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Dear readers,

TSP short for 'THE STUDENT PRESS' is a publication that focuses on providing a platform to every student, regardless of their year and course to publish their thoughts and encourage them towards journalism and reporting and boost their confidence in writing. The magazine features articles related to different areas of interest, ranging from sports to films and travel, it covers everything and that is what makes this magazine stand out. It also features research articles written by teachers. The student press covers fests and other social interactive intercollegiate programs. All the rights of this publication belong to M. L. Dahanukar college of commerce and hence are not to be used without permission.

# From the Desk Of The Teacher Incharge...



“I am supporting The Student Press, for the idea that they have brought forward because everyone here is appreciated for their work. The Student Press is a place where students can write with an open mind and heart through their words. This initiative is not only for students of the college but for students all over Mumbai. I assure you of the quality from the beginning & would provide whatever you require.”

- Prof. Dr. Kanchan Fulmali

## Notice

# Blood knows No Caste, No Gender, Only Humanity.

*Every 2 seconds, someone needs blood. Currently, we are facing a critical shortage in hospitals. In this hour of need, the N.S.S. Unit of M. L. Dahanukar College of Commerce (Autonomous) is proud to announce a **Blood Donation Camp on 29th November 2024**. Our goal is to support individuals in life-threatening situations.*

By donating blood, you will not only be saving lives but also assisting patients undergoing surgeries, cancer treatments, and those with blood disorders. Your contribution ensures a steady blood supply for our community.

### **-Event Details:**

- Date: 29th November 2024
- Time: 08:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.
- Venue: Library, M. L. Dahanukar College of Commerce (Autonomous), Dixit Road, Vile Parle (East)

### **-Contact Information:**

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Donating blood is a selfless act that brings hope and joy to those in need. Let's join hands to make our Blood Donation Camp a success! Your participation can make a significant difference in someone's life.

# Interview With The Principal

## ***1. Integration of Ancient wisdom in modern education :***

The old mythological books preserved by ancient civilizations should not be questioned in terms of their trustworthiness. The more important question is whether the knowledge preserved thoughts written in these books can be absorbed into our daily lives in a positive way.

The 'ILLID' and 'Odyssey' are the Greek mythological epics in which humans are depicted with wings. In my opinion, these representations are a product of human imagination. The ancients may have created this imagery to differentiate between the disciples of God, portraying them with white wings as a sign of positive vibes and as knowledge-givers to the people of that period.

The topic for discussion should be whether we can apply the knowledge provided by these texts to our current lifestyles. We should strive to understand and absorb the deeper meanings of their words and deeds. In the case studies I have mentioned the relevance of their actions in today's corporate sector and on social media platforms.

## ***2. Personal journey in academia:***

In my 35-year career, I have treated all my students, assistants, and co-staff members as equals, without any kind of discrimination. It does not matter if one is closer to me or if another is more outgoing; I have never made distinctions. No one has the right to do this to anyone. Everyone has positive skills as well as negative aspects. In the world, no one is 100 percent correct nor 100 percent wrong. According to Indian Vedas, there are 14 vidyas and 64 kalas, making a grand total of 78. Keeping in mind today's world, the 79th kala is advertising. From these, everyone has some skill segment within them. The thing is, one may not be aware of that aspect of their skills. As one explores the world, they might discover their inner talents as they grow older. Sometimes, a person



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specific degree is not limited to that field. For example, the author of Sherlock Holmes was a dentist, and a chartered accountant might be interested in sketching. There is no rule that if one enters a specific field, that person should be limited to that field. In the past, people drew lines between various specializations, such as Science, Commerce, and Arts, and categorized them, giving limitations to those subjects. In my opinion, one should complete their basic education and pursue with his / her most prominent qualities. It is much easier to criticize or point out mistakes.

Anyone can express their opinion, as we live in a democratic nation. When one tries to acknowledge other's good inner qualities and helps them realize their self-worth, the bond between two individuals enhances. One does not need to adopt different forms of leadership along the way.

When you talk to a human being with humanity, a positive attitude, and positive energy, it helps to connect with the people around you.

When you truly put in the effort to see activities without a critical opinion, you will reach the reality.

When Prince Charles of England visited, he observed Mumbai's dabbawalas. The way these people, wearing white hats and applying a tilak on their foreheads, managed the synchronized system daily ensuring that the correct person received the correct tiffin without any misplacement or wrong delivery amazed the prince.

