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Modern Yashogatha



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Preface

'Modern Yashogaatha' is a beautiful bouquet of our illustrious alumni carefully picked and arranged with care for the fragrance of knowledge they have been spreading the world over. Our alumni are our pride. They are the torch-bearers of this institution who have, with their dedicated efforts, endeavored to light up their paths to glory. It is with immense joy and pride that I take this opportunity to unveil the numerous success stories of these shining stars. It is however imperative at this juncture, to shed light on their alma mater, and its concerted efforts in grooming each of these achievers!

Progressive Education Society's Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce made a humble beginning in the 90s and ever since then, have not spared a single opportunity to learn, grow and excel. A multi-faculty college, it not only offers traditional courses but also caters to emerging fields of knowledge through its wide variety of academic programs. The institution which has been re-accredited with an A Grade by NAAC also received the DBT Star College Award and DST FIST Program. Our college strongly believes in the maxim *innovation is the key to success*, and continually foresees avenues to enrich its students through a multi-dimensional approach.

Our painstaking effort to nurture young minds into multi-faceted personalities with a strong sense of responsibility towards community and society at large has produced many a committed professionals in their chosen fields. We have achievers in almost all fields' viz academics, research, sports, arts, fine-arts, the armed forces and entrepreneurship. Our students are recipients and nominees of the most prestigious Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Award. One of our students from the department of Microbiology was selected for the IASc-INSA-NASI Summer Research Fellowship at Bose Institute, Kolkata.

Our students have also secured University ranks and declared Merit holders in National-level competitive examinations including NET, GATE etc. A remarkable number of our alumni have successfully completed their PhDs from renowned centers of higher education and research both from national and international Universities. Henrich Heine University of Dusseldorf, Germany, University of Pierre and Marie Curie, Paris, National University of Singapore, Innsbruck Medical University, Austria, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bengaluru, Department of Technology, S. P. Pune University, Institute of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, S. P. Pune University, are a few names to reckon with.

It is indeed a matter of great pride for the college to have its students as faculty members in some of these reputed universities.

Our students have made commendable achievements in sports and games too. The college has a good number of 'Shiv Chhtrapati' awardees- the highest state award for sports persons. Several sportspersons from the college have made their mark in the international scene too and emerged victorious.

Our alumni have made their presence felt in the field of arts, fine arts, media and music too. We have also produced a sizeable number of entrepreneurs besides many in the IT sector.

It goes without saying that the success of our alumni is actually a reflection of the sincere efforts taken by the institution to produce multi-dimensional responsible citizens by inculcating in them scientific insights coupled with cultural ethos and moral values. This is indeed a translation of the farsighted vision of our patron Dr. G.R Ekbote and his Management team which has on its Board the Secretary, Prof. Shamkant Deshmukh, Deputy Secretaries Prof. Mrs. Jyotsna Ekbote and Dr. Prakash Dixit, and Joint Secretary Prof. Suresh Todkar.

The college owes its gratitude to *Modernites*- our registered Alumni Association for being closely associated with its alma mater in its day-to-day functioning and contributing to its development and progress. This is done by way of grooming students to increase their employability, conducting personality development sessions, assisting in placements and promoting entrepreneurial talent through *Vividhaa*- a platform for exhibition-cum-sale.

It is my privilege and honor to introduce one and all to the gems of our college through this publication which is dedicated to the glorious journey of our students who have made it big in their respective careers. I am truly overwhelmed by their sincere words of praise and gratitude to the institution which happens to be their launching pad.

I also take this opportunity to congratulate the Vice-principals, Heads of the Departments, and the editorial team of *MODERN YASHOGAATHA* for wonderfully documenting the success stories of our glorious alumni.

Dr. Sanjay Kharat

Principal

॥ मॉडर्न गीत ॥

विद्या वैभव विलसे जेथे नाव त्याचे मॉडर्न !
उत्तमाचा ध्यास जेथे तेच असे मॉडर्न.
कानिटकरांच्या स्मृती जागवी प्रोग्रेसिव्ह मॉडर्न
अडथळ्यांवर मात करितसे विजिगीषू मॉडर्न!
स्वरमाधुरीची तान असो वा विविधतेचे ते भान,
संशोधनाची जाण, प्रयत्न पेटंटस्ची ती खाण.
मैदानावर संगणकावर सजवी उंच कमान,
स्पर्धा, उपक्रम या सर्वां वर गाजवी राज्य मॉडर्न !
विद्यापीठीय बक्षिसांनी रांजण इथले भरले,
नॅक स्तिमित, अन् छात्रांचे जरीपटके उडले.
उजळे प्रांगण उत्साहाने नाव त्याचे मॉडर्न,
बालक –पालक-चालक यांचे ऐक्य खुले ते मॉडर्न.
चतुःशृंगी मातेचा आशिष डॉक्टरांस लाभला,
चैतन्याचा अमृतकलश जो त्याचे नाव मॉडर्न!
रजत महोत्सवी मांगल्याचा पथदर्शी वसा मॉडर्न,
पुण्यनगरीवर, सुविद्य जनांवर ठसा तोच मॉडर्न!



Kiran Deepak Desai

Vice President of Modernites- The Alumni Association

Director of Shree Swami Samarth Tours & Travels

I graduated in Commerce from Modern College Ganeshkhind in 1999. During my college days I worked for Bharat Electronics Pashan as a casual labour for 6 months. Later I joined Indo Mastushita Home Appliances as a Product Promoter where I gathered experience for 1 year and shifted to Kalyani Finance as Sales Representative where I worked for 8 months. I always dreamt of being an entrepreneur. I started my own travel business by the name Shree Swami Samarth Tours & Travels in 1999.

The name of the company being long-winding and difficult to pronounce by my international clients, I started a new firm by the name Swamiraj Tourism in 2002. In a short span of 6 years I acquired many corporate clients. In the year 2007 my company had to be registered for Service Tax. Hence, as suggested by my Chartered Accountant, I started a new partnership firm with Kanaka Natekar by the name M/S Shree Swami Samarth Tours & Travels.

At present I have a fleet of 22 Coaches, ranging from 13 Seat to 53 Seat. I am proud to inform that I am the only person in Pune who has 3 Volvos, 1 Multi Axle Mercedes Coach in the fleet, and the other coaches are high end AC Coach. I have been catering to almost all Star Category Hotels in Pune. Some of the companies for whom I am a registered vendor are Kirloskar Brothers Ltd, Thermax TBWES, Globant Technologies, Synecron Technologies, Xoriant Solutions India, Yamazaki Mazak, IUCAA Pune.

I made a very humble beginning and have worked hard to reach a successful position today. But I haven't forgotten the institution where I learnt to dream big. Today I am privileged to be closely associated with Modern College as the Vice President of Modernites- the Alumni Association. I have strongly felt the urge to contribute to my alma mater and I'm glad that I find time from my busy schedule to share my journey of success, my grit and determination to scale newer heights with the students here and help in inspiring them. I shall always remain indebted to my teachers here who helped me grow into a responsible individual and a successful entrepreneur.

तुषार मुळे

डिजिटल ग्राम संस्थापक

मॉडर्न कॉलेज - "ज्ञानविश्व"

ज्ञानग्रहण व ज्ञानदान ह्या दोन्ही गोष्टी संस्मरणीय अनुभव देतात. आईने शिकविलेल्या पहिल्या अक्षरापासून ते माहिती तंत्रज्ञानाच्या महासागरापर्यंत भेटलेला प्रत्येक विचार म्हणजे ज्ञान आणि भेटलेला प्रत्येक व्यक्ती म्हणजे गुरु.

मॉडर्न कॉलेज, गणेशखिंड, पुणे हे असेच एक नावाजलेले महाविद्यालय, केवळ अमूल्य ज्ञान देणारेच नाही तर प्राध्यापक व विद्यार्थ्यांचे अतूट नाते जपणारे एक जिवाळ्याचे ठिकाण असं म्हणतात की पुस्तकातून केवळ माहिती मिळते मात्र गुरुंकडून "ज्ञान प्राप्त होते.

मी २०१२ साली मॉडर्न कॉलेजमध्ये M.Com. ला प्रवेश घेतला Infosys कंपनीमध्ये नोकरी करता करता शिक्षण घेणे अवघड जाईल असे वाटले. पण कॉलेजमध्ये आल्यावर अमोल, खुशवंत, शैलेश, विजय सारखे जीवलग मित्र भेटले. चांगला ग्रुप मिळाल्यामुळे अभ्यासाचे टेंशन कधीच दूर पळाले होते. मंजूषा कुलकर्णी मॅडम, विजयालक्ष्मी कुलकर्णी मॅडम, निलिमा गावडे मॅडम म्हणजे ज्ञानाचा न संपणारा स्त्रोत. त्यांच्या लेक्चर्सला बसल्यावर लेक्चर कधी संपूच नये असे वाटते.

मॅडमबद्दल वाटणारी आदरयुक्त भिती आहेच मात्र कोणतीही अडचण बिनधास्तपणे त्यांना सांगता यावी हा आत्मविश्वासही त्यांनीच दिला.

कॉलेजमध्ये संपादन केलेल्या आत्मविश्वासाच्या शिदोरीवर मी अहमदनगरमध्ये संगणक प्रशिक्षण संस्था सुरु केली. मॅडमच्या मार्गदर्शनामुळे व्यवसाय सुरु करण्याचे धाडस मिळाले. गुरुंच्या पावलावर पाऊल ठेऊन पुढे चालावे असा निश्चय केला आणि ग्रामीण भागातील विद्यार्थी मित्रांसाठी Digital ग्राम ही संकल्पना सुचली. ग्रामीण विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये संगणकाबद्दल गोडी निर्माण व्हावी व संभाषण कलेमध्ये प्रभुत्व मिळावे ह्या दृष्टीने प्रयत्न सुरु झाले. "संगणक प्रशिक्षण व इंग्लिश संभाषण कला ह्या कौशल्य विकास योजनेने प्रगतीची दिशा घटली व जवळपास दीड हजार विद्यार्थ्यांपर्यंत आम्ही पोहचू शकलो. ग्रामीण भागामध्ये ह्या नवीन उपक्रमाला चांगला प्रतिसाद लाभला. काही ठिकाणी अडचणींनाही सामोरे जावे लागले मात्र गुरुंनी दिलेल्या आत्मविश्वासापुढे त्या अडचणी किरकोळ वाटू लागल्या. मंजूषा कुलकर्णी मॅडमच्या अमूल्य मार्गदर्शनामुळे चांगल्या संधीच्या व्यवसायामध्ये कसा उपयोग करायचा हे समजले.

मॉडर्न कॉलेजमधील प्रशस्त लायब्ररी, शैक्षणिक वातावरण व शिस्त ह्यामुळे माझ्यासारख्या अनेक विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये सकारात्मक बदल घडून आला आहे. तसेच उद्योग जगतात भरारी घेण्याचे बळ मिळाले आहे.

माझ्या आयुष्यात मला लाभलेल्या आदरणीय शिक्षकांचे व प्रिय मित्रपरिवाराचे मी मनापासून आभार मानतो.



विवेक रमेश कांबळे

प्रोव्हिजन ऑफिसर
युनायटेड बँक ऑफ इंडिया

मी मॉडर्न कॉलेजचा माजी विद्यार्थी आहे. मी २०१४ मध्ये इतिहास या विषयात एम.ए. ही पदवी घेतली आहे. त्यानंतर मी स्पर्धा परिक्षांची तयारी सुरु केली. २०१७ मध्ये आय.बी.पी. एल.एस. ही बँकींगची परिक्षा उत्तीर्ण झालो व युनायटेड बँक ऑफ इंडिया मध्ये प्रोव्हिजन ऑफिसर या पदावर आहे. कॉलेजमध्ये असताना मला सर्वच शिक्षकांनी मोठ्या प्रमाणावर मदत केली. मी या कॉलेजचा अंध विद्यार्थी होतो. मी शिक्षण घेत असलेल्या कालावधीत भातखंडे मॅडम या मला इतिहास या विषयाला होत्या. त्यांनी मला पुस्तके मिळवून देणे तसेच परिक्षेच्या वेळेबद्दलची, अभ्यासक्रमाबद्दल व्यक्तिगत माहिती पुरविली. तसेच माझ्या कॉलेजच्या उपप्राचार्य गगनग्रास मॅडम यांनी देखील विविध माहिती मला वेळोवेळी पुरविली या कॉलेजचे प्राचार्य खरात सर यांनी देखील मला मानसिक आधार दिला.

मला कवितांचा देखील छंद आहे. मी काही लिहिलेल्या कवितांचा समावेश कॉलेजच्या मासिकात केला आहे. मला हार्मोनियम वादनांचा देखील छंद आहे. कॉलेजच्या कार्यक्रमात मी हार्मोनियम वादन केले होते. आज मी या कॉलेजमध्ये नाही तरी देखील भातखंडे मॅडम व गगनग्रास मॅडम, या आज देखील मदतीचा हात देतात. या कॉलेजच्या मदती मुळेच मी आज बँकेत ऑफिसर या पदावर आहे. मी या कॉलेजचा सदैव ऋणी राहिल.



सुरेखा नामदेव इष्टे

मॉडर्न कॉलेज ऑफ आर्ट्स,
सायन्स अँड कॉमर्स,
गणेशखिड, पुणे.

मी सुरेखा नामदेव इष्टे, मी राजगुरुनगर या गावामधून बारावीपासून पुढील शिक्षणासाठी पुण्यात आले. माझ्या शिक्षणासाठी वडिलांनी व काकांनी मला शिकण्यास पाठिंबा दिला. माझ्या काकांनी मला असे सूचविले की तू मॉडर्न कॉलेजमध्ये शिकणास सुरुवात कर तेव्हा मी मॉडर्न कॉलेजमध्ये F.Y.B.A. च्या मॉडर्न कॉलेज पाहताच मला खूप आवडलं. मग मी ठरवलं आपण ह्याच कॉलेजमध्ये शिक्षण पूर्ण करायचं. मॉडर्न कॉलेजमध्ये सुरुवातीला नवीन वाटायचं. पण हळूहळू कॉलेज विषयी मला माहिती होत गेली. मॉडर्न कॉलेजचीवैशिष्ट्ये म्हणजे चांगले ग्रंथालय, ऑफिस, कॅटीन आणि क्लासरूम आहेत. तसेच मॉडर्न कॉलेजच्या मुख्याध्यापिका आणि प्राध्यापक आणि प्राध्यापिका यांनी चांगले सहकार्य केले. कॉलेजेचे आणखी चांगले वैशिष्ट्ये विद्यार्थी आणि विद्यार्थिनी आपल्या हाताने बनविलेल्या वस्तूंचे प्रदर्शन भरवले जाते. तसेच सेमिनार व विविध प्रकारची व्याख्याने भरवली जातात.

