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FROM THE PRINCIPAL 2022-23

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Annual Report for the academic year 2022-23 before you.

Our academic year has always been very good, considering the demography of the enrolments.

HSC Commerce		96.65%	HSC Science	97.92%
TYBCOM		95.15%	TY BSc. Chemistry	100%
TYBMS		100%	TY BSc. Computer Science	98.43%
M.COM	(Adv.	73.02%	M.COM (Bus.	100%
Accountancy)			Management)	

I congratulate all the students for their hard work, staff, and parents for their guidance.

I am extremely happy to share with you all that our college has undergone third cycle of NAAC Re-accreditation process under new pattern on 29th and 30th April 2022 and secure B+ Grade (CGPA: 2.63). I appreciate the efforts made by entire Menon family members under the guidance and support from our Chairman Smt. P. Sarada Menon.

One more feather cap — Our Junior College has been awarded Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar for the year 2021-22 at District Level with a rating of 5 stars on 28.06.2022. from Department of School Education, Literacy, Ministry of Education.

I would like to share with you all that our Centre of Gandhian Studies and Action has started total 10 Short term Certificate Courses for students. It is a great help for the students to develop their personality and employability skills. I must thank Smt. Sarada Menon, Chairman for her initiative and guidance under whom teachers are co-ordinating these courses.

Apart from these, we are conducting many more Certificate courses, Bridge Courses and Swayam Courses in association with various organizations.



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Our college has entered MOU with 18 organizations which is valuable for fostering student development at our campus through collaborative activities.

I am proud to share with you all that Self Finance department in association with IQAC organized a national level 10 days Online Capacity Building Program on Advanced Research Methodology" sponsored by Indian Council or Social Science Research (ICSSR), Western Regional Centre in the month of September 2022. It was a grand success. We appreciate the initiative taken by C.A. Krishnan Jaikumar and Mr. Krishnakumar Shukla.

As a part of observation of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav, an awareness program for opening savings account with accident insurance in association with the Bhandup East Post Office was organised by the Accountancy and Chemistry department for staff and students.

Our Centre of Gandhian Studies and Action celebrated a Gandhi Week from 26th September 2022 to 6th October 2022 to spread Gandhian values amongst students during which various inter-collegiate competitions, students' seminars were organized. On 2nd October 2022, Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated. All the members of the Menon family were honoured with a book by Gandhiji, "To Students", followed by a cleanliness drive. On 3rd October, a Peace March was organised.

On 4th October 2022, we celebrated Founder's Day – Birth Anniversary of our Founder Adv. Shri. P.A. Menon, Sir. Our Chairman Smt. Sarada Menon madam inaugurated 1st P.A. Menon Memorial Lecture Series and announced that day to be celebrated as Khadi Diwas. Health Check-up camp in collaboration with Aditya Birla Group was organized.

On 6th October 2022, we have observed Death Anniversary of Shri. V.K Krishna Menon (Founder President of Bhandup Educational Society). On this day, E-Fest was organized during which products made during various skill enhancement courses and Khadi products were exhibited and sold.

On 7th October exam on Gandhian Ideology in association with Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal was organized. The Centre organized 30 hours Yoga Course



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in association with Shri. Ambika Yog Kutir and Health Club. Students at our College also visited Mani Bhawan on 12th October 2022.

On 11th September 2022 staff had "ONAM FEAST" in the memory of our Founder Chairman Shri. P.A. Menon.

Our IQAC took initiative and organized various programs like workshop on 'Writing Learning Outcomes" on 8th October 2022 for the teachers, Investor Awareness Program in association with Accountancy department and Alumni, Inter-collegiate competition on Digital Poster making on "Unity in Diversity as part of celebration of Azadi-Ki-Amrut Mahotsav and Seminar on Career in Investment Banking. Two days Kathakali Festival was organized on 30th and 31st December 2022 in the College Auditorium by SOPANAM to preserve the traditional expressive dance form of Kerala for the youth of today.