Even though these people were uneducated, they managed their service in such an error-free manner. After Prince Charles's recognition, the business of the dabbawalas gained social recognition.

### ***3. Balancing diverse interests :***

I am a member of the Dombivali Gymkhana, where I actively engage in sports activities. When college students come with an enthusiastic vision to participate in sports tournaments, I make an effort to enlist these events in the newspaper and share them with the college management. I also post about these activities on social media platforms like Instagram and Facebook. With a strong interest in culture, I motivate students to participate as much as they can to find

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Gaining recognition on a wider scale can significantly motivate individuals towards personal enhancement. The age between 11 and 22 is a crucial period of development, spanning from the first year of junior college to post-graduation. During this time, students form critical opinions about various aspects of life, which can be either positive or negative. To mitigate this scenario, I encourage students to actively participate in sports, cultural committees, the Rotaract Club, and the National Service Scheme (NSS). This involvement helps them recognize the diversity around them rather than adopting a one-sided perspective.

My philosophy and psychology are rooted in the belief that every student has potential. They are all here to learn different activities alongside their academic pursuits.

Sometimes, students may engage in wrongful deeds, such as cheating in exams or becoming addicted to unethical means. However, this does not define them as bad individuals. Every parent envisions their child as a person of great deeds and a successful career. When parents pay their children's fees, they often have a secret aim: that their child should receive a quality education that leads to success, whether in a job or business, while also becoming a genuine citizen.

I have led the NSS for 11 years, organized camps, and managed various aspects of the program, which has been invaluable in identifying positive opportunities today.

#### ***4. Vision for future generations:***

I have noticed that students who study in English medium or in vernacular medium often do not possess a comprehensive vocabulary in English or in local language. They tend to hybridize their regional language with English. Typically, they do not read entire English books or stay updated with general knowledge or mythological literature in any language. Instead, they spend most of their time on social media or using technology in ways that do not contribute to acquiring the right set of knowledge. When individuals invest their time on social media platforms, they miss out on opportunities to read books or gain insights related to their careers, making it more challenging for them to make

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Secondly, in business or profession, the sole objective should not be merely making money. One should also have a life objective—a path on which they can walk. As humans, we have various dimensions; we are not robots. It is essential to define an objective for yourself, an aim that you wish to achieve in the future. Alongside your main plan, it is also wise to have alternative options, such as Plan B and Plan C, ready.

In the field of Commerce, it is common for students to opt for CA, CMA & CS exams. While this is a valuable certification, some of these students do not have any alternate plans for themselves. They simply continue to attempt the exams, which can lead to feelings of depression.

In business or a job, one should not always consider money as the sole purpose. Other factors, such as personal development and skills upgrading, also matters significantly.

Individuals should recognize their inner talents without comparing themselves to others. They should choose the best career for themselves, one where they enjoy the work and feel suited to excel.

## ***5.Upcoming publications:***

With a background I have cordial relations with police department and political leaders too.

Already I have written books on Indian mythology and management aspects in the same.I am planning to write many more books on the same subject. Indian knowledge system (IKS) introduced by National Education policy (NEP) is the best way to connect Indian youths to greater Indian Culture.

*-Isha Gaikar &  
Atharva Namjoshi*

# Gymkhana Achievements

## Celebrating Excellence in Sports

*We are glad to put on record the achievements of our **talented student athletes** of M. L. Dahanukar College of Commerce (Autonomous) in numerous prestigious tournaments. Our students again proved their dedication, skill, and sportspersonship that really made us proud with their outstanding performances*



Volleyball Women's Team (Junior College) Shines at District Level

M. L. Dahanukar College (Junior College) Volleyball Women

Team: SUCCESSFULLY

MANAGES TO WIN 3rd Place IN DISTRICT SPORTS OFFICE DISTRICT LEVEL TOURNAMENT Held on 29th September, 2024, at Gokhlibai School. An affirmation that the toils and team spirit of players, who fought excellence in the tournament itself.

Runners-Up at Taluka Level: Another Milestone for the Volleyball Team

As if the above achievements were not enough, earlier on 24th September 2024, the very same Women's Volleyball Team of M. L. Dahanukar College had made it to an impressive Runner-Up position at the DSO Taluka Level Tournament. Their performance also made them eligible for the District Level Tournament, which speaks for themselves and their will power.