मी इतिहास हा विषय दुसऱ्या वर्षाला शिकण्यास घेतला. तेव्हा माझी ओळख दोन प्राध्यापिकांशी झाली. मला सगळे बोलायचे इतिहास विषय अवघड असतो. पण या दोन प्राध्यापिकांमुळे मला इतिहास या विषयात गोडी निर्माण झाली. मी आता सध्या नोकरी करीत आहे. सातारा या ठिकाणी पुणे जिल्हा परिषद कार्यालयात “क्लार्क या पदावर कंत्राटी पध्दतीने काम करत आहे. राजगुरुनगर मध्ये दोन वर्षे दुय्यम निबंधक कार्यालयात खरेदीखत, साठेखत संगणकावर काम केले पुणे जिल्हा परिषद कार्यालयात एक वर्षाचा अनुभव कामाचा आहे.



प्रतिक रोहिदास वऱ्हाडी

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नुकतीच बातमी कानावर आली की आपल्या कॉलेज ने २४ वर्षे पूर्ण केली. आणि जून्या आठवणींना उजाळा मिळाला. कमवा आणि शिका मधून लागलेली **Saving** ची सवय, **Sports** मधून मिळालेली **Fitness, N.S,S, Camp** मधून लागलेली **Social Work** ची आवड ...

नुकतीच **College** ला भेट दिली त्यातून **College** चं नवीनच रुप समोर आलं. भव्य **Entry Gate**, अद्यावत **Laboratory** आणि सर्वात महत्वाचं म्हणजे मोठी **Liabrary** अशी **Liabrary** आमच्या वेळी असती तर हं ...

नंतर मग पावलं वळाली ती आमच्या **History Department** कडे भातखंडे मॅडमकडे तीच हसरा चेहरा तीच **Energy**. आधीपासून असलेली इतिहासाची आवड भातखंडे मॅडम मुळे जास्तच वाढली आणि त्यातच भर पडली ती मोडी लिपिच्या क्लासेसची. मॅडम मुळेच इतिहासाचा तौलनिक अभ्यास कसा करावा याच मार्गदर्शन मिळालं.

इतिहासाच्या वेडातून कोल्हापूर वारी झाली आणि तिथे प्रशिक्षण मिळालं शिवकालीन युध्द कलेचं. यातूनच उभा राहिला "शिवयोध्दा मर्दानी आखाडा, या मार्फत आता पर्यंत २५ तरुण तरुणींना शिवकालीन युध्दकलेच (लाठीकाठी, तलवारबाजी, दांडपट्टा, भाला, आणि मल्ल खांबाचे प्रशिक्षण देत आहे. या कार्यक्रमातून उभा राहणाऱ्या निधीतून मुलामुलींना ऐतिहासिक महत्व आणि माहिती देण्याचा उपक्रम सुरु झाला यातूनच पुढे सामाजिक संस्थांना मदत करण्याचा आम्हा तरुणांचा उद्देश आहे.

पुण्यात आल्यापासून कॉलेजचा पहिला दिवस ते शेवटच्या दिवसापर्यंत व आजातागायतही साधारण हा तीन वर्षांचा कालावधी, विचार केला की या कालावधीत काय शिकायला मिळालं, जाताना काय घेऊन चाललो तर उत्तर येते की याच या तीन वर्षात आयुष्य भराची शिदोरी घेऊन चाललो. तर उत्तर येते की खरंच या तीन वर्षात आयुष्यभराची शिदोरी घेऊन पुढचा प्रवास चालू केलाय. जी याठिकाणी, संस्कारसम शिदोरी मिळाली आहे. तिचा आज व पुढील आयुष्यात खूप फायदा होतोय. महत्वाचं इथे येऊन काय मिळवलं तर या ठिकाणी मला

आयुष्यभर साथ देतील, सोबत राहतील अशी चांगली माणसं मिळाली व हीच खरी संपत्ती मानतो. पुण्यात आल्यापासून खूप सान्या गोष्टी शिकायला मिळाल्या खूप सारी कॉलेज पाहिली परंतु आपल्या मॉडर्न कॉलेजचे एक वैशिष्ट्य कोठेच आढळत नाही की इथली माणसं म्हणजे प्राचार्यांपासुते ते सर्व स्टाफ व प्राध्यापक वर्ग इथे मुलांना आल्यावर आपलसं वाटावं अशी वागणूक मिळते. गरजूंना मदत मिळते. मुलही सर्व भागातून आल्यामुळे प्रत्येकाचे व्यक्तीमत्व अभ्यासता येते. तसं इथे खूप शिकलो. हा कॉलेजचा तीन वर्षांचा कालावधी म्हणजे माझ्या आयुष्यातील सुवर्ण युगाचा काळ होता आज मी मानतो.

कॉलेज मधून बाहेर पडल्यावर माझीही अशीच अवस्था होती कि नेमकं आता काय करुयात दोन डगरीवर पाय ठेऊन उभा होतो. नेमकं काय करावं हे समजत नव्हते. नंतर स्पर्धा परीक्षा करत होतो सर्वच जण करतात म्हणून मी सुध्दा याच प्रवाहात वाहत होतो. पण मन रमत नव्हते, राहून राहून सतत आतली घडपड शांत बसू देत नव्हती. व मग उमगले की खरंच आपला प्रवास हा दिशाहिन चालू आहे. याला काही दिशा नाही मग चिचारांती शेवटी जाणीव झाली ती "स्व ची ओळख स्वतःला ओळखून क्षेत्र निवडायचं व निवडलेल्या क्षेत्रात उत्तम आणि प्रतिभावंत व्हायचं व मग हा मार्ग धरून प्रवास चालू केला, स्वक्रांती, स्वनिर्मिती करायची ठरवले व आपण आपला व्यवसाय उभारायचा व यामध्ये आपले यश मिळवायचं हे ठरवून करिअरला सुरुवात केली. प्रथम सुरुवात करताना जवळ काहीच भांडवल नव्हते. तसा आर्थिक पाठिंबाही नव्हता व्यवसाय चालू करण्यासाठी खूप सान्या गोष्टींची गरज असते. व असे काहीच जवळ नव्हते. परंतु मनात मोठी जिद्द व चिकाटी ठेवली, वाटेल ते कष्ट करण्याची तयारी ठेवली व सुरुवातीला म्हटल्या प्रमाणे शब्दची धन आपुले व या ठिकाणी आयुष्यभर साथ देतील अशी जोडलेली सोबत माणसं होती. यामुळे खूप सहजतेने सान्या गोष्टी पार पाडल्या गेल्या मित्र परिवारांची, वडिलधान्या माणसांची, प्राध्यापकांची सोबत, त्यांचे अनुभव, मार्गदर्शन याचाही खूप फायदा होतोय. नेमकीच व्यवसायाला सुरुवात केली आहे. याठिकाणी मन चांगले रमतेय, आता पुढचा प्रवास चालू आहे. खूप यश मिळवायचं आहे. जीवनात पुढे जाऊन काम चालू असताना थोडं सभोवतालीही खूप सारे प्रश्न आ वासून उभे आहेत. पर्यावरणाचा प्रश्न भेडसावतोय, समाजात दारिद्र्यता, बेकारी, शिक्षण, मुलभूत सोईसुविधा, तसेच राजकारण, समाजकारण, साहित्य आज सारं काही याकडेही लक्ष देऊन हे अभ्यासायच आहे इथले प्रश्न सोडवायचे आहेत व शेवटी आयुष्य खूप सुंदर आहे ते प्रत्येकाने भरभरून जगायचं व जगवून द्यायचं व आपली व आपल्या देशाची प्रगती तसेच विश्वची माझे घर हे लक्षात ठेऊन प्रत्येकाने आपल्या जीवनाचा प्रवास करायचा.



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माझं मॉडर्न कॉलेजशी खूप जवळचं आणि अतुट असं नातं आहे. कॉलेज मध्ये होणारे सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम, विविध स्पर्धा, गेस्ट लेक्चर, सामाजिक कार्यक्रम **N.S.S.** चा सहभाग, प्राचार्य, उपप्राचार्य, तसेच शिक्षकांचे बहुमोल असे मागदर्शनामुळेच मी माझे व्यक्तीमत्त्व आणि व्यासपिठ घडवू शकलो. मी कॉलेजला असताना ३००० ते ३५०० विद्यार्थी संख्या असेल, प्राचार्य डॉ. संजय खरात सर यांचा प्रत्येक विद्यार्थ्यांवर कटाक्ष असायचा, प्राचार्यांनी विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये शिस्तपणा आणि व्यक्तीमत्त्व घडवून आणले. जसे कुंभार मडक्यांना सुंदर आकार देऊन मडके घडवतो तसाच आकार प्राचार्यांनी विद्यार्थ्यांच्या जीवनाला दिला आहे. जेणेकरून विद्यार्थी स्वताःच्या जीवनामध्ये कमी पडणार नाही.

मला अजून आठवतो तो दिवस ज्या दिवशी मी महाविद्यालयात २००७ साली बी.ए. (B.A.) ला प्रवेश घेतला. सुरुवातीच्या भितीमय वातावरण होते परंतु हळुहळु महाविद्यालयात रमत गेलो. मित्र-मैत्रिणी भेटले, सर्व प्राध्यापकांसंगे ओळख झाली, कॉलेजमध्ये होणारे सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम, विविध स्पर्धा, गेस्ट लेक्चर, सामाजिक कार्यक्रम, **N.S.S.** चा सहभाग, यामुळे आयुष्याला नवे वळण मिळाले. बी.ए. (B.A.) ची तीन वर्षे पूर्ण झाल्यानंतर काही घरगुती कारणास्तव मला एम. ए. (M.A.) ला महाविद्यालयात प्रवेश घेता आला नाही, त्यामुळे बाहेरून एम.ए. ची दोन वर्षे पुर्ण करण्याचे ठरविले परंतु त्यावेळी इतिहास प्रमुख प्रा. श्रुती भातखंडे, व प्रा.श्वेता साबळे यांनी कॉलेजमधील विद्यार्थी नसुनही खूप मोठ्या प्रमाणात मदत केली ती विसरणे शक्यच नाही. त्यावेळी मी इतिहास हा विषय निवडल्यामुळे छत्रपती शिवराय व अनेक थोर मोठ्या व्यक्तींची नव्याने ओळख होत गेली. यामुळेच मी एका खेडेगावांत रहात असल्यामुळे सामाजिक कार्याची ओढ निमृण झाली या भावनेमधुनच गावात बंद झालेली शिवजयंती ५ वर्षानंतर पुन्हा सुरु करून त्यामार्फत सामाजिक उपक्रम राबवत आहे. सध्या मी माझे संगणक

प्रशिक्षण वर्ग सुरु केले आहे, त्यामुळे अंधश्रद्धा निर्मूलन, तसेच महात्मा, शाहू, फुले, आंबेडकर यांच्या जयंती व पुण्यतिथी साजरी करून समाज प्रबोधनाचे काम करत आहे.

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माझी विद्यार्थी म्हणून मला खरोखरच सर्वच गोष्टींचा अभिमान वाटतो की, विचारी, तज्ञ तळमळीने शिकविणारे, विद्यार्थ्यांवर संस्कार घडविणारे प्राध्यापक मला लाभले. खरे तर जन्मदाते आईवडिल आपल्याला संस्कार शिकवितात परंतु जीवनाला कलाटणी देणारे फक्त कॉलेज मधील आई-वडिलच (शिक्षक, शिक्षकेतर कर्मचारी) करू शकतात. कॉलेज मध्ये योग्य वेळेत मिळत असलेला Platform खरंच खूप उपयोगी झाला. आज मी ज्या यश शिखरावर आहे याचं श्रेय मी नक्कीच माझ्या मॉडर्न कॉलेजला देईल कारण इथुनच मला चांगल Exposure मिळाला सर्व शिक्षकांनी प्रोत्साहन दिले. महाविद्यालयास मिळालेला NAAC कडून 'A' Grade' NSS, NCC आणि जिमखाना विभागाने मिळवलेले भरघोस यश या सर्व काही अभिनंदनास पात्र आहेत Art's Circle ची प्रगती अनेक पुरस्कार विजेत्यांची संख्या या सर्व गोष्टी महाविद्यालयाच्या घौडदौडीचे निर्देशक आहेत.

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*Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência
Lisbon Area, Portugal*



Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Cellular and Molecular Biology
MSc by Research from Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (2008–2011)
Publication: Myosin Vb Mediated Plasma Membrane Homeostasis
Regulates Peridermal Cell Size and Maintains Tissue Homeostasis in the
Zebrafish Epidermis: PLOS Genetics.



Kunal Jani

*M.Sc. Biotech
Project Fellow at National Centre for Cell
Science*



Work experience:

- Molecular Characterization of Bacterial Diversity Associated with Coal Mine: A Culture Dependent & Culture Independent approach.
- Bacterial Diversity Associated with Soldhar, a hot spring: A Culture Independent approach using PGM (Ion torrent).
- Metagenome analysis of Bacterial Diversity Associated with Mid-gut of Captive Tigers: A Culture Independent approach using PGM (Ion torrent).