Students Council: For holistic development of the Students Council organizes various activities during the year. Variety of competitions like Hindi Poem writing, singing, poster making, Mehandi, Essay writing, Dance Fest, T-Shirt painting, Spell B etc. were organized. Students participated in large number during Fun-N-Fair, Science Exhibition and Rangotsav.

Sports Council – Students participated in various events like Chess, Table tennis, Carrom, etc. which were conducted during the year. Annual Sports meet was organized at Naval Dockyard Colony ground. Many of our students participated and won prizes at university level and Inter-Collegiate level sports events.

NSS Unit – Organized many programs throughout the year like Blood Donation Camp in association with KEM Hospital, Thalassemia detection camp, workshop on yoga for better health in association with Ambika Yog Kutir, Voter's Awareness Program etc. Unit organized a session "Indian Armed Forces: Our Pride" on 26th July 2022 in association with NSS Cell, University of Mumbai and Menonite'99. A disaster Management workshop in association with Civil Defence, Government of Maharashtra was a great success. Our volunteers attended a 7-day residential camp.



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Our Past Students Association and Menonite 99 group of students organizes a program "Indian Army Our Pride and Raksha Bandhan with Army Officers every year and provides placement opportunities for our students. Under the Best Practice "Igniting the Young Minds" our teachers with the help of senior students conduct many participative activities like experiments, quizzes, and many more for school and junior college students in the neighbourhood area. We give preference to Girl's education, and we believe that "An Educated Woman educates the entire family."

DLLE – With the help of student managers organized two days training session under IOP Project (BCPT), theatre making workshop on Environment for secondary school teachers at neighbourhood schools in collaboration with Eco Root Foundation, Delhi. Inter-collegiate Ad-making competitions and many more. Students of Annapurna Yogana are actively involved in their project activities. Our college hosted Udaan- a flight of extension, a festival of DLLE by University of Mumbai during which 337 students with 29 extension teachers from 19 colleges participated making the festival a grand success.

Alumni Association – Alumni helped students by offering scholarships to needy students (Menonite'99), Placements, Concessions in Marathon Registration Fees, Guest lectures etc. A session by Lt. Cdr Brijay Nair (retd) on fitness and marathon running was organised on 3-12-2022 in association with Alumni. A grand Alumni meet "Back to college 2022-23" was organised to give a colourful re union to our former students.

 $IPR\ Cell\ -$ organized a session on "Basics of $IPR\ laws$ " in association with B.A.F department.

WDC – organized many sessions in association with various departments on topics like "Safety of Women in modern times," women empowerment and Cyber Security, Gender Equality in present scenario.

Career Guidance and Placement Cell – organized many activities for career guidance and placement in association with various departments like M. Com,





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B.M.S, C.S, etc. The cell organized 30 hours training session for employability skills in association with Magic Bus India foundation as an IQAC initiative.

Department of B.M. S, B.A. F and M. Com: The faculty organized many sessions on various Career opportunities. M.Com department conducted Minority Rights Day by organising essay writing and a guidance session followed by group discussion on minorities Rights. The department organized one day industrial visit to Navneet Ltd and 7 days study tour to Amritsar for BMS and BAF students. BMS department in association with IQAC of our college organized one day seminar sponsored by ICSSR WRC, Mumbai on Research Made Simple on 11th February 2023.

Computer Science Department -The faculty organised a session by Ms. Shreya naik on "Interview Preparation" and a seminar on Animation and graphic design for digital advertising by Ms. Leena Rane from Arena Animation.

Law Department – One day workshop was organized in collaboration with Maharashtra National Law University on the topic related to security law for women. The Constitution Day also known as Samvidhan divas was celebrated to encourage especially youth to follow the constitutional values in their lives.

Science Department – Organized study tour to Saguna Baug. Guest lectures on topics related to environment were organized. Chemistry department organized program titled "Fun with Chemistry" for neighbouring students under Igniting Young Minds.