Team Members:

Tisha Vishwakarma

Sneha Borhade

Samruddhi Borhade

Gauri Patil

Bliss Dmello

Swara Bhosale

Saara Mahagoankar

Huge congratulations to the whole team for the relentless efforts and

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## Celebrating Excellence in Sports

### Aashay Pisal Triumphs at Inter-Zonal Table Tennis Tournament



We are delighted to announce Aashay Pisal from T. Y. B. Com. represented the Mumbai Suburban Zone and became the Runner-Up (Team Event) in the Inter-Zonal Table Tennis Tournament, held at the Dadoji Kondadev Stadium on 25th and 26th September, 2024. Aashay performed extremely well in his game and further stood Second in the Individual Selection Trials of the West Zone Inter University Tournament. His consistency has turned out to be a winning attribute in table tennis.

### Soumil Gogte Represents at National Junior Chess Championships

A special mention goes to Mr. Soumil Gogte from F.Y.B.Com., who represented M. L. Dahanukar College at the 53rd National Junior (Under 19) Chess Championships 2024 ♟️, organized by the Haryana Chess Association and Karan Nagri Chess Association in Karnal from 16th to 24th September 2024. Soumil played out very well in the tournament and hit 6.5/11 in it. It is interesting to note that his rating at the end of this championship has increased from 1727 to 1845, which denotes highly remarkable growth in skill to excel in the game.



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## Celebrating Excellence in Sports

### Congratulations to All the Winners!

We extend our heartiest congratulations to all the participants for excellent performances in various sports. Their sincere efforts, their strict discipline, and commitment have brought laurels to college, and we look forward for more such victories in the future.

*-Atharva Namjoshi*

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## Celebrating Excellence in Sports

*M. L. Dahanukar College (Autonomous) has recently demonstrated outstanding performances across various sports, showcasing the talent and commitment of its students. Below is a summary of their achievements organized by sport.*

### **-Football**

#### **-Inter Zonal Football Tournament**

-Ms. Shravani Nigade and Ms. Pranjali Mahapadi, both from FYBCOM, proudly represented the Mumbai Suburban Zone and clinched First Place 🏆 at the tournament hosted by D.G. Ruparel College on November 18, 2024.

#### **- Intercollegiate Football Tournament**

-The Football Women's Team achieved a commendable Third Place 🥉 at the competition held at Bhavan's College on \*\*November 15 & 16, 2024.

### **-Badminton**

#### **- West Zone Inter University Badminton Tournament**

-Mr. Atharva Joshi from TYBAF represented Mumbai University, securing a notable 2nd Place at the event held at Sanjeev Agrawal Global Educational University in Bhopal from November 12 to 16, 2024.

- The Mumbai University team also qualified for the All India Inter University Badminton Tournament & Khelo India University Games for the 2024-25 season.

#### **- Selection Highlights**

- Ms. Mansee Kareker from TYBFM has been chosen to represent Mumbai University in the same tournament taking place in Rajasthan from \*\*November 9 to 13, 2024.

- Additionally, Mr. Kaushal Kudav and Mr. Anish More, also from TYBFM were selected for the West Zone Inter University Tennis

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### **-Tennis**

#### **- Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament:**

- The Tennis Men's Team celebrated a fantastic victory by securing First Place 🏆, while the Tennis Women's Team achieved an impressive Third Place 🥉 at the tournament held at Olympic Sports Centre in Pallava City on October 28, 2024.

### **-Gymnastics**

#### **- DSO States U/17 Championship:**

- *Ms. Anoushka Patil*, representing FYJC, participated in this championship in Balewadi, Pune from November 14 to 16, 2024, winning multiple medals:

- All-round event: Gold Medal
- Vault: Silver Medal
- Uneven bars: Gold Medal
- Balancing beam: Gold Medal
- Floor exercise: Gold Medal
- Team championship: Gold Medal

Anoushka ranked first all-around in Maharashtra and has been selected for the National School Games in Kolkata.

- Furthermore, Anoushka competed in the 58th Artistic Gymnastics States Championship, where she earned:

- All-round event: Silver Medal
- Vault: Silver Medal
- Balancing beam: Gold Medal
- Team championship: Silver Medal

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### **-Fencing**

- During the Intercollegiate Fencing Competition hosted by Sophia College on October 16 & 17, 2024, M. L. Dahanukar College achieved notable results:

- Individual Achievement:

- *Kumkum Yadav* (TYBFM) earned a Bronze Medal 🥉 in the Epee Event.