Sheon Mary

*M.Sc. Biotech, Pursuing PhD, in
NCL*



- Dynamic proteome in enigmatic preeclampsia: An account of molecular mechanisms and biomarker discovery, PROTEOMICS - Clinical Applications
- Immune response to chemically modified proteome, PROTEOMICS - Clinical Applications



Siddharth Akolkar

*Group Product Manager
Diabetology & Metabolism at
Emcure Pharmaceuticals Limited,
Pune*



Previous positions:

- [Business Development Manager](#), Fabtech Technologies International LTD, Biotech Division- Fablife, Pune Area, India
- Business development-Europe, [Neilsoft](#), Pune Area, India
- Area Business Manager, [Biocon](#), Bangalore-Nagpur



Sumit Mukherjee

Business Analyst Cybage



Previous positions:

- Business Analyst, MultiChoice (MNet), Pune
- Associate Consultant, Nihilent Technologies, Pune
- Associate Consultant, Standard Bank Group, South Africa
- Summer Intern, Ranbaxy, Mumbai



Ashwin Shetty

Post Doctoral Fellow at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Ph.D: Tata Institute of Fundamental research, Developmental Neuroscience, 2005 – 2013

Previous positions:

Research fellow at Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai

Publications:

- Lhx2 regulates a cortex-specific mechanism for barrel formation, PNAS, 2013
- Signals from the edges: the cortical hem and antihem in telencephalic development. In Seminars in cell & developmental biology



Surashree Totade

*Senior Business Analyst
MResult Mangalore*



Previous positions:

- Project Intern at National Chemical Laboratory, Pune
- Associate Engineer-Biotechnology, Symphony Teleca, Pune
- Base SAS v 9.3 Trainee, Cytel, Pune Area, India
- Clinical SAS Programming Intern, Cytel, Pune Area, India
- Research Technician, Jehangir Clinical Development Centre (JCDC), Pune Area, India
- Business Analyst, MResult, Mangalore Area, India
- Senior Business Analyst, MResult, Mangalore Area, India



Dr. Mandar Pawar

*Research Scholar
Navsari Agricultural University,
Gujarat*



I was a student of Modern College (2005-2009 batch) completed B. Sc. (Botany) with distinction. I had further completed M. Sc. (Genetics and Plant Breeding) in the year 2013 in Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Gujarat. I worked on genetical studies in pearl millet (Bajara) as my M. Sc. research work. In the year 2013 I got an admission in Ph.D. at Navsari Agricultural University, Gujarat. I worked on genetical studies with respect to yield attributing characters in Okra (Bhendi). I had submitted my thesis in July-2016.



Ninad Mungi

*Research Scholar,
Wildlife Institute of India,
Dehradun*



After graduating in Botany from the Modern College, Ganeshkhind, I perceived my master's in Geoinformatics at the University of Pune. I did my master's dissertation at the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, where I mapped few worst invasive plants in India. Further, I joined WII as a research scholar for conservation projects of different flagship species in India. I have been part of the 'All India Tiger Monitoring Program', and currently developing a program for smart patrolling and ecological monitoring of protected areas in India. Along with this, I perceive my doctoral research that aims to understand ecological dynamics of invasive plants across India for developing smart strategies against the climate change scenario. I was awarded the Queen Elizabeth Scholarship, under which I am presently conducting my research at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

List of Alumni

- 1] Mrs. Kakade Prachi (2005) -- Research fellow and Doing **Ph.D. in Savitribai Phule Pune** University with a grant of 16 lakhs for her research project.
- 2] Ms. Prajakta Pathare (2007) -- Research fellow and doing **Ph.D. in Botanical survey of India**. Doing research on Koyana Forest
- 3] Ms. Madhuri Pawar(2007) – Working at **Botanical survey of India** as a laboratory assistant.
- 4] Mr. Ninad Mungi (2008) – Doing Ph.D. at wild life research Institute at Deharadun on ‘Effect of invasive weeds on **Tiger’s number.**’
- 5] Gauri Valvi (2010) -- **Lecturer** in Junior College
- 6] Vinayak Alse (2010) -- **Lecturer** in Junior College
- 7] Manali Deshmukh (2008) -- **Lecturer** in Junior College
- 8] Shahren Shah (2005) – Working in **Ranbaxy** Pharmaceutical Company
- 9] Nilesh Kale -- Working in **Bayer’s India**.
- 10] Vishnu Kakade -- **Lecturer** in a Junior College
- 11] Sayali Erande – Comlited ---**M.C.M.** Doing job in compony
- 12] Ameya Redkar (2007) – Doing **Ph. D.** in Environmental Science in **Germany**.
- 13] Mandar Pawar (2009) -- Doing **Ph.D.** in Agricultural College in Gujrat.
- 14] Ketaki Mule (2007) -- Completed her **M.Phil.** from Savitribai Phule Pune University.
- 15] Mukta Joshi (2009) – Working in **research project** on Oral Cancer at Maratha Mandal’s Dental College & Research centre , Rajiv Gandhi Univ., Belgaum.
- 16] Vijeta Roy (2009) – **Lecturer** in Botany at **Darjeeling**.
- 17] Niraj Pathak (2010) -- Working in **Genome Biotech. Business Dvlpt. Executive**
- 18] Vishal Ingawale (2009) -- Private consultancy of Nursery & Landscaping.
- 19] Seema Kamble (2009) -- Completed her **Diploma in patent Law** .
- 20] Priyanka Ranwade (2009) -- Completed M.Sc. from Modern College Shivaji Nagar.
- 21] Arpita Kathale (2011) – Completed **M.Sc. from Univ. of Pune**.
- 22] Dhanesh Pansare (2009) – Completed M.B.A. and working in a company.
- 23] Yuvraj Adagale (2009) – Completed M.Sc. in Geo-informatics from Univ. of Pune.
- 24] Arpita Keskar (2012)—Completed her M.Sc. from Fergusson College.
- 25] Snehal Kathale (2011) – Officer in Agriculture College, Shivaji Nagar.

Vijay Gulamkar

Research Associate
SYNGENTA Bioscience,
Goa



I joined SYNGENTA bioscience, Goa this month as a research associate which was the goal of my life. Herewith, I would like describe my journey from B.Sc. to SYNGENTA.

After intermediate in science, I got admission in Tuljaram Chaturchand (T.C.) College Baramati for B.Sc. (chemistry) in 2010 where I learned basic chemistry along with physics, mathematics and biology. Almost all the teachers in T.C. college were good and cooperative. I will never forget those days, an especially organic chemistry class which was taught by Prof. Salunkhe and I got interest in organic chemistry because of him. He is a very good professor. Prof. Wadde had taught me basic Spectroscopy which is very important to understand the structure of compounds. So, I can say that it was the combined effect of both these professors which attracted me towards organic chemistry and made it easier for me for the future study.

I would also like to thank Prof. Torane and Prof. Kale who have taught me inorganic chemistry and physical chemistry respectively in T.C. college Baramati. They taught me very nice and they explained all the basic doubts which was very difficult to understand for me.

I was sick during the final year exam period and could not get very good marks. I got 57.83% in B.Sc. and struggled for the admission in good college. Finally I got admission in Modern college of art, science and commerce ganeshkhind, Pune for M.Sc. in organic chemistry. All the teachers in modern college were excellent. The environment in modern college is very nice for the higher study.

It was very difficult for me to understand organic chemistry at the initial stage of M.Sc. but Ketaki madam made it very easy and I got interest in organic chemistry both in theory as well as in practical. She had taught me stereochemistry and organic reaction mechanism which was very helpful to understand the organic chemistry. Dr. Manish had taught hetero and pericyclic chemistry which was very helpful for the exam.

I would also like to thank Dr. Katade to teach medicinal chemistry and Revati madam for teaching spectroscopy courses.

I will never forget those days when Prof. Dr. Madhuri Kulkarni, head of chemistry department of modern college, guided me very well during the practical of organic chemistry.

It was proud moment for me when I got the opportunity for M.Sc. thesis project in Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Pune under the supervision of Dr. Ramakrishna G. Bhat. Ketaki madam guided me very well during the project period.

I got much more interest after this project in organic synthesis. I will never forget her for giving me proper guidance for the career.

I passed M.Sc. with 63.86% in 2015. Even after getting degree, the teachers of modern college helped me a lot for finding the job and finally I got the job in SYNGENTA bioscience, Goa as a research associate. It was very proud moment for me. I would like thank all the members of modern college for helping me to get this job and I will try to do my best in SYNGENTA bioscience.



Shekhar Shinde

Research Fellow (PhD Scholar)
NCL-Pune



Faculty of Chemistry department was very encouraging and supportive during my stay in college. They always motivated me to study hard with available resources. I was fortunate to be a part of first batch of MSc (Organic Chemistry) as I got chance to interact with renowned teaching staff from Pune University. Especially Dr. Madhuri Kulkarni (HOD) and Dr. Mukula Kulkarni were very kind and supportive to me. It was my fortune to get chance to work in BARC-Mumbai for two months project.

I found improvement in my communication and presentation skill. All credit goes to opportunity provided by our department to participate in intercollegiate seminar competitions. As a result of which I won first ever prize of my lifetime in “Dr. T. R. Ingle Poster Competition” held in S. P. College-Pune. I came from rural part of Maharashtra to pursue MSc degree in Modern College. College made me modern in all aspects to improve my personality to sustain in real world.

Awards and Fellowships

- Best poster award in “**Dr. T. R. Ingle Poster Competition**” held in S. P. College, Pune on Feb 2008.
- Best poster award in “**National Conference on Advances in Polymer Science & Nanotechnology: Design and Structure**”(PSNDS-11) held at The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Baroda on Dec 2011.
- **Senior Research Fellowship-2012:** From the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi (April 2012 – March 2015).
- Best poster award in “**2nd TAPSUN Conference**” held at CSIR-CLRI, Chennai on Sept 2013.
- Best poster award in “**National Science Day Celebration 2015**” held NCL, Pune on Feb 2015.

Publications

- Self-assembly Directed Template Photopolymerization of Perylenebisimide-poly (4- vinylpyridine): Nano organization. **Shekhar Shinde**, S. K. Asha*, *Polymer* **2015**, 65, 115-123.
- New Amphiphilic Sulfonic acid Dopant-cum-Templates for Diverse Conducting Polyaniline Nanomaterials. **Shekhar Shinde**, M. Jayakannan*, *J. Appl. Polym. Sci.* **2012**, 127 (3), 1781-1793.
- Probing the Molecular Interactions at Conducting Polyaniline Nanomaterial Surface via Pyrene Dopant-cum-Fluorophore. **Shekhar Shinde**, M. Jayakannan*, *J. Phys. Chem. C* **2010**, 114, 15491–15498.

Patent

Asha Syamakumari, Rekha Narayan, Shekhar Shinde and Saibal Bhaumik; “Comb-Coil Supramolecular Cross linked Polymer” World Intellectual Property Organization,



Namita More
Senior Project Assistant
NCL



A safe, Professional and friendly learning environment observed in my college. My college is supported for attending about two to three conferences every year within India was available from the department funds. The Department subscribes to most of the books in libraries and also access to search some research papers from the desktop in our library.

In our department all students are always working on any projects as a group or also individual. This strategy is important to achieve some goals are usually limited. Therefore it will be very helpful in my career growth.

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Avadhut Bhosale

*Associate research scientist
Lupinltd. (Pune)*



I am working with Lupinltd. (Pune) since last one year as associate research scientist. Here I would like to describe my journey from higher studies to Lupin Ltd.

After completing HSC in science, I got an admission in Garware College, Pune for B.Sc. where I learned basic chemistry along with physics, mathematics and industrial chemistry. All the teachers in Garware College were good and cooperative. I will never forget those days, that chemistry class which was taught by Prof. Chikate, Prof. Natu, Prof. Kasabe, and Prof. Kalyankar and thereafter I found interest in organic chemistry because of them. They were very good professors. They taught me a basic chemistry concept which was very important to understand the overall chemistry. The efforts of those professors attracted me towards organic chemistry, so I decided to take further studies in organic chemistry.

I got 68% in B.Sc. and decided to take admission in good college. Finally by the suggestions of my seniors and colleagues I decided to take admission in Modern college of art, science and commerce Ganeshkhind, Pune for M.Sc. in organic chemistry because of its very good reputation, transparency and well qualified staff. All the teachers in Modern college were excellent. The environment in Modern college is very nice for the higher study.

It was difficult for me to understand organic chemistry at the initial stage of M.Sc. but Ketaki madam made it very easy and interesting because of her simplicity in teaching and superior knowledge in reaction mechanism and stereochemistry. Dr. Manish had taught us hetero- and pericyclic chemistry which was very helpful for the exam.

I would also like to thank Dr.Katade to teach stereochemistry and medicinal chemistry and Revati madam for teaching spectroscopy courses which I've been using a lot in my profession.

Prof. Dr.Madhuri Kulkarni, head of our chemistry department of Modern college, guided us very well during the practicals of organic chemistry and also helped us to attain campus interviews of various reputed organizations which gave right track for starting of our career.

It was proud moment for me when I got selected in NDDD (Novel drug discovery and development) department of lupin Ltd. and credit of this goes to every person of chemistry department of Modern college.

I passed M.Sc. with 68% in 2015. I would like to thank all the teaching and supporting staff of modern college for helping me and I will try to do my best in my organization.



Ankita Jadhav

Ph.D. Scholar
SPPU



I took admission for FY.BSc in 2007. I was not aware about the scope of chemistry and was less interested in chemistry subject, but the way teachers taught and gave a good knowledge, my interest and confidence developed in chemistry subject.

In TY.BSc I decided to do specialization in chemistry subject. Initially I was worried whether I will perform well in chemistry or not and many more questions?? Whenever I had query HOD mam (Dr. Madhuri Kulkarni) as well as other teaching staff was always available to solve my problems. HOD mam is very cooperative, knowledgeable and good human being. Whenever I was wrong she scolded at me like her child and tried to correct me.

In science exhibition, HOD mam and other staff like Dr. Kirti Chintamani and Dr. Sushma Katade encouraged me to do some innovative project and than with my ideas and their suggestions I had done a very successful working project of preparing natural perfumes with rose petals, cinnamon and clove chocolates. Because of this project, it developed a research interest in my mind which motivated me to do MSc, M.Phil. And now I am doing Ph.D. in Savitribai Phule Pune University Pune.

I have two publications in good international journals (chemphyschem and Spectrochemica Acta Part A) and two more publications are in pipeline. From December 2014 to October 2015 I was in Spain. I got selected for 10 months in Spain through one of the international programme called Erasmus Mundus, which was the golden opportunity for me to learn different techniques, instruments like uv-spectrophotometer, spectrofluorometer, time correlated single photon counting etc. Research in Spain is very advanced, I came to know new techniques, their language (Spanish) as well as got very good guidance from my professor.

I am very grateful to Dr. Madhuri Kulkarni and all the teaching staff of chemistry department modern college ASC ganeshkhind for giving me proper guidance and direction.



Mahesh Kutwal
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Indian Institute of Technology
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**Pruthviraj
Barangule**
Associate Business Analyst
Infosys



Kirti Bhumkar
Own classes

Sandeep Gollapudy

*Associate Director & Program Manager,
Cognizant Worldwide*

My college started from very humble beginnings but with a very dedicated of teachers, principal(s) and office staff, many of whom have given their best years to ensure the College succeeds.

While we started by borrowing infrastructure from the nearby school.. the staff & my seniors made their their best efforts, to give a quality education to my batch & our juniors.

