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Learn, Lead and Excel



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VISION

The Department of English envisions youth with love for literature, desiring to explore the world of aesthetic pleasure, kindle their spirit to understand the science of language, improve their power of expression and linguistic competency leading to successful careers in diverse fields.

MISSION

Our mission is to inspire, motivate and encourage students to excel in their academics, be good communicators, foster employability skills among them by providing a platform to identify and nurture their inherent talent, promote their creative pursuits, build their self-esteem and make them well-rounded personalities.

OBJECTIVES

- **To create awareness about the importance of English as a global language.**
- **To cultivate research aptitude through comparative study of cultures and literatures.**
- **To acquaint students with catalytic effect of English in opening gateways to myriad career opportunities.**
- **To make students comprehend, analyze and appreciate literary texts.**
- **To enhance their personality, build their confidence through training in English communication viz. social etiquette, manners, polite conversations and formal and informal discourse etc.**

We are immensely grateful to our patron Dr. G.R. Ekbote for his perennial support and guidance to help us evolve and excel. We salute him for his perpetual encouragement in all our academic endeavours.

We wish to express our deep sense of gratitude to Prof. Mrs. Jyotsna Ekbote for appreciating our efforts in nurturing linguistic competency among students.

We feel motivated by Prof. Suresh Todkar and Dr. Prakash Dixit's enthusiastic involvement in all the activities of the English Department. Prof Todkar's penchant for acronyms and Dr. Dixit's love for proverbs in English have added sheen to the departmental function that they have never failed to attend over the year.

Our Principal Dr. Sanjay Kharat's love for promoting research temperament in young minds propel us to launch insightful ideas among students and train them to 'explore' and 'express' through language. We are indebted to him for his constant support and guidance in all our academic pursuits.

Dr. Jyoti Gagangras, Vice Principal Arts has always taken that extra mile to encourage us in executing all our ideas into innovative events. We are grateful to her for her timely advice in all matters of the department.

A word of gratitude is in place for Dr. Shubhangi Joshi, Vice Principal, Commerce for her genuine interest in, and admiration for our Student-centric activities.

Words of praise from the Vice Principal of Science, Prof. Swati Kandharkar has helped boost our morale and strengthen our efforts and we wish to express our gratitude to her for the same.

Odyssey-III is the result of tireless efforts displayed by our student-contributors from all the three faculties who have enthusiastically participated in collecting data and pictures that have gone into making this volume colorful and informative.

Prof. Sandeep Sanap's efforts in concretizing all the hard work of the preceding months into a colourful and glossy journal are undoubtedly praiseworthy. Dr. Deepanita Bhanja's continuous follow-up with the students and arduous sessions in documenting the information in a desirable format is worth a mention here. Creative talent of my colleague Jitender Kumar in designing the cover page and layout of the journal is indeed commendable. Special compliments to our student editors Anish, Aditi, Jessin and Jessica for collecting articles, screening them and carrying out the preliminary editing.

Odyssey-III would not be possible without the sincere wishes and encouragement from all my colleagues, friends and well-wishers.

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Words of Appreciation by the Principal



I am pleased to see that the third issue of Odyssey, the in-house journal of English Department, is being released this year. This year's theme of the journal - campus culture is quite close to the hearts of all students who spend the most memorable days of their life on the campus of college and cherish those memories for ever in future. The students have really expressed their ideas, experiences and observations of campus culture quite vividly and beautifully. I am so happy to see the students exhibiting their writing skills of on variety of topics and expressing themselves through poetry, thoughtful articles and sharing first hand experiences through Odyssey.

It is also a pleasing to see that the teachers of English Department offering their students numerous opportunities and platforms to express their thoughts and ideas through wonderful initiatives like in-house journal, quizzes and competitions which certainly help the students improve their English Language skills, communication abilities and proficiency in using the language to achieve their career goals.

I congratulate the Department of English for bringing out this year's Odyssey on such an interesting topic and wish all the best for their future activities and initiatives to groom the students for best job opportunities and an overall development of their personalities.

Dr. Sanjay Kharat
Principal

From the Vice-Principal's Desk



“It doesn’t matter who you are, where you come from. The ability to triumph begins with you. Always.”
Oprah Winfrey

The Department of English, Modern College Ganeshkhind cultivates an inclusive campus culture that actively and intentionally engages diverse people, ideas, and perspectives to create a vibrant learning and working environment. **Odyssey:** The In-house publication of the English Department is an Interdisciplinary activity. Students are encouraged to get involved and enrich their experience through their writings in **Odyssey**.

The Department accomplishes this by sustaining and advancing efforts to develop a pervasive culture of inclusion in all facets of life at Modern College by breaking down barriers and challenging injustices. The Department transforms campus culture to one in which all individuals draw strength from the collective diversity.

Student Diversity Initiatives envisions a campus where proud, well-rounded and academically successful students are equipped with the skills necessary to advance social justice, work through education, engagement and action.

Participation in activities plays an important role in the academic, social and emotional growth and development of students. Research shows that students who are involved in college activities do better in life and score higher in the examinations. Furthermore, involvement in college activities builds character, increases self-confidence, relieves stress, and generates pride and a sense of belonging, helping them to achieve greater heights of success. Such involvement leads to a transformation in them and fosters a keen temperament to achieve success and a greater sense of belonging and respect for each and every Stake Holder.

I would like to congratulate the Department of English; all the teachers and students for their efforts and choosing an apt theme for ODYSSEY Publication this year.

Good Luck ahead!!

Dr. Jyoti Gagangras
Vice Principal, Arts

The Editor Speaks...



College days are the most memorable days in a student's life. These are memories that will be revisited and cherished forever. Days spent in academic endeavors, sporting thrills, cultural extravaganza, social work, classroom pranks, friendships, hanging out in canteen- all form a part of a student's routine in college.

Come June-July, and the college premises is abuzz with admissions. Young aspirants take their first step towards grooming their professional lives in the years to come. With innumerable desires in their heart and determination to excel, young boys and girls begin their journey of realizing their dreams for a better future.

The college campus is undoubtedly the most favorite haunt for these lively and cheerful bunch of youngsters. As the new academic session begins, the college is rife with activities and teeming with life. Every campus has its own color, mood and character. It owes its identity not only to the infrastructure and facilities but is also defined by its vast student diversity.

The 3rd volume of Odyssey – the in-house journal of the English department is an attempt to unveil this vibrant culture on the campus as perceived by students themselves. "Campus Culture" which is the theme of Odyssey this year will take you on an exciting journey of ideas, thoughts, feelings, emotions, experiences, inhibitions and expectations voiced by students who are the most important entities of a college.

I'm sure all of you will have the pleasure of reading some interesting articles and poems through which our students have tried to speak out their hearts.

Let's all enjoy glimpses of a student's vibrant life through our "Campus Culture" until we come back next year with something even more exciting!!

Dr. Shampa Chakravarthy

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The Other Side

Bunking, talking and passing time,
In the ground, court, and parking lot.
Eating, chatting and gossiping a lot,
Forgetting everything that the teachers taught.
Playing, running, dreaming and dating,
Longing to hear the bell ringing.
Laughing, smiling, meeting and mumbling,
Crying and tumbling.

Hugging and making new friends,
Helping and following new trends.
Teaching, learning, coping and piling,
Finding, separating and binding.

Waiting for your mate,
Grumbling if she's late.

Playing Pubg in this maze,
Socials brings a different craze.

Living these days like champs,
Emulating and walking on ramps.
Living this life in different ways,
Cause these are golden days.

Walk, run, fly and fall
Because these days won't be back
No matter how much you recall.