- Team Achievements:

- The Women's Team secured a Bronze Medal in the Sabre Event.

- The Men's Team won a Silver Medal in the Foil Event and a Bronze Medal in the Sabre Event.

### **-Coaching Appointment**

- *Dr. Aditya Kulkarni*, Director of Sports & Physical Education at M. L. Dahanukar College, has been appointed as the coach for the Mumbai University Women's Volleyball Team for the upcoming West Zone Inter University Volleyball Tournament scheduled for late October.

*These accomplishments highlight M. L. Dahanukar College's dedication to nurturing athletic talent and fostering sportsmanship among its students.*

*-Atharva Namjoshi*

# Shaheed-e-Azam

He came from a family deeply involved in the freedom struggle. His father, Kishan Singh Sandhu, and his uncles were active participants in the freedom movement. The political environment at home played a significant role in shaping his revolutionary ideals.

A few of the lesser known facts of Bhagat Singh include various incidents which shed light on his persona, beyond what is commonly found in textbooks.

Recounting a few such incidents-

Bhagat Singh was so disturbed by the Jallianwala Bagh massacre that he collected the mud mixed with Indian Blood in a bottle from Jallianwala Bagh and worshiped it every day for his whole life.

In college, he was a great actor and played several roles in plays like 'Rana Pratap' and 'Bharat-Durdasha'.

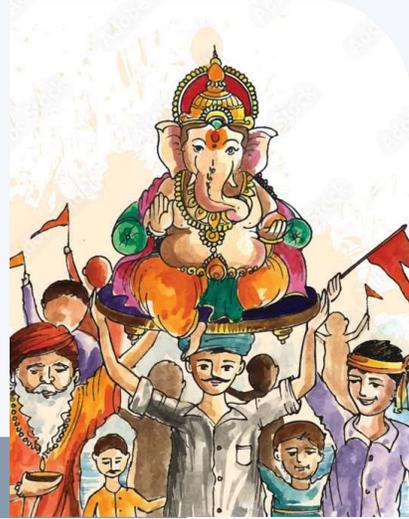
After witnessing the Hindu-Muslim riots that broke out after Gandhi disbanded the Non-Cooperation Movement, he started to question religious ideologies in society. And this is what made him an Atheist.

Bhagat Singh had a depth to his character. His story is a story that, although repeated multiple times in textbooks, newspapers, pop culture music and movies, remains inadequate in recounting his patriotism and his fervent love to see India free from British colonial rule.

*-Malvika*

## Articles

# A Better Way Forward



As another Ganesh Chaturthi passes, many of us are left with mixed feelings filled with joy from the festivities but also concerned by the aftermath. Streets littered with debris from immersions, air thick with the smoke of firecrackers, and polluted water remind us of the need to rethink how we celebrate our beloved festivals. Despite the awareness campaigns, most of us still find ourselves resorting to the same old, unsustainable ways of celebration. But here's the good news: the power to change is in our hands!

An eco-friendly festival is not just a trendy term; it's a way to show respect to both tradition and the environment. For example, during this Ganesh Chaturthi, some communities used natural clay idols that dissolve harmlessly in water and adopted simple, biodegradable decorations. It's these small steps that make a huge difference. We can still celebrate with the same enthusiasm and devotion, but with a mindful approach that reduces harm to our surroundings.

However, let's be honest—old habits die hard. Firecrackers and elaborate POP idols have become ingrained in our celebrations. Many feel like it won't be festive enough without these elements. But isn't it time we look at it differently? Many people who've adopted sustainable ways rave about the positive effects. There's something incredibly fulfilling about celebrating without leaving behind a trail of waste and pollution. It brings a sense of responsibility and pride that makes the festival even more enjoyable.

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# A Better Way Forward

So, let's take this as an opportunity to evolve our traditions, making them even more meaningful. Together, we can create a new way of celebrating that blends tradition with sustainability because that's the example our generation should be leading.