I have found some live-long friends in this college, who have really helped me, evolve as a person. I specifically would like to mention my dear friend Laxman Singh Rathore who is now a highly ranked office in the Indian Army, proudly serving his country in his profession.

I joined the College at a difficult time in my personal life & subsequently lost my father who was the key decision maker in making me join this college in 1993. My father was my biggest supporter & laid the foundation for my career in the Information Technology Industry while I was completing my graduation.

Over the years, I am happy to see the institution grow in strength & establish itself in a very competitive city.

I am very pleased with the professional manner in which my small donation was received & is being managed by the College authorities over the past 12 years.

I look forward to hearing the success stories of Modern college alumni in the years to come, & hope that they grow to become responsible citizens for their country & this institution.

I wish the students, staff & management all the success in coming years and feel proud to be part of this family.

Umesh Inamdar

*Compliances Manager
Hewlett Packard*



After completing my college, I joined a FMCG company as Marketing Co-ordinator. Post which I moved to Hewlett Packard Bangalore for the period of 3 years. After completing successful Quality Six Sigma and Compliance certifications, I moved back to Infosys as a Asst Mgr Quality. I served infosys for one year and then moved to Avaya India as a Global Auditor for Process and Compliance. I served 2 years at Avaya which is High End KPO at that time and moved to RedKnee India. It's a core IT organization and I served as a Quality Manager there for 3 years.

I received a pink slip during recession however due to good work I was rehired by Avaya and then served 2 years there. Avaya again gave us pink slips and I opened my own business in FMCG.

Due to few wrong decisions, we are little slow in the market and the finances were not so great. So I decided to move the Cognizant and served for a year at Gurgaon. There I was handling 4 offices of Cogni for Delivery Excellence. Currently, I moved back to Pune and joined Hewlett Packard once again. I am a Compliances Manager for the organization and supporting major clients of HPE. Not too many organizations but I learned how to manage the career and take right decisions to move on.

Omkar Kulkarni

Elite Special Forces, Army

It's my alma mater which gave me wings to fly high. It carved out a true man from a college going boy. Mentoring of teachers fueled my aspirations and made me stand where I am today.

Born & brought up in Chinchwad. Completed higher secondary education from education from NMV Jr College, Pune. Joined Modern College GK in 2000 for B.Com. Actively participated in NCC, sports & Art Circle thus got a platform & strong foundation for over all development. Completed graduation with First Class, joined ICICI Bank as Asst Manager in Jan 2004. Cleared UPSC for Army and joined Officer's Training Academy in Oct 2004. Commissioned in 2005 and joined elite Special Forces in service of Nation.

Achievements:

- Best NCC Cadet 2000, NCC Group Headquarters.Pune
- Gold Medal in 900 KM Cycle Expedition, Maharashtra NCC 2001
- Best Student Modern College GK 2003
- Participated in National Geographic Mission Everest: Runner up in last Round 2002
- Best Missile Firer in 2006
- Silver Medalist in Army Water Polo Championship 2009
- Represented Army in Indo-US Military Training 2011
- Gold Medalist in Army Swimming Championship 2011
- Part of Rescue Operations in Siachen Glacier 2013
- Runner Up Amature Army Golf Trophy Jan 2016
- Writing a book on Glacial Warfare: New Approach



Shambhu Saran

*Executive Chef
Della Adventure & Resorts Pvt. Ltd.
Kunegaon, Lonavala*



I came to pune with a dream in my eyes and zeal to succeed in 2006 May 22nd after completing my 10+2 from Jamshedpur (Jharkhand) .

I took my admission in Modern College Ganeshkhind of arts, Commerce & Science in B.Com.I was an average n lucky go happy student. I was enjoying this new environment and new friends at its fullest. Teachers and management of this college was very warm and hospitable.

I started loving the City of youth which is also known as Oxford of [East. B.Com](#) with Banking specialization was an interesting study for me but a creative and interactive soul in me always pulled me towards the Arts Circle, Debates, Elocution, Quizzes and Educational events of the College.This college and the teachers Madam Sharayu Bhakare, Madam Vijaya Kulkarni & Madam Shampa Chakravorty showed me a new way to success and guided me throughout my journey .I kept on seeking the guidance of these teachers to develop my knowledge and to set goals in my life.

Modern College helped me to keep my underlay in this city and to discover myself. I was one of the most privileged students of this college to get introduced with dignitaries of this city because I was Chief Student Editor of two college magazine.

Though my subject was commerce but had always a dream of becoming a world renowned Chef. My love for food was recognized by two most important people in my Life Dr. Vinod A. Shastri (Asst Director Of SIBM) & Dr. Sharayu Bhakare (Senior Asst. Professor Symbiosis College of Commerce Now).I was then guided by them to transform my hobby into my profession. Name of Modern college would be written in golden letters in the journey of my life. Modern College is a place where talents are born and polished for the Organizations.

After my college I joined Maharashtra State Institute Of Hotel Management Catering Technology (Old Name FCI) in Pune.I did my Post Graduation In Culinary Arts & Hotel Operations.I worked with few celebrity chefs like Our very own from Pune Chef Shailendra Kekade (Style Chef -Food Food Channel) in Stone Water Grills Pune, Chef Vicky Ratnani (Vicky Goes Veg- NDTV Good Times) In Aurus, Mumbai.I also worked with JW MARRIOTT Mumbai & Pune.My love for food took me abroad in United States Of America to Walt Disney Kingdom & Walt Disney Cruise Liners.I roamed about all of Europe & Middle East in search of incredible taste.

When I came back to India I worked as Corporate Chef for few Brands like Bindra Hospitality (a 30 year old pioneer catering & food development company) ,Demonstrator Chef for Future Group Brand.I developed my enthusiasm for creating new recipe in another angle of Food that is best known as “MOLECULAR GASTRONOMY.I am also shooting for Food & Lifestyle Magazines Like Suave, Uppercrust,Creme etc and few channels in India.Currently I am working as Executive Chef of Della Resort Lonavala.My culinary journey has made me a Real Slave Of Taste and with this name I have started writing a Book about my experiences of this industry & different food cultures of different countries.I love to share my knowledge with students and connoisseur of Food & Technology.

I am also the Brand Ambassador Chef for FDA Maharashtra and working as the consultant chef of Mission Safe Food India,a step to bring the street food of india on Intenational Level.

I will be very much thankful to my Alma Mater, Modern College Ganeshkhind for furnishing & preparing me for the real challenges of life & Organisation.I want to pay a gratitude to my teachers who taught me the value of time & education and who gave me their precious time to develop me in different human being.My love for this College will always remain as same and I would like to always remain as a part of my Modern College family



Sagar Chougule
*GBU Team-Maersk Supply
Service
Maersk Global Service Centre
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It is rightly said that struggles are required in order to survive in life, because in order to stand up, you got to know what falling down is like” Isn’t it is right? Yes, off course! Struggles, hard time, bad patch in life are great teachers. I believe in this because I am a person who stood amongst all the struggles. Today I would really like to pen down my experiences with people, situations, life and how I battled with them and stood up.

There was a time when I and my family used to stay in Chawl. My father was an auto rickshaw driver, mom a homemaker and my siblings were studying. We used to live hand to mouth. Such situations makes you to work hard for money, it is a fact, but if you have urge to study and soar high, you can do it by earning part time as well. I had scored 70% in SSC and 73% in HSC. My result made me sure that I can’t stop studying. I need to take up graduation in Come What May Situation; my inner voice told me that. I took up admission without even keeping in mind how I will manage money for that. Started pursuing B.Com in Modern College Ganeshkhind, which gave my life a “U” turn.

Today also I say it to many people that whatever I am today, it’s not only because of my hard work but also because of my college and teachers.

While doing B.Com I had come at a stage where I had to earn because of my poor financial condition. I took up work of a newspaper delivery boy wherein I used to get up early in morning at 3 am and used to collect newspaper and after that I used to attend college. Every day I was a late entrant in class which came to the notice of Vijaya Kulkarni madam and one day she asked me the reason for being late. I told her about my financial condition & she became an angel whom god had sent for me. The moment she heard about my condition she stood up to help me. There are people who leave you in your worst situation but there are few good people who hold your hand in your bad times. She was amongst them. It is said that your bad phase in life teaches you what life is! It is also said that “A mother is a mother at your home but a teacher is your mother”.

She helped & guided me for my studies, provided books for which I didn’t had money to purchase, she also paid my Graduations and Post graduation’s Fees by sponsoring me a scholarship. For that reason I always used to strive hard and score first rank. I wouldn’t have had been at this position if wouldn’t have met Kulkarni and Joshi Madam.

Later my education led me to make an entry in Maersk Global Service Centres. Today I have become a Manager of Maersk Service Line. Maersk is a global shipping company which has its own different segments in Drilling, Tankers, Oil etc. It is said that your struggle starts with your life and ends with your life. To get into Maersk wasn't an easy journey. After B.Com I was struggling to get a decent job. I used to ask my friends about openings in any of the companies. I still remember that incident where I had requested my friend to refer me in the organization wherein he was working but he referred his sibling. That was the moment when I was let down but later on....start typing my own page.

I got encouraged by this quote & I kept on trying and my attempts never went in vain. The more you try the more you come with outcomes/ experiences which you should not do the next time when opportunity knocks your door. I joined Maersk in the year 2009. From 2009 to 2016 I got 6 promotions. It wasn't that easy.

I had changed the way I used to look at things. My approach towards life changed, tried to become different & increased my hard work. All what I had in my mind is to grow in my career. I have visited 7-8 countries & have travelled almost 30 times in a span of 7 years. I got best leader award for 3 consecutive years from 2013 to 2015. I have completed Green belt in lean Six Sigma which is one of the milestones in my career. These achievements mentioning is not to pen down but I would really like to give a message to every child/ student who is struggling with his/her poor conditions. But you can always go ahead in life.

Earn while learn only if you have desire to study hard & go ahead in life. A person can overcome bad situation if the person has a strong will to come out of the situation. It's the one which will lead to your way.

A strong will with a good nature would always attract good people to you. It's always not important that only blood relations will help us. Sometimes relations which are made by us by helping others are the ones one should retain. In my case, I would really thank Vijaya Kulkarni & Joshi Madam, if they would had not helped me, I don't know where I would have been today.

So a message which I would like to give everyone is to make friends, struggle is part & parcel of life, overcome bad times, Soar high with help of education and make good relations & retain them.



Rajni R. Jire
Senior Executive Accountant
Infosys



Prof. Vijayalaxmi Kulkarni has asked me to write on my college and it moved me in flashback of my college days. I still vividly remember my first day in college and the days which I spent here in this college

College life is a very important part of every individual's life. We all are at a certain threshold after passing out from school. That's when we have to take a very important decision. That's regarding one's career. College broadens one's horizon. It's a bigger place. A broader platform to understand and prove ourselves. It's a place where one is assumed to be an adult and that's what I considered myself when I joined this college in 2008.

The years which I spend in Modern college are the golden years of my life. I started my college from F.Y B.B.A and completed my post graduation in M.Com from the same college. Almost 5 years I spend in the college and for me college is a training ground which teaches you how to become successful and face the challenges of life.

The main function of the modern college is to prepare its students to be true citizens of the country. They know that anything and everything will not be public attentive to their academic and extra-academic life. It aims at imparting them good education and, at the same time, developing their mind and body.

For the development of the mind of the students, there are arrangements for publishing a magazine at least once a year. There are also provisions for debates, literary competitions, annual dramatic performances, social gatherings, variety shows, educational excursions etc. All these help in bringing out the talents of the students. They can thus realize in what sphere of life they are likely to shine in future. As an incentive to acquiring knowledge and information in addition to what the students have from their texts, there is the library where there is a good collection of books on different subjects and also we have digital library. Hence because of all these you can say facilities I have learnt a lot from my college. I would like to say that it's the lessons which we learn while in college, that helps a lot to perform well in today's work environment. We can relate all the situations faced during college to our day-to-day professional life situations and use the lessons learnt in college to excel in our professional lives.

"A college degree is not a sign that one is a finished product but an indication a person is prepared for life."

Thank you Modern college and big thanks to all my Prof. for making my college days such a memorable one. I still remember my Prof. word that there is no short-cut to achieve something the best short-cut is the long way, which is basically a two words: Work – hard.



Abhishek Sengupta
Zonal Office as a Manager
Head of Commercial Banking Department
Secretary of Zonal Office Credit Committee
Karur Vysya Bank, Kolkata



Heartiest Congratulations to Modern College Ganeshkhind in its Silver Jubilee Year. In the past 25 years, our college has laid the path for success of thousands of students who are performing exceptionally well in their respective fields. The credit goes to the professors of modern college who have motivated us to participate in various extramural activities which played a vital role in developing our professional skills. I wish Modern College lots of success and prosperity ahead.

Rahul Khatawkar

SAP HR functional consultant
Tata Group Company



Modern College Ganeshkhind was an evolving college when I secured admission here in 1996 for F.Y. BCom. Infrastructure was in a primary stage and looking at that many would not go for Admission immediately. However the college had a strong background of P.E. Society which said it all. Initially there were a few challenges in terms of classrooms and other infrastructure. However these challenges were overcome in a brilliant way by the enthusiastic and hardworking professors.

Our professors were really encouraging and maintain a very good student teacher relationship always. College encouraged to participate in all extra curricular activities and managed funds for us as and when required. We had a great bonding with college professors, principal and the non teaching staff as well. Extracurricular activities like guest lectures, exhibitions, Vividha, Entrepreneurship skills workshops, earn and learn schemes and many more kept us always engaged.

A good connect with Alumni over the last 20 years since the time we passed out is a great achievement as well. All the best to college as it grows by leaps and bounds!! I have been in the area of Human Resources in various organizations like Wipro, Syntel, Patni Computers, and Tech Mahindra.

After pursuing BCom from Modern College , I went ahead to pursue Master in Commerce, then Masters in Computer Management and recently Masters in Business Studies all from Pune University. Have recruited young talent through campus across India. I love to interact with students and network with people in Industry.

Since last 3 years working for a Tata Group company as a SAP HR functional consultant, now more on IT Side of HR. Developing systems for HR as a passion and a profession as well. Modern College has been an integral part of my overall development and growth throughout so far. Thanks to the college and all my Gurus who have been there for their students at all times. Congratulations to my college on completing *Silver Jubilee* and even for building really good individuals for the society.