Menitta Alice Thomas

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The Beauty in You

People say many harsh things
An unpleasant tune your heart sings
You think hard of what they've said
Some of them make you cry in bed
To prove them wrong you look for signs
But the words are still etched in your mind
You get on with life but you don't heal
Thinking your pillow only knows how you feel
People may tell you, you're tall, short, slim or fat
Sometimes you have to accept yourself
You may be short tempered, weird or oversmart
People may know you but only you know your heart.
You know its addictions, temptations, the memories it holds
You know its feelings, its demons
What makes you warm or cold?
You know it torments, the things that give it fright
You know what keeps you awake in the night
You may be a women from Venus or a man from mars
Cherish yourself and you will reach the stars
Only if you accept who you are
Self-confidence will wipe off the tears and scars,
You've a beautiful mess
Live...and accept the beauty in you

Jwalanthi Sundaram
FYBSC

A Proud Modernite

My experience at Modern College Ganeshkhind Pune has been wonderful and I'm glad that I got admission in this college. The campus of this college is beautiful and awesome. This college has many facilities and a friendly environment. The college is involved in social work and run various awareness campaigns. The healthy environment in the campus is on account of the rapport shared between student & teacher which is very friendly and caring. This college is also awarded with the star status. Everyone in the campus is very friendly with each other. There are many international students who are studying in this college. It's very nice to see them mingle with the local students.

The college campus remains vibrant with various activities like sports day and national and social events, cultural and extension activities. Even the staff of this college is very wonderful. There are also some cells in the College which are working for resolving various issues and conflicts of students. Students enjoy the facilities available in the college canteen and are seen hanging out in the parking lot. I am glad to be a part of this prestigious College where there is a perfect blend of academic and co-curricular activities. The College is located very close to the very famous Savitribai Phule Pune University.

This College has given me new friends here who are from various states and districts and this gives me an opportunity to know about different cultures, customs and traditions prevalent in India. I am glad to be a modernite.

Suhel

FYBA

What has cities, but no houses; forests, but no trees; and water, but no fish?

A map

My College Experience

How excited I was on that first day of college... to see the campus, to meet new friends and teachers. In due course of time I made many beloved friends. I have enjoyed and made many more memories with them in the campus and also out of campus. The best memory with my friends is of when I bunked the college after 1st lecture and went for the movie.

Though the College has a small campus but we have ample space to explore our skills and interests in best possible manner. Within campus we have a basketball court where we enjoy our PT lectures, a library- small in size but full of knowledge, and a canteen where we spend our most memorable moments with friends. The location of college is near Pune University, so we have got chance many times to explore the beautiful campus and departments of Pune University. All teachers here are amazing, co-operative and teaches us in a way that we don't experience burden of studies. My best experience in this college is about Spoken English class. Along with learning speaking in English, the most important thing about the class was, I came across a person like Nupur mam, who was in-charge of this course. I found something extraordinary in her. She taught us many precious things, sometimes even by sharing her own life experiences. She is my motivation. There are many more activities that take place in the college which I enjoy very much. Especially the activities arranged by Geography department are very fascinating. There was another interesting seminar organized by Sociology department regarding NGO's. All events and programmes in the College are helping the students to understand their own potentials. Really, this is the best phase of my life. I want to enjoy it along with my studies so that I can cherish the beautiful memories in the future.

Yash N. Meshram

FYBA

My Campus

Campus culture is a powerful source of socialization for students. It is a platform for overall development of students. College culture differs from campus to campus. In our college campus many activities are held, which improves physical & mental strength of students. It gives opportunity to everyone to come forward and to showcase their talent. Students from all streams learn to choose and decide their career choices not only through academics but also through wide variety of events, functions and programmes organized by different faculties and departments. This has brought improvement and developed skills of the students. Qualities of leadership, working in teams and taking initiatives proved to be a stepping stone of success for students of this College.

Teacher is somewhere an important part for this all-round development of our personality. I am very thankful to have such great teachers in our college, who always support and stand by during these events and activities. With our teachers I always feel like I have the best people in the world who laugh with us, treat us like friend, scold us when we are wrong and always shows us the right direction. They always encourage us to do new things and motivate us to go on the right path to achieve our aim. They take lots of efforts to arrange new programs for us so that we can enjoy and learn at the same time.

One of the best things that happened to me in this college are my friends. These people always help me to improve and understand my worth. With them I enjoy all the lectures, share thoughts, ideas and develop opinions on various things. These people will be my best companions forever. My college gives me support to develop my thoughts, improve my abilities and is also very helpful for developing my personality. So I am very thankful for having such a great college.

Vidya Jagdale

FYBA

You are Special!

Different direction we discover

Various challenges we conquer

Different culture we admire

Welcoming the diversity in our attire

Life becomes fashionable

Anything is desirable

Restoring culture & the region

According to the time people & region

Circumstances may change someone

Reveal your heritage to everyone

Be proud of who you are

There is no one as special as you are.

Salvin Dass

FYBA

**If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, you haven't got me. What
am I?**

Secret

A Memorable Journey

At 7:15 in morning
He opens the gate,
You will be scolded
If you come late.

We all come here
And a family we make,
Some noises we give
Bundles of knowledge we take.

Classes and buildings
Canteen and ground,
Teachers and students
All religion around.

Think of the teachers
Who challenged your mind?
Enlightening, eye-opening
Amazing and kind.

This place is a place of art
Where all religions are kept apart,
It includes fun, competitions, knowledge and more
For each individual to explore

Alimanaz S. Faruki

SYBA

The Unforgettable First Days of College

On my first day of college when I came to college, there were so many new faces around me. Coming to college is a great experience because it shaped me to who I am today. College helps you to discover yourself as you learn new things every day. I still remember my first day in college, I had a feeling of excitement because I didn't know what to do but eventually things started to settle. I started making new friends. Staying together every day, sharing things, playing together, we enjoy our day around the canteen and basketball court.

Modern college has many activities to motivate students to take part in it. Every student, teachers in the college are quiet, co-operative, friendly and understanding. Every lecture is interactive. The library is good where all types of books are available that help us in our subject understanding. The sports faculty is very supportive to the students in sports. The canteen has delicious food. The teachers of the college guide us in various activities and their teaching method gives the students a good learning experience.

Abhijeet Kharat

FYBA

A box without hinges, key, or lid,

Yet golden treasure inside is hid.

An egg- J.R.R Tolkein

The Days We Love

The title itself suggests that we are going to talk about, our three to four years of college life, rather than saying college days we can say that these are our golden years, of our life. These are the years in when we discover our own selves. Only these are the years in which we build our future or can destroy it.

These are the days in which many relationships get started and many get over. Many get partners or soul mates but many others remain single! Jokes apart, in college we get new friends, gradually becoming our family. It's fun with them, fun in classrooms, in canteens, sometimes quarrelling in campus for petty issues, studying together for exams, going for trips, playing various games during the annual functions and most importantly, bunking. I found bunking important because it's a lot of fun time that I spend with my friends.

Coming to my experience, as I'm a first year student this year I have been introduced to many new things. Like meeting new friends from different states, regions, introduced to some new subjects, taking part in many extra circular activities and these activities interestingly helped me in my personality development. The atmosphere in the campus fills me with positive energy and confidence. In addition to that, the teacher also instills positivity among students.

There is one more thing which I found somehow funny but true that sometimes we feel studies are like a burden and sports is like a saving grace, giving us much needed relief. For marks we can do anything. We don't take it so seriously but sometimes in order to get good marks we have to be in touch with the teachers. It's good because being around the teachers fills me with a lot of positivity.

Now coming to lectures and studies, in our college all my teachers are very good. Sometimes we get bored but that's fine. We get to know all aspects of the teachers, as every teacher is unique in its own way and from that we learn many things such as how to interact, how to speak, how to become humble and polite and how to present with full confidence.

Due to all these experiences and memories this college has become my second home. After completing my studies we may travel to different cities, getting busy in our own responsibilities, with social media keeping us connected. But we will always take the college memories wherever we go.

Abhijit Kutemate

F.Y.B.A

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Republic Day 2019

An enthusiastic and very energetic morning of 26th January!