*-Mrunmai Ningawale*

## College Events

# Empowerment Through Knowledge: Women's Safety and Scholarship Initiative



On 23rd September 2024, the Enactus committee of our college, in collaboration with the Women Development Cell, organized a remarkable event titled "Empowerment Through Knowledge: Women's Safety and Scholarship Initiative." This initiative aimed at addressing crucial aspects of women's safety while also shedding light on opportunities for women's empowerment through education.

The highlight of the event was the guest speaker, Mrs. Rajani Salunkhe, the In-Charge of Vile Parle Police Station, who delivered an inspiring talk on women's safety and the practical measures they can adopt in everyday life. With her extensive experience in law enforcement, Mrs. Salunkhe provided invaluable insights into the challenges women face in urban environments and how they can protect themselves. Her speech was filled with practical advice, focusing on personal safety, self-awareness, and the importance of community vigilance. She also highlighted the pivotal role of law enforcement agencies in ensuring a secure environment for women and how women can engage with police authorities to seek help or report incidents.

Apart from safety, the event delved into the opportunities available for women in education, particularly through scholarship initiatives. The collaboration between the Enactus committee and the Women Development Cell was a perfect synergy that emphasized the importance of knowledge in empowering women. The speaker aimed at encouraging young women to pursue higher education and break

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# Empowerment Through Knowledge: Women's Safety and Scholarship Initiative



barriers in traditionally male-dominated fields. The session provided attendees with resources and guidance on applying for scholarships, navigating challenges, and accessing financial support to continue their studies.

The interactive session allowed the participants to ask questions and share their concerns, particularly on the subject of safety in public spaces. Mrs. Salunkhe's approachable demeanor and clear communication made it a highly engaging and informative event. Attendees walked away with a renewed sense of confidence, knowing that safety is within their control, and that education is the key to unlocking their full potential.

This event marked another step toward gender equality by fostering a safe environment for women while promoting their intellectual growth through education. The team and audience were truly thankful to the speaker; despite having a busy schedule she managed to deliver the an empowering message. Both the Enactus committee and the Women Development Cell of our college are dedicated to making these initiatives a regular part of campus life, ensuring that students are well-equipped not only with knowledge but also with the confidence to thrive in all aspects of life.

*-Kavya Nagwekar*

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# Monopoly Madness 2.0: Finance Meets Fun



On 2nd September 2024, the BBI Department of M.L. Dahanukar College of Commerce teamed up with **@finance.with.bbi** for an event that blended financial skills with pure fun—Monopoly Madness 2.0. From 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, participants raced against time and each other, grabbing deals and racking up money in an intense, Monopoly-style showdown!

With 51 participants split into 14 teams, the competition was fierce and the energy electric! After a whirlwind of strategic moves and thrilling wins, 14 champions emerged, celebrated in the presence of faculty, including Mrs. Priya Tiwari and Mr. Rahul Pandey. The day wrapped up with cheers, a vote of thanks, and plenty of praise for an event that turned finance into a game everyone loved. Monopoly Madness 2.0 was a resounding success, not just for the winners, but for everyone who took part in the action-packed day.



*-Sanket Mistry*

## College Events

# One-Day Workshop on 'NEP 2020 Compliant Syllabus and Curriculum'



A one-day workshop on NEP 2020 Compliant Syllabus and Curriculum was conducted by M. L. Dahanukar College of Commerce (Autonomous), Vile Parle, Mumbai. The programme, sponsored by the University of Mumbai in collaboration with UGC MMTTC, attracted 277 Senior College Teachers comprising principals, vice principals, heads of departments, and other worthies in the teaching faculty. The workshop was conducted at the Keshavrao Ghaisas Auditorium, PTVA, for equipping educators to understand the guidelines on how their curriculum could align with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The program was professionally designed by a committed team, including Archana Talekar, Dr. Mitali Shelankar, Dr. Samrat Gangurde, Dr. Aditya Kulkarni, and Amit Bane. A good support to their rigorous efforts came in the form of Dr. Siddhi Roy, Sachin Joshi, Sayali Natu, Manasi Mule, Sanskriti Sachdeva, Supritha, Somnath Deshmukhya, and Shuddhodhan Athwale.

The NEP 2020 workshop organized vibrant and active discussion forums between the participants. Each and every participant engaged in fruitful discussions and gained understanding of how NEP 2020 could be implemented. Main focus for the day was to give clear meaning to an innovative student-centric syllabus thus focusing on and catering to new policy objectives, innovation, and inclusiveness in higher education.

