb. 23-24, 2008 at Pune, Dada J.P. Vaswani honoured the Sheriff, Dr. Indu Shahani with a shield and commended

her with helping to nurture the diminishing population of sparrows.

The sparrow shelter project became very popular at H.R. and it continues to be so as many staff members and students have installed the sparrow shelters at their residence or societies and joined the like-minded celebrities from Sachin Tendulkar to Vidya Balan, Shubha Raul to Balasaheb Thackarey and Jayraj Phatak to Dr. Vijay Khole.

Authority in sensitive and efficient hands will no doubt result into a better future. The results are there for all to see...

  
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# THE TIMES OF SOUTH MUMBAI

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**I**t was close to midnight, Dr Indu Shahani was preparing to retire for the day, when she got an email alert on her BlackBerry. It was from one of the 44 students who form her Sheriff Brigade, a student body that she formed after becoming Mumbai's sheriff in 2008. "Ma'am, we must do something about Haiti and help the people affected by the earthquake," the email read.

"The call didn't surprise me; that's the kind of relationship I share with my students," she says. "When I was made sheriff, I didn't know the purview of the job. I just knew it's an honorary post, that it is a link between the citizens and the government. I remember messaging the students' council to know their views on what my agenda as sheriff should be. And voila! I was bombarded with messages on all kinds of social initiatives that I could start — from women empowerment to greening the city. And one of the first things they did was to create an email id for me!"

In her third term as the city's sheriff, she has lent gravitas to a post that was hitherto considered ceremonial. She has harnessed the power of students (she is principal of the 6,000-student-strong HR College) and used it to implement many of her schemes.

One of her first initiatives that found many a taker was the launch of the Women's Helpline, 1298 that she introduced with the support of leading NGOs. The modus operandi was simple: on calling 1298, which is also an ambulance number, women in distress will be directed to relevant NGOs which will counsel and provide assistance. The helpline works in tandem with the Police

Helpline — 103.  
There are other initiatives as well, notable among them being the 'Blow the Whistle' campaign along with the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) to clean the city; taking along delegations of city college principals to USA, UK, Australia and New Zealand to interact with premier institutions and universities abroad and share best practices on 'academic leadership'; arranging for a Sheriff's Scholarship Scheme for Women sponsored by University of Westminster, UK, worth Rs 30 lakh; the fixing leaking taps campaign; a screening drive for Thalassaemia Minor patients, and an interesting project called Project Chirag aimed at providing light to the underprivileged.

There's no doubting the fact that Shahani keeps herself busy. Her room at HR College is full of curios, souvenirs, huge cards from her students, and interestingly, a small wooden model of a chair. It, in many ways, symbolises the career graph of this Malabar Hill resident who has chaired many a council and meeting. She's on the board of a number of companies, is the Vice President of the International Baccalaureate Organisation — IBO, and holds several important posts in the Mumbai University as well.

"I am very close to my students. In fact, I experience reverse mentoring wherein I learn from them! The art of teaching has changed. Today's teachers need to move and change with the times and be friends with the students. The onus of learning should be on the learner now. That's why one of the first projects I undertook at HR was faculty development. I'm just a catalyst trying to move students beyond academics. But over the years,

they have gone beyond me. In fact, they've become the sheriff!" she says.

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Students wanting to join the Sheriff Brigade can email Dr Indu Shahani on [sheriff@mumbai@gmail.com](mailto:sheriff@mumbai@gmail.com)



MUMBAI'S SHERIFF AND HR COLLEGE PRINCIPAL, DR INDU SHAHANI CHATTED WITH R SRIDHAR ON HOW HER ROLE AS A TEACHER HAS HELPED HER DO JUSTICE TO HER POSITION AS SHERIFF

# Dil hain Industani





# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

# > GOLDEN HONOURS' DAY

August 28, 2010



L-R (sitting): **Chief Guests** Mr. Gunit Chadha, Country Head & CEO, Deutsche Bank Group; Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai and Principal of H.R. College of Commerce & Economics; **Guests of Honour** Mr. B. Chandrashekhar, Chief Postmaster General (Mumbai region); Dr. Rajan Welukar, Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai; Mr. Kishu Mansukhani, President HSNC Board; alongwith Mrs. Anila Pillai, Vice Principal (Junior College); and Mr. Parag Thakkar, Vice Principal (Degree College). (Standing): Faculty and students - organising team of the Golden Honours' Day

H.R. College of Commerce and Economics in its Golden Jubilee year, celebrated Golden Honours' Day to recognize various achievements of the faculty and students in this special year.

The Chief Guest Mr. Gunit Chadha, Country Head & CEO of Deutsche Bank Group, India, gave away the awards to the toppers. His message to all present was to believe in the power of the youth and to change the mindset from extrapolating the past to interpolating the future, while remaining grounded in values.

H.R. College was privileged to have Mr. B. Chandrashekhar, Chief Postmaster General (Mumbai Region) release a First Day Postal Cover and Cancellation commemorating 50 Golden Years of quality education in H.R. College. Our Guest of Honour Dr. Rajan Welukar, Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai, congratulated the college on its achievements and urged the youth to take the college and the state to greater heights with H & R...Honesty & Reassuring values.

For the first time in fifty years, the college honoured three outstanding students as HR Fellows for the period 2010-2012, for excellence in academics combined with extraordinary social responsibility. The first batch of Honours' students was awarded their citations by Dr. Welukar who also felicitated teachers who received capacity building scholarships from foreign universities.



Release of The First Day Postal Cover and Cancellation, by Chief Postmaster General Mr. B. Chandrashekhar; embodying student empowerment. The stamp selected was a painting made by a child on Childrens' Day.



Dr. Rajan Welukar, Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai; with outstanding students inducted as HR Fellows (L-R) Jyotirmoy Chatterji, Govind Shorewala & Abhinav Mehra (who is also an Honours' Student)



CITATIONS FOR THE FIRST BATCH OF STUDENTS OF THE HONOURS' PROGRAM



Aditya Malkani (BAF)



Ankit Gupta (BMS)



Arantxa Gonsalves (BMS)



Ashish Toshinwal (BMS)



Chaarvee Malkani (BMS)



Dhruv Sayani (BAF)



Divya Srivastav



Farnaaz Kaladia (BAF)



Hussain Khanbhai (B.Com.)



Kanchan Shah (BAF)



Karishma Irani (BAF)



Khushi Singh (BMS)



Natasha Bharucha (BAF)



Peenaz Aspi Irani (BAF)



Pranati Mansukhani (BMS)



Rachel Lewis (B.Com.)



Sharmila Rao (B.Com.)



Sonam Khan (B.Com.)



Srishti Bansal (B.Com.)



Tanvi Vedak (B.Com.)

INTERNATIONAL FACULTY AWARDS



Ms. Shamira Abdulla for exploring, conceptualising & initiating Global Faculty and Student Exchanges



Ms. Laju Sharma, First Capacity Building Award from the University of Westminster during the AY 2005 - 2006



Ms. Meena Desai, International Faculty Scholarship Award at NYU Stern School of Business during the AY 2009 - 2010



Ms. Bhavana Shah, International Faculty Scholarship Award at the UC, Berkeley during the AY 2009 - 2010



Ms. Sheela Shahe, International Faculty Scholarship Award at the Indiana University during the AY 2009 - 2010

FELICITATION FOR STUDENTS FROM IESEG SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, LILLE, FRANCE



Chief Guest Mr. Gunit Chadha, Country Head & CEO, Deutsche Bank Group felicitates Alix Cassin



Sophie Pelissier



Marc Hennekinne



Capucine Defert



Valentine Sans

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI MERIT RANKERS 2010



Shazia Khatri - Gold Medal  
8th Rank TYBCom



Siddhi Shah  
9th Rank - TYBCom



Winnie Toppo  
11th Rank - TYBCom



Khushi Singh - Gold Medal  
1st Rank - 85.17% - TYBMS



Viraj Modi - Gold Medal  
1st Rank- 92.33% - TYBCom (BAF)



Natasha Bharucha  
2nd Rank - 91.92% - TYBCom (BAF)



Govind Shorewala - Gold Medal  
3rd Rank - 85.07% - TYBCom (BBI)



Neha Ahuja  
3rd Rank - 83.75% - TYBMS

OUR ACHIEVERS



Hetal Dave  
International Judo Champ  
Chhatrapati Shivaji Award



Khushboo Sharma & Abhishek Iyer from T.Y.BCom Advertising  
Add - on Course - selected to participate & represent Mumbai  
at the Spikes Asia Advertising Festival 2010 at Singapore



Rehan N. Sutarwala  
1st Rank SYBCom



Jheel Shroff  
Tax Procedure & Practice  
1st Rank FYBCom



Anushree S. Chatterjee  
3rd Rank FYBCom



Nidhi A. Bubna  
1st Rank FYBMS



Abhinav Aggarwal  
2nd Rank FYBMS



Hiral Shah  
1st Rank FYBBI



Keshika Lakhani  
2nd Rank FYBBI



Raina Chawla  
3rd Rank FYBBI



Mansi Kanabar - Devi Saraswati  
Award for General Leadership  
(Tax Procedure and Practice)



Desha Gehi  
IB & W Award



Zeenia Kharas  
Regional Directors Tourism  
Award(Western & Central India)



Jagruti Acharya  
Advanced Diploma T & T



Janvi Kapadia  
1st Rank in SYJC



Parul Bansal  
1st rank in FYJC  
2nd Place in Numero Uno



Our distinguished guests for the day

# > ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

## Degree College, 2010 - 2011

January 8, 2011



Dr. (Mrs.) Indu Shahani flanked by Dr. Shashank Shah, a golden alumnus of H.R. College (her right) and Guests (left) Akshay Oberoi, Sandeepa Dhar and Ms. Vidhi Kasliwal

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*“H.R. College of Commerce and Economics is an institution that believes in the power of education to effect transformation. It is this belief that inspires our efforts to nurture, develop and enhance student potential.”*

*- Indu Shahani  
Principal*

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The Annual Prize Distribution ceremony was held to honour and reward the students who have achieved great success throughout the year in organizing various college events. The event took place in the H.R. Assembly Hall.

The special guest for the day, Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai and Principal of H.R. College, addressed the audience comprising parents and students. Other guests who graced the occasion were Director of the latest Hindi film ‘**Isi Life Mein**’ Ms. Vidhi Kasliwal along with the stars of the movie Akshay Oberoi and Sandeepa Dhar.

Mr. Shantanu Prakash, Managing Director of *EDUCOMP*, addressed the audience on the Importance of Education and its Application in Business.

Over 700 students received their awards from the Principal and Vice-Principals Mrs. Rekha Bahadur and Mr. Parag Thakkar.

A special award & citation was presented to Dr. Shashank Shah, a golden alumnus of H.R. College. The grand event was organized by members of the General Event Management Society and the Nature Club.

A SPECIAL AWARD & CITATION



DR. SHASHANK SHAH  
GOLDEN ALUMNUS OF H.R. COLLEGE

H.R. SUPERSTAR AWARD



JYOTIRMOY CHATTERJEE,  
POST GRADUATE



SAHIL RAINA,  
UNDER GRADUATE

ALL ROUNDER AWARDS IN DEGREE COLLEGE



ABHINAV MEHRA, M.COM



PB LALRINCHHANA, TYBCOM



BHUMIKA VYAS, TYBCOM



ROMEETA SUKHTANKAR, SYBCOM



DHRUV KHOPKAR, SYBCOM



MOHIT TEKWANI, TYBAF



ALRICA ALVES, TYBAF



VINITA ASSER, TYBBI



PUNYASHALI PAREKH, TYBBI



KARISHMA GULANI, TYBFM



SHASHANK SHAH, TYBFM



PAWAN BHATIA, TYBMS



AFSHEEN IRANI, SYBMS



NISHA PUNJABI, SYBMS



PARZAAN DASTUR, SYBMS



RUDRESHWAR MALKANI, SYBMS



ECONOMICS CONVENTION 2010



NATIONAL ECONOMICS FESTIVAL - WINNING CONTINGENT



SQUASH TEAM - 1ST PLACE FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS



CHESS TEAM - 1ST PLACE FOR 5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS



BOYS WATERPOLO TEAM - 1ST PLACE IN UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI FOR SEVEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS



GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM - 2ND RUNNERS UP IN UNIVERSITY TOURNAMENT



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SUPER PERFORMER AWARD (CHOICE)



PRATIK RAO



NEVILLE BHARUCHA



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STUDENTS' COUNCIL



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Mr. Shantanu Prakash, Managing Director of *EDUCOMP*  
awarding HR SUPERSTAR AWARD TO JYOTIRMOY CHATTERJI



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BEST ORGANISER AWARD WINNERS

# > ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Junior College, 2010 - 2011

January 18, 2011



Words of encouragement from Principal Dr. Indu Shahani



Mr. Nanik Rupani, Chairman, Priyadarshni Academy addressed the gathering (l-r) Mr. Nayan Patel, Vice-President, Priyadarshni Academy, Dr. Indu Shahani, Principal and Ms. Anila Pillai, Vice Principal

The Annual Prize Distribution ceremony of the Junior College had Mr. Nanik Rupani, Chairman, Priyadarshini Academy as the Chief Guest and Mr. Nayan Patel, Vice-President as the Guest of Honour.

The event was hosted by young First Year Junior College Students. Dr. Shahani in her address urged the students to become 'Managers with a Heart'. Over 300 prize winners were felicitated during the function. *The All Rounder Award* went to *Sharna Dalal and Narotham Madhyan*. The other award categories were General Leadership, Best Organizer, Award for Excellence, Outstanding Contribution and Most Promising Student.



PRIYADARSHNI AWARD WINNERS



GENERAL LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS



ALL ROUNDER AWARD WINNERS



SPORTS TROPHIES



BEST ORGANISER AWARD WINNERS



BEST ORGANISER AWARD WINNERS



SUPER PERFORMER AWARD WINNERS - C.H.O.I.C.E.



SCHOLARSHIPS



BEST ORGANIZER AWARD WINNERS



BEST ORGANISER AWARD WINNERS



PROMISING YOUNG STUDENT AWARD WINNERS



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C.H.O.I.C.E. WITH ALL THE TROPHIES THEY HAVE WON AT INTER COLLEGIATE FESTIVALS DURING 2010-2011



CYBER CRIME MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATES



# > TOPPERS FOR 2010 - 2011

Principal Dr. Indu Shahani felicitated the toppers of FY & SY - BAF, BBI, BFM & BMS Courses for the academic year 2010-11.

RANK	NAME OF THE STUDENT	PER %	RANK	NAME OF THE STUDENT	PER %
<b>F.Y.B.A.F. Toppers</b>					
1	MS PATEL AASTHA JAYESH RADHIKA	89.86%	1	MS NEMANI SUPRATIKA PRADEEP DIPTI	90.33%
2	MS THADANI RAKSHA SURESH LAVINA	89.71%	2	MS KHONA KALYANI ASHOK BHAVNA	87.67%
3	MS MEHTA VIDHI PARESH ANITA	89.57%	3	MS PARIKH HESHA ANISH NRUPA	87.17%
4	MS KAPADIA POONAM MANISH NIPA	89.43%	4	MS GANGJI KASHINA KAREEM NOSHINA	87.00%
4	MS NETTO OLIVIA LEO MARYKUTTY	89.43%	5	MS BAFNA KHUSHMEETA ANILKUMAR M	84.50%
6	MS MEMON AFSHAN FAROOK ANISA	89.29%	6	MS MEHTA AASHAL CHETAN RUPAL	84.17%
7	MS TOLANI POOJA RAJENDRA SUMAN	89.00%	7	MS SHARMA DEEPALI SHIVKUMAR BIMLA	82.83%
8	MS MOHITE SHANTANU DILIP SHARMILA	88.71%	8	MS ARORA SHIVANG SANJEEV ANUJA	82.67%
9	MS KOTHARI DIVYANI AJAY DEEPA	87.71%	9	MS KAVARANA ARSHISH DINSHAW S	82.00%
10	MS THADHANI RAUNAK KEWAL RUTIKA	87.29%	10	MS JOGANI SIDDHARTH ASHOK VIMLA	81.67%

## S.Y.B.A.F. Toppers

1	MS BIJLANI SANAH DEEPAK VARSHA	88.00%
2	MS TAPARIA NIDHI SANJEEV ARUNA	87.29%
3	MS BHANDARI AASHNA RAJNISH	85.57%
4	MS SHAH POOJA MAYUR MONA	83.43%
4	MS TINWALA AASIA ILYAS SHEHNAZ	83.43%
6	MS CHHATWANI DIMPLE SURESH K	81.71%
7	MS PATWARI PRIYAMVADA SUNIL USHA	81.57%
8	MS KHAKIANI KARISHMA KARIM NADIA	81.00%
9	MS MOTWANI SANIA SURESH KOMAL	80.43%
10	MS GOGRI JENIL SUNIL RITA	79.57%

## F.Y.B.B.I. Toppers

1	MS MEHTA ISHITA KAMLESH SUMITRA	79.00%
2	MS DUBASH DANISH PHIROZ ABAN	78.67%
3	MS KHURANA NIMARTA RAVJIT SINGH P	77.33%
4	MS MUKHERJEE AYUSHI ABHIJEET SWATI	77.00%
5	MS KHAMBATA ZANAYNA FIRDAUS P	76.67%
6	MS WADHER APEKSHA KIRAN KUMAR S	76.00%
7	MS BAID PRERNA VIJAY SINGH SARITA	75.17%
7	MS MANGTANI MADHURI NARENDRA U	75.17%
9	MS KHATRI ARIFA ABDUL KADER FIRDAUS	74.83%
9	MS VASU KOMAL NARESH CHITRA	74.83%

## S.Y.B.B.I. Toppers

1	MS SHAH HIRAL PANKAJ ALKA	90.71%
2	MS LAKHANI KESHIKA NAIMISH HELEN	88.57%
3	MS DALAL RONIL RIKEEN SEJAL	84.14%
4	MS VASANDANI VINITA RAMESH SONAL	83.57%
5	MS JAYANATH VINAYAK JAYANATH	83.43%
6	MS CHAWLA RAINA SURESH HARSHA	81.71%
7	MS PARMAR JESSICA PARAMJIT SINGH M	81.29%
8	MS PODDAR AAYUSHI SANJAY SUDHA	81.14%
9	MS KOTHARI ASHAY SAMIR ANISHA	80.57%
10	MS BAROT PUNITA VIKRAM NAYNA	80.43%
10	MS JAGTIANI NITI KRISHAN RAJNI	80.43%
10	MS TANDON AASHRAY RAJESH JULIE	80.43%

## F.Y.B.F.M. Toppers

1	MS NEMANI SUPRATIKA PRADEEP DIPTI	90.33%
2	MS KHONA KALYANI ASHOK BHAVNA	87.67%
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## S.Y.B.F.M. Toppers

1	MS SHAH KARAN ASHIT ALPA	89.86%
2	MS ARORA SHRUTIKA MANOJ NEERJA	89.29%
3	MS ROY MOHINI SANJAY ANUSUYA	87.86%
4	MS BAJAJ DIVYA JAGDISHKUMAR PRIYA	87.57%
4	MS MITTAL TRISHA SHEKHAR ELLA	87.57%
6	MS CHITALIA YASHVI DILIP DINA	86.57%
6	MS GANDHI SOHIL HITESH JYOTI	86.57%
8	MS KADAKIA KASHNI SAMIR RUPAL	86.29%
9	MS JAISINGH URMILA SHYAM VRINDA	86.14%
10	MS MEHTA PARTH ELESH ALPA	85.86%
10	MS THADANI MANOJ DILIP HARSHA	85.86%

## F.Y.B.M.S. Toppers

1	MS LODHA NIDHI N.S.	90.00%
2	MS LOYALKA ANSHRUTA S.S.	89.43%
3	MS ADVANI RAHUL G P	87.86%
4	MS BHANDARI VANDINI V V	87.57%
5	MS JAIN FORUM K S	85.71%
5	MS PODDAR PRERNA S V	85.71%
5	MS SHAH POOJA S V	85.71%
6	MS PATEL KHUSHNUM F H	84.00%
7	MS BHATIA RUCHITA N N	83.57%
8	MS KAUL ISHA R R	83.43%
9	MS KHANNA PAYAL J P	83.29%
10	MS NAIR NAVYATA	82.86%

## S.Y.B.M.S. Toppers

1	MS BUBNA NIDHI A K	88.83%
2	MS GOVEIA ELENA M E	87.50%
3	MS DAGA SAKSHI N P	86.17%
4	MS CHOKSI SHAIL M M	86.00%
5	MS LALWANI POOJA K K	85.67%
6	MS KOHLI DEEPIANKA D A	85.17%
6	MS JAGWANI RAHUL K V	85.17%
6	MS JAISINGHANI MAHIMA S L	85.17%
7	MS SHAH PALAK M R	84.67%
8	MS CHANDIRAMANI ROSHNI R G	83.67%
9	MS DEDHIA KAUSHAL J B	83.50%
10	MS GORWARA KANIKA S P	83.17%



Top ten students of FYBAF 2010 -2011 Batch



Top ten students of SYBAF 2010 -2011 Batch



Top ten students of FYBBI 2010 -2011 Batch



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4	SAKRIWALA AZHAR QASIM H	79.57%
5	MS GANDHI FRIYA JIMMY K	78.29%
6	MS DHARIA AASHNA PRAFUL S	77.43%
7	SHARMA SAATVIK RAJENDRA A	77.14%
8	MS MEHTA SHAILI JAGAT A	76.71%
9	MS GANDHI SHIMONI SANJAY N	76.43%
10	MS PODDAR PRATIBHA MOTILAL A	76.00%



April 23, 2011 - Principal Dr. Indu Shahani felicitated the F.Y.B.Com. Toppers

<b>S.Y.B.COM. TOPPERS</b>		
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2	BHATIA CHIRAG BHARAT M	81.33%
3	MS. SANGHVI SANTOSH GANPATRAJ K.	80.67%
4	MANDASURWALA MOHMMED MAZHER D	80.50%
5	MS. DESAI SWAPNALI VIVEK N.	80.33%
6	MS. IRANI AZMIN BEHRAM P	80.17%
7	MS. SHROFF JHEEL KIRAN M	80.00%
8	MS. KULKARNI MANASI RAMKRISHAN V	78.17%
9	MS. SHAH NAMITA VIJAY R	78.00%
10	LODARIA ROHAN JAYESH V.	77.50%



April 15, 2011 - Vice Principal Ms. Rekha Bahadur with the S.Y.B.Com. Toppers

<b>F.Y.J.C. TOPPERS</b>		
1	BAXI SOHAM SAMIR SUJAL	91.29%
2	Ms. JAIN JINI KIRAN NEETA	89.71%
3	Ms. TAPARIA ANJALI SANJEEV A.	88.86%
3	Ms. MEHTA DISHA JASWANT M.	88.86%
4	Ms. DHAWAN RAVEENA MUNISH G.	88.71%
5	Ms. PAREKH KHUSHBU BHARAT	87.71%
6	Ms. BANDHAMUTHA SNEHA RAMESH	87.29%
7	Ms. SETH TANVI NITIN ANU	87.14%
8	Ms. VASI ZAHRA ZULFIKAR RASHIDA	86.29%
8	JARIWALA PARTH AMITKUMAR H.	86.29%
8	Ms. DUGAR MOHNISHA ARUN S.	86.29%
9	Ms. AGARWAL SANSKRITI ADITYA G.	86.14%
10	BANDYOPADHYAY ARKADEEP SUDIP	86.00%



April 29, 2011 - Principal Dr. Indu Shahani and Vice Principal Dipika Bhatia felicitated the F.Y.J.C. toppers

<b>S.Y.J.C. 2009-10 (H.SC.)</b>		
1	KAPADIA JANVI RAVITEJMIRA	92.33%
2	MS TEWARI SHIVANGI SUNIL SHARMILA	91.83%
3	MS SANGHVI NIDHI SURYAKANT MADHU	91.50%
4	MS AGRAWAL NSHU GYAN PRAKASH SH	91.00%
5	MS. NISAR KRUPALI NITIN JYOTI	90.83%
6	MS JAIN RAVEENA SHAILESH BHAVNA	90.50%
7	KOTHARI SAHIL VIREN SONAL	90.00%
8	MS MEHTA URJA GAUTAM VEENA	89.50%
8	MS PATEL KHUSHNUM FAROKH HAVOVI	89.50%
8	MS SHAH DHVANI VIPUL PARUL	89.50%
9	MS GONSALVESAQUILIATACIATONYA	89.33%
9	MS. DOSHI JAIDEEP PURAN MALA	89.33%
9	KHANNA PAAYAL JITENDRA PREETI	89.33%

# > F.Y.B.COM. ORIENTATION

June 23, 2010



Dr. Indu Shahani addresses the parents and students at the Orientation



Briefing on college activities



Information on H.R. College website

Eager students and their parents were seated in the assembly hall for a photographic journey of what they would experience in the next three years of their lives at H.R. College. The Students' Council organised the FYBCom Orientation in the Assembly Hall.

The programme started with a presentation on the institution's endeavors in and beyond academics in several inspiring projects by the students of H.R. College.

The presentation reiterated the vision

and mission statement of the college. The students were also informed about the extra-curricular activities held in the college, by faculty members and students. After a glimpse of the achievements, it was time for the batch to be briefed with information about the B.Com. course and all the confusion that typically clouds a fresher's mind to be cleared. The students were briefed about their classes and timings and were informed to approach Prof. Annapoorna, who is the day-in-charge of the degree college with their queries,

if any. The Add-On Courses were discussed in detail and the procedure for admission to these courses was also explained. The briefing continued with details on the Honours Programme of H.R. College and the Economics Convention, an inter collegiate event, which is an academic platform for students to engage in the world of research, competitiveness and team work.

There was a presentation about H.R. College website and information listed therein for easy access of updated information by all the students. The students were asked to register on the college website where they could access their individual accounts.

The most entertaining part of the presentation was the listing of the Extra Curricular Clubs of the College. All the clubs put their best foot forward to woo in new recruits for the coming year. Principal Dr. Shahani encouraged all the students, including the students pursuing their C.A. degree to participate in all the extra-curricular activities in order to develop all round skills.



The newly inducted Students' Council

## > POST GRADUATE STUDIES

H.R. College of Commerce & Economics has been conducting the M.Com. course with specialization in Business Management since the past 9 years.

The cut-off for M.Com. Part - I was higher this year and was pegged at 75% for any of the undergraduate streams in Commerce. Performance at the Personal Interview and attendance at the undergraduate level are the other parameters for selection.

The internal faculty continued to work hard with the students, spending additional time with them especially towards the examination time. The college, as always, continued to conduct terminal and preliminary examinations for Part I & Part II.

The post graduate students also contributed to the academic work by assisting in teaching and supervising examinations for the junior classes. The college has expanded the department of

post graduate studies by offering M.Com. with specialisation in Accountancy from the AY 2011-2012.

The college is taking the lead in working out a tie-up with top international universities for twinning programs for the post-graduate students of H.R. College.



Abhinav Mehra, Jyotrimoy Chatterji, Dhruv Sayani and Aditya Malkani with Dr. Indu Shahani

### CORE COMMITTEE

#### Coordinator

Dr. Jehangir Bharucha

#### Enterprising PG students

Abhinav Mehra	Dhruv Sayani
Aditya Malkani	Sharan Mehra
Jyotrimoy Chatterji	Diya Punjabi

## > INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

The aim of the IQAC is to offer guidelines on good practices in the management of academic standards and quality. IQAC provides guidance for setting academic standards and for maintaining and improving the effectiveness of our own quality assurance processes. It also aims to protect the students' interest, involving students in its review work and responding to student feedback.

IQAC tries to monitor the learning opportunities available to students and how these opportunities help the students in their learning process. Benchmark statements issued by the IQAC from time to time assist academic staff in course design, delivery and review. IQAC believes that small and moderate efforts made with clear vision and motives can produce effective results. The Cell has tried to align the systems devised in the college towards better quality management.

The IQAC of H.R. College is currently in its

functional stage and is trying to raise the bar for all the academic activities. The IQAC has a multi-layered Quality Management initiative for the college. At one level, it has tried to sensitise the faculty, the non-teaching and other staff of the college. On the other hand, it has sought to create a desirable and encouraging environment for the students.

IQAC has chalked out HR IQAC: *Vision 2015*. The broad theme is to attempt to enhance the Contribution Index of each faculty in the degree college by reiterating the values of integrity, hard work and team spirit and thereby ensuring that each faculty contributes the maximum (based on his/her full potential) to the enrichment of the institution.

The long term objective of IQAC remains to strengthen the quality of the teaching-learning assessment process and to bring about uniformity in assessment within a department. To this end, framework and

### CORE COMMITTEE

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#### Members

Dr. Chandani Bhattacharjee
Ms. Pooja Ramchandani
Ms. Rita Khatri
Ms. Geeta Sahu

guidance is provided from time to time. This year, the IQAC has started an ambitious programme to motivate the B.Com teachers to re-orient their teaching styles to suit the needs and interests of the students. The aim is to draw the students to attend classes in large numbers. Thus, the IQAC has worked hard in generating ideas and preparing models for innovation in learning and teaching.

# > BAF > BBI > BFM

**BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (ACCOUNTING & FINANCE)**  
**BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (BANKING & INSURANCE)**  
**BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (FINANCIAL MARKETS)**

*“The great aim of education is not knowledge, but action.”*

*- Herbert Spencer*

The academic year 2010-2011 has been about inculcating and imparting Spencer's philosophy to the students of the BAF, BBI and BFM courses. A wide variety of seminars, workshops and inter-collegiate events with a diverse range of themes, have been instrumental in taking education beyond textbooks. Field visits and talks from many illustrious individuals and firms have helped to inspire and motivate the students further.

## Results

For BAF/BBI/BFM, striving for excellence has been a consistent goal and the academic results of 2010-2011 are proof of it. All the three courses saw 100% first classes and distinctions at the University of Mumbai.

The BAF program had record breaking results with Kinjal Shah scoring 95.17%. 40 students of the class of 60 scored above 90% in their Semester V examinations held by the University of Mumbai.

In the BBI program Shaili Doshi topped the batch with 86.67%.

Our first batch of BFM brought excellent results with Karishma Gulani topping

the batch with 83.50%.

## Priyadarshni Academy Awards

Priyadarshni Academy was set up in the year 1985. It is a non-profit, socio-cultural and educational organisation which was established by Founder Chairman, Mr. Nanik Rupani.

The Academy's Award Function is a very significant cultural event which aims to put India on the Global map as it honours outstanding work of national and global dignitaries.

This year the recipients included Martin Luther King III, CEO King Centre for Non violent Social Change; Ms. Vidya Balan Bollywood Actress; Dr. S.S. Badrinath, Chairman Emeritus, Sankara Nethralaya, for Contribution to Inclusive Medical Services; Mr. Anil Gupta, Executive Vice Chairman, National Innovation Foundation, for contribution to Promotion of Grass Roots Innovation; and Mr. Ole Johansson, CEO, Wartsila Corporation, Finland, for Development of Sustainable Energy and many more.

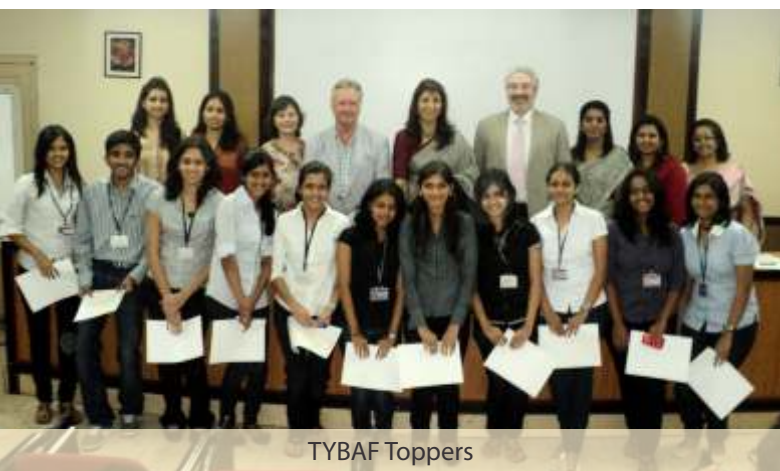
The students of Second Year BAF/BBI/BFM were assigned duties to

shadow these distinguished luminaries as well as organize the academy awards which were held on the September 18, 2010. This was a wonderful learning opportunity for the students to network and interact with influential people from all walks of life as well as manage a program of this stature.

## Book launch

*'New Education Can Make the World New':*  
by Dada Vaswani

When we talk about schooling we get varied opinions. Some will say get rid of physics, some will say let's have shorter hours, some might even opt for football as a compulsory subject. But very few think of values, character building or even thought provoking subjects. Dada J.P Vaswani's new book "New Education Can Make the World New" attempts to change all that. It received a grand launch at the National College, Bandra. Among the esteemed invitees was Mr. Kishu Mansukhani, President, HSNC Board; Mr. Anil Harish, IPP, HSNC Board; Dr. Rajan Welukar, Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai; Mr. D. Shivanandan, Director General of Police, Maharashtra and Mr. Niranjana



TYBAF Toppers



TYBBI Toppers

Hiranandani, Past President, HSNC Board.

Dada started off his speech by saying that modern education has sharpened the intellect but hardened the heart. This is because our modern education system has divorced God, we learn how to earn a good pay, but who teaches us how to live? As Dada rightly said when you remove God from schools you let in the Devil. With the devil on their backs children can commit numerous mistakes like smoking, substance abuse etc. All of these have become possible because of our education system. Change is inevitable, if we are to progress we must adopt Dada's system of education.

The new education should focus on aspects like Character Building, Service or Seva, Love the Indian Ideal. Modern Science should be blended with ancient wisdom and cultivation of the soul. To say the least, Dada's Speech was moving and motivating for the BAF/BBI/BFM students sitting in the audience.

## Meeting with BSE Representatives

A meeting was held on September 9, 2010 by BSE representatives - Mr. Vispi Bathena, Mr. Ambrish Datta, Mr. Rakesh Bhat and Mr. Vinod. Dr. Indu Shahani and many members of the faculty were present along with members of Investment Club of H.R. College and students from the unaided courses. The institute put forward some proposals to start programs for the students

### Proposal - I

Integrated Learning – To complement

existing B.Com. curriculum.

### Proposal - II

Understanding stock markets (Basics)  
7 Days Part Time Programme (3 hrs)  
Jointly certified by HR College and BSE Training Institute

### Proposal - III

Customised Programs and Seminars  
This was proposed for Teachers and Parents for topics relating to Investing

### Proposal - IV

BSE Certified Financial Market Associate (BCFMA)  
3 Months Weekend or Part Time Program  
Jointly certified by HR College and BSE Training Institute  
This would include theory as well as practical lessons.

### Proposal - V

International Programme on Financial Markets  
This is an all inclusive program which will cover visits to either Austria or Asian Markets and would include organization visits and guest lectures.

During the interactions, students showed a lot of interest in the programmes. Based on this session a decision was taken to introduce a 7 Day Programme from December 6 - 11, 2010 at HR College.