सुप्रिया शिवाजी भोसले -एम.कॉम.
श्री खिव छत्रपती पुरस्कार विजेती
२००६-०७ (जलतरण)
Sales Tax Inspector

मॉडर्न कॉलेज - माझं कॉलेज

कॉलेजच्या सिल्व्हर जुबली वर्षानिमित्त "माझं कॉलेज" या विषयावर लिहायला घेतलं. अन् कॉलेजची ती ७ वर्षे डोळ्यासमोर उभी राहिली. खर तर मला खेळ व निमित्त कॉलेज मला करता आलं नाही. तरीही माझ्या खुप आठवणी या कॉलेजशी जुळलेल्या आहेत.

शेंडकर सर, जोशी मॅड, कुलकर्णी मॅम, विजया मॅम इ. यांच्या सहकार्यामुळे कॉलेजची ती ७ वर्षे पटकन संपली. खासकरुन M.Com.II चं प्रोजेक्टचं वर्ष, शिक्षक आणि स्टाफ यांच्या सहकार्यामुळे कॉलेजबद्दल आपलेपणा वाटतो. बघता बघता कॉलेज संपल आणि सर्वांना Thank You म्हणायच राहून गेलं. आज अस लिहिताना कॉलेजमध्ये बसल्यासारख वाटतय.

सर्व शिक्षक आणि स्टाफ चे आभार मानते.



Ketki Subhash Dugge

*SQA Analyst
Symantec Software India Pvt. Ltd*



I entered the campus of Modern college, Ganeshkhind after completing my graduation in Bachelor in Computer Science from Wadia College to pursue masters. The post graduation journey was more like a roller coaster ride with few difficult times.

Only hardwork and determination was not enough to achieve my goal. It's very important that we have proper guidance and support from our teachers and faculty, which I received from Modern college. As part of academics, we had presentations/seminars for every subject which gave us an opportunity to build confidence and helped in developing our soft skills.

Similarly there were many other events that I took as an opportunity to grow. It was a great learning experience with many lessons learnt that could be practically implemented and also cherished forever.



Dnyanesh Daudkhane

*Infrastructure Architect
London Borough of Barking and
Dagenham*



Voluntary Work:

Executive Committee member at Maharashtra Mandal London.

Maharashtra Mandal, London is oldest Marathi organization in the world which was founded in 1932 in London.



Renuka Nikumbh
Graduate Trainee
TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES



I have been selected in TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES. I will be joining the training of TCS on 29th August which is of three months duration. My company training venue is Trivandrum in Kerala. I have been assigned a Graduate Trainee Profile.

I have completed my T.Y.B.Sc. (Computer Science) in Modern College, Ganeshkhind, Pune-16. In our college many extracurricular activities are organized. Among all I like Soft-Skill Development Program. In that workshop we performed many activities under teachers' guidance.

After attending the sessions I found that I have improved my English much better along with my stage daring and self confidence. Now I can easily communicate with others without any hesitation.



Gajanan Butte
Founder Nuevas Technologies Pvt. Ltd



My Success story& College Contribution:-

After completion of my graduation i had started working with Zensar BPO as a CSA where i used to sell a telephone connection, while working I have learnt how to introduce yourself, communicate and convince clients.

The thought had always been there at the back of my mind that Instead of selling other's product why can't i start something of my own where I can sell my own products. I was interested to complete my post-graduation as well so I had taken admission to Modern College.

From the day of admission to MCA in Modern College my journey as Entrepreneur started, where I served some and other small web services, web designing works in Pune market with the name "Phinix Enterprises". College attendance, house responsibilities & work were not easy to manage simultaneously.

After completion of college in 2012 I had established a small unit with the name "Nuevas Technologies Private Limited" and merged with Phinix Enterprises.

About Nuevas Technologies: (www.nuevas.in)

We are a product design and manufacturing company based out of Pune, Serving clients all over India.

We have developed robust solutions for the GPS/GPRS/GSM based Vehicle Tracking and Fleet Management Industry. Many fleet owners and government agencies, like Indian Navy, Maharashtra police, Indane Gas, to name a few, We also deal in Software

development and cloud services as cloud telephony, Virtual Call centre, virtual numbers, IVR solutions, SMS services, etc.

Our clients:- Indian Navy, Maharashtra Police, Thane Municipal Corporation, PAune University, D.Y. Patil college, VIT, COEP, Geometric, L&T, Ultartech, Atlas Copco, Alfa laval, Seed Infotech, Saas,are among the many satisfied acustomers we collaborate with.As of now we serve 10000+ clients across India. Last year company has crossed turnover of 1.5Cr and planning for expansion this year.



Prashant N. Mehta

*Team Leader
Samsej Infosystems*



I have completed my graduation from Moden College Ganeshkhind. Then I took admission for the M.Sc. (Computer Science) in Moden College Ganeshkhind. After completing my PG I gave a lot of interviews.

Finally in Feb 2007 I got selected in Samsej Infosystems as a Trainee Engineer. I worked so hard during my internship that company offer me permanant employee in June itself. After that I Join Ramac Infosys in May 2009 as a Senoir Software Engineer. Then we developed a lot of websites, android apps, IOS apps. So I promoted as a Team Lead in Jan 2012. It is very friendly and enthusiastic environment in our company. As a small company I got change to learn starting from requirement analysis to implementation.



Tushar Sutar

*Assistant Manager
(Access Governance & Information Security)
Sears Holdings India*



Modern College is a second home for me, as I have completed my schooling also from Modern High School, Ganeshkhind.

This institution definitely gives a platform to students who are on verge of stepping into their professional life while still enjoying their youth. All the teaching staff is very friendly and helpful those who are seeking knowledge.

I would love to be again at our college to spend some time as it cherishes my precious memories.



Trupti Naikade
Associate Software Engineer
Cognizant Technology Solutions



I have done my MSc (Computer Science) from Modern College, Ganeshkhind. My experience in college has given me a chance to sharpen my skills and enhanced my life in any ways. The faculty and all teachers were very supportive in all terms like particles, projects, placements etc. In academics, presentations, seminars and many other events on different topics made me more confident and technically strong.



Piyush Annadate
Associate IT Application Specialist
Symantec Software India Pvt. Ltd



I have done my MCA (Computer Science) from Modern College, Ganeshkhind. My experience in college has given me a chance to sharpen my skills and enhanced my life in any ways. The faculty and all teachers were very supportive in all terms like particles, projects, placements. Etc. In academics, presentations, seminars and many other events on different topics made me more confident and technically strong. As a result, one day that valuable experience of college helped me to build my career. In third year I got placed in FTB Pvt. Sol. as intern. Later Symantec came & placed here also which was my dream Company from 11th class.

Sangram Chandere

Associate software consultant

Capita India pvt. Ltd & Founder of Sangram & Tejashree's Vajra Studio of Dance

Having 6+ years of experience in software industry and currently working as Associate Software Consultant @ CAPITA INDIA PVT LTD.

Apart from this professional career I am passionate about dance, I Teach various dance forms under Sangram & Tejashree's Vajra Studio of Dance located in different parts of city. I was a part of India's dance team in World Cultural Dance Festival held in South Korea in 2015. In December 2015 I have won Gold MEDAL in 25th Olympiad held at Bangkok, Thailand.

In 2016 we have Competed 12 countries by representing team India with my Team VAJRA in World Cultural Dance Festival held @ South Korea in 2016 and won \$500 by holding position in top 5.

Recently our trained students won total 11 awards in National Level Dance Competition held in Nov 2016 @ Bal Kala Utsav, New Delhi.



Amar Oak

Classical flautist

A Master's degree holder in Computer Science. He learned music from Mr. Sane and Mr. Bhave and then seeking guidance from Late Pt.Satchidanand Phadke & Late Pt.Sudhir Phadke.

He has performed with renowned artists such as Hridaynath Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle, Hariharan, and Shankar Mahadevan.Oak is also working with the youth icons like Avdhoot Gupte, Swapnil Bandodkar, Vaishali Samant, Ajay -Atul, Saleel Kulkarni and many more.Oak has also performed with stalwarts like Tabla maestro Zakir Hussain, Suresh Wadkar and Ghazal maestro Ustd.Ghulam Ali.

AWARDS

1. Recipient of the 'Sudhir Phadke Yuvonmesh Puraskar' awarded by 'Indradhanu, Thane' in 2007
2. 'Vocational Excellence Award 2009 - 2010 given by the Rotary Club of Nigdi, Pune
3. Swargia Ram Kadam Puraskar” in October 2010 from Hridaynath Mangeshkar
4. The “The FIE Foundation” Award (National Award Category) of the year 2009-2010
5. Pannalal Ghosh Award
6. 'Maitra Yuva' Puraskar '
7. Vocational Excellence Award 2012 - 2013 given by Rotary Club Of Thane Central
8. Vadan Gaurav Puraskar

Performances

- ❖ Program “Swarali” by Shekhar Mahamuni
- ❖ Accompanied in orchestra/groups like Awaaz ki Duniya, Gane Suhane,Azaadi Pachaas, Manik Moti, Marathi Bana and various other themes based shows.
- ❖ Spell with his flute in Z Marathi’s “Sur Taal”
- ❖ Performed in channel events such Nakshatranche Dene
- ❖ Musical notes in J.P Wasvani’s ‘Religious Discourse’ on Sony TV
- ❖ Performed as indispensable artist by actively performing in Zee Marathi’s “Sa Re Ga Ma Pa”
- ❖ A musical album "Pyar Mohabbat" released by ‘The Times Group’
- ❖ Composed the music for a ballet, “Krishna Ranga.”
- ❖ Performs in unique conept based programs with stalwarts like Shounak Abhisheki (Swar Sangam) and Anand Bhate (Swar Bahar), Kumar Gandharva Mahotsav, Chiplun.



Shankar Dupade
*Cloud Analyst,
Arxxus Technologies India
pvt.ltd*



Akshada Sheth
*Senior Software Engineer
Persistent Systems Limited*



**Sanket Sudhir
Kulkarni**
*UI front-end Development
TATA Consultancy Services
(TCS)*



**Poonam Bhujang
Shelar**
*Associate Developer
Veritas software
technologies private limited
(Symantec)*



Dipali Prakash Meher
*MSC, MPhil, NET,
PhD (Pursuing)
Assistant Professor
Modern College of Arts,
Science and Commerce,
Ganeshkhind, Pune 16*



Alumni Serving Nation

| Year | Name of Student | Exam passed | Current place of work |
|---------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 2011-12 | Shivraj Hale | MPSC | PSI at Gadchiroli |
| 2013-14 | Tushar Surwase | Civil Services | Thane Muncipal Corporation |
| 2014-15 | Abhishek Deshpande | UPSC | Defense Academy, Dehradun |

In Entertainment Industry

| Year | Name of Student | Description |
|---------|-----------------------|--|
| 2011-12 | Sangram Sing Chandele | Recently won 2 Dance Competition in Bankok |
| 2013-14 | Rajesh Salgar | He made a Short Film "Rutu" that won award |
| 2014-15 | Amol Waghmare | After winning Intercollegiate Fashion Shows ,now acting in a Movie |
| 2012-13 | Swapnil Belgaonkar | Photographer & Movie Publicity through social media |
| 2012-13 | Chaitnya Deshpande | Movie Publicity through social media |
| 2014-15 | Pratik Gadekar | Creative designer for Trophies, T-shirts and official photographer for Radio Channel |



Ambika Molkar

Achievements:

I completed my graduation in Arts (English as a special subject) from Modern College, Ganeshkhind with distinction and later was able to get an admission in the Department of English, Savitribai Phule Pune University. Here , this year(2016) I completed my Masters with 1st class. Now, I am preparing for NET and SET examinations in order to qualify for the post of lecturer ship and wish to pursue my career in teaching.

About the college:

To be a part of the college was a very good and a learning experience. The college along with studies , through various activities and seminars give students many opportunities to learn many new things. Students in this college get a very friendly atmosphere. The support from teachers helps students to overcome their difficulties and their interest in learning also increases. The college provides students with all the facilities which are required for learning. Students are encouraged to participate in activities and competitions that would give them an experience of learning things better.

About the Department:

The department of English tries its level best to make the learning interesting. The department conducts various activities through which students can improve their knowledge of the language and learn new things. The teachers of the department willingly help students to overcome their difficulties in learning. Students are encouraged by teachers to participate in the activities which help in the development of students. The wall magazine “Flair” is issued every year by a group of enthusiastic students with the help of teachers, it deals with the contemporary issues. The department also conducts the language quiz in which students from all the departments can participate learn things with fun. Spoken English classes are organized by the department for all those who wish to improve their language and communication skills.

In this department students learn not by pressure or force imposed upon them but with fun and interest. It was a very good experience to be the student of this department and got to improve a lot.



Jitender Kumar

Professor

I, Jitender Kumar, belong to Himachal Pradesh. I came to Pune in 2010 after completing my Higher Secondary education from Punjab. I took admission in Modern College of Arts, Commerce & Science, Ganeshkhind in BA. My first impression of the college was very good and as the days passed, this impression proved true. The teachers and administrative staff were very helpful and they helped me in every possible way.

I passed my First Year of BA with Distinction and took admission in Second Year. The Second Year was very crucial as I had to choose my subject of Specialization. I had already made up my mind to take English as my subject of Specialization. I always liked English Language and Literature and the teachers at the college made it all the more interesting for me, so the choice was easy.

My decision of pursuing English was supported by the HOD of English Department, Prof. Shampa Chakraborty and Prof. Sandip Sanap, who with their selfless dedication towards students' goodwill and sense of duty, always helped me. They helped me in every way to overcome my fear of speaking English in public and guided me in excelling in academics as well as in co-curricular activities. With the blessings of such supportive and encouraging teachers, I scored well and passed BA with Distinction, securing 74% and 79% in Second and Third Year BA respectively.

Apart from academics, I was always encouraged by the English Department to organize and participate in different co-curricular activities like Essay writing competition and English Quiz competition.

The college has a very conducive environment where students are encouraged to develop their cognitive, social and personal etiquettes. It helps the students, not only to grow and learn academically, but also to become better human beings. The college provides the students with proper infrastructure and amenities. It also has a counseling cell for students to provide moral, social and cultural understanding to students coming from varied backgrounds and strata of society.

My overall experience of the college and the Department of English has been excellent and worth cherishing. I was able to transform myself into a better, learned and confident human being due to the positive and supportive attitude of the teachers and the college as a whole. At present I am working as a visiting faculty in the English Department of the college. The credit for this goes entirely to the quality education and guidance imparted to me by my teachers.