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# One-Day Workshop on 'NEP 2020 Compliant Syllabus and Curriculum'



Special appreciation was extended to Dr. Kavita Laghate, Commerce & Management Dean at the University of Mumbai, whose guidance went a long way in making the workshop successful. Special appreciation was also extended to Dr. Rajendra Patil, principal of M. L. Dahanukar College, for his steady support that made this event happen.

With such huge participation from 277 teachers, the workshop stands testimony to the commitment of the academic community towards building an education system that is both dynamic and visionary.

*-Atharva Namjoshi*

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# Rotaract Club of M. L. Dahanukar College Hosts 'Blueprint to Success' Professional Development Event



The Rotaract Club of M. L. Dahanukar College, in association with Willson college, conducted the eventful workshop 'Blueprint to Success'. The purpose of which was to empower the young minds with the necessary professional training and skills to grab corporate opportunities.

Great speaker Prof. Glynis Machado from Wilson College conducted this session. Through her knowledge in career development, the participants were enlightened on several key topics, including:

**CV and Resume Preparation:** Prof. Machado discussed how to prepare outstanding resumes that will shine and impress the hiring managers, focusing on the structural and clear features of it.

**Cover Letters :** The speaker discussed how personalized cover letters to specific job positions make the application come alive with hiring managers.

**Interview Techniques:** It was taught that body language and non-verbal communication are very important in interviews, how to maintain composure and confidence in a high-pressure situation.

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# Rotaract Club of M. L. Dahanukar College Hosts 'Blueprint to Success' Professional Development Event



More than 70 participants, members of Rotaract Clubs of Sathaye and Wilson College, were present. The diversity of participants made mingling between students of different institutions fair.

Interaction Q&A module was one of the key features of the session, where the participants were able to engage with Prof. Machado in a career consultation to get tailored advice and have queries answered about different aspects of job applications as well as interview strategies. This interaction gives a student that once in a lifetime chance to connect directly with an expert.

This 'Blueprint to Success' initiative reflects the commitment of the Rotaract Club at M. L. Dahanukar College toward the development of professional capabilities among its members. The event organized by Saili and Saniya the board of directors of professional development. In organizing these events, Rotaract club equips the students with hands-on knowledge and true to life, which makes their transition from academic and professional life more manageable and efficient.

*-Atharva Namjoshi*

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# DLLS Carnival 2024: FoodZenia – A Fusion of Flavors and Entrepreneurial Spirit



On 25th September, 2024, the DLLE of M. L. Dahanukar College had a DLLE Carnival for its annual event where 'FoodZenia' seemed to be one more exciting food-selling venture under the banner of Annapurna Yojana. It was held between 9.30 A.M. and 2.30 P.M. for teaching, non-teaching staff and students. It was an excellent experience during mouth-watering dishes along with being involved in on-field business activity.



Inaugurated under the new Principal, Prof. Dr. Vinay Bhole, the event stated its spirit of practical learning through entrepreneurial activities through Saplings and snack outlets that penetrated the wide gamut of delicacies ranging from traditional Indian to Western treats - all on offer by FoodZenia. With game stalls thrown in, the event held great prospects.

The event was a platform that provided opportunities for students to both exhibit some culinary and creative abilities while practicing in the real world environment of sales, finances, and interactions with customers. Zeal for participation by students and positive team spirit created a dynamic environment for learning, thus making FoodZenia a successful blend of education, entertainment, and entrepreneurship.

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# Congratulations to Shantanu Thawali for Winning the Prestigious 'Farooque Shaikh Trophy'



We take great pride in extending warmest wishes to Shantanu Thawali, a brilliant student of the M. L. Dahanukar College, who won the glamorous 'Farooque Shaikh Trophy' for the category Best Actor (Elimination Round) in the prestigious competition of the famous Hindi One Act Play Competition presented by the Indian People's Theatre Association (IPTA).

Shantanu delivered outstanding performances in the eliminations, which not only impressed the judges but also the spectators. He received this much-desired prize that stands as a testament to his dedication and passion for acting and exceptional talent. This is one of the higher accolades an aspiring actor can look forward to in this competition, hence, the 'Farooque Shaikh Trophy', named after the great Indian actor, would speak volumes about this achievement.