## 'MBA In Financial Markets'

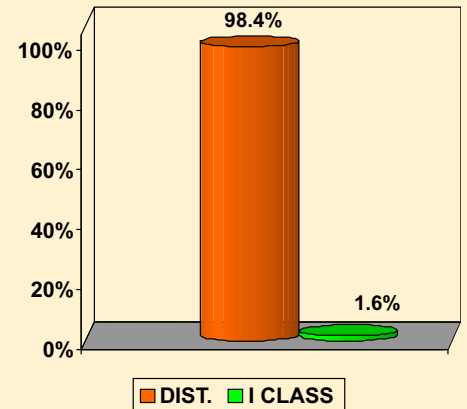
*A BSE Initiative in Collaboration with IGNOU*

BSE Training Institute has signed a memorandum of understanding with Indira Gandhi National Open University [IGNOU] to launch a two-year, full time

## T.Y.B.COM. (ACCOUNTING & FINANCE)

SEMESTER V [2010-11] PASSING PERCENT

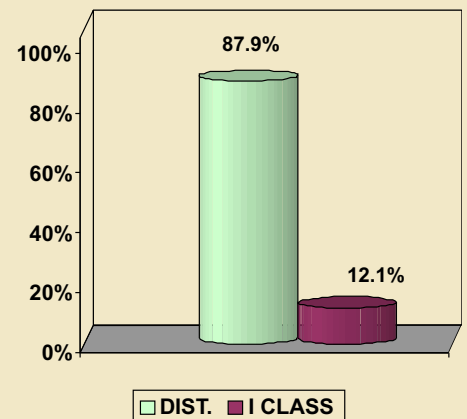
Total No. of Students Appeared	61	100%
No. of Students with Distinction	60	98.36%
No. of Students with 1st Class	1	1.64%
Result	61	100.0%



## T.Y.B.COM. (BANKING & INSURANCE)

SEMESTER V [2010-11] PASSING PERCENT

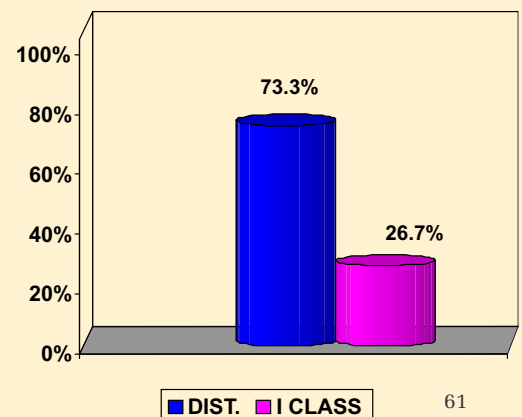
Total No. of Students Appeared	58	100%
No. of Students with Distinction	51	87.93%
No. of Students with 1st Class	7	12.07%
Result	58	100.0%



## T.Y.B.COM. (FINANCIAL MARKETS)

SEMESTER V [2010-11] PASSING PERCENT

Total No. of Students Appeared	60	100%
No. of Students with Distinction	44	73.33%
No. of Students with 1st Class	16	26.67%
Result	60	100.0%



TYBFM Toppers



Seminar by Mr. Ravi Biyani, Finidea  
'Career Prospects in the Derivatives Market'



Guest Lecture - Ronald Stones OBE,  
Director of the Green School, Bali



18th Economics Convention

MBA specialisation in Financial Markets. Careers in financial services and investment banking are characterized by cut-throat competition and fast paced decision-making. Only the best-prepared, professionally qualified students will make a difference and carve a niche for themselves in this industry. The students of Third Year BAF/BBI/BFM visited the BSE Training Institute to understand the various career opportunities available in the finance sector.

As new markets open up internationally, one must incorporate a complex global perspective in the financial sector which includes market intermediaries such as investment banks, brokerage houses, credit rating agencies, stock exchanges, commodity exchanges, regulatory bodies, asset management companies, corporate bodies, etc.

MBA-Financial Market career path is rewarding and worth the investment of time and money.

## Finance Workshop

*By Tres Vista Financial Services*

TresVista is a leading provider of high-end research, analytics and other customized financial services. Their team integrates some of the most recognized financial institutions in the world including leading private equity firms and investment banks. They also engage in advisory work for their clients' portfolio companies and other corporates.

On November 24, 2010 Tres Vista Financial Services Company conducted a seminar on Finance for the Third year students of BAF/BBI/BFM. The resource persons were Mr. Sanjay, Ms. Mrinal and Ms. Runalini.

This seminar enlightened the students about the various careers available in

finance and to understand what 'Finance' stands for. Mr. Sanjay started the seminar by explaining what finance means. It was an interactive session. A case study on "Markets cheer 2009: Election Results" was also presented.

However the main focus of the presentation was on 'Careers in Finance' and some of the key areas highlighted were Investment Banking, Advisory, Asset Management, Corporate Research, Corporate Finance and other Services. The graduating batch of 2010-11 found the seminar very useful as they got a better understanding of various job profiles and the seminar enabled them to narrow down areas of interest while looking for placements.

## Career Prospects in the Derivatives Market

*Presented by Finidea*

On November 16, 2010, Mr. Ravi Biyani, founder of Finidea – a future and option centric company, made a presentation about various career prospects in the futures and options market. The First Year and Second Year students of the BFM course were enlightened about the different work profiles available for them including Research Department, Sales Department, Trading, Portfolio Management Services, Back Office Work, Risk Management etc. The seminar gave a deeper understanding of the derivatives market and career opportunities.

## Entrepreneurship

*A Seminar by Mr. Raghav Agarwal*

On December 2, 2010 the students of SYBBI attended an inspiring seminar by Mr. Raghav Agarwal, owner of TruTech and an alumnus of H.R. College.

The seminar was conducted to educate the students about preparation of

business plans and the challenges faced by an entrepreneur. Raghav Agarwal emphasized a few key essentials required to be a young 21st century entrepreneur: People, Innovation, Research, Finance, Clarity of thought and Flexibility. As a young entrepreneur himself he narrated the challenges he faced and encouraged students not to be intimidated by the larger organisations.

## Industrial Visit

*Women's India Trust (WIT)*

Women's India Trust (WIT) is a charitable organization established by Ms. Kamila Tyabji. WIT started by training less privileged and unskilled women in Mumbai to stitch sari petticoats. Since then WIT has helped many women to develop skills and earn a regular income which has changed their lives and the lives of their families.

Students witnessed the hard work the women put in to grow independent financially.

## PRAVAAH 2010

H.R. BAF/BBI/BFM students have been participating in N.K. College's inter-collegiate festival Pravaah since the past 7 years. This year too they won the overall trophy as well as brought home the trophies in dramatics, fashion show and dance.

A big contingent participated in events like throw ball, cricket, T-shirt painting, football and many more. Contingent Leaders from the second year Aashray Tandon, Nidhi Taparia, Suraj Yadav assisted by the able Assistant Contingent leaders Hasnain Bahrainwala, Supratika Nemani and Rohan Bharaj from the first year did a commendable job co-ordinating the event.



## Placements

With all this corporate and social exposure, the students have been placed at some of the most renowned companies this year too. The BAF / BBI / BFM saw recruiters like:

Google	Ernst and Young
KPMG	Deloitte
Accenture	A.C.Nielson

Corporates have acknowledged the caliber of HR BAF/BBI/BFM students as is evident from the number of companies that came on campus. What was heartening to note was campus recruitment teams comprised of our own alumni!

### Ankita Jain

Congratulations to Ankita presently in the Third year BAF course for securing the 12th rank in the All India Company Secretary Professional (Final) Exam held in December 2010.



### Karishma Khakiani

Congratulations to Karishma presently in the Second Year BAF course who is also pursuing French language course. She has successfully cleared 3 levels of the course conducted by Alliance Française de Bombay. Karishma appeared for 3 examinations offered by The French Ministry of National Education: D.E.L.F. (Diplôme d'Etudes de Langue Française) and D.A.L.F (Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française) which are held in France. Karishma cleared these exams with a distinction!



## Economics Convention

A special mention of Karan Shah, Akhil Paliath, Aman Khatwani from the Second Year BFM course and Sagar Purswani of the First Year BFM for their zealous efforts for the 18th International Economics Convention held at CHM College, Ulhasnagar.



SIFE - Students visit a village in Thane

## Social Initiatives

At the HR BAF/BBI/BFM program it is our constant endeavor to create young leaders with a sensitive heart.

### Jyoti Eyecare Benevolent Foundation

30 students from BAF were associated with Jyoticare Benevolent Foundation which caters to the eye care needs of school children.

Most activities are carried out by H.R. College students, beginning from eye check-up to distribution of spectacles. The experience was mutually beneficial. The students learnt to be sensitive and be socially responsible at a young age and carried good memories. On the other hand the foundation had enthusiastic youngsters willing to go beyond the call of duty.

### Teach for India Program

The students of First Year BBI and BFM courses associated themselves with the Teach for India Program where they taught underprivileged school children of the fourth grade.

This social project was an eye opener for the students to the harsh realities of slum children of Mumbai, a great learning experience at the end of which the students returned humbled and grateful for the opportunities that life brings in.

### SIFE- Village Visit

Thirty select students from the First Year

BBI and BFM courses visited a village near Thane to light up the lives and hearts of the villagers. The success of the project was represented not just by the houses lit up by the students but also with the beaming faces of the villagers that saw light for the first time! The students returned with a strong feeling of achievement, of having made a difference in somebody's life and with a vow that here after they are going to spare no effort in spreading happiness in the lives of others!

## Faculty Development

Faculty is constantly encouraged to enhance their academic and research skills. Ms. Heena Thakkar, Mrs. Meena Desai, Ms. Dimpy Gokal, Mr. Atul Sathe, Mr. Navin Punjabi attended a half day workshop for the BFM program. Mrs. Meena Desai attended a half day workshop on Case Teaching Method conducted by the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad and Richard Ivey School of Business, Canada.

### Team BAF / BBI / BFM

Ms. Heena Thakkar	Mrs. Meena Desai
Ms. Dimpy Gokal	Ms. Tasneem Razmi
Ms. Poonam Jain	Ms. Bharti Jethani
Ms. Shalini Asrani	

### Student Representatives

Simonil Rustomji	Nidhi Taparia
Dina Gulrajani	Danish Dubash

# > BACHELOR OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES

*Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of the fire*  
 - W.B. Yeats

The BMS aims at sparking the fire of learning in students and helping them reach for that which seems unachievable. All efforts are focused towards creating in young students a passion for excellence and creativity while continuously staying rooted in values. The undergraduate Management experience provides not just knowledge and information in classrooms but space to grow as a human and develop one's interest. It is about relevant management education that not only takes students from the classrooms to careers, but one that will try and ensure they become responsible members of the communities they live in.

## Results

The academic year began with outstanding results at the University Examination of the batch of 2010. Khushi Singh topped the University of Mumbai with 85.17% setting a new record for the college. In the merit list of the top 10 at the University of Mumbai,

H.R BMS students Neha Ahuja, Rashi Sanghvi, Radhika Thakkar and Neha Kothari occupied the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th rank respectively, doing the college proud. Jyotirmoy Chatterji from the graduating batch of 2010 was awarded the superstar of the year award for his contribution to international, social and placement initiatives.

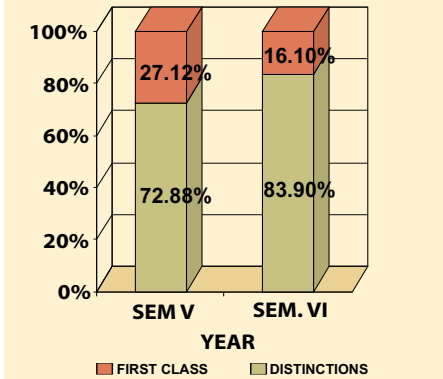
## Industry Interactions

To prepare the generation next students for the formidable demands of a fast changing global world, students are exposed to the contemporary and inter disciplinary issues through guest lectures, workshops and seminars by eminent specialists from the relevant fields.

## Guest Lectures and Workshops

**Ronald Stone OBE**, Director of the Green School, Bali - *An innovative Model for sustainability in education.*

**QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS OF SEMESTER V & VI FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2009 - 2010**



Khushi Singh the University of Mumbai topper



BMS Toppers



**Jaya Row** - Pathway to Excellence a Prescription, Facilitated by Passages, an NGO



**Erica Sosna** - A workshop on Social Entrepreneurship of Ideal Course of Action



**Oliver D'souza** - Teach for India

**Robert Swan**, Global environmentalist on "2041", a talk on saving Antarctica and the planet.

**Erica Sosna**, Inspirational Educator and Life Coach Catalyst, Life Project – A workshop on *Social Entrepreneurship of Ideal Course of Action*.

**Jaya Row**, Founder of Vedanta Vision and Founder-Managing Trustee of Vedanta Trust - *Pathway to Excellence a Prescription*.

**Dabbawallas** of Mumbai – Patrons of efficiency and winners of the 6 sigma award.

**Edge seminar** – On the cutting edge progress in educational courses and research.

**Teach for India** - A talk on a brilliant opportunity to teach the underprivileged.

**Oliver D'souza**, an alumnus of H.R

College, spoke about *Public Relations - a case study*.

**Creating an impact** - KPMG conducted a two-day workshop from March 30-31, 2011; for second year students, to help them learn the skills required for success in their career. This is apart from an ongoing training module to help students empower themselves and think beyond the possible.

## Beyond Academics

The youth has a continuous thirst for exploring new horizons. Recognizing this, HRBMS encourages students to weave excellence into activities beyond academics. This year some of the events students participated in are listed below.

**Drishhti** - A cultural and management festival held by NM College took place from February 12 to 16, 2011. This festival inculcates intellectual and management skills amongst students and also brings out their creativity. This year HRBMS won Drishhti for the 11th consecutive time and also set the record for *25th consecutive festival victory*.

**Group Discussion at the Government Law College** – Sarrah Sethwala of First Year BMS secured first place at the inter collegiate group discussion 2011 organised by the *Legal Aid Committee*.

**Visit to Parliament** - Sanchit Gulabani, a student of SYBMS was awarded a scholarship to visit the Parliament of India, an event organized by the sitting MP, Mr. Milind Deora, who enables students to visit and witness proceedings of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

**Youth on Obama** - In anticipation of the visit of the US President, Barack Obama, some of the students of BMS were on a panel discussion on CNN - IBN's "Youth on Obama" on November 7, 2010. This provided an opportunity to our young students to present their views on the importance of Obama's visit.

During summer, an SYBMS student Pallavi Somani organized a **football tournament** in Ahmedabad in association with McDonalds, Vadilal and Reebok. The tournament was for the less privileged children of the area.

## Skills Development Through Unique Projects

The true essence of BMS lies in the application of concepts taught to students, via projects and presentations



NM College Festival - 25th Consecutive Festival Victory for HR BMS.



Sarrah Sethwala, FYBMS stood 1st in the Group Discussion held at Government Law College



Panel discussion on "Youth on Obama" by CNN IBN



Panel discussion on "Youth on Obama"



BMS Faculty and students attended the Indo-US Summit on Higher Education in Mumbai with Hon'ble Shri Kapil Sibal, Union Minister for Human Resource Development

Japan - Global Village - HR Model United Nations

Greece - Global Village - HR Model United Nations

creating an outlet for innovation and creativity in various fields. At the very start of the 3 year BMS Program, students conducted a **“Scavenger Hunt”** as a project in the subject FHS. This acts as an ice breaker as students join the course from very diverse backgrounds. This project helps build analytical skills and promotes lateral thinking and group dynamics.

In the second semester as part of the subject ‘Business Environment,’ students set up a **“Global Village”**, with each group representing one country’s social and business culture. This helps improve their multicultural knowledge. This year the project was presented before a large audience as part of the HR Model U.N. Conference.

In the subject of ‘Effective Communication,’ students created hoardings for villages in Maharashtra to address the social issues of the area. This live project was in response to a request from the Zilla Parishad of Thane District.

### Summer Internships

Students are encouraged to do at least one of each, corporate and social, internships during the period of 3 years. Some of the corporates that hired our First and Second year students include O&M, Leo Burnett, HDFC Bank,

Mahindra, Empire Industries, etc. In the Social/NGO sector, students do projects with Akanksha, Sadhana School, NAB and others. These internships sensitize the students to the real problems in the world and prepare them to share their good fortune with those less fortunate.

This summer, two of the SYBMS students opted for a very different internship not at a stereotypical corporate organization, but at a Social, Non-Profit, ‘OM Creations’. Shail Choksi and Deepianka Kohli, experienced the joy of interacting with mentally challenged young adults, who spend their days manufacturing Gourmet Foods and Art. They not only assisted the young adults in their work, but helped the entire organization in terms of Marketing, Logistics and Public Relations. They ended their 2 months internship by organizing a mega fundraiser attended by several dignitaries and our faculty Ms. Gehna Hingorani and Ms. Pratibha Pai.

### Placements

With all this corporate and social exposure, the students have been placed

BMS Faculty-in-charge	
Ms. Gehna Hingorani	Ms. Pratibha Pai
Ms. Nidhi Thanawala	
Class representatives (CR & ACR)	
TYBMS	
Twisha Vara	Huzefa Sifat Khan
Nanak Lekhi	Karan Dhawan
SYBMS	
Pooja Jain	Rachna Iyer
Param Bhagia	Natasha Mistry
FYBMS	
Nidhi Lodha	Pranav Desai
Isha Kaul	Amit Nichani
Placements	
Nisha Punjabi	Pranav Desai
Nikhil Bhatia	Kajal Bhatia
Rajvi Shah	Anjana Dattani



Gourmet meals - Internship with NGO



'Aarzoo' kids excited to cut the cake with Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai and Principal H.R. College and Mr. Kishu Mansukhani, President, HSNC Board

at some of the most renowned companies. This has been a record year for the final year students. Even before they received their Semester V results most of them had been placed in leading firms that came for campus recruitment. Google, Deloitte, Ernst & Young, Edelweiss, A.C. Neilson, Tres Vista, PWC, KPMG, Tata Capital, Avista, Kotak, Mahindra, Novartis, Rothschild were firms that recruited our students this year.

## Student Achievers'

The BMS students had the privilege to teach the underprivileged children under the Teach for India programme. It was not only an eye - opener but also a significantly rewarding experience. Teach for India selected Sanyukta Bafna,

one of our toppers, to work as a fellow for 2 years after her graduation. Tanvi Ajbani, a topper for three years, has been selected for IIM (K), and Pawan Bhatia has been awarded a scholarship to do his Masters at the University of Westminster.

## Faculty Development

Believing in the mantra of lifelong learning, faculty are encouraged to enhance their academic and research skills by attending seminars, workshops and presenting papers. This year the core faculty of BMS had various opportunities not only to attend conferences, seminars and workshops but also to present papers at some of them.

**Ms. Gehna Hingorani** wrote a paper

titled on "*Transformation of Kamadgiri Synthetics – A case Study*" for the 2nd International Conference on IT & Business Intelligence, November 12-14, 2010, IMT Nagpur.

### Ms. Pratibha Pai

- Presented a paper on "Role of Education in changing human mindsets from remuneration and reward to fulfillment" at the Greentech HR Conference at Goa in August 2010.
- Delivered a presentation on 'Indian Culture and Tradition' to the U.K. staff of the British Deputy High Commission in Mumbai.
- Attended the Indo – US Summit on Higher Education on July 30, 31st and August 1st at the Grand Hyatt, Mumbai.



Gehna Hingorani



Pratibha Pai presented a paper at the Greentech HR Conference in Goa



Two papers by Nidhi Thanawala were presented at GNIMS National Conference



IESEG Students carrying the French flag at the inaugural ceremony of the HRMUN 2011

- Ms. Pratibha Pai and Jyotirmoy Chatterji attended a workshop at Centre for Social Initiative and Management, Chennai on "Social Accounting and Audit."
- Attended the CSR Thought Leadership Conclave on February 19, 2011 at Taj Mahal, Mumbai.

**Ms. Nidhi Thanawala**

- Attended an annual lecture series 'Catalysts for Change' organised by Social Communications Media Department, Sophia Polytechnic on December 2, 2010.
- Attended Case Teaching Workshop in December 2010 conducted by the Indian School, of Business, Hyderabad and Richard Ivey School of Business, Canada.
- Completed Family Therapy Course in February 2011, by BATSW (Bombay Association of Trained Social Workers) that dealt with application of the systems approach in understanding

- family therapy in urban India.
- Attended GNIMS's (Guru Nanak Institute of Management Studies) National conference on 'HR policies are market driven' and presented papers on 'Workplace Counseling' and 'Succession Planning' that were published in their ISBN compendium.

**Social Responsibility**

Along with industry interaction, an equal emphasis is laid on the social responsibility that students should be shouldering as they take on the roles of citizens of a country as demanding and unyielding as ours can be. Students are encouraged to work with non-profit organisations and sensitized to the fact that their achievement is incomplete without contribution to the society.

Arzoo, a project in its seventh year in conjunction with the Foster Care Group of the Maharashtra State Welfare Organisation, gives the students an opportunity to celebrate Christmas with a group of orphans from the less privileged sections of Mumbai.

Students are sensitized on the growing environmental issues by encouraging participation with non-profit organisations in the field of environment. Sanctuary Asia conducted talks by eminent environmentalists such as Robert Swan, the only man to have walked to both the poles. They also took students on nature walks to the



BMS Students teaching the Colaba Municipal School children

Sanjay Gandhi National Park.

HRBMS students conduct Conversational English and Soft Skills classes at the Colaba Municipal School as part of 'Bharat Empowered Juniors', a program in its third year. These sessions are held every afternoon at the Municipal School. H.R. students also train them for extracurricular events.

**IESEG Students at HR**

In the academic year 2010-2011, five French students from IESEG School of Management joined the BMS department. These Third year students from France studied alongside the Second and Third year Indian students at H.R. Their program was tailor-made as they chose classes from different years. It was a great learning experience for HRBMS students too!

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*"It is one of the best colleges that the University of Mumbai has. Many of the initiatives taken by the leadership of the college, that is - Principal Dr. Indu Shahani and her very dedicated teacher colleagues are noteworthy. The college regularly sends its teachers to some of the best universities in the world, not only for updating its own knowledge, but to also participate in the teaching programmes of the universities abroad. Such incentives have motivated the teachers of this college to a great extent."*

*- Dr. Vijay Khole  
Former Vice-Chancellor,  
University of Mumbai*

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## > NATIONAL ECONOMICS FESTIVAL

St. Xavier's College launched a National Economics Festival which was organised during November 26, 2010 to Nov. 28, 2010. The festival incorporated different aspects of social and economic issues to be presented through a debate, a street play, an essay writing competition, a quiz and economics event, a strategy event and a mock National Development Council.

With fantastic hard work put in, H.R. College bagged the second position at the festival closely following St. Xavier's College that took the first position. Symbiosis College from Pune stood third.

Nihal Daswani stood first and Murtuza Vasanwala stood second in the essay writing event. H.R. also won the 'Best Advertisement' award bagged by Banisha Anand and the HR Team.

The delegation was co-ordinated by the Students' Council and was led by Ayan Jeloka, with Prashant Tanna and Anjana Dattani, all first year students as assistant contingent leaders.



Second position at National Economics Festival, held at St. Xavier's College

## > MOOT COURT

As part of the internal assessment component, a Moot Court was organized on February 26, 2011 for the FYBMS students. Students of SYBCom were also invited to participate.

The students were divided into groups consisting of 6 students each. The students were asked to deal with cases relating to Industrial Law or any other Civil Law. The Moot Court was judged by two senior lawyers Mr. Abhay Thorat and Mr. Anish Wadia.

Evaluation was done on the basis of drafting of the plaint, facts of the case arguments, decorum of the court and discipline.

In order to train the students a demonstration of the Moot Court was conducted by our ex-student Advocate, Mr. Anish Wadia along with two students of the Symbiosis Law College, Pune.

The students also visited the court to understand the proceedings of the court. They took guidance from the lawyers and solicitors to draft the plaint. The objective of holding the Moot Court Session was to understand the practical aspects of the legal proceedings, the intricacies of the legal procedures and the role of lawyers. The event was much appreciated by the students, both participants and observers, the teaching faculty of the college, the advocates as well as other invitees. The session was inarguably a grand success.

*Ms. Anita Khushu*  
Coordinator - Senior Lecturer, Department of Law

## GOING BEYOND THE SYLLABUS



Judges - Lawyers Mr. Abhay Thorat and Mr. Anish Wadia



Faculty and students absorbed in the intricacies of a case

# > THE HONOURS' PROGRAMME



The first Graduating Batch of the Honours' Programme 2010-2011

## CORE COMMITTEE

### Coordinator

Dr. Jehangir Bharucha

### Star Students

TY Vinita Rodrigues

Ravi Bajaj

SY Vyoma Shah

Akhil Paliath

FY Minakshi Agarwal

Khusnum Patel

The Honours' Programme, a unique academic offering of H. R. College of Commerce & Economics, started from the academic year 2007-2008 and aims at enriching the regular curriculum prescribed by the University of Mumbai. It has proved to be a challenging programme for talented students whereby along with the undergraduate studies, a student can earn Honours' credits as well.

Committed to enriching the intellectual life of the students who participate in it, an opportunity is given to study intensively, independently and at an advanced level along with the regular undergraduate programme. This year the first Honours' batch graduated and the college organized Golden Honours' Day for the first time. As goodbyes were said to the graduating batch, 35 young and enthusiastic students were welcomed in the First Year who had gone through a rigorous screening process.

The SY Batch worked on an individualized research project carrying 10 credits to hone their analytical and research skills. They concluded this mega project over a period of 6 months. The project involved careful analysis of both primary and secondary data, as well as their own inferences and solutions. This year for the first time the students were introduced to a Peer Review wherein they had to write the critique of a project written by one of their peers. Students have enjoyed the stimulation of cross disciplinary research. It was all about learning in an enriched learning environment in small batches with other ambitious students.

The FY batch completed their 6 week NGO internship and had the opportunity to work with underprivileged children from the Dr. Balasaheb Ambedkar School. The internship was spread over the months of December and January. The students took up the challenge of training them for their Annual Sports Day and Dramatics Day.

They helped bring smiles to those innocent faces when the audience applauded them enthusiastically. Close interaction with the children enhanced the learning for the Honours' students.

As part of the next assignment, the students adopted Dean Henry's message, addressed to the students of NYU Stern School of Business and made a response based on the Indian scenario. Excellent points emerged out of this debate.

The FY students submitted a report on "I love HR" in which a feedback was given on the working of several Departments and functionaries within the college.

Research projects were also done on the following topics:

- How to make the B.Com course more interactive and lively for the students?



Active learning via presentations on relevant themes



NGO internship - with underprivileged children from the Dr. Balasaheb Ambedkar School



Active participation in Cancer Awareness Week



- A specific theme within International Economics, Global Trade and Finance
- How to respond in case of a heart attack?
- Cause and effect essay on a topic of their choice.

It was noticed that the students benefited a great deal from these projects as they allow for independent in depth work on a topic of their choice; giving practice in assimilating and presenting information.

Honours' students participated in a *Seminar on Health and Nutrition* by Dr. Suman Bijlani in which they learnt about BMI and the various causes of illnesses like osteoporosis, etc. They also actively took part in a *Cancer Awareness Week* and won the prize for the best team. Ankit Singala and Ravi Bajaj served as Teaching Assistants and engaged a few classes in Economics in the junior college.

The Honours Programme offers a unique experience to a select group of students

year after year. It offers opportunities for advanced studies and research, guarantees a certain breadth of knowledge and carries more prestige than just the usual undergraduate degree. An honours opportunity allows an H.R. student to pursue the undergraduate degree at a deep level of engagement. It is hoped that H.R. Honours graduates take these advanced skills into the workforce, higher degrees and other areas of interest in their lives.

## > TOURISM & TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

### ADD ON COURSE

With committed and dedicated staff, summer placements and guest lectures, the experience has been enriching for the students of the Add-On Course of Tourism & Travel Management.

Fresh entrants in the first year were screened via a written test, a group discussion and a personal interview. The successful candidates were taken through a rigorous orientation by our star guest faculty Mrs. Shiraz Gotla into the basics of the course, curriculum, projects, submission, regular attendance, mandatory trip, excursions and on-the-job training. Dr Chandani Bhattacharjee and Ms Payal Gandhi are the strong pillars of this course. The customary 6 weeks on-the-job training was arranged for all students who had to submit reports on their learning experience.

This year the college succeeded in securing summer placements in leading travel agencies such as : Penguin Holidays, Raj Travels, Universal Express, Cox & Kings, Vista Travels, Telstar Gazelle Travels, Trade Wings, East West Travel, Hind Musafir, Blaze Tours & Travels, IndTravel etc.

The S.Y.B.Com. students of Tourism & Travel Management presented impressive projects on itinerary making on various destinations.

The students were taken on a 10-day

study tour to North India where they visited Dalhousie, Amritsar, Delhi and other nearby places. They experienced extreme cold at the Golden Temple where they had to walk bare foot on the cold marble. At Dalhousie they witnessed a snowfall and got a glimpse of the most beautiful sunset there.

The Rock Garden at Chandigarh showcased waste that has been transformed into works of art. Delhi's Qutub Minar and Birla Mandir were exhibits of Indian culture and history and we learned some interesting facts about the Qutub Minar.

The students were awestruck at the beauty and splendour of the Taj Mahal at Agra. This tour was highly successful and was both educative and a great experience in bonding for the students.

Deserving students were awarded trophies and certificates in the Best Student and All-rounder categories at the annual prize distribution function. Trophies were given by the Maharashtra State Tourism Development Corporation.

The Tourism & Travel Management Course endeavours to introduce new events & programmes every year. The strength of the course is the interactions with industry experts which help the T&T students in becoming confident professionals.

### CORE COMMITTEE

#### Coordinator

Dr. Jehangir Bharucha

#### Outstanding Students

Pervin Bharucha

Deepali Damle

Alisha Peter

Rohaan Kotwal

Arjun Madhavji



T & T Students on a Study Tour Programme



Learning on the field at Amritsar

# > 18 TH ECONOMICS CONVENTION

December 18-19, 2010

The Economics Convention inculcates love for academic research and has grown to become a premier research competition in the city

The Economics Convention is a competition initiated by the HSNC board in 1992, to inculcate a sense of academic research in the students of the various colleges under its umbrella. From its humble origins the EcoCon as it is known, has grown to become one of the premier research competitions in the city with various non-HSNC as well as international colleges participating in it.

The 18th International Economics Convention was hosted by CHM College, Ulhasnagar on December 18, 2010 under the aegis of the HSNC Board

with the theme **“Restructuring of the Asian Economy”**. The topic was chosen keeping in mind the strong emergence of Asian economies in the New World Order. This was the first time that the convention had selected a topic from outside of India. 8 college teams participated in the convention this year. They were KC, CHM, PN Doshi, Jai Hind, RN Podar, RD National, MMK and H.R.

H.R. was given Indonesia as their focus of research for the EcoCon. The team decided to focus its research on Indonesia not just from a purely economic viewpoint but also highlighted the importance of human development as a key indicator of the growth and development. The paper was aptly titled **“Indonesia - The New Asian Tiger”** weighing the strength and importance of the nation in the global scenario.

According to the format, the event is

divided into two different rounds - the first one entails the submission of a book report and the latter part is a 25 minute paper presentation.

This year too the paper presentations took place over two days with lively discussions and debate between the judges and the participants. The teams set a high benchmark for each other with forceful, precise and intelligent arguments.

H.R. College bagged numerous awards which included Best Presentation, Best Speaker, Runner-Up Best Query Session and Runner-Up Best Team. Akhil Paliath was judged as the Best Speaker and the Outstanding Contribution award went to Karan Shah.

The **19th Economics Convention** will be centered around the theme **"Time for Africa"** with H.R. College playing host in 2011.

## CORE COMMITTEE

<b>Coordinators</b>	Dr. Geeta Nair Ms. Shamira Abdulla
<b>HR Team</b>	
Anshika Bihany	Afsheen Irani
Akhil Paliath	Aman Khatwani
Karan Shah	Siddharth Rego
Rajiv Nandodkar	



The inaugural ceremony at CHM



Participating college teams



Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai & Principal of H.R. College with the EcoCon Team

## > RESEARCH CELL

**Coordinator**  
Dr. Geeta Nair

The Research Cell is actively engaged in conducting research activities amongst students and faculty



The college bagged its first Major Research award in Arts & Humanities awarded to Dr. Geeta Nair by the UGC from 2011-2013

The Research Cell is actively engaged in conducting research activities amongst the faculty and students.

The research initiatives by the faculty are very encouraging. The faculty is regularly sent to attend State and National level Seminars. The number of paper presentations and publications by the faculty has gone up significantly.

The college bagged its first Major Research award in Arts & Humanities awarded to Dr. Geeta Nair by the UGC,

from 2011-2013. Dr. Nair has started guiding PhD students from the JJT University, Rajasthan from this year and is also a co-opted member of the Board of Studies in Business Economics of the University of Mumbai.

Our students under the aegis of the Students' Council participated in 'Elixir'- a research competition at St. Xavier's College and won the 2nd place with Banisha Anand winning the 'Best Advertisement' award.

After the resounding success of EcoCon 2010, the winning team led by Dr. Geeta Nair, Head-Dept. of Business Economics, Chair, Research Cell and International Economics Convention; accompanied by Ms. Shamira Abdulla, Director International Programs, were offered an opportunity to participate in the Big Night at the University of West Georgia (April 10-15, 2011) & Kennesaw State University (April 15-21, 2011) under the India Research and Leadership Initiative, USA to make research presentations.

University of West Georgia is regarded as one of the best universities for undergraduate research and hosts Big Night, a celebration highlighting undergraduate research in the field of fine arts, business, education, humanities, the sciences and social sciences. Students work with faculty advisors on research projects for several months or longer and winners are chosen by an interdisciplinary panel of judges. The students of H.R. College, being ambassadors of India were invited to make a presentation by its President, Dr. Behruz Sethna. The participants made a presentation on "Its Morning in India" and were awarded a standing ovation. Akhil Paliath received a special award of \$100 from the Georgia State



The H.R. Team at the University of West Georgia



Dr. Beheruz Sethna Professor of Business Administration, and President of the University of West Georgia



Dr. Barry Morris, Executive Director of the Institute for Global Initiatives, Kennesaw State University



Team H.R. presentation - 'Its Morning in India' received a standing ovation

University.

Post the presentation, the delegation was hosted by Kennesaw State University, Georgia where they had a chance to meet with the President Daniel S. Papp who talked about various tie-ups with H.R. College.

The team also visited the Georgia Aquarium, Carter Museum, the World of Coke, Martin Luther King walk, Stone Mountain Park, State Legislature Building and many more. Each student was paired with a buddy (a student from the host university) whom they interacted with, shared their respective cultural information and also attended lectures with. These students (buddies) will be visiting H.R. College as a part of the Center for Student Leadership (social initiatives undertaken by KSU over a period of 4 years).

Both Universities are likely to participate at the 19th International Economics Convention hosted by our College in December, 2011.



With Dr. Daniel S. Papp, President, Kennesaw State University, USA

## > PLACEMENT CELL

### Coordinator

Ms. Bindia Batheja

The Placement Team under the leadership of its Director, Ms. Bindia Batheja, provides students with a platform to constantly stay in touch with the corporate world by means of live projects, summer internships and final placements.

Our alumni are based amongst the most respected organizations, nationally and internationally and are a significant source of support and encouragement.

### Placement Procedure

Each year the placements begin with a specially organized 2-day workshop for all the students, instructing them on rules and guidelines to be followed during placements and giving them pointers on resume writing, group

discussions, personal interviews and corporate etiquette in order to give them an edge.