This morning in life of every Indian is a morning of proud and is full of patriotism. Just as every time we had a small event that was arranged in our college. Every year our college gives a chance to the each department to conduct the event. This time this golden opportunity was given to the English department.

All students were instructed to reach college by 7.00 am and gather on the basketball court where the event was about to take place. After leaving home in the cold morning when it was still dark, I experienced the sunrise with tricolour spread all over the sky... the balloons and flags that were taken by the students were the most beautiful start of the day. All school students wore different costumes for their cultural programme at their school. I always wanted to attend the parade that is held on 26th January in Delhi on Raj path... but whenever I see people getting ready for their performances I feel that there must be the same scenario in Delhi as well.

As I entered the college campus I saw many people had come in white dresses, most of them in college uniform, but one thing common in all of them was the happiness of being a part of one of the National festivals. Full basketball court was filled with students. The event started with the arrival of our principal Dr.Sanjay Kharat sir. He hoisted the Indian flag and national anthem was played. After national anthem our principal addressed the students on this occasion followed by the felicitation of the staff and the cultural program.

All the staffs' achievements were felicitated at the hands of our principal sir. That was really great to know that we are surrounded by such a talent around to guide us. After felicitation, came the most awaited part - the cultural program. Our department coordinated with the students of different faculties and departments and came up with so many talented students who performed in the event. There was a performance of girls singing patriotic mashup, a solo dance of a girl and a group performance which ended

the program. All the performances were so amazing that they increased the level of “josh” in all students.

At the end, I would like to say that only one day of this celebration gives so much energy and the feeling of proud that we live in such a country called India. This one day also fills us with lots of enthusiasm which helps us in remembering that we are Independent, strong and united and hence we are called the INDIANS.

Aditi Tare

SYBA

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Campus Culture- A Different Perspective

For every student, teacher and alumni, a college campus is what makes the best years of their life worth remembering. The infrastructure plays a big part in an introduction of a student to this new and often alien environment in a warm, friendly manner, but it's the culture within the campus, that cements the connection.

Diversity is an integral part of culture and this is true for campus culture as well. I met a few friends and classmates who come from outskirts of Pune have diverse interpretation of the culture of our Campus.

My friend from Arunachal Pradesh described his hometown by calling it a beautiful scenic place, full of pure natural vistas. His village is dotted by hills from all sides and is quite cold in January and February. His village is in Namsai District of Arunachal Pradesh. The village is populated mostly by tribes, out of which the three major ones are Kamti, Simpo and Sakma.

He belongs to the Sakma tribe which follows Buddhist culture. Buddhism is predominant in the tribes and the most important festivals that they celebrate in their traditional dresses and with special dishes are Buddha Pournima and Bizu.

He had come to know of this college from a friend. After clearing his 12th exams, he was confused with a career choice and unlike most of the people in his village he chose Arts as an option to explore his potential. He recounted his experience of joining college, where he felt as if he didn't fit in the environment. However, now he has met a lot of friendly and helpful people and feels happy in Modern College.

He now takes interest in all the events and festivals of Modern College, Ganeshkhind. Our conversation veered to serious topics as we talked about discrimination and inequality. He states that we cannot know a person in one meeting, interaction of minds and understanding is necessary. And according to him, for equality people from all backgrounds have to unite and discuss and debate the problems that they face due to inequality.

Lastly, he defines Campus Culture as the way all the people interact with each other, individually and socially, which builds self-confidence. The improvement of oneself along with better relations with people form Campus Culture.

My friend from Afghanistan engaged with me in a freewheeling conversation. He described his hometown as scenic with mountains rising in the distance. He highlighted the culinary excellence there and stated that he misses the food from there.

The culture in Afghanistan is different from India. Unlike India, Afghanistan has a singular culture derived from the traditions of Islam. As he joined Modern college in Pune, he met many people from his country, who are in a variety of courses, with whom he had deep conversations about his home.

Campus Culture of Modern College, Gaenshkhind had been an exciting experience for him. Events like Traditional Day and Vividha unite the campus. To participate in the atmosphere of unity, he has attended every Traditional Day. His friends include not just foreign students but local students too. They asked him about his hometown, his way of life the very first time they met him, which is a testimony of the inquisitiveness of youth.

Culturally, he is of the opinion that every culture is good in its own way. Culture changes from person to person but it also unites people. For him, Modern College has a very tolerant and respectful atmosphere about the variety of cultures present here. Nobody has asked him for his religion, the college always treated him as a unique individual, free from any judgment.

Campus Culture according to him is a place where each person can feel equal to the other without any boundaries of physical or emotional dimensions.

A Campus is not only a means to a better understanding of one's likings but also a way of creating and cherishing memories of carefree days. Years later, when alumni look back on their college days, it is the culture that binds them together.

Anish Nitin Yande
SYBA.

Pune International Literary Festival-A Cultural Extravaganza

On a cold, wintry morning of September, I was headed for an unexpectedly warm and joyous celebration of literature at the YASHADA center in Baner. The event was none other than the Pune International Literary Festival. Over the course of the next three days, a cultural and literary extravaganza would unfold itself to the citizens of Pune.

Being a first time participant at the festival, I was excited and equally nervous for the event. I had worked as an office volunteer leading up to the days of the festival, arranging and creating things for the festival. I was, however, completely unprepared for the sight that greeted me on the morning of 28th September when I reached the venue. The enormous archway of YASHADA led to the grounds where giant letters saying “PILF” were arranged. The decorations were quite impressive, with banners declaring PILF and quoting famous authors and artists. In spite of it being a literature event, several personalities from a variety of fields were invited. I looked forward to meeting them and making my mark in this festival as an individual.

I was assigned the responsibility of the Social Media Representative of the PILF team. My duties included managing all the social media accounts, which were the Twitter, Instagram and Facebook pages of PILF. Being an avid enthusiast of social media, I jumped at this opportunity to encapsulate all the going-on at the festival. On day one, the ambassador to Italy, Mr. Lorenzo Angeloni along with the popular Indian author, Shobhaa De and Manjiri Prabhu, inaugurated the event. They expressed and discussed their opinions on the importance of literary culture in the society. Following the Inauguration, a multitude of sessions, featuring authors and eminent personalities began.

What makes PILF different is the incredible variation it has to offer in its every aspect. Auditorium, Book-Nook, Caravan by The Tree, Session Hall and Treasure Island were the five places which visitors could visit. Speakers walked to these venues constantly interacting with other authors or the visitors. The entire venue played host to a knowledge sharing experience among the visitors and speakers. The theme of this edition of PILF was, “Family” and many discussions and conversations took place

regarding this theme, the discussions often spilling out of the Auditorium. The feature author for this 6th edition was the old favorite Charles Dickens. An entire exhibition documenting his literary journey, from Oliver Twist to A Christmas Carol was presented. The event was organized on a grand scale and I was amazed by the effort put in by every person.

The people gathered for the authors but stayed for the remarkable activities taking place. Leading publishers, army experts, historians, politicians, filmmakers, poets, editors and artists of all kinds led the talks at the festival. Notable among these were, Milee Ashwarya, Baba Amte, Anita Nair, Gurcharan Das, TCA Raghavan. Along with the Indian talent, the international perspective was presented by Julia Kostova, Fadi Zaghmout, Paul Cleave, Ariane von Graffenreid and many others who were integral to the success of the event.

A large part of the crowd was comprised of the young, volunteers from different colleges managing the event and enthusiasts touring the length of YASAHDA. The people of Pune gathered for night and days to indulge in the excellent intellectual exhibits the festival had to offer. Along with the writings, various art performances were held which invigorated the senses. The visitors loved the aesthetically designed and carefully planned event. The young volunteers, many of whom are my friends showed real zest and enthusiasm in ensuring the event went on smoothly.

The event simply was not possible without the guidance of Dr Manjiri Prabhu. Even though I was working for her, she was more like a friend, inspiring me with her enthusiasm and confidence. She never gave up even when the odds were stacked high and I admire that immensely. The thousands of people involved with the event some of whom I closely interacted with showed their dedication and creativity throughout this event.