IPTA is no ordinary theatre group but an institution of prestige and a historical haven, heartthrob of Indian performing arts for decades. Known since 1942, IPTA has formulated socially conscious theatre movement in India and continues to create and foster young talents in its numerous competitions and workshops. Winning an award under its banner is a tremendous source of pride and a springboard to fame for any artist working to carve his niche in the world of drama.

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# Congratulations to Shantanu Thawali for Winning the Prestigious 'Farooque Shaikh Trophy'



The NSS Unit of M.L. Dahanukar College of Commerce (Autonomous), B-13, has been continuously working for social causes through community outreach. Two such events were conducted in the month of September 2024.

# Clean-Up Drive at Juhu Beach as Part of 'Swacchata Hi Seva Campaign 2024



The NSS unit of Juhu, Mumbai, organized a beach clean-up on Sunday, 29th September 2024. The event was conducted under the banner of the 'Swacchata Hi Seva Campaign 2024.'.

With the active participation of 56 NSS volunteers from the college,

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non-plastic waste. The drive for cleanliness at beaches drew attention to the general importance that public places in general and especially beaches are kept clean, as ecological and recreational spots of this city. With the removal of waste, the volunteers have contributed to helping the environment while leading beach users and local residents to adopt responsible practices in waste disposal.

The commitment and passion with which volunteers swept the sands were self-evident, making Juhu Beach cleaner by the end of the drive.

## Blood Donation Camp at Andheri Railway Station



Earlier in the week, on 25th Sept. 2024, the NSS Unit of M L Dahanukar College of Commerce conducted Blood Donation Camp in Collaboration with J J Mahanagar Blood Bank, Byculla, at Andheri Railway Station, one of the busiest commuter hubs in Mumbai.

Total of 30 students acted as volunteers for camp management and motivated the commuters and passersby to donate their blood. By the end of the day, the camp could collect as many as 54 units of blood, which would save many lives and help the people in serious medical conditions. The volunteers of the NSS helped disseminate messages to raise awareness in people to donate blood regularly, and thus ensured that this camp.

*-Atharva Namjoshi*

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# Restoring the Shore: Enactus Leads Post- Ganpati Beach Cleanup



On the 5th of September, 2024, the Enactus committee of our college organized a beach cleanup at Juhu Beach, Mumbai. This initiative took place following Ganpati Visarjan, which, while spiritually enriching, often leaves the beaches littered with waste due to the use of non-eco-friendly Ganpati idols and decorations.

Ganpati Visarjan is a significant event in India, where thousands immerse beautifully crafted idols in the sea. However, many of these idols are made from non-biodegradable materials like Plaster of Paris (PoP) and adorned with toxic paints that harm marine life and pollute the environment. This year was no different, and Juhu Beach was left covered with remnants of these idols, plastic, flowers, and other waste.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from heads and members who were all eager to contribute to restoring the beauty of the beach. Armed with gloves, garbage bags, and equipment, the team spent hours collecting non-biodegradable waste, including plastic, decorations, and remnants of idols. The cleanup drive was not just an effort to preserve the environment, but also a way to promote environmental awareness and responsibility among the community.

This beach cleanup was more than just a service activity; it reflected the spirit of sustainability and social responsibility that Enactus embodies. The students were deeply engaged in discussions about the importance of eco-friendly Ganpati celebrations and the need to transition to more

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# Restoring the Shore: Enactus Leads Post- Ganpati Beach Cleanup



The event concluded with a sense of accomplishment and the promise of continued efforts towards environmental preservation. The collective action taken by the Enactus committee highlights the growing awareness of environmental conservation and the role young people can play in making a tangible difference.