**Pre-Placement Talk (PPT)** : The PPT provides an opportunity to the recruiting companies and the students to interact. Presentation by the companies about themselves (history, growth potential, future opportunity, etc.) and jobs available (content, compensation package, location, etc.) gives a very consequential insight to each aspiring student.

The college has assisted a large number of students to get placed in reputed organizations through the placement cell. The selected candidates this year were placed in several MNC's and renowned organizations. At H.R. College

the top four accounting firms - Deloitte, KPMG, Ernst and Young and PwC have recruited students this year. While KPMG has offered jobs to 34 students, Deloitte has hired 17 students and Ernst & Young has hired 11 students. Google has also hired 8 students.

The highest compensation to H.R. graduates has been made by Deloitte that is close to 4 lacs p.a.

Other companies that have hired H.R. students this year are: Google, Tata Capital, Tata Strategic Management Group, A.C.Nielsen, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Jet Airways, Kotak Mahindra Wealth Management, Directi, Edelweiss, PwC, Protiviti, Zomato, Hunt Partners and Essar to name a few.

# > LIBRARY RESOURCES

## Librarian

Dr. Madhuri Tikam



Faculty checking the books on display



Book Exhibition-cum-sale organised by HR College Library

## BOOK EXHIBITION

The Library organised a Book Exhibition-cum-sale on December 6, 2010. It was inaugurated by Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai and Principal, H.R. College. More than 4000 books were displayed on various subjects related to commerce. The event was appreciated by all the visitors, teachers, students, parents and administrative staff. They requested to make this activity more frequent in the future. Ms. Nisha Vinchu, the Librarian of Jai Hind College, also visited the exhibition and expressed her appreciation.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### NEW ADDITIONS

468 books were added to the Library which include Management, Banking & Insurance, Finance, Economics and other Commerce related subject books.

### ISSUE OF BOOK BANK BOOKS

Book Bank books were issued to F.Y.B.Com., S.Y.B.Com., T.Y.B.Com. students on August 25-27, 2010.

### VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY

- Ms. Vaishali Ekbote, the Librarian of NSS College, Tardeo, visited the library on October 8, 2010 for observing the computerisation and other Best

Practices of the library.

- Librarian Dr. Madhuri Tikam provided guidance to the Librarian Ms. Ligimol Benny of MMK College, Bandra, on computerization and Bar-Coding facilities in the Library on May 31, 2010.
- On April 5, 2010, a M.Lib.Sc. student of SNDT University visited the library to seek guidance for her research project.

### TRIP TO AMRITSAR:

The college organised a trip to Amritsar for its non-teaching staff from November 16 - 21, 2010. Mr. Mukesh Bhatia and Ms. Pooja Garde from the library joined the group and visited Amritsar, Dalhousie and Dharamshala. It was a memorable tour which encouraged team spirit and bonhomie amongst the staff.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- The Librarian Visited the Maharashtra State Government Digital Library, Andheri (East), on December 30, 2010.
- Dr. Madhuri Tikam, the Librarian, was called for Centralized Paper Assessment (CAP) for B.L.I.Sc. & M.L.I.Sc. Course papers on "Information Technology" by S.N.D.T. Women's University on November 24, 2010.

- The librarian along with teaching faculty visited the Book Exhibition at Sunderbai Hall, Marine Lines on April 23, 2010. They selected a range of books for the college library.

*“Mentoring students, helping them realize their potential, encouraging them to chase their dreams and inspiring creativity have always been the defining characteristics of this institution. There is no doubt that the coming years will see H.R. College of Commerce and Economics emerge as an institution that will optimize student involvement for social change, build leadership skills and support constructive dialogue between students and the community.”*

*-Indu Shahani  
Principal*

# > SPECIAL CELL



Principal Dr. Indu Shahani addressing the Special Cell students and their parents

The college has developed a system of support for students with dyslexia and other special educational needs by providing them with specialized and structured assistance in achieving academic as well as personal success.

A Special Cell has been set up in the college comprising teachers, experts and parents. The Maharashtra Dyslexia Association is in partnership with H.R. College on this project.

Under Ms. Simran Kalyani's guidance, the committee members of the cell Priyanka Dawra and Shweta Rohra, conducted a series of weekly tests for the **Final Year Degree College** students. The results of these tests were subsequently shared with the students

to help them improve their written communication skills. The Special Cell enlisted the help of the faculty members for assisting ATKT students.

The first **SYJC** parents meeting was conducted on July 31, 2010. Mrs. Anila Pillai, Vice-principal Junior College, reviewed FYJC annual results of these students and congratulated the achievers amongst the special cell students. A special guidance programme was conducted for students having difficulties in various subjects in the first week of August, 2010. Each student was assigned a support teacher who personally guided the students. The second SYJC meeting was conducted on December 9, 2010, to review terminal exam results of the students. At the third meeting

## CORE COMMITTEE DEGREE COLLEGE

### Co-ordinator

Ms. Simran Kalyani

### Committee Members

Priyanka Dawra

Shweta Rohra

## CORE COMMITTEE JUNIOR COLLEGE

### Co-ordinator

Mrs. Anila Pillai, Vice Principal

### Teacher-in-charge

Mrs. Shilpa Deshpande

conducted on 2nd February 2011, prelim exam result of special cell students was reviewed. Students were given instructions and guidance for HSC Board examination.

The first **FYJC** parent meeting was conducted on October 9, 2010. The students and their parents were informed about different practices and strategies adopted by the college for grade improvement.

A Study Skills Workshop was conducted in co-ordination with Maharashtra Dyslexia Association from August 20 to 30, 2010 where practical strategies for effective learning were shared with students who attended the workshop.

Another meeting was conducted on January 17, 2010 in which the terminal exam results of the students and their attendance was reviewed. The Students as well as their parents availed individual counseling by the subject teachers after the meeting.



Weekly tests for the Final Year Degree College students



Special Cell meeting with students and parents of Junior College



Special Cell workshop, Junior college



# INTERNATIONALISATION of HR

## > INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The International Programs Committee at H.R. College aims at preparing the students for the 21st century. The vision of the International Programs Office is to engage the student in the learning process and to help the student to adjust to work with people from different cultures.

The International Programs Office has instituted an International Programs Committee (IPC) to institute all its programs. In its second year the programs have increased both in momentum and quantum. Each program helps enhance the marketing, management and planning skills of the students.

IPC firmly believes that an international education will help prevent misunderstandings, promote peace, foster cultural relativity, connect human

beings and celebrate their common heritage. With this vision in mind HR IPC plans international student and teacher exchanges to foster the growth of individuals.

*Our programs include:*

- Inviting International educationists and dignitaries to Mumbai to share their thoughts and experiences with H.R. students and particularly address them on educational opportunities available globally. Countries represented include USA, UK, Canada, Australia, South Africa, Japan, France, Switzerland and Greece.
- UKIERI's Study India Program with King's College, London.
- India Leadership Exchange Program with NYU Stern School of Business, New York.
- Global Leaders Program with Friends

of India, New Jersey City University; S.P. Jain Center of Management Singapore; and H.R. College of Commerce & Economics, Mumbai.

- Research and Leadership Initiatives with University of West Georgia and Kennesaw State University, USA.
- E-Global Learning with New York University, USA.

Some of the recent programmes that have helped our college to strive towards a global approach:

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY

*May 23 to June end, 2010*

Each year a group of students visit UC Berkeley, USA for the Summer Sessions,



The International Programs Committee of H.R. College





IPC team at the Indo-US Summit on Higher Education



H.R. students with Mrs. Bhavana Shah at UC Berkeley

for a short course in a subject of their interest. This course gives the students an insight into University education in the USA and gives them an opportunity to live independently and explore opportunities for higher education.

This year the students enrolled themselves for subjects like International Finance, Mergers & Acquisitions, Conflict Resolutions, Micro / Macro Economics, Marketing & Integrated Marketing and Business Communication for Trade.

Mrs. Bhavana Shah, faculty Dept. of Mathematics visited UC Berkeley in May 2010 along with 42 students. She got an opportunity to audit courses in Microeconomics and Education. The course provided the opportunity to understand & learn the terminology application of Math's to Commerce and Economics. The experience was enriching, personally and professionally. The students of H.R. have greatly benefitted from her learnings from UC Berkeley.

## INDO AMERICAN SUMMIT ON HIGHER EDUCATION

*July 30- August, 1, 2010*

The Indo American Society organized the Indo - US Summit on Higher Education in Mumbai during July 30 - August 1, 2010. The Summit was inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri Kapil Sibal, Union Minister of HRD.

## IB ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE, SINGAPORE

*March 2010*

Dr. Indu Shahani presented the India Story at the IB Asia-Pacific 24th Annual Regional Conference. With the eyes of the world on India, this was a unique opportunity to showcase India and its potential to a forum of over 700 delegates from different parts of the world.

The shared learning resulted in an invite to Ritsumeikan Uji in February 2011 to present a Social Entrepreneurship program.

## CONFERENCE ON APPLICATION OF WORLD WIDE WEB IN DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

*September 2010*

Dr. Indu Shahani presented a paper at Kwazulu Natal Graduate School of Business, South Africa on the 'Use of Internet in India in the World Wide Web.' It was a three day conference. The

delegation also took the opportunity to visit schools in Cape Town for international exchange programs.

This was a great opportunity to showcase Indian IT skills with multiple techniques used for enhancing the presentation.

## EVENT FOR EDUCATORS AT NYU CAMPUS, ABU DHABI

*March 10- 13, 2011*

Ms. Shamira Abdulla, Director International Programs was invited to visit the NYU campus in Abu Dhabi. She attended an informational event for educators and counselors from different countries. Alfred H. Bloom, Vice Chancellor, NYU Abu Dhabi spoke on "The Vision for NYU Abu Dhabi." An Academic Q&A session was conducted by Fabio Piano, Provost, & NYU Abu Dhabi's Academic Deans; and Margaret Phelan, Assistant Dean of Admissions, NYU Abu Dhabi.

An interesting sample class was conducted by Prof. Cyrus Patell Associate Dean of Humanities on "Cosmopolitanism Now."



Skye Ward  
Outreach Manager, UC Berkeley



(L) Shamira Abdulla at NYU, Abu Dhabi

## 300 BONJOURS

October 11-15, 2010

The French Embassy in India has an Education section that works to facilitate education for secondary schools and prestigious colleges. The Department invites Indian as well as French Education Institutions on the most important existing mobility programmes between France and India.

**300 Bonjours** a programme introduced by the French Embassy in India brought educators from different parts of India to visit Paris to have an overview of education in France. A wonderful platform for interaction and development of education linkages and tie-ups between the two countries. Ms. Shamira Abdulla, Director International Programmes, H.R. College of Commerce & Economics, Mumbai; was one of the Delegates on the programme.



300 Bonjours brought educators from different parts of India to Paris to have an overview of education in France. Shamira is seen at extreme left.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES SUMMER INSTITUTE OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY

July 7-15, 2010

Prof. Sheela Shahe attended the summer program which was held from July 7-15, 2010 at the International Studies Summer Institute [ISSI] Indiana University - 15th Annual, USA.

The participants were educators from different countries. Various topics ranging from Poverty, Illiteracy, HIV, Unemployment, Environmental issues and International trends were discussed.

The sessions were interactive and included discussions and presentations. Through music, games and cultural shows participants were able to gain a better understanding and familiarise the topics which were discussed.

According to Prof. Sheela Shahe, "The programme was very interesting and informative. It was an educational training that improved my knowledge and will enable me to incorporate some of the learnings in my teaching at H.R. College, thereby enhancing the student-learning experience."



Educators from different countries at ISSI 15th Annual, USA

## INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS



Guangzhou



Columbia

Mr. P.K. Singh, Sports Director, H.R. College has been associated with national level sports since last 30 years. He has been instrumental in planning international Roller Skating since last 10 years. Mr. Singh is presently the most sought after judge for the same.

- Judge at the Roller Sports Asian Championship held in Taiwan, July 2010.
- Invited to judge the Roller Sports at the The Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games, or the XVI Asiad, China, Nov. 12-27, 2010.
- Invited as judge for the World Speed Skating Championship held in Columbia, Nov. 2010

## AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSION EVENT ON EDUCATION

February 19, 2011

Members of IPC and SIFE participated in an Event hosted by the Australian Trade Commission on Higher Education. The event gave the students an insight on Event Management and helped enhance their capacity to plan events.

# > STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

India Leadership Program (ILEP) is a new, three-year pilot program launched by Dean Sally Blount, NYU Stern School of Business. Stern students will travel to India in January each year; and Indian students, the majority of which require scholarship aid, will go to New York in May each year. ILEP will prepare promising young business leaders from each city to meet the challenges they will face in the increasingly globalized world through hands-on learning and global experience. This programme helps create powerful ties between NYU Stern and India and is a part of the School's over arching global strategy.

## The Programme:

- Lectures on International Business Strategy
- Research paper on Renewable Energy
- Presentation on a select Energy sector industry

## Method of Instruction

- Interaction with the professors
- Group discussion
- Individual stance and stimulating argument to back each stand
- Sum up of different arguments and common consensus

## Learnings from the International Business Strategy Course

- Culture differences in a global business environment
- Methods to cope with them
- Foreign Market Entry and Strategic Alliances
- Case studies



Learning the Stern GO GREEN Strategy



Presentations



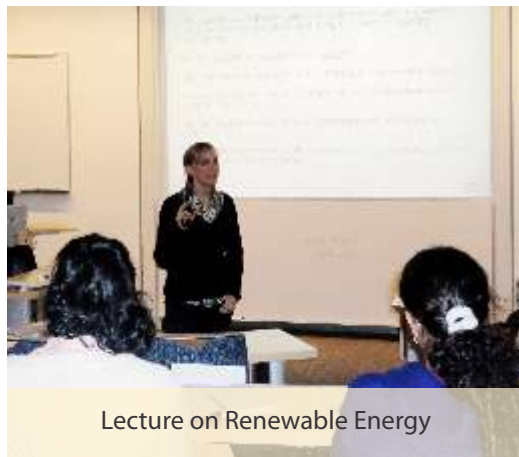
The coordinators of the program



The Students from HR College at NYU for the India Leadership Exchange Program, May 2010



Address by Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai & Principal H.R. College



Lecture on Renewable Energy



Presentation by H.R. College students

Forty students and faculty, from H.R. College of Commerce & Economics and St. Xavier's College attended this program in New York.

The highlight of the trip was the presentations that the 8 teams of 5 students each prepared and presented on The Renewable Energy and its Impact on the Energy Sector, at the end of the two weeks of the program.

The program included a series of lectures by eminent faculty from NYU Stern School of Business. Prof. Srivatsan spoke on Globalization and Multi nationals, giving an insight on world trade. Prof. Joe Foudy and Prof. Bill Guth spoke on the Impact of Politics and Culture of Globalisation citing a lot of examples from the globalised world. There were many guest lecturers from the corporate sector too. Mr. Cecil Scheib, Director of Energy & Sustainability at NYU, threw light on the different applications of renewable

energy that the NYU has been practising under his guidance. Ms. Eliza Eubank, Assistant VP for the Environmental & Social Risk Management Department at Citi, spoke about the various steps that CitiBank has taken to promote the use of renewable energy.

Along with these lectures there were visits to different parts of the city starting with the New York City Tour: an open topped bus where they saw the most famous and beautiful places like Brooklyn Bridge, Empire State building, Times Square, Wall Street and also the various shopping and community streets in NYC. Also there were visits to other places like the Elmer Holmes Bobst Library, often referred to as Bobst Library or Bobst, the main library at New York University which is a 14 storey building and the Metropolitan Museum of Art located on the posh street of 5th Avenue near Central Park. One evening was spent at a Broadway show, "The

Phantom of the Opera." Phantom is one of the most popular musicals ever and is now the longest-running musical in Broadway history. The group also visited Verdant Power, a wind hydro-power company on Roosevelt Island. This was very beneficial to the students as many of their projects were based on wind hydro-power. In the midst of all these lectures and visits, the students devoted much of their time to working on their proposal for the presentation. The fact that all groups undertook detailed research was evident, and all the groups strove to make this fact noticeable in the question and answer sessions at the end of the presentation.

The program concluded with a farewell lunch hosted by Stern where all students received a certificate for successful completion of the program. The Indian Leadership Exchange Program was truly a memorable and thought provoking experience.



The Farewell Lunch



HR Students bid a cheerful farewell to Prof. Srivatsan of NYU

# > UKIERI'S STUDY INDIA PROGRAM

August, 14 to September 3, 2010

The British Council, UKIERI, H.R. College of Commerce and Economics and King's College, London initiated a Study India Program. In this program students from various colleges in UK visit India for a period of three weeks.

The second Study India Program 2011 brought 105 students to Mumbai with the objective of understanding Indian economy, it's diverse culture and political structure.

An NGO internship by the students sensitized them to the problems faced by the weaker sections of the Indian Society. The students also visited Dharavi as a part of their project.

The students participated in the Independence day celebrations, the Ganpati Pooja, the Gokulastami celebrations and even learnt to play dandiya raas and do a Bollywood dance.



Principal, Staff and Students of H.R. College; Study India Program Students from UK; and Children from orphanage take a pledge during Independence Day Celebrations



The college terrace reverberated with dance, music and songs by students of H.R. College



Mr. Kishu Mansukhani, President, HSNB Board addressed the dignitaries and Students present



Sam Harvey, British Council Director, Western India; Mr. Peter Beckingham, British Deputy High Commissioner in Mumbai with Dr. Indu Shahani



Study India Program Students at the launch of the program

## NGO internships | Presentations



## Study India Program students integrating with the Indian community



# > VISIT TO EUROPE, USA & SOUTH AMERICA

November 1-17, 2010

Visits to different schools and universities in London, Bolton, Manchester, Greece, Paris, New York, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Buenos Aires had one agenda in mind: students need to bench mark with the best in the world. For this there is a need to set up world class academic institutions in India.

The trip had multiple learnings - multiculturalism, customs and traditions of different parts of the world, reverence to the homeland and a special pride in the mother country.

## Athens, Greece November 1-2, 2010



Nov. 2, 2010 - Dr. Shahani addressing the students on "Life After IB" and "Social Entrepreneurship by the Indian Youth" at INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ATHENS



Nov. 2, 2010 - Arthur Kattavenos, IB Diploma Co-ordinator; Prof. Tragas, School Head; and C.N. Dardousfas, Director, INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ATHENS

## United Kingdom November 3-9, 2010



Nov. 4, 2010 - Colin Matheson, Director of Scholarships, University of Westminster and Barnaby Lenon, Head Master, HARROW SCHOOL, HARROW, UK



Nov. 4, 2010 - Ian Fritza, Vice Principal (left) with the visitors at BOLTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, UK



Nov. 9, 2010 - Katie Ricks, Headmistress and K. Heydorn, IB Coordinator SEVENOAKS SCHOOL, KENT, UK

## United States of America November 11-17, 2010



Nov. 16, 2010 - Dr. Indu Shahani talks at a press interview with ABC News BROOKLYN CENTER HIGH SCHOOL, MINNEAPOLIS



Nov. 15, 2010 - Bruce Gilman, Principal and Paula Palmer, Program Director Minneapolis Public School ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL, MINNEAPOLIS, USA



Nov. 17, 2010: Eileen McCarthy & Rose Martinelli Assistant VPs and Scott F. Meadow, Faculty Director UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO BOOTH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

# > DELEGATION TO JAPAN & HONG KONG

February 16-26, 2011

Dr. Shahani was invited to address the International Students Forum held on February 18, 2011 hosted by Ritsumeikan Uji Junior & Senior High School, Kyoto, Japan. Dr. Shahani spoke about India's growth and the power of youth to bring about transformation at the grassroots level.

Ritsumeikan Uji invited Jyotirmoy Chatterji to deliver the keynote address on Social Entrepreneurship with a focus on Project Chirag and the Chirag Light India Movement.

The delegation took the opportunity to visit Tokyo and meet with Universities and school heads in Tokyo.



Feb. 17, 2011 - Delegation with Marie Bauford, College Counselor and Melanie Vrba, High School Principal, CANADIAN ACADEMY, KYOTO



Feb. 18, 2011 - With Chantal McAllister, University Advisor, Taejon Christian International School, South Korea; at the Students Forum, RITSUMEIKAN UJI JR AND SR HIGH SCHOOL, KYOTO



Feb. 21, 2011 - With Craig Sutton, IB DP Coordinator, Mik Bostwick, Exec. Director & Nobuko Wendfeldt, Bilingual Programme Director, KATOH GAKUEN GYOSHU HIGH SCHOOL, TOKYO



Feb. 22, 2011 - Keiko Okude and Michael Wagner, both College Guidance Counselors, KIST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, TOKYO



Feb. 22, 2011 - Dr. Shahani with Ryosuke Inomata, Associate Administrative Director and Graham Law, AO Recruitment(r), WASEDA UNIVERSITY, TOKYO



Feb. 24, 2011 - Met with Melanie Hnetka, Assistant Manager - Communications & Development, CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF HONG KONG, HONG KONG



Feb. 24, 2011 - (L- R) David Walker, Deputy Head Academic Secondary School, Graig Boyce IBDP Coordinator and Robert Mansueto, Director of University Counseling, CHINESE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, HONG KONG



## > FRENCH STUDENTS AT H.R. COLLEGE

In the academic year 2010-2011, five French students from IESEG School of Management joined our BMS department. These third year students from France studied alongside the second and third year Indian students at H.R. Their program was tailor-made as they chose classes from different semesters.

Describing their experience, Alix Cassin said, "H.R. has gone out of their way to help us. Not only did they help us adjust so beautifully in Mumbai, but often they accommodated our travel schedule."

Another student, Capucine Defert said, "Although my English was very weak when I first came to India, one of the teachers at H.R. tutored me each afternoon so that I was not self-conscious!"

The students were warmly hosted by the International Programs Committee which helped them to learn to live in India. Within a few weeks, we could hear them greet each other with 'Namaste' and use other Hindi words like 'Chalochale' when it was time to leave.



Students from IESEG School of Management

A year passed quickly with these French students, we will surely miss them!

## > EXPLORING ENTREPRENEURSHIP-USA

May 11 - 21, 2011

New Jersey City University (NJCU) in collaboration with H.R. College of Commerce & Economics, Mumbai and Friends of India, New Jersey, is building an Indo-US strategic partnership in Education and Business. Under this initiative a ten day program titled **"Exploring Entrepreneurship - A Global Leaders Business Program"** was organized at New Jersey. The objective of the trip was to understand the dynamics of the diverse economic markets. 25 students and 4 faculty members accompanied the Principal on the trip.

NJCU faculty made presentations on contemporary issues and cutting edge topics, such as Ethical Issues in U.S. Business, The Impact of Outsourcing to India on the U.S. Economy, Social Networking as an Advertising / Marketing Tool, Cyber Security, Short-term and Long-term Effects of the World-wide Recession on the U.S. and The Impact of the World Wide Web on



Daryl Rand, Joanne Bruno, Dr. Shahani, Carlos Hernandez, Lillian Hernandez & Shamira Abdulla at New Jersey City University, New Jersey, USA

Investigative Journalism.

The participants also learnt about the Business Development Incubator model and met with representatives of BDI member firms.

The students of H.R. College visited a micro finance entrepreneurship organization, Rising Tide Capital,

investment banks like TD Bank and Fidelity Investments, HarrisonRand AD agency and the headquarters of The Star Ledger which is the largest circulated newspaper in the state of New Jersey.

The academic rigour was interspersed by visits to the Statue of Liberty, Liberty Science Centre, Newark Museum etc. They also took a tour of 'Wall Street West'.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GLOBAL LEADERS BUSINESS PROGRAM

<b>President's Reception:</b>	University Hall, New Jersey City University	
<b>The Hudson County Chamber of Commerce Reception at Liberty Science Center:</b>	To honour Dr. Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai & Dean H.R. College	
<b>Mayors Reception:</b>	a) Hon'ble Jerramiah Healy, Mayor, Jersey City b) Donald Aronson Ex-Mayor of Englewood, NJ	<b>Joseph Scott</b> Chairman-Hudson County Chamber of Commerce
<b>The Star Ledger:</b>	Robert Provost, Director Marketing	
<b>Fidelity Investments:</b>	Insights on correct investment with Ms. Maria Nieves, Director Regional Management and Public Affairs	
<b>Harrison Rand Advertising:</b>	Ms. Daryl Rand, President	<b>Mayor of Jersey City Hon'ble Jerramiah Healy</b>
<b>Reception:</b>	AJ Khubani & Poonam Khubani, Founder & President TeleBrands	
<b>Meeting with Indian Business Community:</b>	Mr. Raju Patel, President, Jersey City Asian Merchants Association	
<b>Rising Tide Capital:</b>	Microfinance for Entrepreneurs Ms. Alfa Demmellash – Chief Executive Officer	<b>Ex-Mayor Donald Aronson Englewood, NJ</b>
<b>Dress for Success Reception</b>	Ms. Lillian Hernandez, CEO & President	
<b>Atlantic Coast Media Group &amp; TD Bank:</b>	Mr. Darek Hryniewicz, Mr. Andrew Surwilo, Mr. Patrick Disanto	

H.R. College acknowledges the immense contribution of Dr. Carlos Hernandez, President of New Jersey City University for his immense support for hosting the delegation for the ten day program at New Jersey. We also acknowledge the help extended by Ms. Daryl Rand, President HarrisonRand Advertising, in organizing and coordinating the entire program.

### INDIA LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE PROGRAM

May 22 - June 5, 2011

NYU Stern School of Business, H.R. College of Commerce & Economics and St. Xavier's College have partnered to start an India Leadership Exchange Program. Each May H.R. College and St. Xavier's College will visit New York and participate in the ILEP Program and each January NYU Stern School of Business will visit Mumbai. The Program is for two weeks and students will sit for Business Strategy Classes and will give a presentation on a research topic given in advance. This presentation will be judged by NYU Stern School of Business Professors.

### H.R. COLLEGE WINS THE T20 1ST IONIAN INTERNATIONAL CUP, CORFU, GREECE

April 23-30, 2011

India's young but triumphant HR cricket team returned home to a hero's welcome after winning the T-20 1<sup>st</sup> Ionian International Cricket Schools Tournament 2011 at Corfu, Greece. Organised by the Hellenic Cricket Federation (HCF) with the aim of celebrating the spirit and diversity of cricket, bringing together cricketers across continents & communities at a historical place.

A team of 13 students most of them studying in junior college participated in the game following Under 19 T-20 format. H.R. College of Commerce & Economics was privileged to be the only college from Mumbai; as only two colleges from the entire country were selected to participate. The team won the match against Bulgaria to reach the Semi-Finals and beat Qatar in the finals. Hearty Congratulations to Team HR!

This was not only a great opportunity for the students but also an honour for the college as the tournament is affiliated to the International Cricket Council (ICC) & England Cricket Board (ECB).



The players were greeted with trumpets, drums and dance by Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai & Dean H.R. College and Ms. Manju Nichani, Secretary of HSNC Board & Principal K.C. College along with staff and students of the college.



# Heroes Welcome for triumphant HR Cricket Team



'Good luck Captain' - Mayor of Corfu Mr. Ioannis Trepeklis



The HR team on way to Corfu, Greece

## HR TEAM for the 1<sup>st</sup> Ionian International Cricket Schools Tournament 2011 at Corfu, Greece

### Coordinator

Mr. Deepak Lulla, Superintendent

### Participating Players

Lakshya Kochhar (Captain)

Sanket Chheda (Vice Captain)

Bhavya Nishar

Pranav Raut

Mohit Shah

Mihir Satra

Aakash Mehta

Sagar Panjwani

Jigar Dedhia

Aakash Agarwal

Anirudh Punjabi

Varun Madiyar

Rushin Savla



The HR team with Principal



Winning HR Cricket Team - Corfu, Greece

# > GLOBAL VIRTUAL EXCHANGE



The participants from NYU



The participants from H.R.

As the world gets "flatter" and outsourcing becomes pervasive, the need for students to interact with other students like them in other parts of the world is essential to understand the competitive nature of globalization. The aim is to give our students the experience of learning, communicating, understanding and negotiating with students from another culture... in short, preparing them for the "flat world."

New York University President, John Sexton, asserts that "new forms of university cooperation are within reach. On the micro level, it is easy to imagine a proliferation of team-taught courses that connect faculty between institutions, enriching the course experience for students and enhancing the possibilities for research collaboration."

Internationalization of Higher Education is the need of the hour. Advancement in information and communication technologies has begun to impact all aspects of contemporary education. Digital tools are being integrated with the teaching-learning environment to go beyond the confines of the classroom and engage with the global village of higher education.

In our efforts to take education beyond borders H.R. College of Commerce & Economics forged this partnership with

NYU to foster intellectual capital, increase cross cultural understanding and enhance quality in higher education.

The Opportunity Programs at New York University and H.R. College of Commerce & Economics global virtual exchange has been one such collaboration where H.R. has moved beyond borders.

In February 2010, twelve business students from NYU volunteered to participate in the Global Virtual Exchange with twelve students from H.R. College in Mumbai, India. There were two online sessions in real time; February 8 and 15. Due to the time difference, NYU students logged into the Virtual Classroom at 10:00 p.m. while H.R. College students logged in at 8:30 a.m. in Mumbai. Both online discussions were productive as students discussed marketing concepts in culturally different societies. Between the two online sessions, students worked in groups on their assignments.

Students viewed 12 commercials, both American and Indian, on three selected themes: driving safely, global warming, and matrimonials. NYU students selected one mediocre American commercial and remade it for the Indian market and the H.R. students worked on a mediocre Indian commercial and

remade it for the USA market. Students had to ask each other questions about each other's culture to see what ideas and concepts worked or didn't work for the commercials in the two societies. Students were asked to write a script for the commercial based on a format that was provided. A professor from NYU-Stern and a business entrepreneur from Mumbai were asked to judge and select the group that came up with the best script for the remake of a commercial in terms of Relevance, Originality and Impact. All participants received a certificate of participation. The American students also received a copy of the Indian business magazine, "Business Today" (which was mailed to USA from H.R. College). Reciprocally, the Indian students received a copy of the American business magazine, "Business Week" (that NYU mailed them). The group that came up with the best idea for the commercial, three NYU and three H.R. students, received Malcolm Gladwell's *The Tipping Point* (Compliments of NYU Bookstore).

The global virtual exchange took place on the website developed by faculty in the Opportunity Programs at NYU and funded by New York State Education Department. The web address is <http://www.global-elearning.com>

## > INTERNATIONAL VISITORS TO HR

The year was eventful indeed with lots of visits and presentations by international visitors to H.R. College.

**8th October, 2010** - Claudia Stadelmann, Head of School; Soraia Dale Harris Diploma Coordinator, Centro Internacional de Educação Integrada (CIEI), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**21st October, 2010** - Delegation from USA under the USIDFI program - Dr. Ronald J. Troyer, Senior Counselor for International Initiatives Drake University; Dr. Janice M. Thomas, Director International Center, Brookdale Community College; Dr. Catherine C. Spaeth, Director Office of Global Studies St. Catherine University; Dr. Carolyn J. North, Assistant Vice Chancellor International Affairs University of Colorado; Dr. Sabine C. Klahr, Assistant Vice President for International Affairs Chatham University; Dr. Bette R. Bonder, Dean College of Science, Cleveland State University; Dr. Byron P. McCrae, Vice President and Dean of Student Life, Washington and Jefferson College; Mr. Matthew G. Pucciarelli, Associate Vice President, Office of Global Studies St. Johns University; Dr. Gil Latz, Vice Provost for International Affairs, Portland State University; and Dr. Nancy A. Marlin, Provost, Academic Affairs, San Diego State University.

**October 26, 2010 - Getting ready for Obama:** Building a Youth Agenda for the future of India-US relations; A panel discussion (Youth Dialogue) was held at H.R. College of Commerce & Economics to frame the points on which the youth of India and the US would like Dr. Manmohan Singh and President Obama to discuss, during the November 6 visit of the US President to India. This panel discussion was organised



**Oct. 21, 2010** - Visit of International **Education Administrators** from USA

by Gate House: the Indian Council on Global Relations which is an independent, non-partisan and membership-based institute that seeks to raise awareness of foreign policy issues through the dissemination of ideas, public debate and publishing reports about the political choices confronting India. Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai launched the dialogue by saying that Obama's visit is a defining moment in the history of bilateral relations between India and the United States of America. Dr. Shahani also said that the youth has an important role in shaping the future of Indo-US relations and it was important to have a dialogue which would build an agenda for Mr. Obama's visit. Craig Johnson, Superintendent of the American School, Mumbai was moderating the panel discussion. The panel comprised three Indian and three American young adults who discussed issues relating to the



**Oct. 14, 2010** - Professor **Lord Patel** of Bradford OBE, *University of East* Director of Strategic Partnerships and Senior Advisor to the Vice Chancellor, **Lady Yasmin Patel** and Professor **Patrick McGhee**, Vice Chancellor visited H.R. College. Student and faculty exchanges were discussed and Lord Patel also proposed organising Faculty Development programs for Indian teachers.



**Oct. 18, 2010** - Visit of **Rose Martinelli**, Associate Dean, Student Recruitment and Admissions, University of Chicago Booth School of Business to H.R. College where Dr. Shahani and Shamira Abdulla, Director International Programs discussed student and faculty exchanges.



**Dec. 6, 2010 - Dr. Dawn Dekle** from S.P.Jain Center of Management addressed the SYJC students on education in Singapore and offered students a scholarship for studying at S.P. Jain for the global BBA program which has 2 years in Singapore & 2 years in Australia giving the students a global experience in Finance, Marketing & Economics.



**Dec. 6, 2010 - Dr. Behruz Sethna**, President, University of West Georgia was the Chief Guest at the Toppers Awards of the FYBMS and SYBMS. The top ten rankers were given certificates and chocolates by Dr. Sethna. **The topper of FYBMS was Ms. Nidhi Lodha with 91.43% while Nidhi Bubna topped the SYBMS with 87.33%.**



**Dec. 13, 2010 - Dr. Caroline Karr**, Associate Dean for Global Initiatives and Ms. **Stephanie Veit**, Senior Associate Director, Global Alumni Programs, University of Chicago Booth School of Business shared insights on education after graduation, development of personal statements and career change as an important part of globalization.



**Dec. 15, 2010 - Brian Shanahan**, Councillor, Chair, Finance and Governance Committee and **Jane Sharwood**, Manager - Business & International, City of Melbourne visited H.R. College. Councillor interacted with Junior College students and made a presentation on the city of Melbourne and its multicultural dynamism. He was impressed with project Chirag by SIFE.

topic. The panel discussion was held for 30 minutes, followed by Q & A with the audience which comprised young students from H.R. College of Commerce & Economics and B.D. Somani School.

**Dec. 2, 2010 - Skye Ward**, Outreach Manager, Institutional Partnership Program, International Student Services, UC Berkeley Summer Sessions comes to H.R. College each year to discuss with our students the programmes offered at UC Berkeley Summer Sessions.

**Dec. 18, 2010 - Hitakshi Sehgal**, Program Associate School of Public Health (office: Epidemiology); **William A. Toscano**, Professor and Head Division of Environmental Health Sciences and Global Health Programs; **Mr. Joe Weisenburger** CFO of Public Health from University of Minnesota visited H.R. College.