Mhallapa Koli
Security Guard



When I was in my hometown I heard about competitive examinations. But in my village there was no proper guidance, atmosphere and scope for the study which is required for these examinations. So planned to move to Pune for higher and better education. And as I planned I came to Pune. But then the problems were not over.

There were another set of problems ready for me, for example, accommodation food etc. I was totally confused and did not understand what to do about it. I remember that it was 18th April 2011 when I came to Pune. After coming to Pune I was in search of a job. Then I got a job of a security guard in University of Pune then.

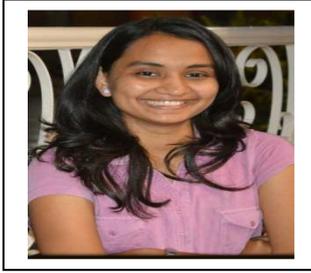
In June the same year I was searching for colleges where I could get admission. One of my friend suggested about Modern college, Ganeshkhind.

He informed me that I can opt for English as a special subject in this college. And that this college was NAAC accredited and is one of the best college in Pune.

I still remember the very first day of my college. It was a rainy day. I had my first class with Sangita Mahashabde madam which was a compulsory English class. I was very much confused that day. I did not know what to do. But later the two years of my graduation passed with ease and comfort due to the help of my teachers and support from my friends.

Our head of the department, Prof. Shampa Charkravarthy was very kind and disciplined teacher. She always taught us with great interest. She helped me to understand things properly as I came from Marathi medium background and used to get confused sometimes. It helped me to get comfortable in the atmosphere.

I remember the day which is one of the memorable one for me. That day I slept in a vacant class where later my juniors had class with Prof. Gauri Koperdekar madam, who teaches political science. As I was sleeping madam came and tried to wake me up but I was unable to wake as I was tired due to the night shift and I became physically weak. But madam ordered a cup of tea and biscuits for me. After I had it she made me relax and asked to put my head down and sleep , so I could get proper rest. This day makes feel proud that I was a part of such a college where every teacher thinks about the welfare of every student and tries to help them in every possible way. I would like to tell my friends who are learning in this college and who will come to learn in future that there is no need to worry about anything in this college. You are at the right place. No matter from where you come, to which ever background you belong to, that is a trivial thing. You will be treated equally to other students. the thing is you should have determination to work hard which will be supported and encouraged by every teacher of the college. At last but not the least I would like to suggest all the students of the college to work hard in order to achieve your goals. Knowledge is power and through knowledge everything is possible for us. And one of the source of gaining knowledge our college. So always work in the direction to make it feel proud of ours i.e. we the students of this college. It was a really grateful experience to be part of this college and to learn many good things from everyone here.



Sonu Chaudhari

A bookaholic and a journal scribbler that I was in the initial days as a student of English majors, only went on to evolve me as a better writer . A bachelor of arts in English is a degree providing versatility and skills that are critical in the workplace and, that's exactly what has encouraged me to come up with my chocolate business named, “Silken Bites” which helps me meet new people and spread sweets and smiles among them. I'm proud of the skill set that I've acquired and it proves that English majors have the ability to succeed. Finally in the words of the poet William Wordsworth-

“Life is divided into three terms - that which was, which is, and which will be.”

This describes the impact of the English Department of Modern College, during the course, at present and which will be forever with me

Alumni

| Sr. No. | Name | Year | Current Position/Achievements |
|---------|------------------|-----------|--|
| 1 | Priyanka Dhumal | 2012-2013 | Selected for MTTS, Working as Assistant Professor in D. Y. Patil Polytechnic College |
| 2 | Abhijeet Adulkar | 2012-2013 | Working in TCS, Mumbai |
| 3 | Swapnil Shevkari | 2014-2015 | Selected for MTTS |
| 4 | Priyanka Ubale | 2014-2015 | Selected for IIT |
| 5 | Vipin Mugave | 2015-2016 | Selected for IIT |



Akshay Puri
*Associate Director,
Citibank, Singapore*



They say "the roots of education are bitter but the fruit is sweet". I am what I am, thanks to the constant support and an amazing knowledge foundation laid down by my teachers at Modern College, Ganeshkhind. For me personally the personal rapport I shared with the teachers went a long way in building a strong character and instilled in me the importance of integrity and self belief.

Formative years were not too healthy in my personal life, but I always had Mrs. Ogale, support me with pearls of wisdom and building that necessary confidence in me. That confidence that I still carry today, which has given me the power to face the rigmarole of the corporate world with ease.

Kudos! To the entire staff of The Science faculty, who were instrumental in inculcating the building blocks of the scientific world. To Ogale Madam I can say with my deepest gratitude, to her unfailing trust .In my goal to be on top, you were there steadfast, ever inspiring and comforting. With your guidance, I was personally able to keep right on course, placing integrity And your encouragement that serves as our driving force even today.. Thank you for making us what we are today. I did my B.Sc in Microbiology from the year **2001-2004**. I am currently working **with Citibank Singapore as Associate Director**. Avidly following, investing and helping investors invest in Biotechnology and Incubator Bioinnovation Strategies across the Globe.



Atanu Chatterjee

*Assistant Manager,
AFC Agro Biotech Ltd.,
Bangladesh.*



I had enrolled self in Modern College, Ganeshkhind in 2001 & graduated in 2004. Currently employed with AFC Agro Biotech Ltd. in Bangladesh as Assistant Manager. My job profile includes looking into regular working of Microbiology dept., planning experiments, data interpretation, imparting training, handling tech transfers, generation of URS for instruments/equipment, procurement & budget utilization of Microbiology department.

As I go back in time & remember my first day in college, just being out of school, it felt like a fish out of water. The initial few months were troubling as I was finding it difficult to adjust with culture, language & methodology of teaching. So sought counselling from Ogale Madam, the way she counselled, guided & opened my mental faculty to alternative kind of thinking still holds me in good stead both at personal & professional crisis. Thanks, no matter how much I express, will always be inadequate.

I remember the extra efforts taken by Nadgauda Madam during 1st year to ensure we all master the skill of aseptic handling between two Bunsen burners. These efforts not only ensured I developed a liking for the subject but also strengthened by self-confidence which I still carry with me.

During 2nd & in particular 3rd year, the efforts taken by Nadgauda Madam for biochemistry still stand out. Towards the end of 2nd year Durga Madam's presence came as a blessing in disguise as conversation with her & discussions gave a perspective about the working of industries & how to make self-worthy of getting the first break. By now I had started to see my field of interest & inclination.

I agree knowledge is what everyone seeks in college to secure their future but out in professional world, with dog eats dog kind of competition; smooth sailing is not possible based only upon knowledge. There are other attributes which have to be learned too & I've no hesitation to say I had a first hand experience of learning them during my college days. Along with me the college too grew in leaps & bounces. I also saw the progress the college made with each year in terms of infrastructure & students.

The kind of support & help I kept getting from Ogale & Durga Madam can't be strung into words. I can't thank enough ever the whole staff of Microbiology department, especially my association with Ogale & Durga Madam. The whole department felt like one big family as everyone was easily approachable & took keen interest to mould us into what I am today. My sincere & deepest gratitude for being with me when needed.

All my best wishes will always be with the every staff of Microbiology department & Modern College, Ganeshkhind.



Nikhil Gaitonde

Graduate Student, Biodiversity Lab,
National Centre for Biological
Science (NCBS), Bengaluru



The state of utter confusion I was in after my HSC results is still a vivid memory. A normal progression had just come to an abrupt halt and I was supposed to chart my future in a matter of days. A person with little care for the world had just been burdened with a decision that would affect his future experiences and happiness. However, this was not a huge concern as yet, the list of colleges ready to accept me was dwindling by the day and I was as desperate to get into one as a mouse is to get out of a room full of cats. As with most life experiences, you realize the importance of many events only in retrospect. To cut the story short, to my relief and luck, I had finally been accepted in some college. It was not then, that I would realize how crucial being in this 'some college' would be for my recent future. In my opinion, and especially with the faculty of science, a bachelor's degree is of utmost importance in the life of a scientist.

Many teachers and scientists, *par excellence* have pointed out the importance of igniting young minds and arming them with veracious skills to take on bewildering questions that we may still fail to answer. Majority of colleges and institutes fail to capitalize on this opportunity and do a great deal of disservice to humanity. They drift away from their primary goal of inspiring students, infecting them with curiosity and inquisitiveness to overloading them with information and burden them with mundane skills

The biggest challenge for teachers apart from catching the attention of nursery kids is to captivate fresh undergraduates. The level of distractions is too high. After an irregular attendance for the first few weeks my attendance went on the rise. This time it wasn't for a new found love interest but for the fact that each lecture was turning out to be more interesting than the last. May it be the complicated DNA replication with hundreds of players or the incredible events of recombination occurring at the MHC locus.

A new story was revealed every time, old principles were broken down and new ones erected in their place. The only reason all this was intriguing was due the connections teachers forged between the students and the subject. Most lectures were an enchanting trip, from the micro-scale molecules to humongous fermenters that brewed hundreds of liters of beer that my friends and I extensively consumed to elevate the highs and drown the lows. For once giving exams wasn't a pain but mostly a rewarding experience. Discussions that happened within and outside the class made it easy to approach understand and comprehend concepts.

All faculties were friendly, approachable and encouraging: a rare privilege in the Indian education system.

This easy and informal relationship had many advantages. We would not hesitate to ask stupid questions nor be intimidated to voice our concerns, if any. Learning had just become a lot of fun. I remember one project where we had designed

and constructed a microbial fuel cell to generate electricity from sewage water. It was my first 'eureka' moment when the voltmeter hesitantly jumped to a few milliamperes!

We were encouraged to participate in quizzes, design and perform projects which made the experience so much fun that I was hooked on to the science! This, in my opinion is a teacher's greatest contribution. Revealing a student's hidden potential rather than forcing and diverting in a specified manner and all my teachers did an excellent job at it. If not for them, I might have drifted into oblivion. All that I have achieved today is a reflection of the personal investments my teachers have done in me via advice on personal matters, helping taking right decisions and untiringly hearing out my frustrations. The modern environment and an early stage that all the vibrant faculty ushered in was the biggest partner and contributor in my exploratory journey and me landing up as a scientist.

Today, as a graduate student at the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru, I look at maintenance of mimetic polymorphism in butterflies and study mating systems of frogs, something that is distant from the world of microbes I started with. But the same zeal and commitment persists that the teachers at Modern instilled in me.

Categories in science are fast diminishing and now I realize how important the approach is rather than the nitty-gritties of anything one does. The faculty team at Modern College is one of the best and I wish my AlmaMater the best for shaping the life of students and their invaluable contributions to the country.



Pragati Karnik-Nigam

Owner of Soul Cooking- Indian restaurant

I was a student of Microbiology department of Modern College for two years of post graduation 2005 to 2007. I am writing this also on behalf of my eight colleagues who are successful today in their chosen streams and feel the same way about the department just as me. PG students spend most of their time in the department so practically it was my second home.

All the teachers at this department are still very close to me and they have guided us not just with the coursework but also as a family member. I have spent the most beautiful years of my life here, amongst great friends, the best of the teachers and other staff members.

To begin with, I would like to specially mention Mrs. Trupti Kulkarni who does a sincere job of Lab Assistant and at the same time is so much more than a friend to every student who has worked in this lab. She is a ball of energy and her smile is the best part of the day; be it the tensions of the practical exam or just another

boring day while working on a project. Microbes at times dissappoint you with no results, but coming to the college and a little chat with TK Madam is as refreshing as a hot cup of tea in the morning. That reminds me of all our "chala chaha peeyu" sessions in the canteen. I still remember our rides home from college and all the discussions on a very personal level.

I have shared a great relationship with all the teachers at the department especially Dr Neelima Kulkarni who was my guide not just for the coursework but for life. I would also like to mention about late professor Durga Kulkarni who we looked up to more as a spiritual Guru...as there are countless memories of her giving the right advice at the right time which was very valuable to us.

Our head of the department, Professor Sneha Ogale has played a pivotal role in keeping the atmosphere of the department like a home away from home. We are grateful to her for involving and promoting us in various projects and intercollegiate competitions.

I remember how the staff members worked hard to arrange for extra lectures and inviting eminent spokespersons from various fields to give us the exposure needed to enter the industry. They also got us connected with senior students for help related to project work and coursework. The labs are well equipped as per requirement and our teachers made sure we had all the necessary instrumentation, glassware and chemicals. It is really worth mentioning how these teachers have remembered each one of us even after almost a decade. We all hope that the department of Microbiology flourishes forever and many more students benefit from the best education provided by the best teachers.



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I still remember the first day of college when I took admission for the Bachelor's in Microbiology. The first day began with heavy rains. Once began, it was wonderful season of those five years. My journey in Modern College, Ganeshkhind started in 2005 and continued till I finished my masters in Microbiology in 2010. Today, many wonderful memories stand as a souvenir when I started writing this article for college magazine.

What I gained in those five years was the confidence and self belief which helped me throughout voyage until today. When I admitted for Microbiology course in college, initially it wasn't a happy decision for me. It was out of disappointment of not getting admitted for medical courses (Engineering was for sure not my piece of cake). It was little sour feeling with which I started college. But, in those five years I got so much involved in college and Microbiology department that I forgot the feeling of initial disappointment and got motivated to extend this journey in science further.

Not only knowledge in various domains of science but college also gave me good bunch of friends; the friendship I shall carry for whole my life.

Although, I didn't used to bunk the lectures much, the time I spent in canteen was unforgettable with all those wonderful friends and classmates.

In the bachelor years and during masters I got opportunity for one to one interaction with the professors especially with Microbiology department. I still remember the wonderful lectures taught by Ogale Madam (Genetics), Dande Madam and Durga Kulkarni Madam (Immunology), Neelima Kulkarni Madam (Enzymology), Vrushali Madam (Biostatistics) and Nadgauda Madam (Biochemistry). I still remember library campus and the way we used to take reference books for making notes. I had great impact of Durga Kulkarni Madam's personality, so much, that still her absence saddens me.

I believe that her teaching encouraged me to do specialization in Immunology during my PhD. Today she would have been happy to know that I finished my PhD successfully.

I also used to admire teaching of Ogale Madam and Neelima Kulkarni Madam. In fact, all who taught me during that time I remember their teaching style and their voice. Whether to take part in the Science exhibition or to take part in different competitions during college years brought a lot of fun.