*-Kavya Nagwekar*

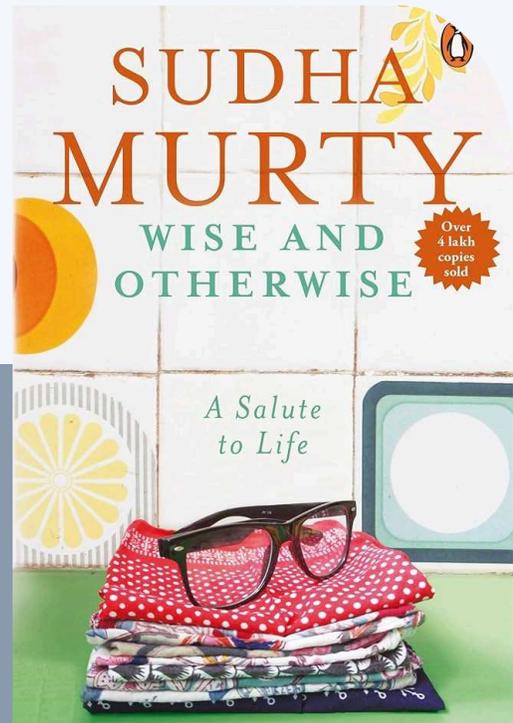
## Book Review

# Wise and Otherwise: A salute to Life

**NAME OF THE AUTHOR :-** *Sudha Murthy*

**GENRE :-** *Non-Fiction, Anthology*

**PUBLISHER :-** *Penguin India*



Sudha Murthy's *Wise and Otherwise* is a powerful collection of 51 short stories, each portraying the extraordinary within the ordinary. The book is told in a simple yet thought-provoking manner.

The strength of the book lies in its simplicity— Murthy writes in a way that is easy to understand yet leaves a lasting impression. Whether it's a tale about a heartwarming gesture or an encounter with betrayal, each story makes one reflect on the values of kindness, empathy, and integrity.

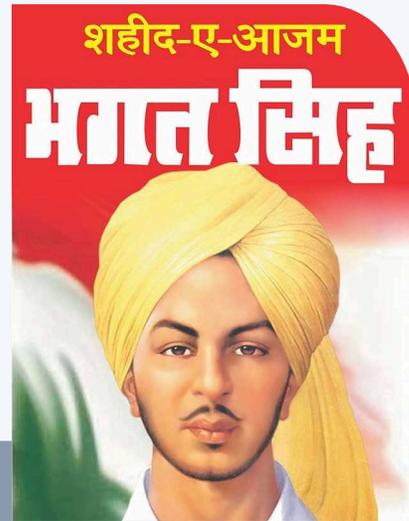
Once I started reading the book, I couldn't put it down. One of the standout stories in the book according to me is "When a Daughter Dares," Murthy shares the tale of a young girl who challenges age-old traditions to pursue education against her family's wishes. The girl's courage to stand up for herself in a conservative society is very inspiring. It's an empowering chapter that reminds readers of the value of self-confidence and the power of determination.

The book is not just a collection of stories, it's a gentle nudge for readers to reconsider their own actions, particularly when faced with moral dilemmas.

*Wise and Otherwise* is a wonderful book that teaches us about people, life, and what truly matters. Sudha Murthy's straightforward storytelling makes it a great read for anyone looking for inspiration and wisdom in everyday life.

## Articles

# Shaheed-e-Azam



The name spelled out in the heading sounds rather intriguing. A name unheard of, almost not known to us. However, 'Shaheed-e-Azam' is actually the honorable title given to the valorous freedom fighter 'Bhagat Singh.'

Bhagat Singh's name remains etched in Indian history for his unshrinking bravado. He was only 23 years old when he was hanged to death along with Raj Guru and Sukhdev in 1931.

Bhagat Singh was born on 28 September 1907.

He was an avid reader and a writer. He had a deep love for literature and philosophy. He devoured books and newspapers in multiple languages, including English, Urdu, and Punjabi. His reading list included works by Marx, Lenin, and other socialist thinkers.

He was influenced by the works of the Russian Revolution and also read about the American and French revolutions.

He held a deep affection for poetry, drawing inspiration from poets like Allama Iqbal and Ram Prasad Bismil.

Bhagat Singh was also a writer. He adopted various pen names while contributing to newspapers. Among them were "Balwant," and "Rajguru. Bhagat Singh's writings, including his letters and essays, provide valuable insights into his ideological beliefs and vision for India. His famous letter to the British judge during his trial, known as the "Letter to the Judge," eloquently outlines his political views and the reasons for his revolutionary action.

## Poem

# An Unreached Scream...

She was scared,  
Scared by demons under her bed.  
She could hear,  
Hear the voices screaming in her head.

She tried to run,  
Run away from the world like hell.  
She wanted to live,  
A life where her misery could expel.

She was waiting,  
Waiting for her destiny to change.  
She was trying,  
Trying her broken pieces to arrange.

She cried her lungs out,  
But her sore throat couldn't yell.  
She counted on God,  
But the sin of her innocent soul,  
He also couldn't tell.

*-Janhvi Pardhe*

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