The enthusiastic crowd, the interactive speakers, the awesome events and the inspiring people made PILF 2018 an incredibly fun experience for me.

Anish Nitin Yande
SYBA

The Memories I will always Cherish

My college, Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce and which is also a home for me for the next 3 years has treated me well till date. It is one of the oldest college under Pune University established in 1970. It is a great place to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate courses. Throughout my life I have always heard people reflect back to their college experiences and felt it to be best phase of their life now it's my time to experience, learn and explore that is stated to be the best.

The new campus stored some learning experiences. Some of these experiences are memories forever. I can never forget my first day of thrill, joy and excitement. I joined my classes late on 16th July 2018 and unexpectedly entered a second year class. The professors create comfortable environment that makes us feel as we are at home. They do not believe in being biased but treat every student equally.

The most popular fascinating and gossip area is the canteen, me and my friends gather around with snacks, share our thoughts and discuss about various open-ended topics. My mates are quite friendly and but I also feel homesick sometimes. As the best results, my parents are more satisfied with my college campus and the faculties. From day 1, I have been learning a lot from my teachers. I enjoy everything about my college and hope to relish these memories forever.

The past 6 months of my life have given me greater visions of my future. I see Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce as an interesting book with many unread chapters. I intend to read, learn and enjoy all the lessons of life from this campus. The College offers me more than the great reputation of this fine schooling, but a large student body with diverse likes and dislikes, and many activities, both academic and non-academic, to participate in. With the help of Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, I'm sure I will be a successful graduate and be able to make a name and place for myself in our society.

Arpita Noatia

FYBA

Open Platform....

College is something different from school life. It is well said that it is a platform for each and every student to express his/her views and thoughts. College life gives us an idea to think beyond our own capacity. Here, teachers are the spectrum through which we get various colors of knowledge. It gives opportunities to build up our career. Infinite chances in the form of co-curricular activities, games, anchoring, participation, etc. makes a normal student a special one or more confident.

The word 'college' not only means bunking classes and waste our time by spending it in the canteen or else in the parking but also to participate and become an ideal personality in the society. 'Volunteering' is a kind of activity by which we get an exposure about our future life. It also gives us chances to show our talents in the form of sports, academics, competitions, and many more.

There is diversity of students based on their culture, language and religion. Therefore, we get more scientific knowledge about their lifestyle, views and traditions. As compared to schools, where rules are strict and fear of punishment bothers the students here the freedom to bunk lectures and enjoying with friends has been one of the most pleasant experience for college students.

Internship from college gives affordable education for those who has financial problems. College is a time that student can truly become individuals with great ideas. They become more independent to take on new responsibilities which make them self-confident and help them to contribute to the welfare of the nation.

There are many challenges which comes in front of us during our college life but to overcome that and have a strong belief to achieve our goal will surely create a strong foundation of knowledge.

Durga R. Choudhary

FYBA

What I have learnt by Studying Abroad...

It's funny when you move abroad and at first everything seems new, weird and exciting. It takes a few months for the shock to settle down until you start becoming familiar with everything and how everything works. For example, in the beginning I became extremely stressed out when I was supposed to get my college books, travelling to college alone, the language barrier, adapting to the new society and culture.

After all this panicking, everything went well. I got my books, got to know the route to college, understand a bit of the language, culture and the society. My point is despite the worries, if you ever get the chance to go and study abroad, please do. You will never regret it even if you go to the other side of the world. It will start to feel like home after few months. Isn't that funny and amazing? You can move to another countries and make it your home. I highly recommend studying abroad even if you are scared. I was scared to death and here I am doing great. Manning away from your comfort zone (home) is scary, but once you get over the fear, the awesomeness starts.

Here in India, I learnt to be independent and patience. This experience boosted my confidence and at the same time taught me to appreciate the little things I used to take for granted in my life back in my home country. I got acquainted with the notion of universal acceptance and openness towards people which lead to everlasting friendships and happiness.

I really feel happy that I had this experience. Even if you are nervous before going abroad please do go. It's about pushing your limits and venturing beyond your comfort zone. I will end with a quotation from St. Augustine who beautifully said "the world is a book and those who do not travel read only a page".

Ebou Jobe

TY BA

An Afternoon of Conversation: PEN International at Modern College Ganeshkhind

PEN International is a worldwide Association of poets, playwrights, editors, essayists and novelists. Catharine Amy Dawson-Scott, a British poet, playwright, and peace activist, founded PEN in London, 1921, as a way to unite writers after the devastation of World War One.

The association was founded in order to promote intellectual co-operation amongst various writers from across the globe. Today, PEN promotes literature and freedom of expression and comprises a growing number of centres around the world.

Recently Modern college Ganeshkhind hosted the 84th PEN International Congress at our college premises by inviting a few PEN members to celebrate literature and the diversity of languages. The event was organised by the head of the English department Dr.Shampa Chakravarthy and the English faculty consisting of Prof. Sandeep Sanap, Dr.Deepanita and Prof. Jitender Kumar.

The PEN members who visited our college campus to celebrate the 84th PEN International Congress were Indranil Acharya, Jarkko Olavi Tontti, Tienchi Martin-Liao and Yong Zhong Pan.

Prof. Indranil Acharya is a poet and is interested in Dalit literature. He is a lecturer at Vidyasagar University, Midnapur, West Bengal.

Jarkko Olavi Tontti is, a poet, novelist, essayist and lawyer living in Helsinki, Finland. He is a member of PEN International Executive Board and former president of Finnish PEN. He studied law, philosophy and literature. Tontti is also known as a human rights activists and columnist. He has published collections of poems, novels and essays. His poems have been translated into a number of languages such as, English, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Japanese, Estonian, German, Greek, Slovenian, Latin, Polish, Romanian, Croatian and Portuguese.

Tienchi-Martin Liao is a Chinese author and translator born in Nanjing, China. She has dedicated her life to the defence of human rights and freedom of expression in China. She has been the president of the Independent Chinese PEN Centre (ICPC) from 2009-2013 and has been president again since February 2016. The independent Chinese PEN Centre (ICPC) is a non-political, non-profit organisation of Writers that fights for the protection of freedom of expression and publication, and works towards ensuring the free flow of information, a prerequisite for a truly open society.

My experience was quite enjoyable and knowledgeable, as it was a learning experience. I have always been intrigued by the Asian languages and was extremely glad to hear Young Zhong Pan speak in Chinese to us. The interaction with the poets, essayist and the novelist turned out to be very interesting. We got to hear a lot about their struggles and the work that PEN association is involved in. This event was valuable and inspiring to all those who want to pursue their dreams in creative and artistic fields. I am truly grateful towards Dr. Shampa Chakravarthy ma'am and the English department for organising such an educative event and giving us the opportunity to ask them various questions we had in mind.

Jasleen

TYBA

I fly without wings, I cry without eyes. What am I?

Clouds

Friendship for Life

Before coming to college, I was a very shy and quiet person. On the first day I was sitting alone and did not talk to anybody. I used to stay within myself and not going anywhere, sitting all alone. My routine was coming to college and directly going home after my lectures.

A couple of days passed attending lectures and slowly I started noticing the environment of the college. Few of my classmates came to me and started talking to me. They were good in nature and were the first to approach me. Few weeks passed and our bond got stronger. I felt a friendly environment in the campus with my friends. Now we are good friends and will continue this bond for life. They are supportive and are with me in good and bad times. They have made me open up and mingle with everyone. We have great time in college. The best place to enjoy with friends is the parking. We talk and share our feelings with each other. We crack jokes and play tricks on each other. We also have fun time in the Basketball Court (BBC) and the college canteen.

Apart from college, we meet outside to explore the city and the surroundings. We are so used to each other's company that if one of our friends has not come, we can't enjoy the moment to the fullest. Even my routine has changed completely. After college I go out with friends and then go home.