**Feb. 2, 2011 - Mr. Potts**, Director of International Programs Kansas University visited the campus to share with the students courses that the University of Kansas offers both at the graduate and undergraduate level.

**Feb. 14, 2011 - Linden Education Fair 2011 - Representatives** from California Baptist University, Hofstra, Pace University and Long Island University visited H.R. College.

**March 18, 2011 - Graham Law**, Professor, AO Recruitment; **Ryosuke Inomata**, Associate Administrative Director, Admissions Office, Career Support Desk and Public Relations, Waseda University, School Of International Liberal Studies, Japan visited the campus.

**April 5, 2011 - Mr. Uttiyo Raychaudhuri**, Ph.D., Associate Director, UGA Global Programs in Sustainability, University of West Georgia, USA visited H.R. College.



**Jan. 6, 2011 - Dave Bernauer** (sponsor of SIFE International) and his family visited H.R. and the Paraplegic foundation alongwith the H.R. students. Dave has committed to contribute towards Project Chirag (SIFE HRC) and the Paraplegic Foundation.



**Jan. 12, 2011 - Dr. Shamsh Kassim Lakha**, former Minister of State for Education of Pakistan had an interactive session with H.R. students. His answers to student queries threw light upon the unique cultural issues faced by Pakistan. He quoted from the renowned Alakindi 'We appreciate education because it teaches us values,'and said that should be a mantra each one should inculcate.



**Jan. 17, 2011 - Erica Sosna**, Inspirational Educator and Life Coach Catalyst, Life Project spoke to budding social entrepreneurs of H.R. College on the values that need to be inculcated by each student to work successfully in the real world. She spoke of the hero in each and every one of us and how to become self aware and awaken that hero in ourselves.



**Jan. 21, 2011** - This was an eventful day for the Self Financing Courses of H.R. college when Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai & Principal H.R. College; Mr. **Colin Matheson**, Director Scholarships, University of Westminster London along with Mr. **Peter Anwyl** and Ms. **Jilly Borowiecka** from International House, London felicitated the toppers of the courses BAF, BBI & BFM.



**Jan. 24, 2011 - Janice Goguen**, Manager Business Development, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency Canada, **Mallika Das** - Professor of Business Administration and Tourism and Hospitality Management & **Archana Bhatnagar** - Chief Strategist, WE Connect India Initiative & Managing Director, Haylide Chemicals Pvt. Ltd; discussed education exchanges with Mount Sant Vincent University.



**Jan. 24, 2011 - Dr. Lady Tunnicliffe** of CASTME and **Colin Matheson**, Director Scholarships, University of Westminster London visited the campus to discuss how CASTME can be taken forward in India. CASTME is a program that focuses on bringing awareness to parents and students alike that what they visualise in the real world also has a scientific aspect to it.

## INTERNATIONALISATION OF HR



**Jan. 28, 2011** - **Ronald Stones**, OBE visited H.R. College to showcase Greenschool, an innovative model for Environmental Sustainability in Education that is a one of a kind school in Bali, Indonesia. His model combines the traditional English, Math and Science curriculum with the need of the hour, green studies and creative arts. "Learning by doing" is the philosophy at the school.



**Feb. 9, 2011** - President **Dr. Daniel S. Papp** and **Dr. Barry Morris**, Director of Cabinet Strategic Projects, Kennesaw State University, USA visited the campus to interact with students and faculty. Social commitment is a priority for both schools and SIFE HRC interacted with Kennesaw on student initiatives.



**Feb. 11, 2011** - **Patrick Kearins** (Consul Commercial) and **Kala Anand** Business Development, Manager, Australian Trade Commission met Dr. Shahani to discuss educational initiatives and exchange programme with HR College. Mr. Patrick Kearins wishes to work closely with HR on vocational & research initiatives with Australian Universities.



**March 4, 2011** - **Alex Chernov**, Chancellor, University of Melbourne, Chairman, Board of the Australia India Institute (All); **Susan Elliott**, Deputy VC, Global Engagement, University of Melbourne; **Prof John Webb**, Acting Director All; **Prof Amitabh Mattoo**, Director All; **Dr. Nick Hill**- General Manager, All; **Elise Fagone**- Event Manager All; **Vinod Mirchandani**, Country Manager University of Melbourne and Associate Director, All.



**March 11, 2011** - Bruntwood's is a key private sector partner of Bolton Council, the purpose of their visit was to promote Greater Manchester/Bolton as a business location and investor destination for Indian businesses. Seen here **Rob Yates**, Customer Service Director and **Andrew Butterworth**, Sales Director.



**April 7, 2011** - **Prof. Nilss Olekalns**, Head Economics Department, University of Melbourne; and **Mr. Vinod Mirchandani**, Vinod Mirchandani, Country Manager University of Melbourne and Associate Director, Australia India Institute (India); with **Dr. Indu Shahani**, Sheriff of Mumbai & Principal H.R. College and **Mr. Kishu Mansukhani**, President, HSNC Board(R).





BEYOND  
ACADEMICS

# > INDEPENDENCE DAY



Welcome to the students from UK



Welcome to children from an orphanage



Taking a Pledge

August 15, 2010 - The Hindi Sahitya Parishad was privileged to organize the Independence Day event. The 63rd Independence Day was celebrated with pomp and splendour with the Chief Guest Dr. Indu Shahani, Hon'ble Sheriff of Mumbai and Principal of H.R College of Commerce & Economics.

The students, dressed in saffron, white and green, came for the event in huge numbers to show their love for the largest democracy in the world. The feeling of pride and patriotism was palpable in the young citizens of India. 105 international students from King's

College, London were also part of the festivities. The program began with the flag hoisting by the Chief Guest and a pledge by the students to commit themselves towards maintaining the diversity and unity of the country. This was followed by patriotic speeches and recitation of poems composed by the students.

In her address, Principal Dr. Indu Shahani was glad to note that the "teens were in majority in India and it is they who have to FORGE, SHOULDER & SHAPE the nation's progress". She was positive that the progress would be by

leaps and bounds. She urged the student community to work with dedication & sincerity.

She gave a clarion call to the youth to rekindle the spirit of humanity & reminded them of the mammoth responsibilities that lie on their shoulders to preserve this independence and help the nation to progress & attain heights of glory.

A warm welcome was extended to the International students and they too were caught in the patriotic fervour on their first day in India.



Cultural performance by HSP students



Accolades for the performers



Encouraging words by the Principal

## > STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

A group of highly motivated students who want to be the change they wish to see in the world using knowledge gained in classroom to develop business models that help solve social issues

Students in the Free Enterprise of HR College (SIFE HRC) is a group of highly motivated students who believe in the "Power of One". They want to be the change they wish to see in the world around them. Using the knowledge gained in the classroom, they develop business models that help solve complex social issues.

The academic year 2010-11 began with SIFE HRC team winning the *Western Regional Competition 2010* organized by **SIFE India**, and ranking second in All-India with their Project Chirag at the SIFE National in July 2010.

For their commendable performance, the core group of SIFE HRC received a part scholarship to attend the **SIFE World Cup** as observers at Los Angeles in October 2010.

This brought about a great learning opportunity as the students watched all the amazing work presented by colleges from across the World, not to mention the fact that SIFE members returned highly motivated too!

### CHIRAG LIGHT INDIA MOVEMENT

**Project Chirag**, initiated by SIFE HRC in February 2010, is a rural transformation effort by the youth to improve the lives of their fellow Indians living in tribal areas. This transformation process was sparked off by the introduction of light (Solar) into the lives of the villagers. A model, where light is not just seen as a mere solar lamp but rather as a vital spark that will put in motion an entire socio – economic change in that sector of the society.

Innovation and creativity from the students brought unique mechanisms to finance and execute this project. It is with great pride and also with immense humility that SIFE HRC helped light up over 63 villages and impacted over 2000 families in Maharashtra, Rajasthan, UP and Karnataka.

The students of the founding group of Project Chirag gained due recognition for their efforts. Prachi Bali was awarded

a fully paid scholarship for her Masters at the University of Westminster, U.K. Jyotirmoy Chatterji and Abhinav Mehra were appointed as *Fellows for Social Development* after graduation. Zenobia Fernandes, for her selfless contribution to women's empowerment was awarded a scholarship for a student exchange program to NYU Stern Business School. During campus recruitments, students with SIFE projects on their resumes were the preferred choice.

The project gained an international dimension with the student president of SIFE HRC Jyotirmoy Chatterji being invited as the keynote speaker "**Learning to share & Sharing to learn**" at the **International Students Forum** in February, 2011; hosted by Ritsumeikan

#### IMPACT SO FAR ON COMMUNITIES

**63** VILLAGES      **2052** HOUSES

**11675** PEOPLE IMPACTED



SIFE Team of HR College



Visit to a village



Lighting up Lives-Installing a solar lamp



A rally on Marine drive to create awareness about the **Chirag Light India Movement**



Villagers turned up in large numbers to show their appreciation



Jyotirmoy Chatterji at the International Students Forum, Japan

Uji Junior & Senior High School, Kyoto, Japan.

	<b>SIFE HRC Team</b>	
<b>Coordinator</b>	Ms. Pratibha Pai	
<b>President</b>	Jyotirmoy Chatterji	
<b>Senior Vice President</b>	Abhinav Mehra	
<b>Directors</b>	Nisha Punjabi	Rachna Iyer
Chaitali Kulkarni	Gaurav Batheja	Parzaan Dastur
Afsheen Irani	Kiran Bhambhani	
<b>Student Movement and Revolutions Team (SMART)</b>		
Pratik Matai	Rhea Chandok	Shivangi Mussaddi
Vandini Bhandari	Rohan Hatsikar	Sama Jashnani
Vivek Kotak	Rahul Sanghi	Richa Fotedar
Anshruta Loyalka	Niharika Anand	Sargam Bhatia
Isha Kaul	Ritika Sethi	Aditya Mehta
Sanna Daya	Paayal Khanna	Nidhi Lodha
Kapil Malhotra	Riddhi Shah	Khushnum Patel
Rahul Punjabi		

Project Chirag entered and ranked first at a competition at **IIT Rourkee**. Jyotirmoy Chatterji and Abhinav Mehra visited IIT (R) to make the presentation.

SIFE international visitors Mr. Dave Bernauer and his team accompanied SIFE HRC students to spend an afternoon at the *Paraplegic Foundation*, Mumbai and complimented the initiative to have the solar lights assembled by the paraplegics.

Students are now in the process of conducting an impact assessment and will then venture into the field of healthcare and sanitation, education and economic activities in these villages.

The project has moved beyond a student project of SIFE HRC. Believing in the power of youth and seeing the impact a small group of SIFE HRC students could have on communities, it was decided to make this into a youth movement that lights up India, to enable the world to truly acknowledge **"India Shining!"**

## > PROJECT CHIRAG Straight from the heart...

*First hand experiences of those who helped give light!*

To: Dr. Indu Shahani,  
Principal, H.R. College of Commerce & Economics

From: Baktavar Elavia  
CAS Coordinator, Hillspring International School, Mumbai  
Subject: Thank you **HR-SIFE** and especially JC and Pratik Matai  
Date: Tue, 12 Apr 2011

Dear Dr. Indu Shahani and Ms. Pratibha Pai,

Words are insufficient to describe and express gratitude for the outstanding work put in by Vivek Kotak, Sama Jashnani, Sargam Bhatia, Abhinav Mehra, Bhavi Doshi, Parzaan Dastur, Rohan Hatiskar, Kiran Bhambhani, Rhea Chandok, Jyotirmoy Chatterji and Pratik Matai during our close and very warm exchange with Project Chirag.

We began our association with Project Chirag in December, 2010 and ever since then, your learners have shown unique strength in organisation, polite and caring disposition, an outstanding attitude towards excellent social entrepreneurship and more than any other virtue, the ability to stand by their word as humble and highly intelligent young leaders.

Every single moment spent organising our village visits, to briefing the parents has been handled with utmost precision, deep regard for the children's welfare and a mature foresight for unforeseen situations. My children, a school parent-doctor, our PE sir and I felt we were in very strong and safe hands even though all these students were just 18 years old!

I have been teaching for 10 long years and coordinating CAS for 3 years, but I have never come across such innovative thinkers, warm-hearted souls and such mature 18 year-olds! I truly salute their dedication and now humbly believe that India has a very bright future if these young men and women continue to serve the country and contribute to its economy.

JC and Pratik are exceptionally mature and responsible, patiently and caringly catering to our school's safety regulations and at every point so open-minded to listen to our points of view and to make sure we enjoyed our Project Chirag association. They were always available to answer our queries even though both of them were busy setting up International Programs and handling study responsibilities.

You are truly blessed to have such intelligent and thoughtful learners and I thank you and them for each and every moment spent with Project Chirag. It has been an exceptionally enriching learning process for Years 6, 7 and 8, all our parent and teacher facilitators and definitely me!

As the school CAS Coordinator, I look forward to a new brainchild of JC under the banner of HR-SIFE and our work together.

Warmly,

Baktavar.Elavia.

(CAS - Hillspring International School- Mumbai.)



Cheers to life!

To: Baktavar Elavia  
CAS Coordinator, Hillspring International School, Mumbai

From: Mika Wassoodew  
Student, Hillspring International School, Mumbai  
Subject: **Project Chirag** :)  
Date: Sun, 17 Apr 2011

Good Evening Ms. Elavia,

Please express my gratitude to the members of P. Chirag as well :)

Due to my careless and irresponsible behaviour, I was not supposed to be allowed to attend the village visit.. Sad, that I was missing out on time to be with FAMILY and time to spread rays of hope and light to all those unfortunate.. Thankfully, Ms Elavia saw it and allowed me to come along... :) "Delighted Me XD."

The best moments on this trip were understanding their lives... The blistering heat that they experienced.. The darkness...

It was amazing to believe they lived there.. Without a computer, Without a fan, Without much water

Their only source of income was their fields-which didnt seem to be doing to well, due to their lack of "Education" :(

Their extreme consideration for us as we hammered the nails into the walls was sooo sweet =D. Their smiles as they saw us trying to communicate in Marathi :) Their lit up eyes when the gleam of light fell on them :)

Memories Ill never forget =)

Thank you Miss E for bringing this Project to us,  
HR members for your warmth...

Hope to go for another village visit :)

Xx Mika :)

# > HR MODEL UNITED NATIONS

January 13-15, 2011



(L-R): Mrs. Rekha Bahadur, Vice Principal of HR College; Mr. François Pujolas, the Consul General of France in Mumbai; Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai & Principal of HR College; Chief Guest Mr. Rana Kapoor, MD and Chairman of YES Bank; Mr. Kishu Mansukhani, President, HSNC Board; Mr. Gul Kripalani, Owner, Pijikay Group of Companies; and Mr. Parag Thakkar, Vice Principal of HR College and (standing) the members of the HRMUN Secretariat

H.R. College of Commerce and Economics stood in truly prestigious company as it played host to an international Model United Nations (MUN) conference on its campus.

Under the supervision of our charismatic Principal Dr. Indu Shahani and a dedicated Secretariat, HRMUN was a magnificent event exemplified by its diverse group of delegates, unique committees and dedicated teams for logistics and hospitality.

HRMUN - a Model UN Conference is an educational simulation of the actual United Nations, is the second largest in Asia. During a Model United Nations conference, students take on the roles of

foreign diplomats and participate in a simulated session of an Intergovernmental Organization (IGO). It is a 21st century phenomenon in India and the popularity of the concept of MUN's amongst schools and colleges, has been skyrocketing over the past few years. Participants research a country, take on a role as diplomats, they investigate international issues, debate, deliberate, consult and then develop solutions to world issues. During a simulation they must employ a variety of communication and critical thinking skills to defend and advance the policies of their country.

After the tremendous success of HRMUN 2007, which attracted an

impressive 350 delegates from over 40 colleges across the country, the organizers of the 2011 edition were inspired to dream bigger at the dawn of the new decade. Finally, after months of careful planning, lengthy meetings, countless hours spent researching on the internet and detailed preparations an air of anticipation filled the corridors of H.R. College on the morning of January 13, 2011, the opening ceremony.

As for the delegates, they looked keen to proceed with the formalities of an opening ceremony and were eager to put their extensive research into words.

The opening ceremony, in itself, was a sight to behold. The several hundred



Address by Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai & Principal of HR College



Address by Chief Guest Mr. Rana Kapoor, MD and Chairman of YES Bank



Mr. François Pujolas, the Consul General of France in Mumbai; declares the MUN open



The Flag March at Opening Ceremony



Consul Generals address the gathering



Dignitaries and Consul Generals and flags of various countries

suit-clad individuals present in the auditorium would have done any Raymond connoisseur proud. Besides them, numerous dignitaries from the consulates of various nations gave the proceedings a truly international feel. The Chief Guest Mr. Rana Kapoor, MD and Chairman of YES Bank, was escorted on to the stage by the Principal. After the formalities of the induction of the Secretariat and opening speeches by the Secretary-Generals Rishabh Shah and Sanchit Gulabani; the audience was treated to some inspiring words by Mr. Rana Kapoor, Dr. Shahani and Mr. François Pujolas, the Consul General of France in Mumbai.

This was followed by short addresses by dignitaries from USA, China, Russia, Iran,

Spain and several others. As one keen onlooker aptly pointed out, "It feels like we are sitting in a session of the United Nations General Assembly here in the H.R. College. This is unbelievable!"

On the first day of the Committee, delegates were briefed on procedure and their topic areas. Some light-hearted introductions were observed in each committee. At the end of the first day, all eyes turned to the HR Terrace for **'Global Village'** a multi-cultural event meant to serve as an icebreaker for the delegates and also to spread awareness of unity in diversity. Participants would readily vouch for the positive effect the event had on all ensuing dialogues and debates. The H.R. Terrace was set alight by this show of dance, music and cuisine

and the evening ended on a high note.

On the second day, hours of heated debate and deliberation were interrupted only by the afternoon lunch. The World Bank Forum discussed the grave predicament of the world economy, the declining role of the US dollar and the possibility of a new international currency. The Human Rights Council (HRC) debated the issue of legalization of prostitution while the FIFA Committee, filled with passionate football fanatics discussed the need for goal-line technology in the game. Similarly, each committee from the Futuristic Security Council (FSC) to the Indian Union Cabinet (IUC) dealt with their topic area in a professional manner. Through all of this, a well-directed team of reporters known as the Press Corps



The World Bank Forum



The Human Rights Council



The Indian Union Cabinet

## BEYOND ACADEMICS



Fashion Parade at the Global Village



Performance by the participants at the Global Village



A stall at the Global Village

marched through the hallways, writing articles and capturing moments worth remembering throughout the MUN. They printed several issues of their newsletter 'Six Feet Under' which was distributed to every delegate and was arguably the heartbeat of the conference.

Another highlight of the event was when the Human Rights Council was addressed by a guest speaker *Mr. Robert Swan*, an Englishman who had walked to both the north and the south poles and has made tremendous progress towards his aim of curbing global warming. His inspiring words left many speechless and determined to play a more active role towards attaining whatever they felt strongly about.

At the end of Day Three, almost every Committee had successfully passed a resolution and was left enveloped in a spirit of nostalgia reminiscent of the three eventful days spent at the HRMUN. Proceedings ended with a closing ceremony where those delegates who performed exceptionally were felicitated for their efforts.

As one cheerful delegate said during the closing ceremony, having just received an award, "It has really been an excellent three days! Top class! Thanks to all of you MUNers! By the way, when can we apply for the next HRMUN?"



Grand finale at the Global Village



Award for the European Council Delegates



The Best Overall Contingent Award



## > WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CELL



Various NGOs attended 'Mental Health of Women and Role of Service Providers' organised by 1298

The power of the Modern Indian Woman is something that's never ignored at HR! It's obvious then, that the college leaves no stone unturned to ensure the active participation in one of the very important social clubs: *The Women's Development Cell*.

The year commenced with a workshop by Dr. Suman Bijlani, a renowned gynaecologist and obstetrician. The topics addressed by her were those which are very relevant in today's fast paced age and time. *'A healthy mind, in a healthy body'* was one of the topics covered by her. She not only discussed various aspects such as the diet, mental balance, healthy living habits and combating stress, but also catered to individual problems of the students, on a personal level. The workshop was conducted, mainly to assist young girls to cope with the problems faced by them in their day to day lives.

With the aim of making the young students aware of the various social evils existing today, a workshop was held by the members of the well known helpline and ambulance service - '1298', headed by the young Shweta Mangal. This workshop on *'Mental Health of Women and Role of Service Providers'* was indeed an eye opener. Attending the seminar were representatives of renowned NGO's

inclined towards women development like YWCA, Center of Study of Social Change, Family Welfare Agency, Protect Our Women, Women's Guidance Cell, Sneha, Akshara, SATHI, the 103 Police Helpline and many more.

The first topic highlighted was *Mental Health and Stability of Women* which was addressed by Mrs. Chitra Joshi from 'Dilara,' which is a Crisis Council Department at Bhabha Hospital. Her valuable tips on combating psychological stress were appreciated by one and all. Following this, was Mrs. Divya Talya from the Special Cell for Women and Children, spoke on *the Role of Service Providers*. She not only gave the audience an insight into the psyche of domestic violence, but also explained the remedies provided under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005. This was an enlightening experience, and made each one realize the importance of standing up, against this growing social evil. The interactive session with the audience, was filled with interesting questions, which were aptly answered by the speakers. The event inspired everyone present, to become socially responsible citizens.

HR Faculty is always keen to take up projects on women's issues. Hence W.D.C. partnered with an NGO 'Passages' and organized a talk on *'Pathway to Excellence'*



Dr. Suman Bijlani -  
'A healthy mind, in a healthy body'



Rubina D'Souza of 1298



Sweta Mangal, CEO, Dial 1298 for Ambulance

### CORE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Rekha Bahadur	Mr. Parag Thakkar
Mrs. Anila Pillai	Mrs. Dipika Bhatia
Ms. Pratibha Pai	Mrs. Saleha Syed

by the renowned spiritual speaker Ms. Jaya Row with the objective of suitably equipping the graduating batch to lead a balanced life.

Grooming and Personality development is the need of our budding youngsters, gearing up to step out into the corporate world. Recognizing this, the team of KAYA, was called to address the students on issues pertaining to personal hygiene and self confidence. This was followed by a free skin check up conducted by them. KAYA experts provided solutions to various skin problems faced by teenagers.

## > PLANNING FORUM



Orientation of the Planning Forum



MBA workshop by Mr. Kamlesh, IMS India

### Orientation

The Planning Forum orientation was organized on July 22, 2010. A warm welcome was extended to new members by Prof-in-charge Ms. Jaya Manglani. Chief Guest Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai and Principal H.R. College of Commerce & Economics highlighted the importance of the Planning Forum in the University of Mumbai and our country.

A Brainstorming event was organised to encourage reading, presentation skills and team work of the members. After careful research on current topics, the participants made presentations. A discussion followed each presentation which was a good learning experience.

### MBA Workshop

Planning Forum successfully held the most anticipated event "MBA Workshop"

from August 19-22, 2010. The MBA workshop is held every year where students pursuing MBA are guided by IMS, a coaching institute to help the students crack the entrance exams. The event began with an encouraging speech filled with amazing anecdotes and guidance by Mr. Kamlesh, (IMS). Students were coached for CET, CAT, GMAT and TOEFL exams by various counselors and experts. There were also mock examinations for the same. Students were put through Group Discussion and Personal Interview where they had to stimulate their brains and get creative. Personality Development sessions were also conducted by Mr. Satyam (IMS). The valedictory speech was given by Vice Principal Mrs. Rekha Bahadur in which she expressed her happiness over the event.

### CORE COMMITTEE

<b>Coordinator</b>	Ms. Jaya Manglani
<b>President</b>	Nain Bhatia
<b>Vice - President</b>	Dhaval Bhagat
<b>Mentor</b>	Banisha Singh Anand
<b>Creative Head</b>	Pashmina Rijhwani
<b>Secretary</b>	Sujoy Mukherjee
<b>Organising Head</b>	Priyanka Dawra Sandeep Verma
<b>IT Head</b>	Mohit Punjabi

### Teachers' Day

On September 5, 2010 Planning Forum organized an entertainment program for teachers which included games, sports, music & singing by students and lots more fun. Each teacher was given a specially prepared teachers' day card by the Planning Forum members. The event concluded with a cake cutting ceremony.

### 46th A.D. Shroff

### Elocution Competition

This competition was held on December 10, 2010, where participants spoke on various topics like Global Economic Crisis & Challenges before India, Good Corporate Governance, Farmer suicide causes & cure, and story of Telecom Revolution in India. Participants put forward very interesting and thought provoking ideas. The judges for the competition were Dr. Geeta Nair and Mrs. Madhu Kelkar, faculty, H.R. College.

## > ACCOUNTANCY ASSOCIATION

The Inaugural function of the oldest club of H.R. College, the Accountancy Association was organized on August 26, 2010 with enormous enthusiasm. The function commenced with a warm welcome to the Chief Guest Dr. Indu Shahani, Hon'ble Sheriff of Mumbai and Principal of H.R. College of Commerce & Economics. The Guest of Honour Mr. Sanjeev Lalan, an eminent Chartered Accountant elucidated the importance of integration of the accountancy



Mr. Sanjeev Lalan, CA; on the importance of integration of the accountancy curriculum of the University with the IPCC exam of the ICAI

**CORE COMMITTEE****Coordinator**

Ms. Champa Bhatia Ms. Jaya Manglani

**Members**

Karishma Amarnani	Dixita Patel
Chitrini Chalmela	Darshan Shah
Sanchi Paingy	Anuj Singhal
Sumit Bhatia	Dev Shah
Pratik Utekar	Siddhi Amare



Mr. Sanjeev Lalan felicitated students of the Association

curriculum of the University with the IPCC exam of the ICAI. Mr. Lalan believes that the students should enjoy campus life along with their professional studies. An enlightening speech was delivered by Dr. Shahani, highlighting the importance of ethics in professional accountancy



The Core Committee of the Accountancy Association with Mr. Sanjiv Lalan

by the students in their careers. "This would avoid future accounting frauds like *Satyam*", she said.

Dr. Shahani extended a special felicitation to Ms. Isha Dave, trustee of Jyoti Care Benevolent Foundation and the members of the *Vision Screening Project*, for their selfless service and sincerity towards the project.

The toppers of various subjects at final year B.Com., BAF & BBI were felicitated by Mr. Sanjeev Lalan and Vice-Principals Mrs. Rekha Bahadur and Mr. Parag Thakkar. The past members of the Accountancy Association received a special award for their performance for the AY 2009-2010.

The event concluded with the induction of the Core Committee for the AY 2010-2011.

## > PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT

### Certificate Course

The Bombay Chartered Accountants' Society (BCAS) and H.R. College of Commerce & Economics started a certificate course for professional accountants in 2007. The objective of the course is to train working professionals.

The syllabus covers subjects like Accounts, Tax, Costing, MIS, ERP, Financial Packages, Office Systems and Communication Skills. An expert faculty is invited to deliver the lectures. Any TYBCom graduate with either three years of work experience or has completed the articleship can enrol for the course.

The sessions are scheduled in the evening for the benefits of the working



Inauguration of the Professional Accountant Course Batch XI  
Nov. 23, 2010

participants. The lectures are conducted over a period of 12 weeks with classes held thrice a week.

The 12th batch for this professional certificate course commenced on April 29, 2011.

**Coordinator**Mr. Parag Thakkar  
Vice Principal, Degree College

The Professional Accountant Course  
Batch XII - April 29, 2011



# > SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School covers a wide range of dynamic courses which reflect emerging trends to supplement classroom curriculum and to help in knowledge enhancement and skill development among the students of the college

Since 2005, H.R. College has succeeded in providing the students with the tools needed to meet the challenges of tomorrow through different Summer School programmes.

This year, the Summer school is covering a wide range of dynamic courses which reflect emerging trends. The curriculum in colleges does not change at the rate

at which the dynamic world of work is. Therefore, to supplement classroom curriculum and to help in knowledge enhancement and skill development among the students the college has introduced many new courses.

These programmes are designed to meet diverse needs of the students, parents and the alumni. Therefore,

besides business and commerce courses like Finance Fundas, Advertising in Action, Young Savvy Manager, Essential Maths & Statistics for Higher Studies, Equity and Derivatives Arbitrage and Venture Capital; the College has also included programmes such as Gemology, Modern Dance, Street jazz, Facing the Corporate World & Core concepts in Graphic Designing.

## YOUNG SAVVY MANAGER

This course is designed to facilitate students learning for the following basic concepts of:

- Communication Skills
- Corporate Etiquette
- Contemporary Issues Globalization
- Stock Market
- Reading an Annual Report
- Ethics and Environment
- Outbound training (a field trip)
- Team Building
- Final presentation

## ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS

This course is designed to facilitate students learning for the following basic concepts of:

- Venture Capital - Concepts, Need, Returns & Participants
- Private Equity Funding - Concepts, Need, Participants, Global
- Consequences
- Pitching Business Ideas to Venture Capitalists.
- Hedge funds
- Derivatives
- India and Hedge Funds? ..... the road ahead
- Hedge Funds - Market Crashes & Meltdowns
- Equity Derivative in India

- Creation, settlement, premiums, risks, margins.
- Investing in Art
- Venture Capital and Art
- The Market for Contemporary Indian Art.

## FINANCE FUNDAS

This course is designed to facilitate students learning for the following basic concepts of:

- Basic valuation Model (Bond, Equity)
- Cash budgeting
- Dividend Capitalization Approach
- Time Value of money
- Measurement of Market Risk
- Cash Management
- Solving of Illustrative Problems with Case Study
- Long Term Cash Forecasting
- Receivable Management with case studies

## FACING THE CORPORATE WORLD

This course is designed to facilitate students learning for the following basic concepts of:

- Handling group discussions and personal interviews
- Decision making
- Time management

- Stress management
- Negotiation skills
- Business communication, with special emphasis on written communication
- Importance of management as a field of study
- Some aspects of customer relationship management

## EQUITY AND DERIVATIVES ARBITRAGE

This course is designed to facilitate students learning the basic concepts of:

- Introduction to Bazar
- Introduction to Investment
- Trading
- Jobbing
- Arbitrage
- Introduction to Derivatives
- Option Arbitrage – Call
- Option Arbitrage – Put
- Knowledge Test
- Interactive Session

## FUSION DANCE (BOLLYWOOD / WESTERN)

Four Dances based on Hindi & English songs will be taught.



Designing for print media versus designing for the web can be a completely different experience. Students learn basics of **Advertising** along with branding; **graphic design** as “the art or profession of visual communication” with help of specific software; and creation of web pages for **websites**.

## ESSENTIAL MATHS & STATISTICS FOR HIGHER STUDIES

### Basic Algebra

- Number System
- Sets and Functions
- Exponential and Logarithmic Functions
- Algebraic and Geometric Progressions

### Calculus

- First Order Derivatives
- Higher Order Derivatives
- Partial Derivatives
- Optimization

### Matrices and Linear Algebra

- Algebra of Matrices
- Hypothesis Testing
- Solving system of linear equations using matrices

### Probability Distributions and Testing

- Probability distributions
- Confidence Intervals

### GEMOLOGY

- Introduction on Gemstones
- Natural and Synthetics
- Ruby and Sapphire
- Emerald and Hessonite
- Cats eye and Coral
- Pearl and Diamond
- Knowledge on Semi - precious
- Brief Introduction
- Brief Introduction on Treatments on Synthetics
- Final Exam

### JEWELER'S INSIGHT

- Knowledge on Metals
- Various Designs

- Different types of settings
- Knowledge on stones and colours
- Various cuts
- Jewelry making process
- Calculation and knowledge on MCX
- Final Exam

### MARKETING RESEARCH & MANAGEMENT

- Increasing Need of Marketing Research
- Branches of Marketing - Dealers Surveys and Shop Audit
- Methods of conducting Marketing Research
- Techniques of conducting marketing research
- Sales Forecasting
- Strategic Marketing Process
- Dealing with Competition
- Services Marketing

### FUNDAMENTS & TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

- Introduction to Technical Analysis
- Price Fields & Types of Chart, Validity
- Dow Theory, Types of Trends
- Volumes, Role of Volume
- Moving Averages and Strategy
- Candlestick Patterns
- Price Patterns
- Indicators and Oscillators
- Stop Loss & Practical Sheet
- Final Exam

### ADVERTISING IN ACTION - 'HAVE FUN WHILE YOU LEARN'

This course is designed to facilitate student learning following basic

- concepts of Advertising
- Introduction to Advertising and Branding
- Creation of Print Ads.
- Creation of Digital Ads and dealing with Brand Wars.
- Dealing with IMC and Media Planning

### GRAPHIC DESIGN CONCEPTS

This course is designed to facilitate students learning for the following basic concepts of:

- Creative projects with graphic elements
- Professional page layout for easy readability
- Software to combine text and graphics CORELDRAW
- Photo editing software to enhance images PHOTOSHOP
- File sharing between programs and formats used
- Personalized templates for specific use

### WEB PAGE DESIGNING

This course is designed to educate students to create web pages

- Planning a website and basics of web page design
- Creating compelling text content and stunning web pages
- Designing your own web page
- Designing frame based web pages
- Animating web pages and utilising 'Power' components
- Introduction of flash
- Launching, promoting and marketing a web design

## > CERTIFICATE COURSE IN CYBER CRIME MANAGEMENT



Students with their certificates - Certificate Course in Cyber Crime Management

The Certificate Course in Cyber Crime Management is a unique programme designed exclusively for the students of H.R. College of Commerce and Economics by Asian School of Cyber Law. With the advent of internet technology we see extensive usage of electronic form of communication. Internet is used by students for academic research, knowledge upgradation, social networking, entertainment, gaming, shopping and much more.

This scenario gives us a red alert about the misuse of internet. It is the need of the hour to introduce and educate the

students on the evils of internet and legal repercussion of its misuse. Moreover, they should also be educated on the concept of Internet Hygiene.

The course was conducted for 2 hours per day for 12 days, from August 26 to September 8, 2010. The course fulfils the objective of introducing the students to the concepts of Cyber Crime.

Course modules included:

- Cyber Crimes
- Practical Internet Sessions
- Recovering digital evidence from steganographic content and

protected files

- Recovering digital evidence from deleted files
- Using Trojans, spyware to recover digital evidence
- Email Hijacking and Phishing to recover digital evidence
- Introduction to Cyber Law
- Fundamentals of computer security
- Real World Cyber Crime investigations

### Coordinator

Mrs. Anila Pillai  
*Vice-Principal Junior College*

## > GRADE IMPROVEMENT

The objective of this programme is to enhance the performance of the students in S.Y.J.C. whose grades are found unsatisfactory at the F.Y.J.C. Annual Exam. Few other students were also included in this program due to their poor performance in specific subjects.

In order to help these students to improve their grades it was decided to conduct a special unit test for them. The assessed answer papers of the Unit Test

were given to the students and parents in a subsequent meeting held in August, 2010.

A special workshop in mathematics was conducted for students who were very weak in the subject. Later these students were given a test to help us evaluate their progress.

Students who could not maintain satisfactory grades in the preliminary examinations held in January 2011 were

given a re-preliminary exam. Before the re-prelims, the performance of the students was constantly monitored and shared with the parents.

The number of failures and pass classes were NIL this year!