All professors used to take part in those activities with great enthusiasm. Not only teaching but non-teaching staff was also important part of our day to day college life. I cannot forget our wonderful Trupti Kulkarni Madam who used to welcome us with her wonderful smile and used to keep things ready for our practical classes.

Since Modern College was located near from University of Pune and National Chemical Laboratory, I had great opportunity to meet professors and scientists beyond the college department. Communicating with the Dr. Vidya Gupta, Dr. Deopurkar, Dr. Kanchanganga Gandhe, Prof. Kshirsagar and Prof. Bhole was indeed a lifetime experience.

During my masters I got opportunity to work with Dr. Vidya Gupta in National Chemical Laboratory and this was nice introduction for me to step into research career. I am grateful to college for giving me these opportunities. I take opportunity to thank Modern College, especially all members of Microbiology department not only for the knowledge they gave me during my bachelor and master courses but also for giving me this wonderful piece of memories. I hope this thread continues further. I wish a very good luck to college and Microbiology department for future journey.



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Currently I am working as a JRF in Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore . Currently I am working on the signalling systems involved in the pathogen *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.

I enrolled for a bachelor's degree in Microbiology in Modern College. I still remember vividly my first day of college, back in 2007, a myriad of emotions going through my head. However soon I started liking the lectures, the faculty and best of all, I met my best friends in this very college.

I owe my achievements to this department, from learning the basics of biology to giving valuable advice every now and then, they have always been there to guide us. What I love about the entire faculty is that every professor is so compassionate about his subject, that being reflected in their teaching. With that, I would like to thank Dande Madam for making me fall in love with Immunology.

I sincerely believe that where I am right now is all thanks to the entire faculty of Microbiology department. I wouldn't be able to enroll into MSU, one of the best universities for masters in Microbiology if it had not been the clear understanding of the subject I gained during my bachelor's. Also the department evoked the passion towards this subject which guides me today also to work in one of the best institutes in the country. I am delighted to hear about our college celebrating its 25th anniversary and also it gives me great pleasure to be a part of it.



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I have very fond memories of my alma mater- Modern College Ganeshkhind, the credit goes solely to my teachers there. I enrolled in the college for BSc Microbiology in 2001 (the batch of 2001-2004). After school, there is always great apprehension over what one wants to become in life and chose a career path that can keep you happy. There is nothing that can match the guidance of good faculty at the college to help you see clearly the stream that interests you. That's what the faculty helped me in.

The teachers were extremely friendly and approachable. Not only was I able to seek help in studies but also personally if I had some troubles. I associate my fondest memories with Mrs. Sneha Ogale Madam. She played a pivotal role in developing my interest towards science. I remember asking her loads of questions before and after the class, to which she responded happily and ensured that she

explained things to me till the time I fully understood... Have troubled her lot I guess with my inquisitive buzzing brain. She was always there when I started worrying about my future and gave many careers counseling sessions to me. Helping me know the various options I had after BSc and the pros and cons for each. The Microbiology faculty appeared as one big family..

The teachers often announced the release of various entrance forms and kept cross checking with us if we filled them before the last date. The anxiety & hope of us getting through a good place after BSc was evident on the faces of our teachers, a rare sight these days.

I am very thankful to my entire faculty and college for helping me understand what I really desired from life. I have completed my PhD in Tuberculosis and currently working as a Post-Doctoral research fellow at National University of Singapore.

My research focuses on drug development against Tuberculosis and developing various animal models for studying the relapse of the disease.

I take this opportunity to thank you all again for helping me reach the heights where I am today. Wishing Modern College all the best for many more years of lightening students lives!



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When I joined Modern College Ganeshkhind in the year 2006, I was pretty much new to city life. Just like everything, the approach of colleges towards career of students was albeit different from my local place.

Colleges in Pune, as I came to know, took students' careers very seriously. I had little idea of the competition in career hunting and naturally I chose to be a lay back person, always casual about my future.

I made friends, adjusted to faster life, got acquainted with a lot of people who taught many things on the way. My friends and my teachers helped me understand that I had a lot of potential and I need to gear up for the race which was coming hastily at me.

I was lucky enough to have a great and knowledgeable staff who exploited my quality to ask questions by giving me the right answers. They always provided notes to students but maintained that we go through a lot of references to learn. Text and Reference books were easily at my disposal - blessing of a nice library. Guest lectures gifted me the nectar of the subjects and I was glad meet a lot of Knowledge Giants of Microbiology like Dr. Nath, Dr. Deopurkar, Dr. Watve, Dr. Bhole.

The lab work was great as we had a lab equipped with all the necessary lab ware due to which I was able to complete my dissertation work under the guidance of

Ogale Madam. She knew I was lazy at work and always nudged me to spring up from the puddle I was making beneath myself. Being an HOD she arranged for inspections of students wherein students were told about their strengths and how to use them .



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MODERN JOURNEY.....

It was 2013, My Masters in Microbiology journey starts!!!

"No clue of how it's going to be"

Am I going to be perfect or just going to be weird?

Am I going to make new friends or stay in the corner?

Will Modern College teachers make any difference in my life?

"Many questions in one go"

Along with time all my questions get their answers,

Amazing it was!! I said it to myself.

I was then confident about my journey at Modern College

The reason why was- "Teachers"

Yes teachers well said "A teacher affects the eternity"

Does the ambience of the classroom,

the friendly environment got to say "I'll be there for you"

All in one tone.

How my life changed I was amazed.

One college, teachers around and friends,

all boosted for upcoming various competitions,

exposure to small and big platforms,

sometimes explaining journeys of alumni,

or sometime explaining experiments done by great men.

Teaching to lead life, teaching to get up each time we fall,

Making us ready as a warrior

and then, learning from others and some from ourselves

Journey continues-Question of career begins "what to do next"?

There again turns up a guiding hand- "staff members"

Who says, "You will make"

They made strong warriors, they got meaning into one's life.

With the ticking hours of time, I wipe down my fright,

Tomorrow is mine, I have to fight,

"I will Win" So every time you think, it's not a piece of cake,

Close your eyes and listen to your heart, you will surely make.



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Hi! I am Shweta Deshmukh, an alumnus of Modern College, Pune.

I work as a Research Associate in one of the leading companies in Biotech & listed Fortune 500-companies, in California. I am a part of Oncology & Reproductive Genetics Health Research group here. We are the minds behind the concepts and ideas that goes into **Next generation sequencing solutions** for Non Invasive Prenatal testing (NIPT). For an average student like me, aiming for high and fulfilling those dreams has never been an impossible task. It takes right college, right mentors, good company, confidence in oneself and determination to take one step further into the future.

Yes, I have been fortunate enough to get all this at one place-**Modern College, Ganeshkhind**. My initial academic years helped me gain lot of knowledge regarding the new concepts & ideas. None of that would have been possible without guidance and support of my mentors. Mentors in Microbiology department like Mrs Ogale Madam, Mrs Neelima Kulkarni Madam, Late Mrs Durga Kulkarni Madam, Mrs Nadgauda Madam, Mrs Sonawane Madam, Mrs Trupti Kulkarni Madam and from Botany and Zoology department, Mrs Raundal Madam, Mr Snehal Shinde Sir, Mr Jayant Randive Sir and Mrs Patil Madam have been my dependable pillars for the entire career in Modern College. Botany and Zoology classes in this college with Shinde Sir and Randive Sir were always fun.

Fermentation biology was one of the toughest subjects for me, until Neelima Kulkarni Madam taught us. She made us think about the application side rather than by- hearing those concepts! Mrs Sonawane Madam had good tactics to grasp any subject quickly. I used to enjoy her practicals. Mrs Trupti Kulkarni aka TK Madam was smartest as a Lab manager. We had lot of laughs exchanged with a zest for knowing more about microorganisms. Bachelor's had been like a sweet dream come true.

Mrs Ogale Madam has been the best Head of the Microbiology Department in Modern College. Apart from her excellent leadership skills, she had passion for her subject, even if that meant explaining concepts in Marathi. One of her many classes I strongly remember were, where she had explained Sanger's sequencing. I was so mesmerized then and coincidentally today, I work in a Next Generation Sequencing company. I have also seen several ups and downs in my career path. But I can positively say Modern College made me a better person. It has helped me develop positive attitude towards my career and discover more about myself. Accomplishments in this college were a stepping stone towards further study in US.



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A journey towards fulfilling my dreams

I am feeling very happy to share my ongoing research journey, which I started in Modern College, Ganeshkhind, Pune, in 2002.

Once someone mentioned a quote to me by Paulo Coelho- “And, when you want something, the entire universe conspires in helping you to achieve it”. This gave me an extra strength to work harder to achieve my dreams that I wanted to explore the entire world, meet with different people, study abroad and exchange knowledge etc.

Having studied the entire science subjects in Bengali till class 12th, it was not an easy journey for me to start. Initially, it was very hard for me to follow the lectures because of scientific terminologies. However, all the teachers were extremely patient and supportive to explain me the subjects outside the class and also sometimes in Hindi as well. I can never forget the teaching, mentorship and support from Ogale Madam, Shinde Madam, Durga Kulkarni Madam and Sonawane Madam; Trupti Kulkarni Madam and Sachin Sir for all their support during microbiology practical; Snehal Shinde Sir (Botany Department), Jayant Randive Sir and Bharati Patil Madam from Zoology Department.

An institution grows because of its great management. The administration staffs (specially Kadam Sir) always extended their helping hand.

Infection and the procedure of a pathogen entry to a healthy tissue intrigued me from childhood, although I had no research plan being a kid ☺. After deciding to pursue my career in the field of Microbiology, host-microbe interaction became my greatest research interest

Between, the academic year 2002-2005 it was not mandatory to perform a scientific project. I was aiming to join the integrated MSc-PhD program at the Max-Planck Institute in Germany and for that I had to demonstrate research activity during my bachelor studies. I was not only provided with an opportunity to spend two months in a small biotech company, but also I got an opportunity to work on a research project to characterize pathogens from different human clinical samples, under the supervision of Ogale Madam, at the Department of Microbiology, Modern College, and by collaborating with local hospitals. Although, I could not join the PhD program in Germany immediately after my Bachelor studies, but all the small projects have made the research foundation for future.

Immediately after finishing my studies in Modern College, I joined Mangalore University, at the Department of Biosciences. We did not have project in

our program either, however me along with two of my classmates convinced our Department Chairman, and, we did a project on genotoxicity by endosulfan, and fungal bioremediation. We presented our data at a National conference in Hyderabad and the project was highly appreciated.

One opportunity leads to another, in the following summer, I spent my time in West Bengal University of Technology to work on early detection of pathogens causing urinary tract infection. I wanted to do PhD in the field of infection biology but, I did not get any suitable positions at that time in Europe and spent another 4 months in WBUT and worked on biofilms.

Finally, the day came in the November, 2007, when I got an invitation for interview from the Innsbruck Medical University, Austria. One of my dreams was fulfilled and I moved to Austria to study targeted nanomedicine to prevent hearing loss, of which I had a limited knowledge at that time. However, the search committee was interested in my dynamic expertise that I accumulated during my small research projects over the years during my Bachelors and Masters studies. I knew that targeted nanomedicine was a big thing at that time and the experience may help to treat different human diseases as well. I tried to look at the big picture.

I was also intrigued by the project as it was conducted by European Union and was a consortium project, called Nanoear, which consisted of 24 labs around 16 countries in a highly collaborative atmosphere. During my PhD work, our group at Innsbruck Medical University (I was registered at University of Innsbruck) were the first to show along with other discoveries, that multifunctional nanoparticle based targeting in the cochlea, which can be used for cochlear drug delivery. During my PhD, I received several fellowships, including Marie Curie fellowships and also presented my work in many conferences, that allowed me to travel 12 different countries across Europe and that lead to lifelong friendships with some of our collaborators and colleagues.

On 2012 I moved to USA at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, (which has 27 different institutes), to pursue research at the National Institutes on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. I investigated for three years the molecular mechanism of cochlear hair cell death by chemotherapeutic drugs and also to develop a co-therapy which will protect from hearing loss.

We developed a sound conditioning based co-therapy which protected hearing against cisplatin or aminoglycoside antibiotics induced hearing loss that is currently under consideration for human clinical trial.

Advancement of anticancer therapeutics significantly enhanced the life expectancy of the patients. However, therapy associated side effects impose a great limitation in the management of anti-cancer therapy. I have been thinking to explore more in the field of immunology and cancer biology, in order to reduce therapy associated side effects and to develop more efficient targeted therapy.

In November, 2013 a pioneering paper was published in Science from the laboratory of Dr. Giorgio Trinchieri, National Cancer Institute, NIH, stating that gut microbiota modulates the efficacy of cancer chemotherapeutics by regulating different myeloid

cells. Being a student of Microbiology that paper drew my immediate attention as I was working on an another project on tissue resident macrophages and cisplatin mediated hearing loss. I contacted Dr. Trinchieri, who is an eminent immunologist and cancer biologist, regarding a possibility to join his group to understand the complex interaction between different immune cells, anticancer therapy and different microbiota. He provided me an opportunity to study the role of gut microiobta in modulating systemic toxicity and to enhance the efficacy of cancer treatments.

After 10 years since I left Modern College, my training in Microbiology again became relevant and I am very happy that my dynamic training and timely career move will help me to understand some of the mystery in microbiota based cancer initiation, regulation and therapy. Thinking out from the comfortable bubble, may open a complete new dimension of research that may enhance the quality of human health.

Training from Modern College has prepared me to continue my scientific endeavor in India, Europe and USA; and helped me to be a part of global research.



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Department of Microbiology, Modern College, Ganeshkhind, where emphasis is more on understanding what we learn & getting our fundamentals right than just enabling us to clear exams.

I completed my B.Sc in Microbiology from Modern College, Ganeshkhind in the year 2006. From 2003 to 2006, I spend good 3 years enriching & enlightening myself not only with regards to curriculum related knowledge but also with regards to attitude & approach towards sciences I do & personality development.

I am very much grateful to my teachers, friends & also non-teaching staffs then for playing their parts in my successes & knowledge gained, especially my teachers who were very much dedicated & determined to ensure that we get our fundamentals right & doubts cleared.

We were encouraged to ask our doubts & they would patiently help us clear them. We were encouraged to share our ideas & helped us blossom them with their able guidance. They helped us appreciate & enjoy what we were learning & instilled our intellectual curiosity towards various sciences we were learning.