Jessica Raje

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A Student's Perception

A new exposure to the world, a new outlook, a new beginning.

Almost every academic institute I know has fond memories of the staff and the student population. Their enthusiasm is fuelled by accidental hilarious incidents, various opportunities and also through diversity in culture. In the beginning, I envisioned myself sitting in a circle with eager undergraduates debating their visions and ideals. The conversations and later results are eye-opening in many ways.

The life outside the classrooms, in canteens, playgrounds and library fall into only one conclusion, a conclusion that most students have curious and thriving experiences and simply a very happening life. Providing a platform for budding youngsters, artists and even leaders is one of the vital role that our institution plays, through programs like co-hosting delegates of PEN International Congress and participation in Pune International Literary Festival.

From learning new English idioms to how a human mind works, from making physical education lectures compulsory to winning medals for intercollege matches, from guest lectures about nutrition and diet to foreign delegates sharing their wisdom, from pitching in big groups of strangers to hitting the books during term end exams, from understanding the consequences of bunking lectures to requesting teachers for one free lecture.

a turning point to adult life

We all have grown up and are still growing. We all are experiencing and making memories to cherish good times.

Though the fear of separation from parents and old memories still exists but helping students adapt to a new environment in the most unexpected and easy ways has amazed me and has only made me an eager beaver.

Jessin Peter
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Apprehensions

Taking admission in a college without my friends was something that was worrying me. I did not know whether to laugh or cry. I felt scared, excited, worried and nervous, all at the same time. I had butterflies in my stomach at the thought of having to go to a new place, where everything was unfamiliar to me but, my parents were there to reassure me. I felt like I needed more than just reassurance but, it was on me to find out how to manage.

My journey to college was short but at the same time fearful. My head was spinning with thoughts like- ‘Am I too early?’, ‘Am I going to be late?’, ‘Where do I go when I arrive?’, ‘Who am I going to hang around with?’ By this time my heart was beating so fast, I could hear it. I finally arrived at college. I walked towards the college where there were groups of people, all just waiting together. I felt so lonely and scared but I realized there were other students in a same situation as mine so I waited patiently. Slowly the group moved towards the class and so I followed. I ended up in my allocated classroom, where I entered and sat down. I was nervous by now. Soon the room began to fill up with my new classmates. One girl came and sat beside me. She introduced herself. She was my new friend. As we spoke, I was relaxed a little and my fears began to disappear.

As the days passed, I made new friends. Although they had other friends in the college, they were with me whenever I needed them. This made me feel much better and I started enjoying my time in the college campus. Getting to know the college was the most difficult thing to do as I did not know where everything was. However I got used to my daily routine. When not in class I love to spend time in this campus. I never thought that I would enjoy college life as I am enjoying now and I am glad that I chose this college.

Khushboo Kaur
FYBA

Campus Culture: Events and Programs

According to the definition online, a college is an educational institution. However, it is way more than just that. A college is known for its crowd, campus, events, sports, its involvement in cultural programs and so much more. The best way to understand what a college is by attending and participating in as many events as possible.

On asking the students about their experience in the events hosted by the college, they said that the thing that they loved about these events is the balance that is maintained between education and fun. There are lectures conducted on the importance of entrepreneurship and what steps are to be taken to become a successful entrepreneur. Recently, a competition was held in order to inculcate in the minds of the students, how being an entrepreneur feels like. In this competition, the student has to buy something from the market, innovate it with his or her own special touch and sell it in the market to earn profits. This helps the students to practical experience along with learning.

Apart from this, there are also large-scale events like "Vividha" conducted every year. It is a fest where the students run various stalls, testing their marketing and business skills and enjoying each other's company. There are games, food and many other promotional stalls to keep the crowd entertained. The college staff is also very cooperative when it comes to the functioning of these events. The students also mentioned that every event is a learning experience for them.

When it comes to events for entertainment, "Litcarnation" hosted by the English department is a great example. Students were dressed as characters from famous movies, novels and cartoons. There were activities which helped the students bond and it was a great stress-buster for them. On Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's birthday, a story telling competition was held and the students were told the importance of reading books. This also enhances creativity of the students.

Social programs are also hosted. "VIBGYOR", a cleanliness drive was organized on the 14th of January. These events not only helped to create long-lasting memories for the students, but also make college life a fun experience for them. As it is wisely said, "All

work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." These events help the students cherish their college life and also increase their confidence. They prepare them to face the outside world. Events are an integral part of every college. They are the building blocks to a perfect college.

So, every student should attend and participate in as many events as possible.

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**"This thing all things devours;
Birds, beasts, trees, flowers;
Gnaws iron, bites steel;
Grinds hard stones to meal;
Slays king, ruins town,
And beats mountain down."**

Time -J.R.R Tolkein

The Pune Journal: A Beginning of many Firsts

I left home for Pune in the wee hours of the 5th of July. My elder brother had just completed his 4th year of engineering in Pune so I still had a family member who could look after me for a few days while I adapted to this new place. A couple of days passed and it was time for him to go back home and for me to start living away from my family members and friends. I had to come out of my shell for the first time. When I moved into my paying guest room (P.G.), I came to know that all the other girls were at least 4 years older than me, involved in internships and jobs and I was the only non-Maharashtrian. Our food habits and routines also differed to a large extent. However, they were all genuinely nice and kind enough to start a friendly conversation with me. But I am always awkward at first so it took some time to open up to them. Eventually, we were able to develop a good rapport and are very close now.

That was a glimpse of my home in Pune. Now let us delve into my college life. I was already a couple of days late in joining the college. Naturally, like any other person, deep down, I hoped to meet people like me, who came from my area or nearby or with similar interests. But as luck would have it, there was not a single person from my state and I was devastated. I saw people with similar features in the classroom but they did not belong to my state and were already grouped together. I was hesitant to talk to anybody because I am not used to initiate conversation. Luckily, people were a lot friendlier than I could wish for and within weeks, I made a few friends. So far this college has been warm and welcoming, the faculty and the students are all helpful and friendly.

Writing this has made me realize how stubborn I was. I refused to come out of my shell and was being toxic subconsciously. Now I know that I can't wait and depend on someone else all the time. I will not always have similar people around me and I won't have friends just from my area. I should learn to accept everyone and everything as is and appreciate them. I have come this far (literally) from my hometown not only for a degree but also to experience and see the world that lies outside. It is about time that I learned to face my fear and challenges head on, see

what it is like without my family being physically present to help me out in every situation when I was home. I have also begun to learn the value of money, meals and other goods. Although it may take some time, I hope I will be able to speak up for myself and for those without a voice, be responsible and be able to do all the things I wish I could do. Nevertheless, it is also important to never forget your roots, from where you belong and who you are. This has been a bitter sweet part of my life.

I look forward to my time in this college and Pune city.

Nannu Garu

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What is easy to get into, but hard to get out of?

Trouble

College Days

Attending college is a great experience because it shapes me to what I should be in future. College life helps you discover yourself as you learn new things every day. There are some of the things you cannot accomplish without going to college. I still remember my first day in college. It had mixed feelings because I did not know what to expect. I did not know how to behave but unfortunately things started going well within a week. I started making new friend who are still in good touch with everyone. We do help each other in every work, in studies and so much more. Staying together every day, sharing things, playing together and it is making bond stronger day by day. We spend our free time in canteen or basketball court.

Modern college is the best college I have ever seen in organising many functions and activities to motivate and inspire students to take part in them. In college campus we attend all the lectures and then we do pass time. We don't feel like going home after the college. The teachers are quite good and humble. They give their best to teach us and make easy for us to study more and concentrate on our studies. We have a good library and its surrounding is quite busy and silent. Our teachers give us readymade notes. Till now everything is going good and we do enjoy a lot.

Nikitha Nair

FYBA

People buy me to eat, but never eat me. What am I?