### Coordinators

Mrs. Deepika Bhatia  
*Vice Principal Junior College*  
Mrs. Bhavna Shah

# > HEF - QS BENCHMARKING WORKSHOP

Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai & Principal of H.R. College inaugurated the Higher Education Forum on QS Benchmarking Workshop. **Dr. A.K. Sen Gupta, Convenor HEF** welcomed the guests and set the tone for the workshop. The two distinguished speakers invited were **Dr. Kevin Downing, City University, Hongkong** and **Ms Mandy Mok, MD, QS - Asia**.

Dr. Kevin Downing spoke on "**How to use rankings and benchmarks for positive institutional change?**" highlighting the importance of using ranking and benchmarking to improve performance & indicated the different performance indicators which contribute to quality in the institutions.

Ms. Mandy Mok spoke on the role of QS in ranking schools across the globe and how their ranking system is efficient in measuring the quality of an institution.

Higher Education Forum (HEF) a forum of leading academicians organized its Second Annual one day convention at ITM, Kharghar. The conference theme was 'Excellence in Higher Education'. The convenor Dr. A.K. Sengupta described the movement from the zone of inefficiency to the zone of efficiency, from the zone of efficiency to the zone of effectiveness, and from the zone of effectiveness to the zone of excellence. There was a general consensus that excellence in higher education rests with learning people rather than learned people.

Dr. Natrajan, former Director IIT Madras and former Chairman AICTE explained that 'There are lots of agendas in higher education like expansion, relevance, inclusive education, affordability and so quality and excellence is always last on the agenda. The biggest challenge is to attract passionate and committed teachers who can bring quality and excellence in higher education.'

Dr. Anil Kakodkar, former Chairman of AEC and Chairman of the High Power Committee for Reforms of Higher and



Professional Education in the State of Maharashtra spoke on the relevance of research in education and how education should equip people to solve the problems of the future.

Dr. David Caputo, President Emeritus, Pace University, New York, U.S.A, spoke on the three 'A's which are Access, Affordability and Accountability. Dr David also spoke on the importance of Internationalization of education. He reiterated that cultural exchanges are the need of the hour to create a global environment right from the campus days. The first technical session focused on driving excellence in education, corporate and stakeholder perspective.

Mr. Rajeev Dubey, President HR, Mahindra and Mahindra spoke on the importance of focusing on 'We' rather than 'I' and working as a team to build the institution of excellence and the need for 'co-creation rather than competition'. Mr. Dubey mentioned the importance of producing people who can 'Generate Trust' and create a win-win situation for everyone.

Dr. Ganesh Natrajan CEO of Zensar Technology explained the importance of path breaking and benchmarking in education.

Dr. Suresh Ghai, Director, KJ Somaiya

Institute of Management Studies explained the importance of implementation quotient over intelligence quotient and emotional quotient.

The second session started with Swami Sarvasthanand, Editor Shri Ramkrishna Jyot who spoke on the importance of 'An Ideal' in institutional building and how Indian institutions with great ideals have been successful.

Dr. Sharokh Saudagaran, Gary E James. A Millgard Endowment Dean, Millgard School of Business, University of Washington, USA exclaimed 'Arguing against globalization is like arguing against gravity'. He emphasized on the strong demand of faculty who are passionate and qualified. Dr. Sharokh spoke on the need for faculty exchanges and explained that the exchanges should be productive and sufficient time should be given to the faculty on the exchange assignment. Dr. Nandkishore Khondap, NMIMS, Mr. Vinod Tibrewala, Chancellor, JJT University, Mr. Krishna Khanna, Chairman and Founder, I Watch, Dr. Sheela Nabar, Principal, Russel Square International College were felicitated by the HEF members for their life-long contribution towards education.

# > TALENT PARADE

Sept. 16, 2010

## CORE COMMITTEE

**Coordinators** Ms. Bharti Sharma  
Mr. Niren Mehta

**Members**

Aamir Zaroo	Roshni Bajaj
Chirag Jogi	Raunak Thadani
Reshma Bhatia	Rahul Wankhede
Sandeep Verma	Manal Bhombal
Mohit Panjabi	Aakash Mehta
Maqsood Mallick	Sheetal Raghani



Dance by French Club



Bollywood Dance by C.H.O.I.C.E.

Talent Parade has been one of the most popular and appreciated dance-and-music shows in the College. It is a gala Annual Day Event which gives a platform to the best creative talent in singing, dancing and compeering.

The event commenced on a patriotic note instilling a spirit of unity amongst all present. A graceful welcome dance was performed greeting and welcoming all the guests.

There were melodious performances by singers, accompanied with a live orchestra. Several entertaining dances were performed by various competing clubs of the College. The most awe inspiring performance was by CHOICE club that represents H.R. College in all inter-collegiate competitions. A skit delivering a message of 'Strength in Unity' was put up by the Commerce Club. Mrs.



Vice Principals Mrs. Deepika Bhatia & Mrs. Rekha Bahadur; Chief Guest Sheriff of Mumbai and Principal Dr. Indu Shahani; Guest of Honour Mr. Dinshaw Rusi Mehta; Vice Principals Mrs. Anila Pillai & Mr. Parag Thakkar



Bengali Dance by Ms. Milita Ganguly



Organising team of Talent Parade





Winning dance by Accountancy Association



Special performance by the H.R. College Faculty



A skit delivering a message of 'Strength in Unity' by the Commerce Club.



"ENIGMA" the fashion show



Finely dressed girls - "ENIGMA"



Lakshay Kochar and Monali Roy - Mr. and Miss H.R. 2010

Amrita Kambli performed Kathak dance followed by the Bengali Dance by Mrs. Milita Ganguly. The element of surprise to this event was a special performance by Dr. Indu Shahani, which left everybody thrilled, making the event a huge success.

In due course several dignitaries were felicitated including our Principal Dr. Indu Shahani, Guest of Honour Mr. Dinshaw Rusi Mehta and the Vice Principals Ms. Rekha Bahadur and Mr.

Parag Thakkar. The Induction ceremony of the Students' Council and Sports Council was also held during the event.

The show concluded with the most awaited segment of the day, 'H.R. Fashion Show' with a fascinating theme "ENIGMA." Finely dressed girls and boys walked the ramp, enthralling all. The contest ended with a personality competition, selecting the winners who were given the titles of Mr. and Miss H.R. 2010.



Superb rendition by Sanchi

# > FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS AT HR



**Dussehra** - Gifts for the Administrative Staff



**Navratri** - Dandiya session on the college terrace



**Dussehra Puja**



**Festivities after the Durga Puja**



**Mahalaxmi Puja**



**"Aarti" after Laxmi Puja**

# > SATYANARAYAN PUJA

January 14, 2011



Peon Virendra and his wife Madhuri perform the *Satyanarayan Puja*

The annual *Satyanarayan Puja* was held on the H.R. College terrace to commemorate the fortieth Death Anniversary of our beloved Founder Principal, Shri H.C. Malkani. The peon Virendra Singh along with his wife Madhuri, performed the *havan and puja*.

Faculty, students, associates and guests participated in a '*Shanti Paath and Havan*' which was conducted by Prof. Sharma, Director Admin., H.R. College. This was followed by *bhajans*.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch thereafter and also flew kites to mark "*Makar Sankranti*". The devotional day was enjoyed by one and all.



Sharma ji conducts the "*Shanti*" havan



"*Aarti*" after the havan



Bhajans by the Junior College Faculty



Tradition of kite flying on H.R. terrace to mark "*Makar Sankranti*"

# > STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



Offering 'ardaas' atop the Golden Temple before hoisting a flag in the name of the college

November 16-21, 2010

H.R. College has always committed itself to promoting all-round development of the non teaching staff members and associates. They are nurtured, and given opportunities for growth and skill advancement. The College has actively involved itself in the cause of their welfare through several initiatives. The trip to Amritsar, Dalhousie and Dharamsala was one such effort.

Some members of the administrative department visited the Golden Temple to seek the Lord's grace and blessings on November 17, 2010. They were privileged to offer 'ardaas' and hoist a flag in the name of H.R. College atop the sanctum sanctorum.

Subsequently, they also visited Dalhousie, Khajjiar and Dharamsala. At Dharamsala they witnessed prayers being offered on the occasion of Guru Purnima at the Buddha temple. Everyone came back happy and rejuvenated.



The Eternal Flame at Jallianwala Bagh



Against the scenic backdrop of the forest at Khajjiar, Dalhousie



Dalai Lama Temple at Mcloedganj in Dharamsala



Close to the Bhagsu Nag Temple in Dharamsala

## > FACULTY IN THE NEWS

### LAURELS FOR MS. ANILA PILLAI

Ms. Anila Pillai, Vice Principal, Junior College, attended a **Workshop on Cyber Law** conducted by Asian School of Cyber Laws under the Supervision and Guidance of the Office of Cyber Appellate Tribunal Department of Information Technology, Government of India on May 15, 2010.

The **“Utkrusht Shikshak Samman 2010”** on October 16, 2010 was awarded to Mrs. Anila Pillai, Vice Principal for her outstanding performance in the field of education.

She also attended a conference organized by the Maharashtra Dyslexia Association’s **“FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE READ 2011”** - What Every Teacher Should Know About Evidence-based Reading Instruction.



Ms. Anila Pillai awarded with the Utkrusht Shikshak Samman 2010

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## BEAUTY BITES

With new beauty salons, spas and gyms opening every few kilometres in the city, a doctoral research study shows that regularisation is the need of the hour

**Humaira Ansari**

*Neela Salgaonkar\*, 23, a housemaid visited a local beauty parlour for her monthly fix of threading and facial bleach. Little did she know that instead of a fairer blemish-free complexion the bleach would render white patches all over her face. Her predicament took over three months to heal.*

*27-year-old Megha Gupta\* trained under an upscale private beautician. Few months later she took off to Australia with her husband. Sitting idle at home, she approached local Australian beauty parlours for a job. However, Gupta met with disappointment. Not a single beauty parlour recognised her Indian qualification as a beautician.*

These case studies coupled with the size zero fetish that

Dr Rajeshwari Ravi observed among her students, triggered this commerce and management professor at HR College, to pursue a doctoral research on the flaws that exist in the fitness, beauty and wellness industry.

“I noticed that right from my students to my maid, everybody wants to look svelte. The beauty and fitness industry is a burgeoning one, but there is no regularisation. It’s an unorganised industry,” says Rajeshwari who spent two lakhs on the two-year long totally self-sponsored research. She also happens to be the first one to have touched on the subject highlighting the loopholes within this industry.

And the fruit of her thesis - A Study on the



No separate license is needed. I could be running a kirana store one day, and if it flops I could simply open a beauty parlour

**Dr. Rajeshwari Ravi**

**Professor, HR College**

Revolution in Beauty and Health Care in Mumbai - a 279 page compilation is soon to take shape of a book.

High-end shampoo brands being refilled with cheaper duplicate content for your pedicures and manicures, suppliers selling counterfeit beauty products off the shelves, the absence of a recognised institute training masseurs, beauticians and fitness trainers to ensure qualitative and risk-free services to customers, and no specified hygiene norms and spatial regulations; constitute core areas of the study.

It wasn’t easy to break ice with several beauticians before digging out inside information.

“I did countless pedicures before the staff spilled the beans,” Rajeshwari says.

The most inherent defect, however, as pointed out in the study, is the fact that there is no separate licenses required to run a beauty parlour. “They are all run using the same shops and establishment gumasta license. I could be running a kirana store one day, and if it flops I could simply open a beauty parlour in the same premises by only registering a change in business with the BMC,” says the 50-year-old professor who spent two years interviewing 500 beauty and fitness customers and visiting 180 beauty salons and 150 fitness centers across the length and breadth of the city.

## WORKSHOP ON MATHEMATICAL MODELING & USE OF FREE MATH SOFTWARE

Ms. Shubhada Amin and Ms. Vijayalaxmi Suvarna from the Dept. of Mathematics attended a workshop on Mathematical Modeling & Use of Free Math Software held at the Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Matunga on Feb. 26-27, 2011.

In the 1st session on Feb. 26, Dr. A. K. Sahu from ICT gave an introduction about mathematical modeling. He also conducted a practical session on the use of MS-Excel in solving problems on matrices and numerical methods. In the 2nd session, Dr. I.K. Rana from IIT-B explained mathematical modeling with various examples and exercises. He demonstrated ‘GeoGebra’, a free software which is very useful for solving geometrical problems.

On February 27, several mathematical softwares were shown. In session one, Dr. Katre from University of Pune demonstrated ‘Scilab’. He showed methods used to solve linear algebraic problems with real as well as complex variables. In Session Two, Dr. Ajit Kumar from ICT demonstrated ‘R’ which is very good for handling data as well as solving statistical problems. In Session Three, Dr. Manjusha Joshi from Bhaskaracharya Pratishthan demonstrated use of ‘Sage’ which is useful for writing programs to solve mathematical problems and graphical representations.

It was an enlightening and insightful workshop as the software can be easily used to demonstrate graphs and statistical problems in the classroom.

# > FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



Mr. Satish Kakri (Center) and his team from NIMBLE Foundation with H.R. faculty

Principal Dr. Indu Shahani believes that learning is a continuous process and at H.R. we live by the adage. Faculty Development is an integral and ongoing initiative at H.R. Each year experts from different fields are invited to speak and interact with the faculty members.

The first program this year was, **'Train the Trainer'**. A Voice Culture workshop was conducted for the degree and junior college faculty members on April 18 & 19 2011. The session was conducted by Mr. Satish Kakri and his team from NIMBLE Foundation. Voice Culture is a patented regime of exercises for voice and speech enrichment.

On day 1 Mr. Kakri asked the teachers to remember 3 Ps of voice

modulation – Pause, Pitch and Pace. The teachers were asked to speak impromptu and a feedback was given immediately. The trainer also shared a few tips for effective public speaking.

On the 2nd day of the workshop, Mr. Kakri laid emphasis on tone, modulation and practice in speech enrichment. He shared practical tips on clarity in consonants and vowels for speech volume.

On April 20, 2011 Mrs. Sajili Shirodkar conducted a one day session on **"New Age Reiki – The Magic of Two Cupped Hands."** She taught a few techniques of cleansing the body and the mind.



Mrs. Sajili Shirodkar on "New Age Reiki – The Magic of Two Cupped Hands"



Mrs. Deepika Bhatia - Team Building in an Organization



Mrs. Sheela Shahe speaks about her visit to Indiana University's, International Studies Summer Institute, 2010



Mrs. Bhavna Shah speaks about her visit to the University of California, Berkeley, USA

On April 21, 2011 Mrs. Deepika Bhatia, Vice-Principal, Jr. College delivered an engaging presentation on **"Team Building in an Organization."** She spoke about work ethics and work culture. This was followed by Mrs. Sheela Shahe's presentation on her visit to Indiana University's, International Studies Summer Institute, 2010.

On April 23, 2011 Mrs. Anilla Pillai, Vice -Principal, Jr. College made a presentation on **"The Management Wisdom of Lord Krishna."** She gave examples of Lord Krishna's Management Style and suggested how it can be adopted by organizations today. This was followed by games and exercises to encourage team spirit. On the same day, Mrs. Bhavna Shah shared her experiences about her visit to the University of California, Berkeley, USA.

All the above programs were very interactive and received a tremendous response from the faculty.

**Coordinator**

Ms. Anupama Sawant



Faculty playing a game to encourage team spirit



Mrs. Anilla Pillai on "The Management Wisdom of Lord Krishna"



Coordinator - Ms. Anupama Sawant

# PLANET BEAUTIFUL

## Pantaloons Femina Miss India 2011 subcontest winners

Pics: Shriram Vernekar

“When you first meet Kanishtha she comes across as a strong and an independent person. Also once you get to know her better, you notice that she is a very helpful person. One incident I will always remember is when Kanishtha got upset with a taxi driver for ignoring an old woman and giving us preference. She made the taxi driver go back for the old woman. In short she is just awesome.”  
Sneh Kasera  
(Batch mate)



IN STEP WITH THE TIMES: Times Group managing director Vineet Jain is flanked by **Pantaloons Femina Miss India 2011 World Kanishtha Dhankhar**, PFMI 2011 Earth Hasleen Kaur (left) and PFMI 2011 International Ankita Shorey (extreme right). **Kanishtha**, 22, is from HR College and fellow Mumbaikar Sachin Tendulkar is her favourite sportsperson. **Kanishtha** was in BAF (Bachelor in Accounting & Finance) Course in the 2009 Batch.

- 1 FEMINA MISS TALENTED  
Rakulpreet Singh
- 2 NP FEMINA MISS DIGITAL DIVA  
Deepika Bajwa
- 3 EMERIT FEMINA MISS PHOTOGENIC  
Dayana Erappa
- 4 FEMINA MISS DIVINE THOUGHTS  
Surbhi Rao
- 5 NOVOTEL FEMINA MISS CONGENIALITY  
Aditi Mishra
- 6 FEMINA MISS NEVER BAY  
Kanishtha Dhankhar
- 7 FEMINA MISS BEH MAHARISHI  
Asmita Sood
- 8 TESCO FEMINA MISS PERFECT TIME  
Asmita Sood
- 9 VEST FEMINA MISS BEAUTIFUL LEGS  
Kanishtha Dhankhar
- 10 PANTALOONS FEMINA MISS FRESH FACE  
Rakulpreet Singh
- 11 PANTALOONS FEMINA MISS BODY BEAUTIFUL  
Kanishtha Dhankhar
- 12 FEMINA MISS RAMP MODEL  
Kanishtha Dhankhar
- 13 FEMINA MISS NO MARKS  
Kanishtha Dhankhar
- 14 KANYA FEMINA MISS RADHANY SKIN  
Purva Rana
- 15 FEMINA MISS BEAUTIFUL SMILE  
Rakulpreet Singh
- 16 FEMINA MISS BEAUTIFUL EYES  
Rakulpreet Singh
- 17 FEMINA MISS BEAUTIFUL LIPS  
Ankita Shorey
- 18 SUNSILK FEMINA MISS PERFECT HAIR  
Aparjita Sharma
- 19 FOREVER FEMINA MISS TRADITIONAL  
Ankita Mohapatra
- 20 L'ORÉAL FEMINA MISS VIVACIOUS  
Aparjita Sharma
- 21 PANTALOONS BEAUTY FOR A CAUSE  
Kriti Kapoor
- 22 PEOPLE'S CHOICE MISS BEHMAHARISHI MISS  
Rakulpreet Singh

## > BIDDING ADIEU!

March 3, 2011



TYBCom students had a blast grooving to the music played by the DJ



The Principal bids adieu to the TYBCom students



'Hope to see you soon,' she says!





# CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

# > STUDENTS' COUNCIL



HR Carnival organised by the Students' Council

## CORE COMMITTEE

<b>Coordinators</b>	Mr. Navin Punjabi	Ms. Shubhada Kanchan
<b>General Secretary</b>	Manan Gala	Sahil Raina
<b>Joint Secretary</b>	Manan Gala	Shashank Shah
<b>Treasurer</b>		Rudreshwar Malkani
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>		Komal Kothari
<b>Marketing Head</b>	Yash Kotak	Jheel Jain
<b>Social Initiative Head</b>	Komal Shah	Avnish Pandya
<b>Creative Head</b>	Varuna Kaur	Naveli Reshamwala
<b>Networking Head</b>		Ritika Ramnani
<b>Committee Relations</b>		Jahan Jamas
<b>Intra-Club Coordinator</b>		Mital Shah
<b>Technical Head</b>		Shashank Gore
<b>Publicity Head</b>	Sanesha Parmar	Tasneem Muchhala
<b>Event Logistics Head</b>		Aditya Mehta
<b>Sports and Security Head</b>		Trushi Nishar
<b>Editors</b>	Kamiya Patel	Surabhi Mehta
<b>Administrative Head</b>	Zoya Naik	Mikin Shah
	Aamir Zaroo	Ghulam Hussain Haveliwala
		Mohammad Mandasaurwala

In the academic year 2010, the Students' Council of H.R. College, organized and participated in an array of events. True to their motto 'Discovering New Horizons', they not only organized highly intellectual events but also fun events to celebrate festivals. Led by an inspirational General Secretary, Sahil Raina, supported by the Faculty in-charge, Prof. Navin Punjabi and his team of 30 core members, the 60 member council broke new ground.

## F.Y.J.C. & F.Y.BCom Admissions

The admission process at H.R. College is completely handled by the Students' Council, right from selling of forms till enrollment. It takes less than 35 minutes to be a part of the H.R. family. This innovation has won much positive feedback from the students and their parents who are impressed by the efficient management and hospitality of the students. This highly successful model has now been adopted by many neighboring colleges.

## H.R. Carnival

Every year, the Council hosts the H.R. Carnival, a fun-filled event especially for the F.Y.J.C. students. Music and dance galore, the Carnival is an ice-breaker for freshers, a chance to make new friends and interact with the rest of the H.R. students. The proceeds from this carnival goes to the Peons Welfare Fund.

## Anti-Ragging Squad

To avoid unpleasant situations and to ensure a friendly atmosphere, the Students' Council puts together an Anti-Ragging Squad, that patrols not only in the college premises but also the roads leading to Churchgate Station for the first few days of Junior College.



Celebrating the Principal's b'day with underprivileged children

## Open Forum - Third Eye

This is a platform where students of the college can share their grievances and give their suggestions. This year the process also went online where anonymity was preserved. An overwhelming response was received and the grievances were then put in front of the management to try and solve them.

## Principal Shahani's Birthday Celebration

The Students' Council invited a few orphans to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai and Principal H.R. College. The children were served food and drinks and thereafter



Blood Donation Drive in the memory of victims of 26/11 at the Churchgate railway station



Mrs. Kishori Udeshi, Chairman, Banking Codes & Standards, Board of India was Chief Guest at the Numero Uno, an Inter Collegiate Mathematics and Statistics Quiz Competition organized by the Students' Council

Council volunteers played games with them. Dr. Shahani was extremely touched by this gesture.

## Numero Uno 2010

For the 6th consecutive year, the Students' Council organized Numero Uno – an Inter Collegiate Mathematics and Statistics Quiz Competition. A one of its kind competition, this year it was enormously successful with participation of more than 600 students from 75 colleges and schools all over Mumbai. There were three difficult rounds, starting with a written round

where more than 300 teams were reduced to 16 teams. The second round was an audio and visual round. The third round however caught everybody's imagination and stole the limelight. The Chief Guest for the event was Mrs. Kishori Udeshi, Chairman, Banking Codes & Standards, Board of India. The Students' Council volunteers made the final four teams play monopoly. It however, does not stop there, it was a highly contested game of human monopoly, where the competitors actually moved around the flex and answered questions to move further.

Numero Uno 2010 saw a perfect mixture of intellect and creativity.

## St. Xavier's National Economic Festival

For the first time, St. Xavier's College held a National Economic Festival and invited H.R. College to participate.

Young, first year students took it upon themselves as the seniors were caught up with examinations and other festivals. The contingent of H.R. managed to finish as the 1st runners up, leaving behind Economic major students from all parts of the country.

## Blood Donation Drive

The Students' Council has played a substantial role on the social front as well. The members of the council were actively involved in the Blood donation camp held at Churchgate station on November 26, 2010. The entire procedure, right from convincing volunteers to donate blood, assisting the doctors in the transfusion, registering the names of the donors and providing them with Blood Donation I.D Cards, was managed by the members of the Council.

## Diwali Party

To celebrate the festive season of Diwali, a fun filled Diwali Party was arranged for the Associates, Teaching as well as Non-



Winners at Numero Uno, an Inter Collegiate Mathematics and Statistics Quiz Competition



The Students' Council

Teaching staff of the college. The interest of the Associates was of prime importance for this event, so a personalized invitation was taken to the peons by the members of the Council. The associates and the teachers danced to the beats of Garba and enjoyed a delicious lunch.

## Open Book Examinations

One of the very unique projects of the Students' Council was the Open Book Exam initiated this year by the Principal. As a part of this initiative, 3 open book exams were held at regular intervals for the defaulting students of the college. The main aim of these exams was to make the defaulting students acquainted with the syllabus, thus helping them improve their grades. Arranging the question papers, informing the students and parents about the exams, managing the attendance of the students on the day of the exams and giving the students regular updates, were a few integral

duties that were performed with utmost diligence by the members. The success of these exams has thus led to their inclusion, through the 'unique practices' of the college.

Apart from these events, Students Council has played an integral part in organizing seminars for the students of H.R. College on anti-corruption, Women Health Development, Personal Hygiene and Grooming, Women's Helpline 1298 and many more. It also provided volunteers for a marathon conducted by the Child Helpline number 1098 for Police Officers and their families. Volunteers also supported the SIFE Light India Movement by being a part of their march on Marine drive. The Students' Council has tried to incorporate various genres of events in one calendar year. They have discovered new horizons and expanded the previous ones.

## H.R. MUN 2011

It was a great privilege for Students' Council, to be the only club of the college, to be officially affiliated with

Asia's second largest '*Model United Nations*', the H.R. M.U.N. The members of the Council were a part of the various managing committees, thereby playing a vital role in the functioning and administration of this prestigious event. On the day of the event as well, the Students' Council formed an integral part of all the departments.

## Voter Identification Cards

The Students' Council volunteers put up a three day desk, to distribute and collect forms for Voter registration Cards. This was an initiative taken to increase awareness among the urban youth on exercising their duty of voting. An overwhelming response was noticed with more than 600 registrations.

## T.Y. Farewell

Knowing exactly what the students want, the party on March 3, 2011 was one that left no stone unturned, with a rocking D.J, delicious food, and an amazing ambience for the Students of the Third Year, to cherish a fond farewell throughout their lives!

# > C.H.O.I.C.E.

Council for Handling and Organizing Inter-Collegiate Events



Rejoicing in their victory - CHOICE contingent with Principal Dr. Indu Shahani

## INTER-COLLEGIATE TROPHIES WON BY TEAM C.H.O.I.C.E. of H.R. COLLEGE

For the first time,  
the only college  
in the history of the  
University of Mumbai,  
to bag 5 major trophies  
in 1 academic year



**1<sup>ST</sup>** **Kaleidoscope** - Sophia College  
Overall trophy along with  
Performing Arts & Informals  
department trophies



**1<sup>ST</sup>** **Kiran** - K.C. College  
Overall trophy for the 8th time  
in 9 consecutive years



**1<sup>ST</sup>** **Waves** - BITS Pilani, Goa  
Overall trophy, sweeping the  
Performing Arts & the Literary  
Arts dept. for the 2nd year  
in a row



**1<sup>ST</sup>** **Kshitij** - Mithibai College  
Overall trophy along with  
Performing Arts & Literary  
Arts trophies for the 3rd year  
in a row



**1<sup>ST</sup>** **Brouhaha** - Sydenham  
College Overall trophy along  
with Performing Arts, Literary  
Arts, Fine Arts, Gaming &  
Sports dept. for 9 consecutive years



**3<sup>RD</sup>** **Malhar** - St. Xavier's College



Winners all the way! - C.H.O.I.C.E. Team with Principal Dr. Indu Shahani



What a performane! CHOICE at Talent Parade

**At C.H.O.I.C.E. we treat every festival like a football match; having fun while maintaining a healthy competitive spirit, but still never losing sight of our goal.**

Twenty-ten. As the world swayed to the pulsating tune of 'Just Like A Waving Flag' the **Council for Handling and Organizing Inter-Collegiate Events** (C.H.O.I.C.E.), grew a year older, and emerged much stronger.

C.H.O.I.C.E. is a prominent club of H.R. College, responsible for identifying potential talent in students & representing the college at all Inter collegiate events. At C.H.O.I.C.E. we treat every festival like a football match; having fun while maintaining a healthy competitive spirit, but still never losing sight of our goal.

Long before the matches for the year began, C.H.O.I.C.E's Coach: Professor-in-charge Mr. Amit Nandu sat at the drawing board with his key players Captain Karan Pandya and Vice-Captain

Dhruv Khopkar strategically planning every game.

They realized that the matter of prime importance was to replenish the team with talented new players. This thought resulted in the 3 day mega event, H.R.'s biggest intra-college event, **H. R. Fest**. Under the stewardship of Karan Pandya as Chairperson and Priyanka Sawhney & Nihal Daswani as Vice-Chairpersons, the fest saw 15 corporate sponsors, 36 multi-cultural events and 1300 enthusiastic participants.

As the maiden play-off approached, the players practiced day and night, putting in sweat & blood, heart & soul. The C.H.O.I.C.E. contingent led by Karan Pandya, Dhruv Khopkar, Sumit Shah & Nihal Daswani, stormed into **Malhar** at St. Xavier's College. By winning numerous flagship events, H.R. finished 3rd overall.

September saw Dhruv Khopkar take over as Captain and Sumit Shah, Priyanka Sawhney and Nihal Daswani were selected as a triumvirate of Vice-Captains.

The month also saw two of the toughest matches of the year- **Kaleidoscope** and **Kiran**, which took place at Sophia College and K.C. College respectively. But the determination of the players ensured a comfortable and admirable win at both festivals.

At **Kaleidoscope**, Dhruv Khopkar, Priyanka Sawhney, Prabtej Gadh & Cyrus Sethna led the team to a grand victory winning both the overall trophy and the Golden **Performing Arts Award**. Close on its heels came the second goal of the year, as the shining **Kiran** Trophy found its way back to H.R. with Sumit Shah, Salonee Kothari, Yuvraj Thakkar & Pranay Morarka.

As the first half of the year drew to an end, a 100 member team, headed by Nihal Daswani, Lara Kapadia, Pradyumna Taneja & Anisha Mirchandani traveled to Goa for BITS Pilani Goa's festival **Waves**. Even the tension of the upcoming terminal examinations, looming like red cards before the players, could not dampen their enthusiasm. Despite being away from 'home-turf' the players managed to win the hearts of hosts and judges alike, sweeping the **Dance, Music & Literary Arts** events in addition to the coveted **Overall Trophy** for the second year in a row.

The second half of the year witnessed a continual of C.H.O.I.C.E.'s winning streak, with H.R. winning both **Kshitij** and **Brouhaha**, which took place at Mithibai College and Sydenham College respectively.

Kshitij saw H.R. make records of sorts. For the statistically minded, it is prudent to note that in addition to winning the **Overall trophy**, H.R. also swept the

**The C.H.O.I.C.E. Line-Up**

**Coordinator**  
Mr. Amit Nandu

**President**  
Dhruv Khopkar

**Vice Presidents**  
Sumit Shah    Priyanka Sawhney  
Nihal Daswani

**Directors**  
Prabtej Gadh    Lara Kapadia  
Jehan Madan



Classical performance by CHOICE on Golden Honours' Day



STREET DANCERS of CHOICE in Goa



CHOICE performs with gusto at the Talent Parade



CHOICE Board at St. Xavier's College - MALHAR

**Literary Arts and Performing Arts trophies** for the third year running, under the able leadership of Dhruv Khopkar, captaining the team for the third year. Talk about hat-tricks! The team also consisted of Cyrus Sethna, Pradyumna Taneja & Anisha Mirchandani.

For the **ninth consecutive year**, the **Brouhaha** trophy came home to H.R., this time with Pranay Morarka, Sera Merchant, Hushad Khan & Shoaib Sumar at the helm. Taking the lead in the early minutes of the match, once again, the **Literary Arts, Performing Arts, Fine Arts, Sports & Gaming** events were swept by C.H.O.I.C.E., a fine end to the year!

The referee blows his whistle, and the glittering game comes to an end; the score is 5-0, and from the stands one can still hear loud chants of "See the champions!" as the joyous spectators rejoice the beautiful game!

Today, C.H.O.I.C.E. has made us step out of the darkness and come the farthest towards the illuminating light of success. And we know, without a doubt, that just like a waving flag, the trophies too will keep coming back!

C H O I C E invited a **child prodigy** to give an amazing performance of his skills at the college. Mr. *Raghav Sachar* started playing his first musical



A child prodigy - Raghav Sachar

instrument at the age of four. At seven, he learnt the recorder (English Flute) and got distinctions in grades 5 & 6 from the Trinity College of London.

He went on to study Music & Composition at Monash University in Australia. He did his majors in Jazz & toured South-East Asia with Monash. His main instrument was the Saxophone and minor instrument the flute. He specialized in music composition & performance. At Monash, he was awarded an Inaugural Scholarship in his second year, being the only expatriate in the music department to have ever received this honor.



# > ROTARACT CLUB OF HR COLLEGE

Through extension activities, the College has made a conscious effort in creating a culture of social service and responsibility

**25 years of redefining history...**

**25 years of inspiring excellence...**

**25 years of achieving milestones...**

And the legacy continues as “The Legend Lives On...” in its Silver Jubilee Year. The Rotaract Club of H. R. College was chartered on the June 30, 1986 as a youth wing of the Rotary Club of Bombay under the leadership of Charter President Ritu Chaudhri. Through its 25 years of existence the club has grown from strength to strength. The Rotaract Club of H. R. College is an integral part of the **R. I. District 3140** and has been awarded the BEST CLUB in the District for 5 years in a row.

Members of the club organize projects that include Community Service, interaction with peers, getting to know the

International Culture, Public Relations and the Professional World. In a span of 365 days, over 150 enthusiastic Rotaractors from R.C.H.R. successfully completed over 400 projects.

In its Silver Jubilee Year, the Rotaract Club of H. R. College has initiated a project – “BADLAAV”. For this project, R.C.H.R. has tied up with an NGO-Masoom and has adopted 8 night schools with 450 students between the age of 16-25 years in the city of Mumbai. In this project Rotaractors teach these underprivileged children English Language and Conversational English. They train these students for their SSC examination with the help of qualified teachers. Once the students clear their SSC, they undergo training in etiquette, corporate finesse, personal grooming as

well as brushing up their English skills so that they can find better jobs. RCHR also been successful in 100% job placements for them at McDonald’s, Shoppers Stop, Food Bazaar, Big Bazaar etc. that would pay them at least a basic salary of

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Ms. Anila Pillai, Vice Principal, Jr. College

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**International Service Director / Editor**

Rtr. Junaid Khan

**Professional Development Director**

Rtr. Shashank Jogani

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Rtr. Amit Jethwani

Rtr. Aniket Jotwani

**Editor**

Rtr. Yash Muthiyani

**Taskforce Director**

Rtr. Nishita Laliwala Rtr. Jenil Jain

**Rotary Rotaract Relations Officer / Post Project Completion and Analysis Director**

Rtr. Niharieka Chawla

**Cyber Media Director**

Rtr. Rushabh Shah Rtr. Dinesh Sajrani

**Director for Social Initiatives**

Rtr. Nikita Chawla

**Special Advisor of the Club**

Rtr. Roozbeh Pardiwala



EXPLORING THE WORLD – A visit to Egypt to meet a Rotaract Club to sign a twin club agreement with them





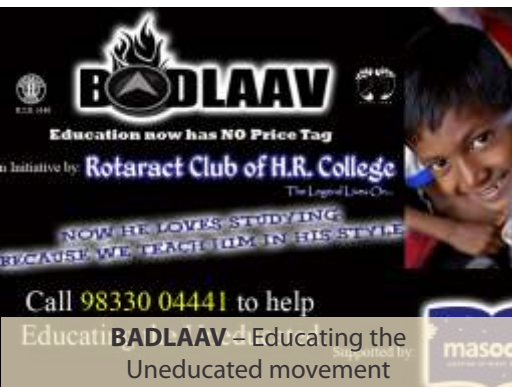
**EXPLORING THE WORLD** - Signing a twin club agreement at Cairo



**PRERNA** - An Annual Athletic Meet for the Intellectually Impaired



**INSTALLATION CEREMONY** - 24th Board of Directors of the Rotaract Club of H.R. College



**UTSAV** – A Dandiya Night for the Visually Impaired



**CHRISTMAS** Celebration at Shepherd Widow's Home

Rs.5000/-. The cost of this training per student is Rs. 2500/- which the club raises from student volunteers. This one time training guarantees them a job for the rest of their lives.