Commerce Department- A Lecture series on soft skills development and confidence building by Mrs. Sneha Dixit was conducted to instil self-confidence, personality development and interpersonal skills in students.

P.A. Menon Knowledge Resource Centre – The centre organized Book Exhibition to inculcate reading habits, Inter-Collegiate Digital Poster Making Competition, Online Quiz Competition, Reading Inspirational Day etc.

LAKSHH – An Inter-collegiate fest (Cultural & Sports) is proving to be a great way for not only our students but also students across various colleges in



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Mumbai to showcase their talents and the competitions have successfully motivated students to zealously participate and learn the art of teamwork and at the same time spark individual interest and passion. The crew members learned many organizational and managerial skills while organizing various events. Dedication of our young teacher C.A. Krishnan a main source of inspiration and energy. Dedication of Dr. Ms Kakali Lahiri with her team members Mrs. Poonam Shetty, Mr. Nainesh Patel and many more is worth mentioning. With their wholehearted involvement and students support, the event witnessed an overwhelming response.

Staff Achievements

- 1. CA Krishnan Jaikumar published a research paper titled 'Exploring the impact of positive student-faculty relationships on students' outcomes in higher education institutions' in Management Guru Journal of Management Research at DAV College. He has also co-authored two books namely Auditing in Banking Sector and Debt Market for Sheth publishers.
- 2. Mr. Prasanth Rajan published a research paper titled 'Covid 19 and E-Commerce in International Journal of Advance & Innovative Research.
- 3. C A Amogh Desai published a research paper titled 'An understanding of impact on Retail Customers viewpoint towards Bank charges in Banking Sector' in the journal Trends in Banking, Accounting and Business. He has also co authored two books Auditing in Banking Sector and Debt Market for Sheth Publishers.
- 4. Mr. Krishnakumar Shukla published three books namely Financial Market and Financial Services and Commercial Bank Management for Sheth Publishers.
- 5. Ms. Shuba Nair, Ms. Vandana Chaurasia and Ms. Kalpana Bandebuche participated in the one day the ICSSR sponsored multi-disciplinary international conference on "Fintech Connect: Indian Pathway to Finovate Action @75: Digital India" which was organised by Vidyalankar school of Info technology. Ms. Vandana Chaurasia presented a research paper titled "human computer interaction gesture mouse," Ms. Shuba Nair presented a research paper titled "Evaluation of Anime; what made anime popular





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worldwide" and Ms. Kalpana Bandebuche presented paper titled "survey of internet pornography." All the papers were published in Pradnyaa International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research.

- 6. A book titled Prerna with ISBN number was released during an international webinar held on 28-4-23. The book provided a platform for research scholars to share their thinking on various dimensions to empowering the youth. The following faculties presented a paper in the First P.A. Menon Memorial Lecture Series and published the paper in Prerna:
 - Mr. Prasanth Rajan published a paper titled 'Importance of Gandhian Concept of Basic Education in First P A Menon Memorial Lecture Series
 - Dr. Deepa Nyayadhish published a paper titled तरुणांचा सर्जनशील कार्ये प्रक्रियेत सहभाग
 - Mrs. Smrithi Suresh Nair published a paper titled 'Creative Work Environment.
 - **Dr. Saloni Bhushan** published a paper titled 'Empowering Youth through Creative Participation: Nurturing Creativity and Innovation'.
 - **Dr. Gomathi Shridhar** published a paper titled 'Creativity in teaching Learning: Lessons from the Pandemic.'
 - **Dr. Kakali Lahiri** published a paper titled 'Role of a Teacher In Harnessing Creativity in Youth'.
 - **Dr. Sunitha K.K.** published a paper titled 'Bringing Creativity into Education Legal Challenges.'

I congratulate all the teaching and non-teaching staff, students, Alumni, Parents, Employers, and well-wishers. This is possible only with the guidance and continued support of our Chairman, Smt. Sarada Menon, in achieving institutional goals.

Prin. (Mrs.) S. V. Phadnis PRINCIPAL