Plates and cutlery

Campus with its Colours and Culture

If I ask, what would you relate the word college to, what would cross your mind first?

LIBERRATION!

Certainly, liberation is the first word that would pop in most of our minds and why not? Haven't you ever experienced, or with due respect to many people's sentiments using the word "felt" liberated on the onset of your college life? Forget about beginning of college life, the last day, last paper of high schools and junior college leaves everyone in this overwhelming state of liberation. No strict routine, no compulsory early morning baths, no Tiffin with tortilla veggies to embarrass ourselves with, no heavy book luggage to slouch us down and most importantly and no class monitors to discipline us while teachers aren't around! Now that's what I call liberation. Liberation is not only for fun and lazing around but also for trying out the subjects you always liked. Although choosing the liked subjects after college may not have been very smooth for some. If I were to consider the whole college's campus, I'd better exclude the classrooms as part of campus for 99% of my fellow campus members. The reason for doing so is apparently needless to be told. We, the students, contribute as a majority of the members to this campus community. Clearly, half of us are enslaved to the captivity of alluring activities taking place outside the classroom which includes gossiping. The parking lots, stairways and canteen would provide perfect platform for gossiping and chilling. The remaining students stay inside the classrooms but are almost always lost in thoughts of joining the alluring activities, leaving only a handful of members truly endeavouring in classrooms. What I want to mention after observing the trends of today's campus crowd are the sport courts and of course the canteen, which not only attracts us with its various delicious smells but also gives a perfect seat for our chit-chat.

Today's generation truly saddens me by their intense attraction toward their smart phones. On one hand you see the sportsmanship in every raw and untrained student playing on sports court, and on the other hand you'd find group of students in a corner with their smart phones playing some virtual games. People who may not readily answer

or participate in classroom discussion cover their lack of interest under the title of being an “introvert”. The irony is that no matter how much of an introvert a person is, they know more about the virtual, fictional and action-packed worlds of PUBG, Pochinki and Georgopol rather than the actual terrifying consequences of the world wars that happened.

Though a few members of this campus community are stuck in these virtual and viral activities, what would mesmerize you are the young and hot blooded students showcasing their talents via the opportunities provided by the college. They show their passion through the songs they sing, their moves in the dances they groove to and their emotions which they express through words and which truly reach us without the need of a virtual interface.

Fun, food, knowledge and this beautiful frank and open relation between students and teachers all are bound together as I present my campus culture in a nutshell.

Parimal Gangurde

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The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

Footsteps

I Live, I Dance...

One never knew of such a place
Where one could express themselves with such a grace.
Where troubles and worries are left behind
Where beauty is truly defined,
Exploring the subconscious mind
Where peace and satisfaction are what we find.
Here perfection is the only goal
Personifying the conversation of body and soul,
Somewhere your imagination increases
A place where you hold the key.
Somewhere you can smile, frown or fret,
A place that exists until your last breath
As long as it exists inside
The artist in you will never die.
Some say you reach this place by chance
However, I define it as my heaven, my dance,
I close my eyes as I take my stance
I forget myself, I live I dance.

Jwalanthi Sundaram
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First Day of College

Some sincere some naughty
Fellow, arrive on first day
New you and New Year of college
Happiness of having someone to say

Old friends in different section
Missing and writing old group's name
Trying and making new friends
By playing some exciting games

Teacher entering in class
Initiating some introduction session
All got indulged with one another
Missing something new in everyone was a mere
Confession

In break hanging out together
Exploring places was fun
Pulling each other's leg was enjoyed
In group, by each and everyone

Day ended with good memories
Sharing with friends these all
Smiling and laughing loud
Together, before mom's call...

Ria S. Belose
FYBA

Most Beautiful College Campus

College is a form of culture that creates new hopes, new desires and new ways to make, a form of attraction towards individuals as well as to keep relations with students and teachers. College gives us a kind of present to expose to choose new languages and gives us free choice of subjects to make development in that field and provides us to move forwards for making progress in scientific research.

College empowers us to express different abilities, tolerance, motives and potential to move forward, to participate in different curricular and extracurricular activities like sports, competitive exams as well as in various programs. It can give us support; enable us to handle situations and strength to face till the end. This is one of the best campuses which have wonderful collections of myriad things that can be explored after the classes.

This campus is closely connected to nature and can be enjoyed by those who are willing to study in harmony with the environment. It is a beautiful college that takes the breath of the students. However, it is clear that the campus that was mentioned before will be enjoyed by anyone who spends even a single minute in the premises.

You can see me in water, but I never get wet. What am I?

A reflection

An Experience Added to My Diary

A new journey begins. The phases of life, till now were childhood, school life and junior college. I crossed three phases and entered senior college with new hopes and enthusiasm. College life has joy, beauty, freedom of thoughts and attraction of its own. It is full of new adventures and challenges. It is one of the most interesting stages of life that gives us an opportunity to explore ourselves. My entry in college life was an important event of my life. I was very much excited on the first day as I was about to start a new phase of my life. On the first day of college, I was excited to see the campus, make new friends and meet new teachers. Now it's been almost a year since I came to this college. Here I have met new friends who have different kinds of ideas, attitudes and thoughts.

Teachers are friendly and open minded and we can easily discuss many topics with them. They always guide us, encourage us. Campus teaches us what life is and how unpredictable it is. It might be good, bad or weird. It might not be that interesting. Our teachers are as supportive as our parents.

So far my best experience in this college happened during 84th PEN International Congress that took place in our college. It is a pleasure for all the college students as they got a chance to interact with international guests. The guests were very enthusiastic and approachable, they interacted with us shared their thoughts and experiences. It was a precious moment for me. Their thoughts gave us knowledge about literature and other fields. Interacting with them was memorable for me.

The college organizes many more programs and activities for us throughout the year. Last week, the college conducted some activities for all students such as Aerobic, Zumba, Self-defense demonstration, rappelling, Yoga. Our campus not only focuses on studies but also provide knowledge about several other things, increasing our exposure and knowledge. Therefore the campus is the place to be.

Runali. J. Chanekar

F.Y.B.A

A Joyful Beginning!

The campus culture is a powerful source of socialization. Students socialize through regular participation in various even functions. Understanding the influence of the campus climate is never a simple matter because culture, even within a single institution is heterogeneous and dynamic. To add to the complexity, people pay attention to different things in their environment and may understand the same experiences differently. But for me, my campus has given me experiences that I wouldn't even think of.

At the very beginning I had a totally different perception about the college. I thought I wouldn't cope up with the people around or everyone around are going to be busy with their own individual things but this all wasn't at all the thing happened. I got connected not only with almost all my classmates but also with my seniors and the best thing was that I reunited with my school friends too. The college not only gave a platform for the hidden talents of the students but also gave opportunities in different ways. The college in all had a mixture of students from different parts of the country and also gave and shared the platform with us to showcase their talents. Life after college is going to be packed with challenges. But first failure, first separation from ones parents while living on your own- all of it is tough, all of it is painful so, college is great time to learn how to cope with adversities.

We learn not to be afraid and try new things. Just go out there and be yourself. Try new things, you will be amazed with the experiences you will gain and things you never thought you could do. Do the things you have never done, don't just be stuck to one plane. It has been a very great beginning for me and I'm eagerly waiting for the adventure that awaits me.

Ruthika Saravanan

F.Y.B.A

What a Student Feels in the College

A student's experience in college is a blend of emotions. He feels that now he has got the freedom and is freed from the school life. In college, he gets an opportunity to choose and shape his dreams and aspirations and can also choose the subject of his desire. The student gets to interact with people of varied interests and make friends. The student feels that in college he will get opportunities to take part in various activities. A college can give him an environment where he can freely express his thoughts and ideas before anyone. The student is offered with the privilege of establishing a strong bond with his teachers which will lead to a sound learning process.