Some of their other Signature projects are:

**PRERNA** - An Annual Athletic Meet for the Intellectually Impaired.

**VOGUE** – The Biggest Inter-School Personality Contest in the City of Mumbai.

**H.R. PROM** – The most awaited Prom Night of H.R. College.

**JINGLE ALL THE WAY** – Christmas celebrations with the senior citizens, underprivileged and the intellectually impaired.

**WE ARE THE WORLD** – An Annual Inter-School International Culture Extravaganza.

**UTSAV** – A Dandiya Night for the Visually Impaired.

**EXPLORING THE WORLD** – A visit to

another country and meeting with Rotaract Club members.

**A LIVE GHAZAL CONCERT** - A concert organised with Padmashri Pankaj Udhas, in aid of Thalassaemic children. Over Rs.2 lakh was donated from the ticket proceeds to the organisation PATUT.

**FUSION** - A festival for interact clubs which saw participation from over hundred interactors from various schools across the city.

# > INVESTMENT CLUB OF HR COLLEGE

ICHR caters to college students with a high level of aptitude and interest in the functioning of the financial markets. ICHR seeks to promote understanding and analysis of the corporate world through informative speakers, conferences and events.

The Investment Club of H.R. College sought to combine Cinema and the Stock Market, two of the biggest crazes in the country today with its unique programmes:

## Bollywood Stock Exchange

The B.S.E. held on July 21, 2010 witnessed 127 teams, 254 investors and 15 ICHR brokers. Investors were in teams of two and each team had a notional Rs.10L. The event was flagged off by the Hon'ble Sheriff of Mumbai and principal Dr. Indu Shahani; wherein she listed the actors on the B.S.E. Every investor concentrated on achieving the highest net worth. Constant and consistent surprises kept everyone alert. The Investment Club on its part had done all the required research and had made all preparations which kept the event fun and exciting throughout. This was an attempt to teach the participants the intricacies of the market in a practical manner, with some fun thrown in.

## Hollywood Stock Exchange

This year H.R. College had the privilege of hosting a delegation of students from U.K. (hosted by King's College, London). After the super success of Bollywood Stock Exchange, they organized Hollywood Stock Exchange on September 2, 2010. All investors were divided in teams of two, with a total of 50 teams, and ten stars were listed on the exchange. For the club it was a much bigger challenge, as an intensive research had to be conducted on the performance of the actors, their awards and scandals for the last ten years. It was a

challenge as many guest students were from a non-commerce background and had no idea about financial markets. So ICHR members took it upon themselves to help them journey through the intriguing world of the financial markets in an interesting manner.

## Cerebrum Tingle

The Investment Club of H.R. College organised 'Cerebrum Tingle' – A Finance Quiz on February 11, 2011. The event is one of ICHR'S trademark events and is aimed at testing, enhancing and also enriching the various finance related fundas, skills and knowledge of the students. The quiz this year saw a total participation of 27 teams from the various degree courses. There were five rounds in the quiz. It started by two written eliminations, went on to a buzzer round, rapid fire and then visual rounds. The last round was based on a 'snakes and ladders' platform giving the participants a chance to quickly finish the game by giving the right answer in certain blocks. It was a very unique concept and much appreciated by the participants and faculty. The dual benefit of the quiz was that on one hand,

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<b>Directors</b>	
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Shashank Shah	Aman Khatwani
Akhil Paliath	Anuj Saraff
Shrutika Arora	Trisha Mittal
Vrinda Poddar	Yash Chauhan
Tamanna Mulchandani	

the participants got a chance to display their financial knowledge and on the other hand, the ICHR organisers got experience in organising an event of such magnitude.



Winners at the Hollywood Stock Exchange



Team ICHR

# > SPORTS COUNCIL



Sports Day - Sports Council Core Committee

Sports Council is a committee of sportsmen representing H.R. College of Commerce & Economics at various sports events at the District, State, National and International level. It aims at promoting fitness, sportsmanship and helps mould its members into good future leaders.

This year the Sports Council saw good team work when *HR Super Series Handball Tournament* was organised on Sept. 29, 2010. The HR (boys) team secured second position and Sanket Chheda was awarded the 'Best Player of the Tournament'.

The *Annual Sports Day* was held on Dec. 13, 2010 at the University Sports Pavilion, Marine Lines. The event was termed a 'great success' with students

participating in various track and field events.

## DEGREE COLLEGE

### FOOTBALL

The Women's team stood 3rd at the *inter-collegiate tournament* held at the University Pavilion Grounds, Marine Lines from September 29 to October 5, 2010

Juhi Shah and Tasneem Muchhala from H.R. College were selected to represent the *University team at the South-West Zone competition*.

Juhi Shah also represented Maharashtra in the under-19 *National Football Tournament* held at Chandigarh. She is also one of the youngest and most promising football players of the country.

## CORE COMMITTEE

<b>Sports Director</b>	Mr. P.K. Singh
<b>President</b>	P.B. Lalrinchhana
<b>Vice President</b>	Juhi Shah
<b>Secretary</b>	Dev Kotak
<b>Head Committee</b>	
Dev Kotak	Scherezade Contractor
Priya Kapadia	Jamila Lokhandwala
Juhi Bafna	Radha Dingankar
Hardik Vyas	Vishaka Vamanjur
Sanket Chheda	Pranay Merchant
<b>Sub Head Committee</b>	
Shreyal Shah	Nimesh Jain
Mili Laliwala	Munira Rampurwala
Payal Panday	Althea Coutinho
Leesha Dawawala	Karunesh Premchand

## WATER POLO

The College team won the inter-collegiate tournament for the 7th time in a row. Mohnish Patel, Meet Sampat, Dhruv Thakkar and Bhavik Gala were selected to represent the University in the *South Zone Competition*.

## DIVING

Mili Laliwala and Deval Mody were selected to represent Mumbai at the *state championship for diving*.

## SQUASH

Laxman Joshi, Pranay Merchant and Kunwarpal Singh took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place respectively at the inter-collegiate tournament. They were also selected to represent the University of Mumbai in the All-India University Tournament.

Dheeya Somaiya took the 1st place at the inter-collegiate tournament and



Sanket Chheda was awarded the 'Best Player' at the HR Super Series Handball Tournament



Laxman Joshi (1st) and Kunwarpal Singh (3rd) winners of the Inter collegiate Squash Tournament



Girls Winners' Captain receiving trophy at the HR Super Series Handball Tournament



Sports Council Organising Committee of HR Super Series Handball Tournament

was selected to represent the University of Mumbai team at the All-India University Tournament.

#### **CHESS**

The Boys' team stood 1st at the *Inter-Collegiate tournament* The Girls' team stood 2nd in the same tournament.

Siddhali Shetty, SYBCom represented India at the *Asian Championships* in China and won the Silver medal.

#### **BASKETBALL**

The Girls' team was amongst the top 4 out of 20 teams in the *inter-collegiate basketball tournament*.

Pallavi Singh and Prabhu Maspog were selected to represent the University of Mumbai team for the *South-West Zone Basketball Competition*.

#### **JUDO**

Akshay Dave won the bronze medal in the *All-India University tournament* held in Pune from 10th to December 13, 2010. Hetal Dave won the *Chhatrapati Shivaji Award for Judo*. She was also awarded a flat by the Government of Maharashtra for her excellent performance.

#### **TABLE TENNIS**

Paresh Murekar secured the third position and won the bronze medal at the *All-India Inter University Championships* held at VTU Belgaum, Karnataka from February 21 to 23, 2011. He was also the captain of the Table Tennis team at the University level.

#### **CRICKET**

Shashank Singh of SYBCom represented Mumbai in the *Under-22 Cricket National Championship*.

#### **WATER SKI AND WAKE BOARDING**

Taufiq Versee represented India in the *International Water ski and Wake Board Federation, Asian Australasian Oceanic Championship* Jakarta, Indonesia.

#### **JUNIOR COLLEGE**

#### **HANDBALL**

The Boys' team won the Mumbai city handball tournament. Karan Jhangiani was selected to play for the Mumbai team at the *State Championships*.

Sanket Chheda not only played at the State level but also went for national



Taufiq Versee - Jakarta, Indonesia

selections.

The Girls' team finished 2nd in the Mumbai city handball tournament. Sanjana Waghlay and Sanika Golatkar went for national selections.

#### **FOOTBALL**

The Girls' team stood 3rd at the State Championships and 1st at the Zonals as well as in the Mumbai city. Vishaka Vamanjur, Kritika Sisodia, Vidhi Dholakia, Nidhi Shah, Althea Coutinhno and Lubna Shaikh went for national selections.

Althea Coutinhno and Lubna Shaikh represented Maharashtra in the under-19 *National Championship* held in



Induction of the Sports Council

Chandigarh.

The Boys' team stood 3rd at the *Zonals*.

**LAWNTENNIS**

The Girls' team comprising Leesha Dawawala, Vaidehi Bhagvat and Samanauz Dashti stood 1st overall in Mumbai cities *DSO Championship*.

Vaidehi Bhagvat and Samanauz Drishti also represented Maharashtra at the *National Lawn Tennis Championship*.

The Boys' team came 3rd at Mumbai city *DSO Championship*.

Kaushal Mehta, SYJC went for State Selections.

**THROWBALL**

The Girls' team came 2nd in Mumbai and 1st in Mumbai City. The captain, Scherezade Contractor was selected to represent Maharashtra at the *National Throwball Championship*.

The Boys' team was placed 2nd at the *Mumbai City Championship*.

**CHESS**

Nishi Bhankariya placed 5th in Mumbai and secured 1st position in the *Mumbai City Chess Championship*.

**TAEKWONDO**

Neha Rathore and Sanket Chheda placed 1st in the *Mumbai City Championship* and then moved ahead to win the gold medal at the State Championships.

**WATERPOLO**

The Boys' team came 2nd in Mumbai and 1st in Mumbai City

Radha Dingankar represented

Maharashtra at the *Waterpolo National Games*.

**BASKETBALL**

The Girls' team came 2nd at the Mumbai City *DSO Championship*.

**BADMINTON**

The Boys' team comprising of Sanket Chheda, Rishabh Nahar and Jush Shah reached the quarter finals of the Mumbai City DSO Games. The Girls' team comprising Maithili Parikh and Saachi Shah stood 2nd at the Mumbai City *DSO games*.

**BASEBALL**

The Boys' team stood 2nd at the Mumbai City *DSO Championship* Mirant Shah, Varun Bhutwala and Kunal Gawande were selected to represent Mumbai at the State Championship.

As the years go by, the Sports Council of HR College time and again strives to keep alive the HR team spirit!



Paresh Murekar (3rd) won the bronze medal at the All India Inter University Table-Tennis Championships



Marchpast on Sports Day



Faculty participated in the 'spoon race' on Sports Day

## > NATURE CLUB

*A club with very dedicated members who have a passion to seek change in the environment*

The Nature Club of H.R College of Commerce & Economics is a distinctive club with very dedicated members who have a passion to seek change in the environment. The club has achieved success in generating awareness among the youth, sensitizing the local people towards the environmental issues and interacting with nature.

The club had its orientation on June 6, 2010. The club members oriented the FYBCOM students about the new projects that would be undertaken in the academic year. Many enthusiastic members joined the club on the same day.

The first event of the club was a monsoon trek to Shelu on August 8, 2010. Dr. Chandani Bhattacharjee accompanied 75 students to a trek along a mountain stream uphill. The trek began at the foothills of the mesmerizing Western Ghats and ended upstream at a waterfall and a small reservoir in the hills.

The e-week commencing on December 8, 2010, began with an essay competition. There were several entries in this category, the winning essays were by Poojan Thakkar, Afsheen Irani, Percy Elavia and Nikita Bhatija.

On the December 21, 2010 a Photography Competition was organized which had two categories of submission, *Nature and Mumbai Meri Jaan*. The winners of the photography competition were Navin Maiya and Khushboo Rupani. Due to its overwhelming response, a special category was initiated for the ex-student members of Nature club. Vishal Lalchandani's entry was indeed heart rendering.

The Nature club proudly co hosted the college Annual Prize Distribution with GEMS. There were over 700 recipients of the various awards given to encourage student excellence.

### CORE COMMITTEE

#### Coordinator

Dr. Chandani Bhattacharjee

#### Student Representatives

##### President

Navin Maiya    Devyani Chitlangia

##### Director

Khusboo Rupani    Krishna Bhatia  
Rajkumar Chandramani

##### Vice President

Sandeep Verma    Mohit Punjabi



Monsoon Trek



Monsoon Trek



Members of Nature Club and GEMS - hosts of the Annual Prize Distribution

# > GENERAL EVENT MANAGEMENT SOCIETY

Dr. Indu Shahani, Hon'ble Sheriff of Mumbai & Principal of H.R. College was the Chief Guest at the **Installation Ceremony** of GEMS. She launched the official club T-Shirt and visiting Cards; along with Mrs. Rekha Bahadur, Vice Principal.

G.E.M.S. organized a **Scavenger Hunt** for its members. In this event, the participants were given a list of items which they had to rummage around the area of Churchgate, within a stipulated period of time.

**ROWDIES 3.0**, one of the most grueling events organized by G.E.M.S., this event put the members through a series of tasks to enhance their endurance, fortitude, perseverance and athletic abilities. They had tasks, eliminations, twists, everything needed for an adventurous event.

**G.E.M.S. CHASE** was held to create an understanding amongst the new members with loads of fun and a little application of their grey cells. In short it was a bonding event for the members of G.E.M.S.

This year **Bazaar 2010** was bigger and better as it transformed from a business management exercise to a business management competition. The event was graced by Principal Dr. Indu Shahani along with Vice Principal Mrs. Rekha Bahadur. The event was an overall success involving a lot of fun and games at the same time giving the participants a platform to showcase their entrepreneurship qualities.

An inter-club **Cricket** match was played between RCHR and GEMS. G.E.M.S. won the game for the third time in a row. **Football** was an intra club event where matches were held only for the members to develop a team spirit. To encourage interaction among Gems members fun filled games of **Taboo** and **Dumb Charade** were organized.

A **Christmas party** was an event organized on December 24, 2010 with social responsibility as the motto. Children of an orphanage called 'Arzoo' were invited to the college to spend time and enjoy the festive season with various fun activities. Also visiting H.R. College this year was "MIRAKLE COURIERS" a

courier service which employs the deaf and dumb. Dhruv Lakra, CEO, Mirakle Couriers was felicitated on this day for his contribution to the society.

The General Event Management Society (G.E.M.S.) in association with Nature Club organized the **Annual Prize distribution** on January 8, 2011. The event was a huge success because of the untiring efforts of the club members.

As part of their **social responsibility** the members of G.E.M.S. visited an old age home on October 2, 2010. The members took part in various discussions with the grand parents of society and shared their stories. On February 15, 2011 the members visited VATSALYA – An Orphanage and celebrated the childrens birthdays, gave them gifts and entertained them.

## CORE COMMITTEE

<b>Coordinator</b>	Ms. Rita Khatri
<b>President</b>	Anuj Gurnani
<b>Vice Presidents</b>	Karishma Dave Ankit Batijha
<b>Secretary</b>	Bhavna Fatnani



Principal tries her hand at Balancing Balls



Faculty enjoys Fun n Games at the Bazaar



Dr. Indu Shahani with Dhruv Lakra, CEO, Mirakle Couriers and his team

# > MARATHI VANGDMAY MANDAL

## Core Committee

### Sr. College Prof-In-charge

Mrs. Madhu Kelkar

### Jr. College Prof-In-charge

Mrs. Bharti Kanpile

### Coordinator

Mr. Akshay Joshi

### President

Anushree Prabhulkar

### Vice-President

Pradnya Shendekar

### Secretary

Prashant Salgaonkar



MVM is a cultural club of H.R college of Commerce and Economics which promotes the Maharashtrian culture among the students by providing a platform they deserve, to shape their personality and nurture their talents.

The Calendar of events of MVM began with the '**Ganeshotsav**' on Sept 14, 2010 on the Terrace. The Principal Dr. Indu Shahani graced the occasion. The faculty and students participated in "*Puja & Aarti*" followed by a special '*Prasad*' from Siddhivinayak Temple.

On the auspicious occasion of '*Dassera*' MVM members distributed cards and leaves of the traditional '*Aapta*' tree to the teaching staff, greeting them for the festival.

MVM participated in the inter-collegiate event '*Harshollhas*' organized by Sydenham College and stood 3rd among 30 colleges that participated in the event.

In the state level competition '**Mahashtra Utsav**' MVM stood 2nd in the fashion show where a total of 80 colleges participated.

.....a Cultural Club promoting the Maharashtrian Culture among the HRites

On January 14., 2011 MVM members celebrated *Makar Sankranti* with the traditional *Haldi-Kumkum* followed by the flying of kites with the young club members.

It is always a challenge for MVM members to inculcate the cultural aspect of Marathi Language among the students. The achievement of success was the result of hard work and tireless efforts of the organizers.

On Feb. 27, 2011; on the occasion of Marathi Language Day and the Diamond Jubilee Birth Anniversary of Poet Kusumagraj alias Gyanpith Award Winner Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar, Marathi Vangdmay Mandal organized a Video Show of Classic Theater *Natasamrat* by Kusumagraj which is a Marathi Version of "Hamlet", the great Shakespearean play. Mr. Upendra Date, who is playing the lead role of *Natasamrat* currently, was present and addressed the students.

HR College entry for Thali decoration competition at Sydenham College



Fashion show at State level competition '*Maharashtra Utsav*'



'Lavni' performance at '*Harshollhas*' organised by Sydenham



Winner of Table Tennis trophy at Sydenham College



Haldi-kumkum on Makar Shankranti, Jan. 2011



## > YOUNG MINDS



Young Minds felicitated Principal Dr. Indu Shahani on Rose day

Young Minds is the Junior College Students' Council. Since the time of its inception, the club has been actively involved in every aspect of the FYJC admission process from the receipt of application forms to the first day of their college life.

The academic year 2010-2011 commenced with Young Minds organizing the *Principal's Birthday* party on July 17, 2010 for which the staff room was beautifully decorated. It was celebration time for the staff members as well as the students.

A very sought after event of Young Minds, the '*Rose Day*' was celebrated on Oct.1, 2010. Dedications were accepted during September 27 to 29, 2010. White, Pink, Red etc. were the colors of the roses, each symbolizing a particular purpose like 'White' for special message, 'Red' for love and 'Pink' for crush and so on. The event received a phenomenal response and was celebrated with great fervor. The credit for the activities goes to the new-comers of the club, the FYJC students who were actively involved in organizing the events.

Young Minds also bagged the First Prize for the Bollywood Remix dance at the Talent Parade 2010, which is the biggest collegiate event at H.R. College.



Young Minds Bollywood Remix dance at the Talent Parade 2010

### CORE COMMITTEE

#### Coordinator

Ms. Shamira Abdulla  
Ms. Anuradha Iyer

Ms. Laxmi Pillai

#### President

Yash Shah

#### Vice President

Tarannum Samtani

#### Secretary

Jyotsna

Dhwani Shah

#### Public Relations

Raunaq Bajaj

#### Cultural

Komal Shah

Harsha Yadnik

#### Treasurer

Archika Toshniwal

#### Sports

Ishan Modi

#### Creative

Rashi Talreja

Tanya Khiani

## > CAREER ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

#### Coordinator

Ms. Anupama Sawant

The Junior College organizes a "Career Orientation Program" every year for the SYJC students to create awareness among them about various options available to them after HSC.

This year the program was from July 7 to 14, 2010. It covered B.Com., BBI, BAF, BMS and BFM degree courses along with Vocational and Add-on Courses of Advertising; Tourism & Travel Management and Tax Procedures and

Practices. The students received detailed information about the wide range of career opportunities available to them in the beginning of the academic year. Equipped with this information, the students can set targets in the forthcoming HSC Board Exam and prepare accordingly.

"Quite informative and it does assist in the decision making process of selecting a career," said a student.

# > FRENCH CLUB



Members of French Club were inducted by Principal Dr. Indu Shahani



Performance by members of French Club



Enjoying the performances by French Club



Members of French Club felicitated by Principal Dr. Shahani

## CORE COMMITTEE

<b>Coordinators</b>	Ms. Milita Ganguly
Ms. Vasudha Arya	Mr. Shahrookh Shroff
<b>Members</b>	
Narotam Madhyan	Pawan Madhani
Varun Panjwani	Janesha Nagpal
Prerak Dedhia	Deep Anandani



French National Day Celebration - Members of French Club along with IESEG students from France

The French Club is a prominent club of the Junior College which aims to encourage and enhance the linguistic skills of the students in addition to instilling within them a love for France and all things French.

## FRENCH NATIONAL DAY

The French Club celebrated the French National Day on July 14, 2010. The event started off with a bilingual presentation on why July 14 is celebrated as the National Day of France. H.R. College played host to five students from France (who were in India on a study tour) and they also took part in the festivities. Together, they sang a beautiful rendition of 'Vande Mataram', which was much appreciated by all present.

This was followed by a scintillating dance performed by the members of the Club. The Chief Guest, Dr. Indu Shahani presented badges to all those being inducted as a part of the organizing committee of the club.

The National Day concluded with the singing of the French National Anthem.

## FRENCH FIESTA 2010

The second event of the French Club, the "French Fiesta", took place in December 2010.

This year, the Fiesta saw the introduction of

a new event, 'The Amazing Race', which took place a few days before the main event.

The Amazing Race kick-started in the college premises where the first clue was hidden. By deciphering each clue, the participants proceeded to the next stops of the race, from Chowpatty to Hanging Gardens to Haji Ali. At each of the stops, they had to perform a task which would enable them to obtain the clue for their next destination. The participants had a gala time during this day-long race that ended at college.

On the main day of the Fiesta, the winners of the race were given certificates by our Chief Guest, Dr. Indu Shahani. The audience also enjoyed a hip-hop and a salsa dance performance in addition to a French song by the club members. At the end of the day, the FYJC students were shown a French film, "Les Aventures de Rabbi Jacob" as part of their second term assignment. The film was well-received by the young audience amidst much enjoyment and bouts of laughter.

Mrs. Anila Pillai gave away the badges during the investiture ceremony whereby new club heads were welcomed into the club.

# > CASCADE CLUB

## Cascade Club helps the students in unveiling their creative talents

The Cascade Club of H.R. College of Commerce and Economics was established with a view to encourage students' participation in co-curricular activities. Through various activities that are initiated and events that are organized the Cascade Club helps the students in unveiling their hidden creative talents. The club activities offer a perfect combination of fun with a sincere dedication towards the work.

The club took off this year by organizing the 'Mehendi' Competition, on August 6, 2010 and the 'Arm Tattoo' designing competition, to keep up with the changing trends. Around 50 students participated in the event organized by the club. It was a beautiful blend of modern as well as the traditional aspect of the Indian culture.

Cascade also organized the card making competition on September 9, 2010. Keeping in view the festive season, the theme of the event was 'Festivals'. The participants made artistic cards on 'Ganesh Festival', 'Diwali', 'Christmas', 'Holi', 'Makar Sankranti', 'Halloween', etc.

The most eagerly awaited event of cascade club, the 'HRite Week' was organized from

December 6 to 11, 2010. During the HRite Week specific dress code was followed by the students the teaching and non teaching staff. Prizes were awarded each day to the best dressed students and teachers. The dress code was:

December 6	Denim Day
December 7	Black and White Day
December 8	Indo-Western Day
December 9	Tie Day
December 10	Traditional Day
December 11	Twins Day

As every year, the highlight of the HRite Week was the Traditional Day held on December 10, 2010. Everyone dressed in traditional finery. A personality contest was held wherein the participants in the traditional attire had to walk the ramp followed by a question answer round, based on which the winners were chosen and awarded the titles of "Mr. HR" and "Miss HR". The event concluded with a traditional dance performed by all the participants to entertain the audience.

### CORE COMMITTEE

#### Coordinator

Mrs. Rekha Verma

#### President (SYJC)

Sharna Dalal

#### Vice-President (SYJC)

Janvi Advani

#### FYJC Members

Bryan Rodrigues	Neha Lulla
Raunak Shinde	Umika Bhatia
Divya Agrawal	Neha Advani
Akashdeep Vimal	Ria Patni
Shreshtha Choradia	Jyoti Asrani
Anureet Kabra	Nirali Notharia



Mehndi and Arm Tattoo Designing competition



Card Making Competition



Mr. HR, Miss HR and Runner-ups on Traditional Day with Vice Principal Anila Pillai



Principal Dr. Indu Shahani was felicitated for judging the Card Making Competition

# > HINDI SAHITYA PARISHAD



Installation of HSP club members for the year 2010

A cultural club organizing events to promote Indian culture amongst students to keep our rich cultural heritage alive

Hindi Sahitya Parishad conducted a "Hindi Essay" competition on July 23, 2010. This competition is held every year to encourage students to showcase their writing skills. Each winner was awarded a trophy and a certificate.

Going back to our traditional roots, the club organized 'Guru-Poornima' on July 23, 2010 to appreciate our esteemed teachers. To grace the occasion, we had our principal Dr. (Mrs.) Indu Shahani and Prof. V.N. Sharma as special guests. The programme was very entertaining as the members put up dance performances, bhajans, songs etc. The students had also organized fun games, for the teachers. The programme was appreciated by the staff and students.

The Hindi Sahitya Parishad members had the honour of organizing the Independence Day programme. For the 1st time in the history of our college we had 110 students from UK Participating in our Independence day celebration.

One of the most awaited events of the Hindi Sahitya Parishad is 'Gul-e-Gulzar' which was held on 16th October. Like every year this year too the event was a grand success. It included 'Sher-o-

Shayari' a competition where participants recited couplets of their choice. 'Hasya Vyang Kavita' was another fun-filled competition. Here the participants recited poems with a dash of humour and on present day life situations.

The club encourages participation in inter collegiate activities like Bhajans, Poem recitation etc.

The winners of the various inter collegiate competition were.

**1st place** - Satya Prakash Pandey for Vivek Vidyalyaya Jr. College elocution Competition.

**1st Place** - Sanskriti Bhatia for Hindustani Prachar Sabha debate competition.

### Consolation Prizes

Nidhi Lodha and Kunal Jessani for the Bhajan Competition at B.M. Ruia College.

Latisha D'lima and Vaibhavi Vyas for the Bhajan Competition at Marwadi Commercial College.

The year 2010-2011 was very successful for the club as it won many laurels along with cash prizes and accolades for the college.

### Core Committee

#### Coordinators

Ms. Sheela Shahe Ms. Sheela Yadav

#### Members

Satya Prakash Pandey

Khushboo Moorjani

Sanskriti Bhatia Aamir Munshi

Raveena Dhawan Hamdaan Khatri



H.R. College won the **Late Smt. Mamta Gundecha Memorial Trophy, 2010** a rotating trophy for **Hindi Elocution**.

The event was held at *Vivek Vidyalyay Junior College* in Goregaon on December 8, 2010. 40 students participated in a tough competition and Satya Prakash Pandey of FYJC was judged as the best speaker and won the 1st Prize. The topic was '*Stri Mukti ka Raag - Ek Mithya* (Women Liberlization is a Myth).



Essay Competition



Invocation dance by a HSP member



The 'Guru Purnima' event organised by HSP



Enacting 'Dumb Charades'



Keen participants of 'Dumb Charades'



Winners of the Debate Competition



HSP members line-up to welcome all for the Independence Day Celebration

## > COMMERCE CLUB

The Commerce Club conducts several events including the Debating Competitions, a Commerce Quiz and Skits for events



Debating Competition - Meherzeen Avasia, Bhumi Dedhia and Trutiya Furia, winners for "Social Networking Sites are destroying relationships"

The Commerce Club of H.R. College of Commerce and Economics conducts regular activities that aim at keeping students up-to-date about the current affairs in the field of Commerce.

The organizing committee of the Commerce Club held a debating competition on August 12, 2010. Four teams of 3 debaters each for proposition and opposition respectively spoke on

*'Social Networking Sites are Destroying Relationships'* and two teams of 2 debaters each on *'New Media Channels are confined to Metros.'*

Commerce Club organized COMQUIZ 2010 on December 15, 2010. Elimination round and the final round touched upon the topics in the syllabus and general questions on Business ranging from Management, Brands, Media, Who is

COMMERCE CLUB MANAGEMENT	
<b>Coordinator</b>	Ms. Laju Sharma
<b>President &amp; CEO</b>	Akash Bagaria
<b>Directors</b>	Janesha Nagpal Ronak Narang Gautam Bhatia
<b>Managing Directors</b>	Siddharth Purohit Jainam Shah



Debate



Skit on "Outsourcing"

Who in the corporate world to the Marketing functions, Distribution channels and the Global business scenario.

Commerce Club also performed a humorous script at the Talent Parade 2010.

## > FYJC ORIENTATION

After a long delay and endless wait post the 10th standard results, the FYJC admission process started in mid-August. As is customary the college conducted an orientation for the newly-admitted FYJC students and their parents. Through this orientation, the college welcomes the students into the H.R family.

The students were given information about the activities of the various clubs and also about the intra and inter-

collegiate events conducted by the college. The students were also informed about the compulsory and the optional subjects, internal assessments and the tentative exam schedules.

Dr. Indu Shahani, Sheriff of Mumbai and Principal, H.R. College of Commerce & Economics, addressed the students and highlighted the academic, cultural and social achievements of the college. She emphasised that the youth of today have a greater role to play in shaping the future of our country. She urged the

students to be sincere and dedicated towards the achievement of their goals.

The two vice-principals, Mrs. Anila Pillai and Mrs. Dipika Bhatia, spoke about the rules and regulations to be followed by the students within the premises of the college.

Prof. V.N. Sharma, Director Administration, welcomed the students to the fold and asked them to aim at achieving success in their respective fields.

# > OPEN HOUSE



**SYJC Terminal Exam Toppers meeting** - The Toppers were introduced to the students failing in two or more than two subjects to share their secrets of success. The toppers shared some tips on how to study & score better. These tips included regular study, with planned schedule, to concentrate on subjects they were weak in, solve papers & most importantly deposit their blackberries in the college till the board exams were over!

**CORE COMMITTEE**

<b>Coordinator</b>	Mrs. Rekha Verma
<b>SYJC Members</b>	
Mayank Agarwal	Harsh Bajaj
Divya Agarwal	Sharna Dalal
Janvi Advani	Esha Gupta
Surabhi Jain	
<b>FYJC Members</b>	
Shrestha Choradia	Divya Agrawal
Gautam Bhatia	Mayank Bajaj
Bryan Rodrigues	Umika Bhatia



Principal addresses the parents and students at the Open house for Junior College



Meeting with attendance defaulters



Parents and students at the Open house for Junior College

Open House is an endeavour by the Junior College faculty to update parents about their wards' attendance and academic performance.

## SYJC Open House

The first SYJC Open House meeting was held on August 7, 2010. During the meeting, the teachers interacted with the parents and informed them about their wards attendance.

Open House members also assisted in conducting SYJC Terminal Exam Toppers meeting held on Dec. 9, 2010 and in distribution of SYJC Prelim papers on Jan.31,2011.

## FYJC Open House

In the second term, an open house for FYJC was held on January 17, 2011 to distribute mark lists of FYJC Unit Test and

Terminal examination and to inform the parents about the attendance of their wards.

Defaulters in attendance, failures in two or more than two subjects and Toppers respectively were addressed by the Principal, Dr. Indu Shahani.

Both the SYJC and FYJC open houses received an overwhelming response from the parents.

# > MODERATOR SESSIONS

December, 2010

As has been the practice in the Junior College, Moderator sessions were organised for SYJC students from December 6-16, 2010 to orient the students in all subjects on "How to answer the board exam?"

Moderators provided information on weightage of topics, paper pattern, time management, managing stress, exam anxiety and other valuable tips for answering board exams. Moderator sessions proved to be extremely beneficial for the students as they not only prepared them for the HSC Board exam in March 2011 but also for the prelims conducted by the college.

The following moderators addressed the students:

*Organisation of Commerce & Secretarial Practice* - Mrs. Padmaja Menon, Sathye College

*Economics* - Mr. Jadhav, Patkar College

*Maths* - Mr. A.R. Sharma, Dhanukar College

*English* - Mrs. Asha Talapatra, Jai Hind College

*Accounts* - Mrs. Sujata Kini, Ruparel College

*Hindi* - Mrs. Manjula D., Bhavans College



Valuable tips by a Moderator



Students gained confidence from the advice given



(L) Coordinator Ms. Laxmi Pillai with Maths Moderator & department

# > C.O.D.E. CLUB OF DEBATES AND ELOCUTION

The last few decades has seen the world progress by leaps and bounds. Today's world is defined by a global economy, information technology, scientific understanding and logical reasoning. Still, there would be no semblance of order if there was no communication. Hence, the Club of Debates and Elocution (C.O.D.E.) endeavors to empower each member with the ability to write intelligently, make fiery speeches and impassioned arguments.

The first task for C.O.D.E. during the academic year 2010-11 was aiding the F.Y.J.C. admission process. C.O.D.E. members worked behind the scenes, entering data from the forms received into computers.

Next came C.O.D.E.'s flagship event- 'Stand Up, Speak Up!' which is an impromptu speaking competition for

the F.Y.J.C.s. On the maiden day of F.Y.J.C. lectures itself, the C.O.D.E. core committee conducted the elimination round in all eight divisions covering almost 90 contestants. After much deliberation, the committee released a list of 25 semi-finalists, who had been a cut above the rest. During the semi-final, each student was individually briefed on the way he/she could improve. Ultimately, 9 students made it to the final round of Stand Up, Speak Up! In the final round, every speech was an indigenous mix of philosophy, humour and detail. Batul Barodawala, Rohin Gupta and Aamir Munshi were presented the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place awards respectively.

H.R.'s very own inter-club fiesta, Talent Parade, saw C.O.D.E. play a dual role. Half the comperes of the show were C.O.D.E.

## CORE COMMITTEE

<b>Coordinator</b>	Ms. Misha Bothra
<b>Members</b>	Zahra Vasi
	Batul Barodawala
	Fatema Bhanpurwala
	Karan Teckchandani
	Huzefa Attarwala

members while the other members set the stage ablaze by putting up a breath-taking dance performance.

The Annual Prize Distribution for the Junior College, held in January 2011, was hosted by Batul Barodawala, Aamir Munshi, Rohin Gupta, Niket Mehta, Priyanka Punjabi and Shruti Saran, all members of C.O.D.E.

In this manner, C.O.D.E. has succeeded in producing a generation of confident youth, well-read, well-spoken and well-opined; a generation that is bold enough to know that 'Speech is Silver' and yet humble enough to learn that sometimes 'Silence is Golden.'