College also encourages the student to take part in various examinations which helps him become fearless of exams. The student feels that the college is a place where he will be able to discuss about the things he cannot otherwise. The college provides a plethora of opportunities to the students and also student makes an emotional connection with the college and also feels that he will be getting various days to celebrate & participate in that day like Traditional, Sports Day etc. So a student feels that the college is a second home for him.

Salvin Dass

FYBA

What gets broken without being held?

A promise

“Pride of Modern”- An Occasion to Cherish

I was unaware of this ‘Best Student of Modern College’ competition to be held in our college. I was told to fill the form by the NCC Coordinator of our college.

After informing my parents, we all sat together and my parents helped me build my portfolio. Along with all the achievements, my mother also helped me make collages of photos of all the activities I indulged in.

The Best Student Trophy Contest comprised of three rounds. The first was the written exam, which was basically a Mental Ability test. Next Round was the Preliminary Interview. Few short-listed students would then be allowed to face the Final Interview.

I dressed in my best formal way and took off for college. As soon as I entered the college premises I saw all the handsome gentlemen and the beautiful ladies- students of various departments, NCC, NSS as well as Academic Achievers who had smartly turned out for the Contest. We introduced ourselves to each other and I instantly made lots of friends from different departments, which also consisted of five international students and Ebou Jobe became one of my closest friend.

The Interview was a good experience. The Preliminary Interviewing Committee consisted of the Vice Principals of Arts, Science and Commerce, the Chairperson of the Best Student Selection Committee and other senior teachers. This Interview made me realize the aspects I need to develop upon with extra efforts. One of the teachers asked me the reason behind taking Mathematics for graduation. I told them I loved challenges. Doing NCC and pursuing BSc in Mathematics was a challenge in itself. I have also been good in the subject since school days, and it is my favorite subject.

After everyone was finally interviewed we were asked to take our portfolios back and to await a Text message regarding who all are selected for the Final interview. I was quite confident about reaching the last stage, so was not surprised when I received the text.

After preparing for the big day I met Ebou, Sai- my fellow NCC comrade, and 3 NSS volunteers selected for the Final Interview. I had to face an Expert Panel comprising of

an external expert, a member who represented the Management body that runs the college, Principal of the college and the chairperson of the Best Student Selection Committee

After introducing myself I was asked why I wanted to join the Defense Services. I told them my 5 primary reasons.

Camaraderie: The brotherhood and lifelong friends I'd make, Friends I'll be willing to die for, friends who'll be willing to walk 10 miles at a nearby posting just to meet an old comrade. I can make such friends only in the Army.

Adventure: I'd love to make adventure my daily routine, keep testing my limits and what I'm capable of at every second of my life.

Discipline: Having total control over mind and body.

Eminence: The state of being respected in the eyes of the society, and myself. I want to become my own hero, which I believe I'll achieve by serving the nation by joining the Defence Services.

Transformation: A simple boy getting transformed into a WARRIOR and a GENTLEMAN. Happens only through the rigorous training Military has to offer. Also, I believe this is the BEST WAY I CAN SERVE MY NATION

The above I believe are the essentials of a **CADET**.

After listening to my reasoning, the expert asked me where'd I copied this abbreviation from and I proudly told her I made it myself and repeated the reasons.

I was further asked about my social service experience and I put forth all the work I'd done till then .When asked about my back-up plan, I'd mentioned the Civil Services. The reason why I chose pursuing Defense over Civil was because of personal interests.

When asked about the major problems faced by the Civil Servants in this era, I said "transfers". I explained how tremendously difficult it is to remain non-corrupt for today's government employees. I proudly mentioned my parents who were always

transferred from one district to another due to pressure from politicians and senior corrupt officials, since I was a 1 year old.

I also mentioned IPS Tukaram Munde and the reason behind his transfers.

I realized in the interview that I lacked some basic knowledge of certain things and was also suggested to increase my reading. We also discussed ways in tackling today's major problems and how the YOUTH plays a very crucial role in developing a nation. I also mentioned ways in which I'd motivate fellow students and my juniors to join NCC and take up Armed Services.

When asked what are the qualities I'd like to develop in myself other than those I already have, I said " I want to make myself worthy enough to come back to this college as a respectable Alumni and a Chief Guest one day, worthy enough to give away the Prizes I've received, through my hands to the excelling youth of upcoming generations, and to become my own hero by joining the Defense services “.

I also mentioned how Mrs. Swati Kandharkar, Vice principal Science and HOD Maths , along with our Maths Department teachers had been a constant motivation to me.

They encouraged me to win the prize. I also took it as a challenge to be the first student to win this Award from Mathematics Department of Modern College.

After a few days I was informed that I'd won the 'Pride of Modern-2018' award. My parents were extremely happy and so was I. They were cordially invited for the felicitation program to be held on 19th Jan 2019,

I met Ebou, who'd received “Ambassador of Modern" title. I realized he was preparing his speech. I borrowed a pen and paper and put forth all important points which I'd like to mention in the speech, and made my speech as motivational as possible. I felt even if a few students learnt a few things and got motivated from my speech, I'd be more than happy.

The ‘Best Student Award has given me quite some exposure, through which I could interact, motivate and inspire other students who didn't know me.

I thank all the teachers, my friends, my NCC comrades and authorities , the staff of Modern college and of course my family-my parents Mrs Kavita Navande and Mr. Subhash Navande ,my elder brother Saurabh Navande and all my relatives for grooming me into who I am today. Coming this far was impossible without all of them.

Cadet Sarvesh Navande

TYBSc

**"First think of the person who lives in disguise,
Who deals in secrets and tells naught but lies,
Next tell me what's always the last thing to mend,
The middle of middle and end of the end?
And finally give me the sound often heard,
During the search for a hard-to-find word.
Now string them together, and answer me this,
Which creature would you be unwilling to kiss?"**

A spider. -J.K.Rowling

Memories

Scene 1- At the Canteen Table

(At the counter of college canteen.)

Girl A : Give me one Toffee Cappuccino with Vanilla.

Girl B : Give me a Vanilla Latte.

(One boy who was standing beside was just watching this. Slowly he headed towards the counter.)

Boy: Give me a 'Canilla Vappuccino'...no no'Vacina Cappulino'....no.....leave it, just give me... Tea!

(Everyone started whispering & laughing at him.)

Sujay: (To everyone in his group) Guys, please stop laughing at him. I think he is new here and from a village.

Pranita: Why? Why should we show sympathy for him?

Sujay: We should, because seeing him today I remember my first day of college. I was just like him bumbling, faltering, ah; leave it, why am I saying this now?

Pranita : It's not fair Sujay, now that you've started the story then you must complete it. (Sujay starts telling the story.)

Scene 2

A confused boy enters the college campus. He looks at the campus & wandering students. He steps aside, letting some girls pass him by. He makes his way to his classroom. Everyone is talking and most of students are talking in English. That is why he chooses the bench in the corner to sit alone. It was the first period of History subject. Purogami Ma'am entered the class and the students greeted her.

Purogami : Students,I am Mrs. Historica Purogami and I am your History teacher.

Everyone in my class should be accurately informed about History. You, boy, yes, you in the corner, yes you, stand up! Tell me who was the chairman of Drafting Committee of India?

The boy: I....I....I didn't knew madum.

Purogami: What? Excuse me? You do not know? How can you not know the answer to such a simple question? First of all, speak in fluent English in my class! If you are not able to speak English in my class then you shouldn't be here!

The boy felt as if everybody was looking at him. He felt humiliated and embarrassed.

After the History lecture was over the boy searched on Google 'Meaning of Drafting Committee in Marathi' and when he saw the result he whispered to himself, " I knew the answer."

Next it was the English lecture. Bhalde Ma'am, the English professor entered the classroom.

Bhalde : A very good morning lovely students.

Since this is our first lecture, I'm not going to teach you anything. I would just love to talk with all of you. So, the first and the most important thing is that no one should have an inferiority complex about the English language. English is actually the silliest and easiest language. I'm going to tell you how to conquer English!

After that first lecture of English he felt so motivated. He went to Bhalde ma'am and told her everything.

Under her guidance, in few months he wiped out his fear about the English language. Soon he was able to speak fluent English

Back to the Table

Sujay: So that was my story.

Nimi: Oh, that was a good experience! First days of college are often like this. My experience was also something like this.

Raghav: Hey guys, lets recount our first days of college. That'll be a great way to spend time the next lecture. You go first, Nimi!

Scene 3

A girl enters in the college campus. Her dressing style would not appeal to old-fashioned people. She walked in her classroom and sat beside one boy who was alone on the only vacant bench. The teacher entered the class.

Teacher: Good Morning students, I am Antique Oldthoughtie. Even if my name is Oldthoughtie, I am the proponent of the modern thoughts. (Her sight falls on the girl.) Now see this girl, students she is sitting with a boy, when no other girl is sitting with a boy. These are bad manners, against our traditions, but I don't want to say anything just because my name is Oldthoughtie but I am the proponent of the modern thoughts.

Now some girls don't know the proper dressing code to be worn in college and there are some girls like this in our class too. (To the girl) I am not saying this to you personally but I don't care anything about what you think because even if my name is Oldthoughtie but I am going to be proponent of the modern thoughts and upholder of our ancient traditions.

That day the girl went to her home upset and anguished. She cried as she told her parents what had occurred.

Her Mother: (To her) Oh dear, everyone is not same in this world, many people will not like you or your lifestyle but you must not get affected by them. Don't listen to them and just focus on your studies.

After that day she didn't gave attention to things orthodox adults said and proved herself through her studies.

Back to Scene 1- At the Table

Nimi : So that was my experience of the first day of my college.

Pranita : Yes, that was a quite bad experience!

Unmesh : Although my experience with Raghav was so funny. Even today we laugh after remembering that day!

The college had started few days ago. That's why a lot of people didn't know each other. Due to some small reason I had a misunderstanding with a boy & we began to argue. Someone complained about us to the teachers. Our principal called us in his cabin. That day, we saw the principal for the first time. After some time principal came in & our class-teacher told him everything. When we both saw our principal, we got very scared; because he was intimidating with seemingly red eyes and a moustache that stuck out.

After hearing all account he came to us with angry face & he said, "Don't you two have the manneth(manners) foll(for) how to behave in tlass(class)?" Suddenly I & that boy looked towards each other & burst out laughing because we both didn't expected a stuttering principal. Instantly the principal told us to get out with an annoyed look. It was such a funny incident that the both of us forgot our fight & we became best friends. Till now we are best friends and that other boy was none other than Mister Raghav!

Raghav: Really guys, everyday such cool and strange things happen in our college campus, which teach us valuable lessons and give us lifelong memories!

Varad Sadashiv Vaidya

FYBA

Feed me and I live, yet give me a drink and I die.

Fire

From Pillar to Post

In the past year, I've had the good fortune of studying in two very well-known colleges and it has presented me with the opportunity to compare them. I attended my former institute for three years and as a result of this I can say how it functions, where students spend most of their free time and the various extracurricular activities that occur every year.

My previous college is known for its easy going atmosphere, with some or the other event happening every other day. It is the hub of activity, the canteen is always too full and the lines to the administration office are always never-endingly long. A huge part of its culture is pastime and all the ways a student could while away their time as if it was handed to them on a silver platter. With a movie theatre across the road, "happening" places like Camp, Koregaon Park and Kalyani Nagar in the immediate vicinity and a huge ground to the west of the campus serving as major distractions; it wouldn't be farfetched to say that students often forgot that they were in college to attend lectures.

On numerous occasions, I have attended lectures with less than five other students to accompany me as the teacher's audience. This is contradictory to the atmosphere of Modern College as I have noticed that many students attend the lectures, not just in my own class but other lectures too despite the college being in the heart of the city, having the expansive SavitriBai Phule Pune University right across the road from us and Fergusson College Road, Baner and Aundh in close proximity.

For three years I was used to the free spirited and lenient environment of my previous college where rules almost didn't exist and fun took prevalence over knowledge. I yearned for the notion of discipline and order and have found that in Modern College. In both of my colleges I met a diverse group of people from different states, countries and most importantly from different walks of life. This has helped me empathise with all kinds of people that come my way and understand their ways of life.

Shreya Subbannavar

My College Campus

The first time I visited Modern college was at the time of my admission. I was very excited and happy to seek admission. When I started attending college on the very first day I didn't know my way to the classroom. I was confused and lost! I met one of my friends and we started to look for the Arts department. Finally we managed to settle down in our classroom.

The college campus has a very unique and beautiful setup with spacious parking, canteen, and library and sports department. The campus also has lush green surroundings. Apart from the setup, the campus has a sophisticated atmosphere of educating. The most favorite places for us students are the canteen or the parking lot. Here most of us spend either little or most of their time with friends.

Out of all the places in college, the library is one of my favorite places. It provides a peace of mind that I need. It is the perfect place for students. The seating arrangement and atmosphere is so good that it gives me a homely feeling every time I visit it.

The college provides amazing sports facility throughout the year. It encourages students to be active in various sports. It was a wonderful experience for me when I participated in swimming. Many activities are conducted by various departments of the college. We not only enjoy participating in these events but also gain a lot of knowledge.

All the teachers provide us platform for various kinds of activities. The college has an impressive and pollution free campus with panoramic green surroundings, elegant landscaping and beautiful flowers all over the campus.

I feel very proud to be one of the students of Modern College as it is a seat of rich educational standard and culture.

Smita Gaikwad

F.Y.B.A

Unforgettable Experiences

It is always said that there is 'Unity in Diversity' and yes even I have realized that when I became a student of Modern College, Ganeshkhind, a college where we can find students who are dedicated and devoted. The students are not only from Pune or Maharashtra but from other 23 Indian states and 19 different countries. This is my first year in this college and in the first year itself I experienced one of the unforgettable experiences of my college life. It was Friday, 28th September 2018. This was the day when the program of 84th PEN International Congress took place.

PEN stands for Poets, Essayists and Novelists. It was established in the UK. Many renowned authors from different corners of globe turned up. Indranil Acharya from People's Linguistic Survey of India, Tienchi Martin-Lao from Germany, Jarkko from Finland, Yong Zhong Pan from Independent Chinese PEN. "Literature is the art of discovering something extraordinary" says Boris Pasternak.

The program turned out to be very interactive. I remember a guest from China who was unable to communicate in English. His writer friend Tienchi from Germany co-operated him by taking up the responsibility of a translator. Listening to the Chinese language was a new and exciting experience for us. One of the authors said that journalists, writers and lawyers are in danger because they protect and address the problems related to Human Rights. The conclusion of the topic was that there is no greater truth than humanity. One of the guests said," Religion is for bringing people together and not to divide and this work is done by literature"

The point we discussed lastly, was "Love" One of the authors said that Love is different in different ages. It is not only full of Romance but mixture of care and commitments. The conclusion which came from the discussion was that "Love is one of the everlasting topics in literature" I would like to add is, "Literature is the immortal speech which can save the world"

Swarangi. S. Gadgil

F.Y.B.A



The teachers and our enthusiastic students
at LITCARNATION- 2019





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Launch of Quest (2018-19)





QUEST (2018-2019)





English Corner: Commemorating Independence Day and Teachers' Day





Students at English Corner



Students Volunteers at PILF 2018



The Republic Day Parade 2019





The Republic Day Festivities





Spoken English activities for students





Students conducting games at LITCARNATION- 2019



Students enjoying Spelling Competition,
SPELLATHON



Scenes from the 84th PEN International Conference





Release of ODYSSEY Volume-2



Release of book 'Revisiting Language and Literature'

Odysseý

"Why cover the same ground again? ... It goes against my grain to repeat a tale told once, and told so clearly."

— Homer, The Odyssey