ARTICLES  
& POEMS

# Protect The Next Generation

Let's educate Indian women about how to combat cervical cancer

*Indu Shahani*

*The writer is the Sheriff of Mumbai and principal of H R College of Commerce and Economics.*

**M**y career has been spent on the campuses of schools and colleges. Over four decades, the most heart-warming change I've noticed is the increase in the population of girls in Indian classrooms. Today's young women have better opportunities, greater academic accomplishment and, at least in our big cities and urban milieu, greater social autonomy than ever before.

In the past decade, as India's economy has grown and as the media and marketing revolutions have transformed our society, urban women are living a different lifestyle. As a teacher, I see this in schools and colleges every day. It is evident in the way young people eat, meet, interact, entertain and relax.

Some tend to be judgmental about these changes and see them as necessarily bad; I'm not so sure. Evolution is inevitable. We should welcome it and adapt to it, rather than rail against it. Unfortunately, not enough effort is being made in this direction.

Take public health, particularly the health of women. Lifestyle changes, the growth of a snack food culture, tobacco use, greater sexual freedom and career women postponing pregnancy decisions: all of these have profound health implications. Are we preparing our young women for these? As an educationist, I can never run away from this fundamental question.

Why am I focused on health implications for women? After all, new lifestyles and modes of living and working affect men equally, and surely have health consequences for them as well. True, but two caveats need to be entered here. First, there are some diseases – I refer specifically to two cancers, that of the

breast and that of the cervix – which are exclusive to women. Second, however much we may have closed the gender gap, the fact is that as a society we spend much less on the care and treatment of ill women than of men. Regrettably, this distinction is made in the mansions of Malabar Hill as much as in the slums of Dharavi.

I've worked with breast cancer victims and awareness groups and much more is known about this disease today than even a decade ago. It's time to focus on cervical cancer prevention and treatment too. This is one of the rare cancers that is preventable and curable. Yet it afflicts 1,34,000 additional women in India each year (2008 figures). Some 2,75,000 women die of cervical cancer in the world every year. One of every four does so in India. One-third of women who register for cancer diagnosis in Indian hospitals suffer from cervical cancer.

The most common cause of cervical cancer is the human papillomavirus (HPV). The scientist who made that connection won the Nobel prize for medicine a few years ago. HPV is transmitted during sexual contact, particularly when the woman's immune system has been weakened by, for instance, smoking. Nevertheless, we hardly tell our young women about it. Puberty brings about a kaleidoscope of changes in a girl's persona – physical, physiological and psychological.



*Let them be girls, uninterrupted*

*“ However much we may have closed the gender gap, the fact is that as a society we spend much less on the care and treatment of ill women than of men. ”*

Puberty is therefore crucial to cervical cancer spread or, if we get it right, prevention. Experimenting with unprotected sex at this stage can enhance the risk of contracting HPV. A woman's cervix is underdeveloped at this age and has an immature epithelium (the top layer of tissue on the skin). This makes chances of infection higher.

Routine screening of the cervix through tests such as the pap smear is advisable for sexually active women of 30 years or older. It can offer early detection of cervical cancer. This test needs to be repeated every three years, as per protocol in most developed countries.

The remarkable aspect of modern

medical science is that we can arrest and combat the cancer (or more accurately, precancer) at several points. More recently, the HPV test is available to detect the presence of infection with high risk HPV types. Even if the HPV test is positive, it still does not mean the woman has cervical cancer; she just has an HPV infection.

Most HPV infections are temporary and the body's immune system subdues the infection in due course. Only if the virus persists will there be higher chances of the infection causing cervical cancer cell abnormalities and, later, cervical cancer. As such, layered, multiple and regular screening is essential. It can lead to timely detection and treatment, and prevent death due to cancer of the cervix.

Cervical cancer can also be prevented by using vaccines. Medical professionals recommend vaccinating with the HPV vaccine prior to a woman's first sexual encounter. A World Health Organisation position paper on HPV vaccination says: "HPV vaccines are most efficacious in females who are naive to vaccine-related HPV types. The primary target population is likely to be girls within the age of nine or 10 years through 13 years."

HPV vaccines are in use in over 100 countries. They are endorsed by the Federation of Obstetric and Gynecological Societies of India and the Indian Academy of Pediatrics. We should tell our daughters about them. Indeed, we should start a conversation about cervical cancer. The next generation needs to know, and needs to be protected.

## A POEM ON WISDOM

By Meet K. Shah, FY BFM

O Karma, Dharma, pudding and pie  
 Gimme a break before I die,  
 Grant me wisdom, will, & wit,  
 Purity, probity, pluck, & grit.  
 Trustworthy, loyal, helpful, kind,  
 Gimme great abs & a steel-trap mind,  
 And forgive, Ye Gods, some humble advice-  
 These little blessings would suffice  
 To beget an earthly paradise:  
 Make the bad people good-  
 And the good people nice;  
 And before our world goes over the brink,  
 Teach the believers how to think.

## TO DEFINE LOVE By Nikita Tuteja SYJC

She took his hand, without thinking, and it felt right.  
 And he placed his around her waist, where it would always fit best.

It was the last seat left, but there really wasn't any other.  
 She figured he was shy, but didn't really bother.  
 He turned and said 'hi', quite a big feat.  
 She replied unconsciously, without missing a beat.

Days passed, conversation stayed dry.  
 But he continued to struggle, hopes held high.  
 She thought nothing of him, so used to attention.  
 To her, he was just another another plain guy in pretension.

Gradually, they were friends, though she had many.  
 He was an option to her, she, a priority.  
 Though without despair, for her he did care.  
 Never once of heartbreak did he become scared.

He was always there for her, an assured shoulder.  
 And though she had none, his feelings didn't smolder.  
 She began to value him, slowly in time.  
 Though she remained oblivious to his mind.

He stood by her in trouble, in times cruel and mean.  
 That was when she saw, what she'd never before seen.  
 He truly was a diamond in the dust.  
 Someone she could love. Someone she could trust.

From then on, she never left his side.  
 People said that she would be his bride.  
 Fights others had, they never did.  
 Their love, every time, their differences outbid.

They fit together, like pieces of a puzzle  
 That they were made for each other, never failed to dazzle.  
 He was her angel, sent from above.  
 She was his life, everything that he loved.

Every whisper, every touch,  
 The epitome of passion.  
 Feelings so pure.  
 Love, almost, old-fashioned.

He was the object of her every thought.  
 She was the only pleasure he sought.  
 No wrong between them could ever transpire.  
 It seemed as if, the Gods themselves conspired.

But all good things must come to an end.  
 And so on their perfect lives fell a dark curtain.  
 The music slowed to a melancholic note.  
 Deep despair on their blissful door smote.

A fatal disease had in her heart sprung.  
 The beginning of the end had surely begun.  
 They didn't say goodbye, nothing said or done. It was the end of  
 two threads, woven into one.

So, She took his hand, without thinking, and it felt right.  
 And he placed his around her waist, where it would always fit best.

## THE SPIKES ASIA EXPERIENCE -SINGAPORE!

By Khushboo Sharma, TYBCom

September 18, 2010, the day had finally arrived after weeks of undergoing a variety of selection procedures in the form of aptitude tests, group discussions and personal interviews with the stalwarts of the advertising industry in Mumbai. Beating the media students all over Mumbai to be able to represent my college and the country amongst the 15 students from Asia gave me a sense of pride and satisfaction.

Spikes Asia is an Advertising festival organized by the famous Cannes group specifically for the agencies and media professionals in Asia-Pacific and spreads over a period of 3 days. The festival includes seminars, conferences, workshops, debates, presentations, networking parties and ends with an awards night. Every year, 15 students from Asia are sponsored and they get a firsthand experience of the organization and functioning of the festival. Spikes Asia also provides separate classrooms for the participants accompanied by a tutor all the time. These tutors take classes and update the students on the recent trends in the media industry.

As I landed at the venue, I was greeted by our tutor and my other fellow students, an eclectic mix from China, Korea, Taiwan, Pakistan, and Indonesia. Our first day was spent in socializing and getting to know each other better. We attended personalized seminars and interactive workshops conducted by the stalwarts of the industry heading advertising agencies worldwide, including Mr. Simon Kornberg, Wayne Lotherington, William Rossen and the likes. The evening networking cocktails took place at the beautiful office premises of Ogilvy n Mather and JWT, where we rubbed shoulders with the best creative minds in the world.

Then came the best part of the fest. We were divided into groups of 3 and given an assignment to be completed overnight - to create a 360 degree media campaign for Samsung LED televisions using social media, and present it to the best international jury! Brainstorming throughout the night to come up with the best campaign while trying to communicate with group mates who didn't speak your language was one amazing task and taught me that ideas



Khushboo Sharma

need no particular language because creativity has no barriers!

Fortunately for us, our hard-work, commitment and team-work paid off and our campaign was appreciated and complemented by one and all. And to top it, when the results were announced, my group emerged victorious and we won the contest hands down!!

After attending the awards night on the last day, and a last breakfast together next morning, it was time to bid adieu to our sponsors, tutor, and the friends we made through these days. Thanking them for such an amazing learning experience, I brought back memories of a lifetime!

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## KUDOS FOR OUR ALUMNUS SHASHANK!



Shashank Shah was conferred the Doctor of Philosophy by Revered Chancellor, Late Sri Sathya Sai Baba at the SRI SATHYA SAI INSTITUTE OF HIGHER LEARNING University Convocation, Andhra Pradesh on November 22, 2010. The Chief Guest for the Function was Hon'ble Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India. It was on the eve of the 85th Birthday Celebrations of Baba which were held on November 23, 2010 and attended by a few lakh devotees across India and the globe. The President of India - Her Excellency, Smt. Pratibha Patil also participated in the Women's Day Celebrations at Prashanti Nilayam on November 19, 2010 and addressed the gathering.

Shahshank Shah was also selected for the Association of Indian Management Scholars International Outstanding Doctoral Management Student Award 2010, awarded at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad on January 2, 2010.

## A MIRAKULOUS ACHIEVEMENT !

*Mirakle Couriers wins National Award  
for the Empowerment of People With Disabilities*



A distinguished award given to Dhruv Lakra by the President of India, Pratibha Devisingh Patil, for the empowerment of the deaf through meaningful employment.

Dhruv Lakra an HR alumnus, a successful entrepreneur - Skoll Scholar, Echoing Green fellow. His social enterprise Mirakle Couriers has been making headlines since it was launched. The company employs low-income deaf adults as professional couriers, providing them an opportunity to earn a good living and become a vital part of mainstream society. This year, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has recognised Mirakle Couriers with its prestigious National Award for the Empowerment of People with Disabilities. The award ceremony was held in Delhi on the December 3, 2010 conferred by H.E. President of India.

"In 1969, the Government of India approved a Scheme for giving National Awards to the outstanding employers of persons with disabilities. Empowerment of persons with disabilities is an interdisciplinary process, covering various aspects namely, prevention, early detection, intervention, education, vocational training rehabilitation and social integration etc. Apart from resources, it requires dedicated efforts of persons and institutions involved in the process of empowerment."

We're proud of the phenomenal work and impact that Mirakle Couriers creates. Great job, team.

## KPMG'S CREATING AN IMPACT PROGRAM, 2011

By Urmila Jaisingh, SYBFM

Like the company motto, "Cutting through Complexity" the KPMG team did absolutely that! On the 25th and 26th of April 2011, I amongst 30 other students from H.R College was privileged to be a part of KPMG's Creating An Impact program 2011.

When we reached the luxurious Mahalaxmi office at 8.30am, little did we know that this was just the beginning of two days filled with fun and learning! Fun – we had a whole lot. Learning – we learned precisely what we needed to at this point in our lives, but to benefit us for many years to come.

"How do you create an impact in an interview? What colour clothes do you wear? What accessories..?," "What do you say when you first enter the recruiter's office?" "How do you make sure your point has been noted?" "How do you discuss your pay package?" These like many questions that would buzz in our minds when we'd start our careers in the corporate jungle, were answered with such warmth and simplicity by the KPMG team of Ms. Anupama and Ms.

Swati who made sure we felt comfortable and absorbed everything discussed in the workshop.

Through various group activities like making human pyramids of different designs, charting out a success tree, discussions of an ideal career path for every group mate amongst other activities, we were made to realize the value and importance of team work and coordination that we always wrongly thought were natural attributes and not something we needed to work on.

A one on one mock interview with these two then intimidating corporate recruiters was a major ground breaking experience where most of us, otherwise confident and bright individuals, realized how different an experience a real time interview is. Some of us came out victorious and smiling and others with a realization of their areas of improvement. An interactive session on selling one's personal brand in an interview was then conducted.

A very crucial networking session with the HOD's of KPMG's various

departments was something that all of us aspiring MBA's and CA's are going to definitely value. It was difficult to believe that the group of people talking to us with such humility and warmth are actually the ones that run this prestigious firm.

This, along with many other interactive sessions on topics like developing effective communication skills, blending with various personality types, impacting elevator pitches, conducting the right handshakes, the do's and don'ts of resume writing, deeply benefitted everyone present who wouldn't have realized the importance of these little things that make a big difference.

In retrospect one realizes now the huge difference all these things that we've gained knowledge of, are actually the things that we're going to keep with us for a long time. We can confidently say that just two days that we spent at this workshop are going to be advantageous to us for the rest of our lives, professional as well as personal.

## THE PARLIAMENT VISIT

By Sanchit Gulabani, SYBMS

The 'Parliament Visit' - the brainchild of Milind Deora (MP - South Mumbai Constituency) backed by the Indian National Congress is an annual event where 30 students from 15 colleges across South Mumbai are given a chance to visit the Lok Sabha as well as the Rajya Sabha in Delhi and witness their proceedings. The students are also given an exclusive opportunity to meet great leaders and thinkers and interact with them personally.

Sanchit Gulabani and Abhishek Iyer were selected from H.R College to travel to Delhi. The journey to Delhi was filled with anticipation and excitement for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Career Launcher, the sponsor, arranged for accommodation at the YMCA Hostel. The night was spent in detailed discussion about questions the students would ask the dignitaries they would meet in the next two days. As they were about to leave for their very first Lok Sabha experience, they were disappointed to hear that the Lok Sabha session had been adjourned. The good news was that they could still meet Mrs. Meira Kumar, the honourable Speaker of the Lok Sabha at her office chambers. On arrival at the Sansad Bhavan, the students were awestruck by the breath-taking scenery surrounding it.

Mr. Milind Deora accompanied the students for the meeting with the Speaker. After the pleasantries, the students asked the Speaker questions on Women's Rights in the country as well as Naxalism and Democracy. She replied in soft tones which was quite contradictory to her dynamic thinking and understanding. The next day the students went for a scheduled meeting with P. Chidambaram, Hon'able Union Minister of Home Affairs. They discussed fiery issues like Homeland Security and Naxalism. The students were curious to know how the government deals with differences of opinion within the party.

Another issue which stirs Mumbaikars is the difference between the administration of Delhi and Mumbai. The minister explained the geographical difference between the two metropolitan cities. Besides, he said that Delhi has a Chief Minister whereas Mumbai does not.

The cherry on the cake was a meeting with the effervescent Shashi Tharoor, the former Under-Secretary General of the United Nations. He was questioned on Soft versus Hard Diplomacy and they received very diplomatic replies! The minister also spoke about an issue close to his heart, i.e. education of the masses. He said that he is happy to see India as an emerging global leader.

## THE CONFLICT

By Nihal Daswani, FYBAF

**A**nd you just lie there motionless,  
**B**ound by neither heaven nor earth,  
**C**aught in this complex dilemma I am,  
**D**o I end what I gave birth?

**E**ach day I remember you as a child,  
**F**orever gentle and kind!  
**G**rowing up, you always kept your head;  
**H**ear combined with mind!

**I** still recall that fateful night, the  
**J**ilted lover with whom you fought.  
**K**ate, my darling daughter, my love,  
**L**ost with one bullet shot.

**M**y mind is at conflict with itself,  
**N**ow every moment with you I shall spend.  
**O**n and on the question flashes by-  
**P**rolonged life....or premature end?

**Q**uietly you hang in there and I try  
**R**eaching you.... but in vain!  
**S**o how am I supposed to know  
**T**hat you're alright or in pain?

**U**ntil you're around, we'll be by your side,  
**V**ying for all your attention.  
**W**e'll have your memories when you're gone-  
**X**ylophone, diary and class pin!

**Y**ou shudder as I pull the plug, and seem to say "Goodbye!"  
**Z**enith reached, you smile slightly and in my arms- you die!

## CHEERS TO LIFE! By Hiral Shah TY BCom

I joined Max Mueller to further enhance my language skills. I was new and alone and mingled up with a batch of students who all knew each other pretty well.

There was this sweet looking 20 something girl who smiled at me across the room. She substantiated the reason for her smile by telling me that she was from HR too. During the class, we got talking about studies, college life and other girly things.

Being an everyday class, we got ample opportunities to talk about our hobbies and our daily chores. She told me that she was a teacher in the kindergarten because she loved kids a lot. I was impressed by her as she was sweet, pretty looking and intelligent.

One day, while getting down the stairs, I noticed that she was limping and was very slow in the way she climbed down. I was curious to know as to what was the matter with her. I asked her whether she was hurt in the leg. It was then that she

told me that she had her right leg amputated when she was two years old!!! She mentioned it like a matter of fact, like she was just talking about some random thing.

She had suffered from some disease, wherein the only way to save her was getting her leg amputated.

She seemed so normal; it was almost eerie for me to look at her. My eyes kept drifting towards her artificial leg. I couldn't say anything but think about her from a totally different perspective. It bothered me. She was 25, a teacher, learning German and enjoyed talking. There was no sign of a person who had suffered from tragedy so long ago in life. That tragedy changed her life in such an unjust manner and yet she was cheerful and jovial. I had heard about people like that; people go through bitter life experiences or so called tragedies & yet be normal or better- cheerful & pleasant, it was just the first time I met one, knew

one.

That was the time; when I got down to think that we complain about so many worthless and silly things which are so immaterial. Always whining and cribbing about what we don't have whereas what we have is so beautiful and priceless & yet so easily goes unacknowledged.

We are truly lucky, to be born as human, the way we are, the family in which we are, to have the education, opportunity, resources & so much more. The heart & the mind are true gems to be thankful for. One must realize & use this as we are blessed & make life better in whatever way possible for the ones who are not.

What I learned from this experience was to love from the heart & think from the mind as that in the real sense will make a difference & make life worth living.

Cheers to life!

## THE DECEIVING WINDOW

By Nikita Tuteja, SYJC

Sunlight filters the glass,  
And the floor is settled with gold.  
In vain, I count shapes in the rays,  
Of the dust we come from, and return to,  
as I'm told.

I squint through my tired eyes,  
And throw open the curtains aside.  
I turn my head and face the light,  
Pray for it to bathe my dreary, jaded life.

The street which used to be my play  
ground,  
There's a catch in my throat as the  
longing mounts.

I lean against the stone-cold surface,  
And imagine that I'm back home.  
A place where there are no fears.  
A place where no one is alone.  
But the darkness descends and clouds  
eclipse the Sun.  
I'm back in reality and the dream is done.

## NO ONE HAS TIME

By Niharika Anand, FYBMS

The world is so full of pressure,  
There is no time for leisure.  
I wish I could stop and wait,  
But unfortunately, that is not in my fate.

Yesterday, I met a little boy who was too busy to play with his toy  
After school he went for cricket being the best, he had to take every wicket.  
Life is moving at a break –neck speed to health and happiness we pay no  
heed.

Whether it's a Saturday or Sunday,  
Its no longer a holiday.

Everyone wants to be number one.  
Aiming to reach higher than the sun.  
Wanting to go beyond the blue shining sky Even at the cost of a big lie.

O! I wish there was no more competition Then everybody would not pay so  
much attention,  
We could sing dance and play ,  
Without worrying how much we earned in a day!

## A TO Z OF SELF MANAGEMENT

Compiled by Nidhi Thanawala, Faculty BMS

Want to better manage yourself? Tired of unwanted advice? Internet & self help books sure would give you 1000 tips but here are easy, handpicked ones that you can use.

1. **A**chieve a balance between study, rest & play.
2. **B**e patient – learning and academic skills develop gradually.
3. **C**ustomize plan of action/schedule. Do not copy it. Your friends may achieve top gear in studies not before 1:00 am (which may be way beyond your bed time).
4. **D**on't be a victim or a martyr. You always have a choice, so don't shy from it: Choose and choose without regret.
5. **E**xercise. It takes off the stress & generates happy hormones plus you get to look good.
6. **F**orgive & forget not for others but for you. Do not hold on to grudges. It's a clichéd tip but it is important to let go and move on.
7. **G**roup dynamics. Be with the pack, learn to support each other. United we stand, divided we fall!
8. **H**esitation is a big NO. Don't hesitate to hire specialists to do those things you are not expert in.
9. **I**ntelligence must be put to use. Be a smart worker not just a hard worker.
10. **J**ot down random thoughts. Keep a diary.
11. **K**eep a contact book with peoples' names, numbers etc.
12. **L**earn to prioritize.
13. **M**editate.
14. **N**etwork with others in the organization/ team to stay informed.
15. **O**ptions are present. Keep looking for alternatives.
16. **P**resent at the right time. Speak up! No one can "hear" what you're thinking without you be willing to stand up for it. Mind-reading is something most people can't do.
17. **Q**uestion must be asked if you do not understand. Do not hesitate. There is a Japanese proverb that says "If you ask a question you look like a fool for 5 minutes, if you don't, you remain a fool for the rest of your life."
18. **R**epression shouldn't work. Use a "to-do" list, colour codes, eye level reminders etc. everybody needs them.
19. **S**ensitivity is good but not to criticism.
20. **T**ake time out to thank yourself for a good job. Eg. Give yourself points for completing tasks on your "to-do" list in priority order. When you reach 10 points, reward yourself.
21. **U**se small blocks of time such as time between activities and travel time.
22. **V**alues are to be lived by, whatever they are. You confuse people when you don't, because they can't predict how you'll behave.
23. **W**ork. Follow karma, you are entitled to the work and not the rewards thereafter.
24. **X** mark off a job done, it signifies accomplishment.
25. **Y**ou can do this. Develop a positive attitude.
26. **Z**ebra has equal share of black & white. Don't over analyse or get defocused by other tasks. Remember why you were hired to do the job & make sure it happens.

## MY SHINY LITTLE YELLOW PLASTIC SHIELD

By Junaid Khan, SYJC

At the dawn of my adolescence,  
There was an illusion that I did equip,  
A false comfort people thought it was,  
Something in the bud to nip.

In childhood I used it to play war,  
It was a shiny yellow plastic shield,  
Something that I made part of my  
mind,  
Which I knew would never let me  
yield.

For years this stood a fortress  
magnificent,  
Denying all both foe and friend,  
Inside it, was I flourishing in  
protection,  
For in front of none did my shield  
bend.

After years of its service I foolishly said,  
"This is not life but a captive zoo!  
I should lower my guard, have some  
fun,  
What's the worse that anyone can do?"

Alas! I got more than I bargained for,  
Not the body but the heart they  
attack,  
Beaten and bruised by another's  
indifference,  
I found myself led willing to the rack.

I was burning in a comfortable fire,  
The bucket to extinguish I did hold,  
It was burring my will not my limbs  
I feel the scares will never go cold.

From the start 'twas my fault alone,  
I entered a battle I could not fight,  
I should have stayed in my massive  
stone walls,  
I should have held my little shield  
tight.

The lesson I learnt is brutal indeed,  
My next battle is with my shattered  
will,  
To lower my shield for non again,  
Be it her or any other damsel.



## FROZEN THOUGHTS

By Shoaib Sumar FYJC

### **I don't cry over spilt milk, but a fallen scoop of ice-cream is enough to ruin my whole day!**

The Online Dictionary defines ice-cream as "A dessert made from frozen sweetened cream or a similar substance, usually flavored" This definition, to me, seems rather incomplete. Under no circumstances can the world deny the sheer emotional value that comes attached to a bowl of ice-cream. Let me illustrate further. It serves as an incredible anti-depressant, an unbelievably good tear-stopper for kids, and a great companion on a Saturday night while watching a game of football, and you know it! Yet, The Online Dictionary, in its definition, dismisses it as a mere physical commodity. To put it simply, Ice-cream can be defined accurately in two words "Happiness condensed."

Historically, the origins of ice-cream can be traced as far back as the 4th century BC where Roman Emperor Nero ordered ice to be brought down from the mountains and served with a variety of fruit toppings. Some say the first natural topping used on ice cream was honey. Not surprisingly, China too lays claim to the invention of the frozen dessert with records of King Tang of Shang (what a name!) having a method of creating ice and milk concoctions. Wow, so ice-cream too was 'Made in China'. Once ice-cream reached North America in the 1700s it really took off and became popular among the wealthy merchants. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson reportedly served it to all their royal guests. Only in the early 19th century did ice-cream parlors become popular with common folk. Okay, that's enough for today's history lesson.

Did you know that Chocolate Syrup is the world's favorite topping on ice-cream and Vanilla, the world's favorite flavor according to extensive surveys conducted world-wide? Vanilla? Yes, I'm serious.

Another popular myth surrounding ice-cream is that it can only be truly enjoyed in hot weather. Rubbish, in my opinion. Not just in mine, the list of 'Top 10 Ice-cream consuming countries' blatantly quashes this myth. It's no surprise that the United States tops this list; with a Hagen Dazs or Ben n Jerry's at every street corner, why wouldn't they? The surprise lies in the fact that 8 other countries on the 10-member list, (Australia being the one exception) are what we consider 'Cold Countries'. Yes, New Zealand, Denmark, Belgium/Luxembourg, Sweden, Canada, Norway, Ireland and Switzerland make up the other 8 countries. Clearly, ice-cream consumption has no relation to weather, the barometer here, is, undoubtedly, economic prosperity.

As time progressed, ice-cream pioneers decided to penetrate into the more price-sensitive segments of the market. This, along with other factors such as the widespread availability of machinery and raw materials led to a sharp decline in the exclusivity of ice-cream during the 20th century. Soon every Tom, Dick and Harry (remember Florean Fortescue's Ice Cream Parlour in the third Harry Potter book?) was eating ice cream and loving it!

Now to the issue of flavors. My personal favorite is Baskin Robin's Gold Medal Ribbon- introduced in 1979; 'GMR' is undoubtedly a world-beater. Let's say, an ice-cream equivalent of the Spanish football team. The sumptuous combination of rich chocolate and vanilla enshrined by a ribbon of caramel is guaranteed to salivate the mouths of even a hard-hearted, ice-cream loathing Communist! I am an Indian citizen and am sincerely disappointed by the quality, or lack of the same, of Indian ice-cream. The only half-decent Indian chain of ice-creams is Natural's. Sad, but true.

The very sight of ice cream can make someone happy. I remember as school

kids we friends would shout "I scream, you scream we all scream- ICE CREAM" every time we saw the ice cream guy on the cycle. Eagerly waiting while we got out favourite flavor, gulping it greedily despite the brain freeze, huge inhale through mouth that emphasized the flavor once again, refusing to drink water to avoid the taste being washed away- Some pleasure it was! Ice cream was not just a commodity or product for us; it was a process, an activity- an event. To share a secret I can say that once my friend and I touched our ice cream cones & said cheers as a form of celebration for our successful prank.

Some claim not to like ice cream (weird!) or refrain from it despite the liking. I remember a friend telling me "Are you sure you want to eat that large double scoop? Do you know the amount of sugar it has & the amount of time it would require to get rid of it in the gym?" this was perhaps the most mean thing she ever said to me while I enjoyed my ice cream! Sure, work out has its own fun & science has proven that workout & exercise generates 'Happy Hormones' but if girls really believe in it why do they sit with a large bowl (sometimes a very large bowl) of ice cream when they are sad (read heart broken) when what they really need to do is hit the gym and work out?

We share a relationship with ice cream. We are introduced to it when we are toddlers, it is always there for you, you get happy when you see it, there are so many varieties to choose from, you can have one any time- all the qualities of a Best Friend! Or a lover! Wait a minute its better! As there are so many flavors available & your favourite flavor doesn't mind if you choose another one!

So next time you enter an ice cream parlor or open a tub of Natural's Chocobite, take a moment to solemnly remember- what you are about to eat is something special. Treasure it. And don't regret the calories!

Good day.

## ONE HOUR AND THIRTY MINUTES

By Nihal Daswani, FYBAF

"Time and Tide wait for no man" ...

Michael O'Connor had oft heard that old adage and having lived by the sea for years, the potency of tide was something that he could vouch for. However it was on an Alitalia flight, that the overwhelming power of the clock really struck him. For once, he realized that he had no time ... no time to live ... he was going to die!!!

It all started at the Leonardo da Vinci airport in Rome. The check-in counters were as chaotic as can be expected in Italy and O'Connor stood in line with mixed feelings of nervousness and excitement. Taking advantage of his well-tailored, three buttoned suit and putting on his most disarming smile, he approached the lady wearing an oddly cocked hair band at the counter and nonchalantly asked "Any chance of an upgrade?" The reply, "I'll see what can be arranged", was too prompt to be promising. He found refuge in chomping away at a burger and washed it down with a coke. Within 20 minutes the flight was ready to board. As he was heading to the gate, the lady with the oddly cocked hair band asked him to step aside. His irritation of having to do a baggage identity was pleasantly dissolved when she smiled and said "Sir, you have been upgraded to the business class." Resisting the urge to display a complete and utter lack of grace, he calmly boarded the aircraft and settled into a comfortable window seat in anticipation of a sumptuous meal and impeccable service. His only regret being that he ought not to have eaten that burger!

He looked around at the other occupants in the business class. They seemed to belong to a Rock band and were being showered with attention from the air-hostesses. Their instruments occupied the empty seats, straddled by seat-belts. They told the air-hostesses something in a language that O'Connor was unfamiliar with, switched off their lights, put on eye masks and went to sleep.

Suddenly, a loud voice which seemed to

belong to the pilot boomed, "Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Alitalia, Flight AZ 156 to Madrid. Please fasten your seat-belts as we are now ready for take-off. Flight Time - 2 hours and 30 minutes; estimated time of arrival: 1pm, local time."

In the blink of an eye, the flight was airborne and down below was the clear, blue Tyrrhenian Sea, looking like a bed of sparkling sapphires. O'Connor, the quintessential foodie, waited eagerly for the high point of his journey – the 'in-flight meal'. Soon, the airhostess came along and he was thrilled to find all of his favourite food on the tray. While thanking her, he could not help noticing that she seemed a trifle disturbed and pre-occupied, but he just dismissed the thought from his mind.

The Business Class offered a private television screen with an option of several channels including movies, sitcoms and news. O'Connor was savouring the three course meal and flipping through channels when suddenly the blood froze in his veins and the fork dropped from his hand. He cranked up the volume, and there on the television, the reporter was talking about a flight AZ 156 from Rome to Madrid. Wasn't that the very flight he was on? The reporter said, "A thin trail of petroleum was found on Runway 13 at the Leonardo da Vinci Airport, here in Rome, right after Alitalia flight AZ 156 took off..." A flurry of alarmed voices from the Economy class section behind meant that everyone (as they had one common screen) had seen what he had seen.

The pilot soon announced that he would try an emergency landing on the tiny French island of Corsica. He said that the rate of loss of petroleum gave us just 90 minutes of fuel, not enough to get to Madrid. Just 1 hour and thirty minutes of fuel! What if something went wrong, O'Connor thought.

Everyone waited, their nerves stretched on end. Time ticked by...so slowly. O'Connor watched the television screen with bated breath. The news was all

about their flight. The headlines screamed, 'France refuses Italian plane'. O'Connor was appalled. The French Government was refusing to give permission for the plane to land at Corsica. Political considerations seemed to override crisis management! Here were lives at stake. Including his own! They were running out of fuel every second.

His whole life seemed to flash before him. He was scared. No, petrified! He began 'BBMing' his friends and relatives to say goodbye. To tell them how much he loved them and how though he did not want to leave them now, he had to. His life, which he presumed would stretch for scores of years, was melting before his very eyes. He looked at his watch - 57 minutes to go. He was now to meet God sooner than he expected, he started praying. A line from his last church mass came back to him. "God helps those who help themselves."

Hey! He thought "I cannot just give up on my life. I have to do something to help myself and all the others who are praying hard around me."

Flipping through the travel magazine on the plane, he looked through a map. If Corsica wasn't possible, then what about Sardenga, a neighbouring Italian island? Hope swelled within him as he rushed to an airhostess. With understanding pity in her eyes at the plight they all found themselves in, she told him that the sole airport on Sardenga had been destroyed in the recent earthquake. She gave him another Coke, maybe his last drink ever, and led him back to his seat. He found himself thinking aggressively ... 53 lives to end in a matter of 35 minutes. How ironic that he should be playing with numbers at the end of his life. He had hated Mathematics all his student years!

His eyes fell on the men next to him. They were sleeping through the chaos. Their drum seemed to have rolled out. The name painted across said 'Viva La France'. He woke one of them up and asked him where they were from. He

removed his ear-plugs and said, "Pardon? We are from Germany. Is there any problem?"

A solution appeared from thin air. He called his friend Maurice in Paris, whose father was in the French television network. Maurice told him that the French Government had taken its stand not to permit the plane to land. Dead end! O'Connor nonchalantly asked, "Not even if there are French lives at stake?" Maurice now sounded concerned and said "C'est impossible. The government found out that there were no Frenchmen aboard."

The drum with its ironic words of praising France rolled in front of him. O'Connor disconnected from mankind and connected to God. He needed a miracle. Muttering a small prayer to God, O'Connor took a photo of the sleeping men and the drum with his Blackberry and messaged the picture to Maurice saying 'Today, for the first time since Bastille day, the French Government will be responsible for killing Frenchmen.'

24 minutes left. The news flashed on how a band was aboard the ill-fated flight AZ 156. News clips of the drum with 'Viva la France' flashed all over. Are they French, the world questioned?

Would the French government take the risk? In minutes, the whole of France began protesting at the Governments apathy to innocent lives.

Thirteen minutes left. Unlucky number, he thought. In fact he was getting irritated by the sudden importance he was attaching to numbers as death closed in on him. The emergency drill was being demonstrated by the now calm air hostess when... "AZ 156 given clearance to land". The loud cheer that followed the news flash woke up the band. "What happened", one of them asked him. O'Connor hugged the astounded man and kissed the drum. The man looked puzzled and picked up his drum and held it away from O'Connor.

With eight minutes left, clearance to land at Corsica's airport in Bonifacio was given. O'Connor buckled up and looked at his watch. The time was ticking fast. They landed just as the 90 minutes of fuel was used up! Everyone cheered and hugged each other. He decided not to tell his part to anyone. His smart but deceitful ploy would go with him to his grave - the time for which had been thankfully postponed!

## SPECK TO SPECK

By Hitesh Punjabi  
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I recently returned to Mumbai after 2 months of outstation work travel. So, the King of Good Times Airbus is descending to Mumbai airport. Its funny how nostalgia kicks in when you are about to get home. For all the times that I remember, I can't help but always notice the slums that overpower the landscape when landing at the tarmac. The time is 11PM and the slums are nothing more than a blur to me. It is the city that had consumed my mind, the buildings, the apartments in those buildings and all the vehicles plying on the roads. All of these were illuminated by the tube-lights in the apartments, the headlights of the vehicles and each seemed like a **speck** from my altitude.

Cut to 3 days hence. I was on another King of Good Times airbus, en route for another month of work travel. And my mind was in recall mode, flashing back the power packed 3 days I had in Mumbai. For starters, I had home-cooked meals, which no Masterchef contestant can make my lip smack to. I did my invigorating morning marine drive jog. Speaking of the motion pictures, I watched The Karate Kid and Wedding Crashers on the home theatre with the family. I met 3 of my good BMS talkative chatterboxes, 2 SDIPA smurfs, 1 work colleague and missed making the cut to meet many others. Not to forget, I shed a lot of sweat kudos to Mumbai's humidity.

By this time, the flight was safely cruising on auto pilot. I unbuckled my seat belt and thought to myself,

*"My life, family, friends, colleagues, and Deloitte are a mere **speck** in the scheme of things of the city's heartbeat. The truth be said, the real value of things takes credence when they are scarce."*

## RIDING ON...

By Siddharth Purohit, SYJC

The wheels start rolling.  
The race gets going.  
Put your seatbelts on.  
Let's play a rocking song!  
You have got no map.  
Draw your own route chap.  
Carefree of what lies ahead.  
Embark on the path they fear to tread!  
Your wheels as big as those of HUMMER.  
Roll without a jerk in summer.  
If you find potholes in the rain.  
Run over them and feel no pain!  
The road ahead has a lot of speed-breakers.  
Hit them with spirit, be a risk-taker.  
Jump the chasm, cross the bridges.  
Even at the steepest uphill, see that your

car budes!  
If at all you find the road blocked.  
Some other way must be chalked.  
Never fear to take a detour.  
Remember that your car is 4x4!  
Riding on, you are in the woods.  
It becomes dark and heavy rain shoots.  
Keep your headlights on and wipers running.  
As the routes in here can be cunning!  
The daybreak has happened and the route seems clear.  
See the night only helped you to overcome your fear.  
Some more hours of struggle and that shall be it.  
Climb more, you will reach the summit!

## CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD... NOW WHAT?

By Rudreshwar Malkani, SYBMS

2nd April 2011. This date will go down in history as the day India brought home the World Cup after 28 years, and cemented its position as the best cricketing nation in the world.

But while some claim that India's win has made us a sporting super power, they calmly ignore the fact that besides cricket, Indians rarely get excited over achievements in any other sport.

The world's number one ranked doubles pair in tennis is Indian, as is the eighth (well half of it anyway). We have a world number three in women's badminton and have a number one Chess grandmaster as well. Indians have even been successful in golf, wrestling, athletics, archery, boxing, shooting, and recently, even motorsports.

However, a list of Indian sports achievements would be incomplete without a mention of Hockey, our national sport. India has won 8 Olympic gold medals and a World Cup, but sadly we have not been a force to reckon with since the mid eighties.

India's fall in hockey has been curiously linked to the rise of cricket. According to many, hockey and cricket were both equally popular in India till the eighties, with hockey enjoying a slight upper hand due to our numerous successes. However, in 1976 when hockey began to be played on AstroTurf, the Indian team suddenly lost its edge and only managed a fifth place finish in the 1982 World Cup which was hosted in India. This combined with our winning the cricket World Cup in 1983 meant that cricket supplanted hockey as the new national pastime, and we haven't looked back since.

It's a matter of grave concern that while cricket is being given so much attention and cricketers are getting crores of rupees (and houses, and cars, and endorsements, and even FSI), other sportsmen get nearly nothing from the government unless they win something big (in which case they get a handshake from a minister, a garland of flowers and a cheque that comes several years late).

While earlier in this article I have mentioned that India has succeeded in various sports, I must add that these are exceptions rather than the rule. For a country of our size, our sporting achievements have been largely quite shameful, with some exceptions. China for example has won the most gold medals in both the Olympics and the Asian games, while the USA, Russia, and Germany have dominated the Olympics for decades.

Our performance at football, the most popular sport in the world, has been lackluster at best. We perpetually rank in the 140's and have qualified for the World Cup only once, and that too after all the other Asian teams withdrew!

To put things in perspective, India placed 50th at the 2008 Olympics. Mongolia won more medals than us, so did Azerbaijan, Slovenia, Estonia, Latvia and Bulgaria, countries whose entire combined population is less than the number of passengers travelling on the Mumbai suburban railway in a month!!

One then wonders why a country with more than one billion potential Olympians has produced so few. The fault for this lies mainly with the government and its all pervasive bureaucracy. The corruption and inefficiency of the various sports associations is an open secret, and most of their heads are usually despotic babus or politicians who have been rewarded for years of sycophancy towards their political masters. Forget experience, most have no connection to the sport whatsoever! Recently, in fact, sports association presidents were up in arms over a new regulation that would limit their terms as many of them have been treating these organizations as their personal fiefdoms for years now.

The blame must also be shared by us as well. We all watch the IPL and cheer for our favorite teams, but who watches the I League or the Premier Hockey League? People would rather watch Chelsea versus Manchester United than Mohan Bagan versus Dempo. The lack of

popular support is as much to blame as the lethargy of the government.

With the IPL and the Cricket World Cup garnering massive TRPs recently, it seems unlikely that other sports will step out of cricket's shadow anytime soon. Let me reiterate that cricket being popular is not at all a bad thing; it is the lack of support for other sports that is the problem. Perhaps the only option is to get the government out of sports, perhaps we need to commercialize other sports to gain fans, perhaps we just need to accept that no sport will ever outshine cricket.

Either way, let's just enjoy the game.

### THE BOY

By Nihal Daswani, FY BAF

The boy looks down on the street below;

From his eye a tear begins to flow;

His hand reaches out for the window pane;

He longs to go out, but in vain!

A group of soldiers had come in one day;

And as he hid, took his parents away.

He remembers them as he looks at the sky;

They promised they'd be back. Alas – a lie!

He recalls the revered county priest's sermon-

"The Franks are dead. They were killed by a German."

The sadness of it all overwhelms his heart;

He now knows that they are worlds apart.

He wants to place flowers on their grave too;

But he can't go out, for he is a JEW!

## NEWS IN THE RECENT PAST THAT AFFECTED ME

By Batul Barodawala, FYJC

### Japan: The earthquake and Tsunami

The world quivered when the news of the earthquakes and tsunami in Japan reached them. Watching the news on all the TV channels, looking at all the buildings and houses fall like sandcastles made the hair on the back of my neck stand. Many lives were lost and a lot of financial damage was suffered in Japan. What startles me is the response of the country, in spite of the damage their spirit was strong. They are independently overcoming this crisis and re-building their nation. What else can be expected from a nation who has already shown mankind its warrior's spirit after enduring the Hiroshima and Nagasaki tragedy and emerging as one of the world's greatest powers?

### India winning the World Cup

After 28 years of waiting, India finally brought home the most sought after World Cup. On the night of 2nd April, one needn't have even seen the final match to know that India won. The deafening noise of the crackers and the overwhelming screams of the people were adequate to tell us that our cricket team had made us proud. In spite of not being a cricket fanatic, I sat in front of the TV all day long and saw the match biting my nails at every nerve-wracking moment. The wickets, Sehwag getting out on the 2nd ball with 0 runs, Sachin getting out faster than expected... All of it. Finally enjoying the sweet taste of victory when MS Dhoni hit the last dexterous six making India win the match. What a moment! Indeed that night, India truly bled blue.

### Scams

Many scams have been unearthed in India in the last year. This points to the obvious that corruption is proliferating India at an alarming rate. The most shocking scam revealed in the recent past was the 2G Spectrum scam where the former Telecom Minister AA Raja, according to the Comptroller and Auditor General Of India, evaded norms

at every level by illegally undercharging telephone companies for frequency allocation. Another deplorable scam was the Common Wealth Games Scam. Suresh Kalmadi, the Chairman of CWG committee was accused of misappropriating funds meant for the Games and Sportpersons. To add to the long list of scams was the Adarsh Society Scam. This residential society was supposed to be reserved for the war widows and veterans of the Kargil War. However apartments in the building were allegedly allocated to bureaucrats, politicians and army personnel who had nothing to do with the Kargil War. An average Indian citizen works hard and is diligent, but it is the people in charge of the system who have the power. But somewhere down the line, we ourselves are responsible for allowing this and being taken for a ride by these people, aren't we?

### Oscars

I have been an absolute movie buff since forever!! I remember waking up at 6a.m to catch the Oscars live this year while my mother just looked at me with bewilderment and asked me if I was feeling ok because to see me up that early is as rare as spotting an ice cube in a desert. It is when I put on the TV and tuned into Star Movies my mom understood better, rolled her eyes, asked me to use the headphones and went to sleep. From the red carpet where the stylists criticized and appreciated the outfits of the celebrities, the hosting of the event by James Franco and Anne Hathway (which I didn't somehow like as much as Hugh Jackman's hosting) to the Oscar acceptance speeches of the winners, I enjoyed every minute of it! I even watched a little bit of the repeat telecast at night. (To my mother's great displeasure)

### The Spread of Blackberry

Gone are the days when a simple phone call was sufficient to convey a message. Now are the days of cell phones, texting

and 'bbm-ing'. Blackberry has evolved, from being just a 'fruit' it has now become a universally used phone. Even personalities like Barack Obama and Oprah Winfrey find it difficult to live without their BBs (a trendy abbreviated form of blackberry) It is the blackberry messenger that has made the phone so popular. Initially, all I had was a dislike towards this phone. Looking at people texting and bbm-ing on their Blackberries would annoy me to the hilt. However my views changed when almost all my friends were smitten by the Blackberry bug. Not having a BB was a matter to be frowned upon. Ok I may be exaggerating a bit here but instead of asking for my phone number people started asking for my BB Pin. All of this finally made me succumb to my secret temptations of actually buying a Blackberry. Now as I get used to the miniscule keys of my BB I just get fed up and keep the phone aside... and there I hear a \*PING! (Understandable to the blackberry users only)

### Death of Elizabeth Taylor

How do you fall out of love with this violet-eyed dame?

Elizabeth Taylor managed to keep people fascinated not only by her movies but also her much publicized personal life including eight marriages, her many brushes with death, her seesawing weight, her diamonds and her humanitarian causes. Personally, being a huge fan of old classic movies (unlike many youngsters my age), I have actually seen her movies. In fact, Father of the Bride still makes me mushy and sappy every time I see it. For this reason her death on 23rd March, 2011 made me gloomy for a while too. In spite of being in the limelight for some of the wrong reasons in the later years, she was certainly something! A monster and an empress, an idiot and an intelligent woman ruled by her passions. This tantalizing personality will undoubtedly be missed by everyone who knew her and knew about her.

**Wiki leaks**

An organization that seeks out and publishes sensitive or secret government data, dropped considerable bombshells last year with the release of U.S. military files narrating the war effort in Afghanistan war logs from Iraq. The wiki leaks had such a potent effect globally that on an almost daily basis, dozens of newly leaked cables were being published, forcing some of the world's greatest powers of the world into awkward apologies and crisis meetings over and over again.

**Onion Price Hike**

Last year the onions indeed did drive people to tears. The onion prices went soaring high. From a humble Rs.12 per kilo it went up to approximately Rs.70 per kilo. The day my home made Pav Bhaji was not generously garnished with onions, I realized onion prices have really gone high. Due to the untimely rains, the availability of onions reduced drastically resulting in the increase in cost. Though now the prices have stabilized and onions give us tears only when they are chopped.

**SUCCESS AND GOD**

By Sejal Mehta, SYJC

Walking through the way,  
A journey remembered.  
Dwelling in the past,  
It remains fresh forever.

The way to happiness,  
A bridge created.  
The staircase to it,  
Though not known ever.  
The trust in the phrase,  
The try till the end,  
The determination in our souls,  
The victories unfold.

The success in the end,  
A joy discovered.  
The thanks to God,  
Whose vacancy never thought.

**SEVERAL TIMES BITTEN, NEVER ONCE SHY**

By Nikita Tuteja SYJC

It's the end of an era,  
And we're none the wiser  
We're still essentially naive  
Jealous and miser.

And though we pretend  
To be otherwise  
The truth is  
We're in it only for the prize.

I know for a fact  
I'm still wet between the ears  
I know there's stuff more important  
than a few of my tears.

I'm stubborn and bitter  
Hold grudges to fall asleep  
I still need a hug  
a talisman to keep.

I long for an outlet  
impartial and new  
I have petty complaints  
more than just a few.

We have the high morals  
and strive to be 'good'  
We try to be righteous  
And everything else we 'should'

But it's a blatant lie  
We're selfish and bold  
And once we've been hurt,  
Our hearts and shoulders are cold.

We say that we're clean  
And have nothing to hide  
But each of us has secrets  
Dark, untold and often snide.

We can't guiltlessly say  
That we've never wished anyone  
wrong  
And though we profess to be  
We really aren't that strong.

We brush off the pain  
And ignore the scars

We laugh off the fears  
And reach for the stars

We put on a show  
Of being comfortably numb  
But in the lonely recess of our minds  
Each one of us succumbs.

A year has flown by  
A whole circle I've come  
I've lost and I've found  
I've weathered and I've done.

But I'm still the same person  
I haven't changed that much  
I may seem wise  
But I'm stupid as such.

I'm not that jaded  
I act on impulse  
I don't take tiny sips.  
I take daring gulps.

I don't learn, as of now  
from all of my mistakes  
And I wake up everyday  
to a brand new slate.

I'm not quiet  
Or that meek  
And my tongue is always  
Firmly in my cheek.

I cannot tell  
The real from the fake  
I don't deliberate  
before raising the stakes.

I'm in no hurry though  
I'll take my time getting there  
I'll grow up for sure  
But for now, I'll stand and stare.

I won't miss out  
Watch my childhood go by  
I may be bitten several times  
But I'm never once shy.

## THE EVOLVING FACE OF HUMOR IN INDIA

By Afsheen Irani, SYBMS

Just a few days ago, the world celebrated the 122nd birthday of Charlie Chaplin. All those who were curious to see what the changed google logo was all about, witnessed the short video tribute to the great man. Giving humor a new definition through his iconic silent entertainment, he was the only force who spread smiles during the world war.

Be it the revered Sir Charles Spencer Charlie Chaplin to the modern age stand-up artistes, humor has always found its share of takers, patrons and not to forget the usual offended lot. Talking about callous humor, one name that echoes in our head is that of Russell Peters. Only a handful of you reading this article would not be aware of the popularized phrase- "Take it and go". In case you haven't heard it, then seriously, "Somebody gonna get hurt real bad". Russell Peters insensitive, semi-crass and in your face style of humor has tantalized many Indians, some absolutely loving his unsympathetic adaptation of the Indian accent, to those who dismiss it on grounds of outright racism. Although his domain of audience still revolves around the social-elite of our country, humor as a means of entertainment has seeped through the socio-economic layers and is now firmly rooted as a part of prime time Indian television.

Going back to 1990's, the time when Doordarshan was synonymous with TV, Jaspal Bhatti introduced his popular sitcom "*Flop show*", a satirical concept that was widely appreciated by the Indian audience. Moving on through the 1990's, 2 more shows- "*TuTu main main*" and "*Hum Paanch*" were comedy series that tickled the ribs of every Indian. The obsession with serials based on humor eventually faded out with the invasion of sindoor wearing women, fake jewellery, explosive music and of course the magnificently dressed vamp. What was interesting to note, that despite a fundamental shift of focus from hardcore comedy to this new drama laden format, humor was never truly kicked out of the picture. To maintain a wide-appeal base, writers made sure they included a character that would suffice the

requirements of the average Indian male, who on coming back from work shouldn't be all that dejected to see what his wife is watching. In came the characters like "*Savita Chachi*" in the epic Indian series "*Kyunki saas bhi kabhi bahu thi*", who with her trademark accent would be enough to push in a giggle between emotions of tears and anguish. Tears, of course when Mihir died and anguish...let's not get on that tangent.

Within a few years of losing its importance, comedy once again refreshed our lives with the popular "*Comedy Champion*" show, that featured Navjyot Singh Sidhu as the co-judge. Humor was back once again. Housewives ditched their serials for an hour of pure Indian humor, wondering what the man in the turban eats for breakfast. Raju Srivastav became a household name and we found ourselves enjoying one TV show after the other. A new one is introduced almost every season with comedy as its central theme.

You must be wondering why I did not associate humor in Bollywood with the desi audience, but TV is one format that binds the mood of the nation. Movie is an event, TV is habit. Movies are to live by, TV is to live for, Movies are all about stars, TV is all about family. So, there is no better way than TV.

From the time that TV became a common household phenomenon, we can link acceptance of humor to changing face of events in our country. 1991 was the year of liberalization; our economy opening doors to the private sector and a globalized approach was put in place. Many thought this was too late a move, but welcomed it nonetheless. The mood was upbeat, the stock market reaching levels like never before, the BSE index increased by over ten times from 1990 till the time of the Asian crisis of 1997. A happy investor would go back home with maximized returns on his investment, switch on the TV and revel in the light of his favorite comedy TV show.

Keeping up with the pattern, between 1997-2003, there were fewer television

programmes offering comedy entertainment. This was also the time when the nation was engaged in an intense war with Pakistan, followed by an attack on the parliament in 2002. But from 2004 till date, our nation boasts of a sizeable strata of the society that has enough disposable income, all thanks to our economic engine running on full steam, consumerism on the rise, and Mr. Arora is happy man again, who now switches on his recently upgraded 32" LG LCD TV to watch Archana Puran Singh destroy the inbuilt speakers in his TV, with her less than subdued decibel level.

More than mindsets being changed, perceptions re-aligned and new judgments being formed, we as Indians haven't changed when it comes to humor. Old-fashioned humor still rules the roost. Of course one has to go beyond TV and look to Cinema, to see the newly acquired mature taste that can appreciate flavors like satires (read: Peepli Live) and off-the-hook humor (Bheja Fry, Phas Gaye Re Obama), but most of us would still have a hearty laugh when Anandi takes her Maasa to watch Dabangg in a local theatre (My research has been extensive for the purpose of this article!). The point being, the taste buds are the same, but the mood for eating food changes from time to time.

My intention is not to establish a sociological theory of correlating humor to politico-economic scenarios, but to stress on the fact that humor has always been reflective of the mood of the nation. With bold strides in almost all fields of life, from cultural upgradation to economic supremacy, India has come a long way in giving its citizens a reason to be patriotic, a reason to instill in us a feel good factor that emits a radiance in the form of us accepting humor, and patronizing it as a form of entertainment. But with all these scams doing the rounds, the mouth has been left with a bitter taste. I guess I'm going to watch something dry, that lacks humor, something like CID. So I switch on the TV and hear:

"Oh God! Daya! Yahaanpe to laash hai". Just when I thought of escaping humor.

## EMERGING MARKETS

By Tanya Khiani, SYJC

The youth (also known as 'GenNext') is one of the most powerful asset of a country especially a developing one like India. Often labelled as 'rebellious', this nature of people today can be advantageous especially because they are constantly pushing for radical changes particularly in political, economic and social fields. The population of our country is currently estimated to be about 1.21 billion, majority of which consists of people between 15 – 60 years of age. The high growth rate of population seems to have hampered economic growth as successive governments have been unable to control it. The Indian government has always endeavoured to bring down population growth to a level which it can handle. However, if this excessive labour is exploited correctly, the country can rise to great heights and emerge as a global superpower. As Rabindranath Tagore has rightly said, "Age considers; youth ventures."

It is often said that the youth is the future. That's why corporate sectors are now catering to the tastes of the youth. The upcoming changes in the technology sector include innovations in mobile phones catering to the masses. Almost every family in villages across the country owns a mobile phone. It is now cheaper than ever and more convenient to use than a landline phone. Handset manufacturers and service providers have launched innovative products and services to cater to the needs of consumers. Nokia has launched a software 'Ovi Life tools' which has different applications providing agriculture and education services with entertainment as a supplement to communities in rural areas.

Agriculture services provide farmers with agriculture tips, market prices and even weather details. Education services provide simple courses on learning English in the local language as well as examination tips for students and

entertainment services cover news updates, astrology, bollywood and cricket. Youth customers have multiple accounts with different service providers to call friends and family at cheaper rates. Owning multiple handsets is expensive and inconvenient. To solve this problem, handset manufacturers like Nokia, Micromax and Karbonn have introduced handsets with dual sim capability. Another revolutionary change is the Unique ID system that inculcates banking habits among people in the rural areas by providing them with banking services accessible through a mobile phone.

Retailization is the morphing of businesses with traditional retail practices to cater to the changing environment. Many businesses are now realizing the importance of consumer intimacy which ultimately leads to consumer loyalty. They are concentrating on strengthening relationships with the consumers rather than the possible marginal loss when manufacturing products that cater to the consumers' needs.

The Indian youth population is busier than ever before with a higher purchasing power and more disposable income, thus willing to pay more for 'convenient food'. The main impact of urbanisation was a greater demand for convenient products. With its vast population base, growing middle class and strong macro-economic environment, the Indian market has seen processed food emerge as the one of its fastest growing segments. Supermarkets and hypermarkets have benefited greatly from increasing sales of packaged and processed food, and continue to do so. The sales of ready meals saw an increase of 18 per cent, packaged food 21 per cent and instant noodles 24 per cent in 2008. The youth, nowadays, is more health-conscious and there is more awareness about health foods. The sales of organic foods and fortified processed foods have increased

considerably in the last few years.

- The food and grocery (F&G) market will continue to grow at a rate of 4.1 per cent in the next 5 years.
- Organised F&G will grow from US\$ 3 billion in 2008 to US\$ 19 billion by 2014 at a rate of 33 per cent.
- F&G retail is dominated by the unorganized sector, with 98 per cent of the market being local kirana stores.
- Packaged food is 4 per cent of the F&G market. RTE/ frozen food share is less than 1 per cent of the packaged food market at US\$ 64 million.
- 2,800 organised retail outlets catered to F&G in 2008. The bulk of these are supermarkets (87 per cent) followed by hypermarkets (13 per cent).
- Total organised F&G space was 20 million sq. ft. in 2009, of which 60 per cent were hypermarkets and 37 per cent supermarkets.
- Between 2004 and 2008, the number of outlets grew by 68 per cent, while space grew by 70 per cent.
- The share of organised retail is expected to grow from 5 per cent of total retail to 12 per cent by 2014 and will show a growth rate of over 25 per cent between 2008 and 2014.
- F&G forms the largest share (65 per cent) of retail consumption. The market was about US\$ 270 billion in 2008 and is expected to reach US\$ 345 billion by 2014.

These changes show future trends in emerging markets which are becoming increasingly youth-centered. The youth is a crucial part of the country's development. If this power is harnessed correctly, population explosion will no longer be a problem and India will occupy a prominent position on the global map.



## MY AD-BATCH AND ME

By Pratik Hinduja, FY Ad-Batch

As admissions started for 2010-2011 I had my eyes on the most talked about course - The Advanced Diploma in Advertising. The course has been running successfully at H.R. since the past 11 years. The students of the Ad-batch have been placed at the best advertisement agencies in India. Seeking admission was a difficult process for me too, with a written exam, a group discussion and a personal interview.

The year began with an Ice-Breaker, where the seniors made us do the craziest tasks one could ever imagine. I still remember the inspiring speech by the course coordinator Dr. Rajeshwari Ravi, at the end of the day.

The schedule of the year began with early morning lectures (the saddest part of the course!) This was followed by projects like relate yourself to an animal or a flower!!!! Later we realised that it was done to see how well we could express our views and how creative we could be.

Our first big project was on Integrated Market Communication (IMC). And to

prepare us for the project we attended a 3 day seminar. There were people from advertising agencies like Saatchi & Saatchi, O & M, and even a client from Kaya Clinic. It created awareness about how advertisements work, its functions, its causes, different types of advertisement, film advertisement etc. The most remarkable one was "THE SIX WORDS STORY" which I am sure everyone would remember till they breathe their last.

Gradually, I noticed that advertising was running in my blood. Every encounter fascinated me further and helped me to draw more creative ideas. The seminars and the lectures helped tremendously. One of the best things about my morning lectures was (I had started enjoying them by now), that we were shown different types of virals. It is a form of digital advertisement, and is becoming more effective than any other form of advertisement today. Well..... just as everything was sinking in, my enthusiasm was interrupted by the examinations.

Things were probably going easy in the

first term (as I reflect today) but as soon as the vacations ended, an alarm struck for us to submit our IMC project, which was due in two weeks. I remember waking till late hours and seeking divine intervention which came for all of us in the form of the seniors (this is the best thing I like about the ad-batch). Thus with their help, my FY class did just fine. It didn't matter who won, but we learnt a lot, from facing a crowd, to finishing on time etc.

For the IMC project my group came up with an idea, to make a cover which can charge any phone, anywhere, anytime, like a portable charger. The project was highly appreciated and to top it all the college promised us its support to launch this product in the market.

Our Second project of the year was on SPOOFING..... And so life went on.... and by the end of the year, I took a lot of memories, learning's and most of all, a glimpse of the real world. It was the most fascinating part of the journey of my life and the most memorable one!

## THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RAINBOW

By Nihal Daswani, FY BAF

The rain begins to fall lightly upon  
everything in sight  
And the sun tries to penetrate the  
clouds  
To bathe the world in light.  
And as the sunlight passes through  
each raindrop sent from heaven  
The white light transforms  
And changes into pretty colours –  
seven.  
While humans stare at the rainbow  
Stretched across the sky so wide,  
They always wonder and imagine  
What must be on the other side.  
The optimists claim there's plenty of  
gold

Well-packed up in a pot.  
The pessimists feel it'll be nothing  
More than a dirty old car lot.  
What's really there at the end of it  
No-one seems to know  
So set out on a journey unexplored  
To the other side of the rainbow.

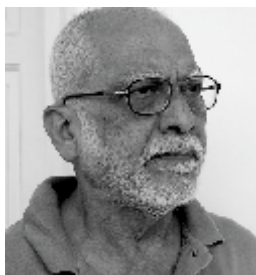
But as you inch towards your aim  
'Tis truly a matter to scorn  
For before the goal can be reached  
The means- the rainbow, is gone!

*The three I's that H.R. stands  
for are*

- *Integrity (being honest to oneself and our profession)*
- *Innovation (seeing things differently and doing things differently)*
- *Internationalization (exposure leads to enlightenment)*

*-Indu Shahani  
Principal*

## GREEN CHAMPION



Shri Shyam Chainani

On December 25, 2011, Shri Shyam Chainani, the green activist and Founder of the Bombay Environmental Action Group (BEAG), passed away. He was a globally acclaimed environmentalist and urban planning pioneer and champion. He was a deeply committed educationist, serving as a Board member on the Hyderabad Sind National Collegiate Board for over 30 years. He will be remembered for his steadfast adherence to the idea of justice and the principled application of the law with a high sense of integrity throughout his life.

## OBITUARY



Shri Ram Avadh Pandeyji

H.R. Family conveys it's heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of Shri R.A. Pandey who left on his sad, untimely, and peaceful demise on February 12, 2011.

A hardworking, sincere person Shri Ram Avadh Pandeyji served the institution loyally and faithfully for a period of 42 years in different capacities, retiring as Registrar of the college.

May his soul rest in peace.

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Our condolences to his family.  
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**Young Minds** YASH SHAH  
**Open House** HARSH BAJAJ  
**Hindi Sahitya Parishad** RESHMA BHATIA  
**Talent Parade** RESHMA BHATIA  
**Commerce Club** JAINAM SHAH  
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**Code** TRUTIYA FURIA  
**Talent Parade** MANAAL BHOMBAL ROSHNI BAJAJ  
MAQSOOD MALIK  
**Marathi Vangdmay Mandal:** AKSHATA KAVANKAR SAGAR KANPILE  
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**Sports Council:**

VISHAKHA VAMANJUR SHREYAL SHAH

**Rotaract Club of H.R. College**

ARCHANA MALPANI ANIKET JOTWANI

**C.H.O.I.C.E.**

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**Young Minds**

DHWANI SHAH KOMAL SHAH

**Cascade**

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**French Club**

ISHITA SHAH SIDDHARTH PUROHIT

**Open House**

DIVYA AGARWAL HARSHA AGARWAL

**Hindi Sahitya Parishad**

BRYAN RODRIGUES YASH SHAH

**Talent Parade**

CHIRAG JOGI ANKIT SUKHANI

**Marathi Vangdmay Mandal**

URVI PAWASKAR SANJANA PALECHANDA

**Commerce Club**

SHEFALI KURUP RONAK NARANG

**General Event Management Society**

RONAK BOHRA RONIT JAIN

**Sports Council**

LEESHA DAVAWALA MILI LALIWALA

**Rotaract Club of H.R. College**

YASH MUTHIYAN SAMANAUZ DASHTI

**C.H.O.I.C.E.**

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SHIKHA VELKAR ZARA RUSTOMJI  
SRISHTI SAIGAL SANAYA KALYANIWALA  
GRISHMA KANUGA RHEA BHARUCHA  
NIKITA TUTEJA AAKASH MEHTA  
DEV ROHIRA

**18. PROMISING STUDENT AWARD**

**YOUNG MINDS**

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NIKET MEHTA

ZAHRA VASI

SHRUTISARAN

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BRYAN RODRIGUES  
ROUNAK SHINDE  
SHRESTHA CHORADIA

ANUREET KABRA  
ASHNA KETWANI

**FRENCH CLUB**

DEEP ANANDANI  
URVASHI PORECHA  
DISHA SHAH

SHREYA SAVLA  
JAYESH SAPRA

**OPEN HOUSE**

GAUTAM BHATIA  
DIVYA AGRAWAL  
ANKIT SUKHANI

MAYANK BAJAJ  
SHRESTHA CHORADIA

**HINDI SAHITYA PARISHAD**

NIDHI KULKARNI  
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RAVEENA DHAWAN

KHUSHBOO MOORJANI  
YASH BHATIA

**TALENT PARADE**

SUGANDH GUPTA  
AAMIR MUNSHI  
ROHIN GUPTA

SURABHI GUPTA  
DINSHAYU KAPADIA

**MARATHI VANGDMAY MANDAL**

ADITYA CHINANI  
KHUSHBOO JASNANNI

PRANAV RAUT  
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SNEHA VIRA  
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**ROTARACT CLUB OF H.R. COLLEGE**

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MILI LALIWALA

MONALI ROY  
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SHOAB SUMAR  
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ACHAL KHANDWALA  
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DISHA DASWANI

AANCHAL AGARWAL  
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**COMMERCE CLUB**

RAUNAK SHINDE  
RAVEENA DHAWAN  
MUSTAFA BADANI  
KARISHMA SANGHAVI  
GAUTAM BHATIA

DEEP SHAH  
VIDHI JAIN  
LATISHA D'LIMA  
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RIA SAINANI  
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SAKINA CHAPPALWALLA  
SHREYA GULABANI

**19. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

**YOUNG MINDS**

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NOOPUR SHARMA  
SAMAY MODI  
VIDHIVIRA  
PRACHIVORA

ARCHIKA TOSHNIWAL  
HENA VORA  
JIGAR BHANDARI  
VIDHI BAROT  
SANSKRITI BHATIA

**CASCADE**

UMIKA BHATIA  
DIVYA AGARWAL

NEEDA MENON  
NEHA ADNANI  
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JYOTI ASRANI  
RIYA PATNI  
NIRALI NOTARI

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PARTH BHATT  
SANAYA KARKARIA  
KRISHNA BALSE  
NEERAL SAJNANI

**ATTENDANCE (FYJC)**

SAGAR SHAH  
DANESH MISTRI  
CHAITALI SHAH  
MEHBAR SHAIKH  
JAMSHYD PALIA

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PAWAN MADANI  
RAHUL WANKHADE  
ADITYA CHAINNANI  
DISHAN PAREKH

**MARATHI VANGDMAY MANDAL**

ADITI DALVI  
GAURAV MIRASI  
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AKSHAY PARIANI  
RONIT SHAH  
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ANAMIKA JAYENDRA  
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SHWETA PUNJABI  
DOLPHY JAIN  
KHUSHBOO MOORJANI  
SAURAV SHARMA  
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SAKSHI KABRA  
DISHAN PAREKH  
SAURAV SHARMA  
SHRUTI MEHTA  
SONALI MEHTA  
PARTH BHATT  
NEEDA MEMON  
KIRAN HINDUJA  
JANVI ADVANI  
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**20. BEST PERFORMER AWARD C.H.O.I.C.E.**

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KANCHI SHAH

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DHARA SINGH  
RAJVI SHAH  
KRISH KAPADIA  
JANAM JAIN  
MEHAK AGARWAL  
PREKSHA KANUNGO  
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NAMAN GANDHI

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DISHAN PAREKH  
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RISHIKA ADVANI  
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SHAINAL SHAH  
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# Students bring light to 1,000 villages in state

**OUT OF DARKNESS** Project Chirag by HR College students teach villagers to use solar energy

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**MUMBAI:** More than 1,000 homes in 33 remote villages of Maharashtra will see the light, literally, before Diwali this year. This is thanks to Project Chirag, an initiative by students of SIFE, HR College. Project Chirag is a programme that has already brought electricity to 942 dark villages in the last eight months and will add 80 more on Sunday. A team of 30 students is set light up the houses of Pardipada, a village in Thane district, which has had no electricity till date.

President of the project, Jyotirmoy Chatterjee, said, "Our vision is to light up 5,000 houses in three years. We will be working on the Pan India level in the next two months and globally in the next year."

Being involved in social activities since long, these students wanted to do some work in rural areas as well. "A few of us visited the Ujjaini village and talked to villagers. We realised elec-



**COSTS INVOLVED**

**₹4,000**  
Cost of production

**₹500**  
Cost that villagers buy it at

**₹5.15** lakh: Amount students initially collected through contributions in four days. They now have corporate sponsors.

Project Chirag has already brought electricity to 942 villages.

tricity could help solve a majority of their problems like child education, etc" Abhinav Mehra, an active member told HT.

The students are keen on education and will be also lighting up Pragati Pratishthan Deaf and Mute School in Jawhar Taluka on Sunday. They think

it can be a centre for adult literacy at night. The project provides solar lamp units that comprise a solar lantern, a battery, a tube light and two solar panels that capture sunlight and convert it into light. A unique feature of this unit is that paraplegic people assemble the

equipment and earn money from it. Local villagers are also being trained to use and service these equipments for future.

They enjoy proactive support and participation from their college authorities. "Dr Indu Shahani, principal of HR College and the Sheriff of

Mumbai, along with prof Pratibha Pai have been major pillars in our campaign. They even joined us at some villages," Jyotirmoy added.

The villagers praise these students for the light, education and money they now earn in the time saved looking for firewood.

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# Lighting up a dark India

DEEPAK TURBICKAR

A group of city students are spreading light in the neglected landscape of rural India

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Student volunteers of Project Chirag with the solar lighting units

The jargons roll off easily — quality control, production management, logistics, need assessment etc. One would assume Jyotirmoy Chatterji, 23, and Abhinav Mehra, 21, are talking about a management submission. But the HR college students are rattling off lessons they learnt working on a massive mission — lighting up rural areas.

For an idea that essentially evolved out of the typical youth angst to "do

something" the duo have come a long way, impacting 33 villages, 1017 houses and 5716 people in the process.

The sheer energy and passion with which they talk about Project Chirag is infectious. The idea was germinated earlier this year by the HR chapter of SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), an international organisation promoting social entrepreneurship. "Initially we worked on urban projects, but realised rural development was the key," says Jyotirmoy, SIFE HRC president and one of the brains behind the idea. "A village visit on the outskirts of Mumbai revealed shocking truths — residents had to walk 35 kms to charge

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