When I went to Mangalore University for my MSc in Biosciences, these fundamentals helped me excel there & create a name & recognition for myself. The faculties there had great regards for students coming from Modern College, Ganeshkhind. Before me two of my seniors from Dept of Microbiology, Modern College, Ganeshkhind, Tanmoy Bhattacharyya & Soumen Roy had already made their mark there.

The then chairman of Dept of Biosciences, Prof Sridhar Kandikere , was very much fond of me & appreciated & respected my knowledge in bacteriology & related practical/laboratory skills.

He asked me to conduct practicals in bacteriology for my classmates as well as my juniors, which I consider as an honor & appreciation of my knowledge & skills in the said field. Once, Prof Sridhar asked me if I could devise an experiment to see if there are any biological significance of silver nanoparticles generated through Electron Beam Irradiation by Material Science Dept, Mangalore University. I came up with an experiment to gauge antibacterial potential of silver nanoparticles.

We have our work published in International Journal of Nanoparticles.

I owe them all to my teachers from Microbiology Dept, Modern College, Ganeshkhind who ensured that my basics & fundamentals were clear. They instilled a scientific culture, etiquette, approach & attitude in us which helped & guided us everywhere we went. I extend my heartfelt appreciation, respect & gratitude towards them. There are many many fond memories of my time spent in Modern College, Ganeshkhind. I consider myself fortunate to have gotten the opportunity to study under the able guidance of our beloved teachers & I also take this opportunity to thank the non-teaching staffs & friends who were of great help & support to me.



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First of all I would like to congratulate the college administration for the Silver Jubilee year of our esteemed college.

When I joined the college, Post-graduate section of Microbiology department was just two years old, hence I was curious about the teachers. But as soon as we started our term we were pleased to see the likes of Dr. Neelima Kulkarni who was amazing with her subject 'Biochemistry'. She had always been a great support during my M.Sc. I really appreciated Mrs. Sneha Ogale's vision in placing the right teachers at the right place.

In the second year I was asked by Ogale Madam to go and meet Dr Kalpana Joshi from Health Sciences department, SPPU for my dissertation work. When I met Dr. Kalpana and discussed about the kind of research problem I would have to work on, I noticed that Ogale Madam had already taken efforts to put me at the right place understanding my capacities and my fondness of the subject (Molecular Biology).

There I started my journey of a molecular biologist and hence later on pursued my PhD in Microbial diversity of extreme environment (Stratospheric air) which further helped me in getting a position at Microbial Culture collection, NCCS, Pune.



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As an alumnus of Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Ganeshkhind, Pune, I feel immensely fortunate to start my academic journey on 1st August, 2004 from Department of Microbiology. During my high school days I was told that Pune is called 'Oxford of East', which I could literally experienced only after joining Progressive Education Society's Modern College. Initially, being first time out of home I faced various shortcomings, like linguistic problems, food, accommodation and health which I could successfully overcome with most caring and helpful guidance extended by Mrs. Sneha Ogale, H.O. D., Department of Microbiology. She was more of a mentor to me than teacher. Right from the beginning till today, each and every teacher has played very significant role in my journey to climb the stairs of success.

During my F.Y. B.Sc. I was exposed to various microbiological techniques to explore the diversity in Myxobacteria for annual science exhibition by Mrs Apupama Sonawane, which infused in me the sense of team spirit, inquisitiveness and innovative thinking. In my T.Y. B.Sc. Microbiology course my project on 'Microbial Limit Test' under the supervision of Mrs. Ashwini Satbhai, greatly benefitted me to know the standard laboratory practices, tests for quality control and assurance in company and microbiological media preparation and culturing. After completion of B.Sc. Microbiology I did my M.Sc. Microbiology from Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Shivajinagar, Pune.

Being first batch of M.Sc. Microbiology course in Shivajinagar campus, we were given all sorts of supports and guidance to establish laboratory facilities. I used be a bridge element between these sister departments. I joined Ph.D. Microbiology in 2009 in Institute of Bioinformatics and Biotechnology, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune India.

The research intensive teaching and hands on training received during my college days helped me to understand how qualities like perseverance, dedication and devotion are most critical for research that enabled me to contribute to science excellently. I could file 6 Indian Patents and could successfully published 40 (forty) papers in peer reviewed international journals which are highly appreciated having 515 citations with h-index 12 and i10-index 14. I could venture to work in newer areas of nanomedicine and nanobiotechnology owing to my multidisciplinary college projects.

I could establish and execute collaborative research for promotion of innovation in drug discovery strategies that were successfully published in Journal of Nanomedicine and Nanotechnology, Organic and Biomolecular Chemistry and Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry.

Numerous invitations to deliver talks and speeches in International Conferences like 5th *International Conference on Pathology, Chicago IL*; ASM Biodefense and Emerging Diseases Research meeting, Washington D.C., U.S.A.; 2nd International Translational Nanomedicine Conference, 25th to 27th July, 2014, Northeastern University, Boston, U.S.A. and V International Conference on Environmental, Industrial and Applied Microbiology – BioMicroWorld-2013, Madrid, Spain boosted my self confidence to impart knowledge and take research to newer heights. In January, 2015, I was invited to deliver a lecture on ‘College to Community’ as an alumnus which exposed me to the tremendous enthusiasm of the students of this college towards exploration of newer facts, serving the society and excitement for out of the box thinking.

This event finally gave a new dimension to my career. I got determined to serve my alma mater and impart knowledge to students, and joined as Assistant Professor in Department of Microbiology, in July, 2015. During my lectures, practical, presentations, social programs and various events I could foster logical thinking and systematic planned approach coupled with the analytical skills in the present students. The results reflected within one year when in May, 2016 the project students on M.Sc. Microbiology, could publish 3 Indian patents and 3 International Publications, bringing glory to Modern College. Our research caught the attention of news dailies and gained the appreciation from various spheres of the society right from Vice Chancellor, SPPU to Hon’ble Member of Parliament Mrs. Supria Sule. I gained expertise in the field of microbiology, diabetes, cancer and nanobiotechnology which received highly appreciation in the peer reviewed international journals like International Journal of Nanomedicine, Journal of Nanomedicine and Nanotechnology, Journal of Nanomaterials, Evidence Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Journal of Organic Chemistry, Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry Letters and Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry.

Wishes and support from Dr. G. R. Ekbote, Chairman, Progressive Education Society, congratulated for the research initiatives and Dr. Sanjay Kharat, Principal, Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Ganeshkhind, have been the real strength and inspiration behind my constant efforts to make positive contributions through my knowledge, skills and personal commitment towards the organization and to continuously strive for professional excellence and individual satisfaction.

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| 3 | Joshi Lipi Darshan | Crest Premedia Solutions Pvt. Ltd. |
| 4 | Dhumane Smita Anant | Emcure Pharmaceutical, Pune |
| 5 | Patil Nikita Sunil | Ph.D. scholar at School of Biological Sciences, National Institute of Science Education and Research(NISER), Jatni, Bhubaneswar, Odisha |
| 6 | Naik Venkatesh Sanjay | Microbiologist, Quality control, Vadhivarhe Speciality Chemicals Limited |
| 7 | Gurav Sonal Pravin | Neelikon Food Dyes And Chemicals Limited , Roha |
| 8 | Godambe Tejashree Dinesh | Lab assistant Golvilkar Metropolis Laboratories |
| 9 | Kulkarni Apurva Mahesh | Evolvus Ltd. |
| 10 | Padhar Nivedita Pandurang | Q. C. Microbiologist at Pharma Company, Mumbai |
| 11 | Kaushik Neelam Shyamsundar | Online Tutor CeLT Technologies |
| 12 | Cheruvathur Jennifer Raphel | Project Assistant at NCL Laboratory |
| 13 | Mandavkar Sonal Ganpat | In vitro fertilization (IVF Clinic), Pune |
| 14 | Walgude Vrushali | Microbiologist at Pathology Lab Swargate, Pune |
| 15 | Banale Rituja Arvind | Evolvus Ltd. |
| 16 | Suryavanshi Sandhya Laxman | Trainee at Clinical Research Centre |

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| | | Jahangir Hospital |
| 17 | Phugare Shweta Suresh | Clinical Data Analyst, Clinical Research Centre Jahangir Hospital |
| 18 | Gaikwad Saurabh Lahu | Research assistant at Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune |
| 19 | Raheja Sheetal Bharat | Evolvus Ltd. |
| 20 | Pande Pranav Mukund | Research assistant at NCCS Pune |
| 21 | Jog Ashiwini Arun | Evolvus Ltd. |
| 22 | Yadav Manasi Bhaskar | Online Tutor CeLT Technologies |
| 23 | Khadilkar Jayashree | Online Tutor CeLT Technologies, Trainer at Mukangan Exploratory Centre |
| 24 | Newale Kalyani | Tutor at private Coaching class, Pimpri |
| 25 | Shirke Bhagayashree Rajaram | Technician at Pathology Laboratory, Pimpri |
| 26 | Hivarkar Sai Suresh | Q. C. Microbiologist at Emcure Pharma, Pune |
| 27 | Rao Hemalatha Sunder | Assistant Professor at D. Y. Patil College, Pimpri |
| 28 | Joshi Akshay Jaiprakash | Research assistant at Agharkar Research Institute |

Placement in Industry: National-level (Outside Pune)

| Sr. No. | Name | Designation | Organization |
|---------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Nitin Gaikwad | Associate Director, | BIOCON |
| 2 | Eugene Carvalho | Manager | Wockhardt |
| 3 | Pradeep Khalule | Microbiologists, Quality Control | Cipla, Goa |

Placement in Industry: National-level (Within Pune)

| Sr. No. | Name | Designation | Organization |
|---------|--------------|---|---|
| 1 | Ashish Dighe | Assistant Manager, Quality Assurance | Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd. Pune |
| 2 | Amit Godbole | Officer, Production | Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd. Pune |

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|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 3 | Sahil Wagh | Executive Officer, Quality Control | Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd. Pune |
| 4 | Pankaj Chadchan | Executive Officer, Quality Control | Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd. Pune |
| 5 | Prashant Garud | Officer, Quality Assurance | Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd. Pune |
| 6 | Anoop Pawar | Executive Officer, Production | Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd. Pune |
| 7 | Mayur Phule | Officer, Quality Assurance | Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd. Pune |
| 8 | Deepak Shinde | Microbiologist | Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd. Pune |

Placement in Industry: National-level (Outside Pune)

| Sr. No. | Name | Designation | Organization |
|---------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Nitin Gaikwad | Associate Director, | BIOCON |
| 2 | Eugene Carvalho | Manager | Wockhardt |
| 3 | Pradeep Khalule | Microbiologists, Quality Control | Cipla, Goa |

National-level Research Institutes (Outside Pune)

| Sr. No. | Name | Designation/ Pursuing/ Completed | Institute |
|---------|-------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Romi Gupta | MSc | Madurai Kamaraj University |
| | | JRF | IISc, Bangalore |
| 2 | Prasad Admane | Ph.D student | NII, Delhi |
| 3 | Ajay Akhade | MSc | IIT-Roorkee |
| | | PhD student | NII, Delhi |
| 4 | Peehu Pardeshi | PhD student | IIT-Mumbai |
| 5 | Shakuntala Pillai | Ph.D student | CCMB, Hyderabad |
| 6 | Nikhil Gaitonde | Ph.D student | NCBS, Bangalore |
| 7 | Renu Gopinathan | MSc | MSU, Baroda |
| 8 | Ayush Ranawade | MSc | MSU, Baroda |
| | | JRF | ACTREC, Mumbai |

Anand Parchure

*Founder and Managing Director
Parchure Engineers Pvt. Ltd.*



Anand was an intelligent, cheerful and enthusiastic student of the department. He has completed his Bachelor's degree in Physics and Masters' degree MCA. He has also done postgraduate diploma in Finance Management from IMCC, Pune. He has completed Section A of Mechanical Engineering from Institute of Engineers, Pune Chapter. Since 2011 he is working as Founder and Managing Director at Parchure Engineers Pvt. Ltd. It is a company manufacturing engineering products and services for Environment, Chemical, Food and Agro Industry. He is also a business owner of NAVTANTRA, a company manufacturing domestic wind turbine systems.

He has experience in Design, Engineering, Manufacturing, and Sales & Marketing & Finance Management of 7 years with expertise in Sales & Supplier Chain Creation, brand imaging and creation. ISO System Implementation.

His Key Strengths are Inter-personal skills, team leading capabilities, thorough knowledge about manufacturing, electro-mechanical equipments, material selection & structural designing, ability to perform under time and target oriented conditions & commitments, leadership qualities, excellent communication skills in English, Hindi and Marathi. Sound Administrative skills & experience.

In addition to his career as an entrepreneur he also pursue parallel career as Free Lance Personality Trainer for Corporate, Management & Educational Institutes. Free Lance Etiquette & Leadership Trainer for Corporates, Management & Educational Institutes. His Hobbies are Playing Lawn Tennis, Playing musical instruments & reading.

He is a member of College IQAC since 2013-14.

Hrishikesh Bhosale

*Founder and Managing Director
The Learners' Academy*



He has completed his B.Sc. (Physics) from Modern College, Ganeshkhind, and M.Sc. (Physics) from Fergusson College.

He has worked as Science teacher at Vishwa Nirmala Vidya Mandir Jejuri. Now he has started his own enterprise “**The Learners’ Academy**”

He works for a number of different NGO’s which work for social cause like The Environmental hazards caused by ships, Educational Facilities for under privileged children and Cleaning the river.

Here are his feelings about the college.....

Memories about my College:

Modern college of Arts Commerce and Science, Ganeshkhind, has the lions share in making me what I am now. There are many things that I have got from the college, but the most important things that I have got are adaptability, patience, analytical skills, scientific approach, and a never-to-give-up spirit. However, one quality that my college has given me, which I cherish till now and will continue to cherish it my entire life is ‘being a learner’.

The college has taught me to learn from everything that is going around me. It has taught me to learn from my failures as well as from my triumphs, it has taught me to learn from the nature, and the people around me. I think it was my college who had cultivated this habit of being a ‘learner’ who like to learn, each and everything than can be learned. It has given be all the exposure that was possible towards various aspects of life, and I always feel proud about it.

I hope they carry on their good work of creating students who would strive to make the best of the opportunities given to them.

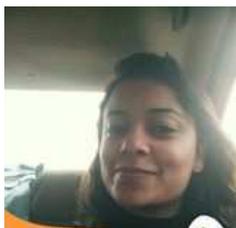
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- संपादक, सिटीझन साईटिस्ट, इंग्रजी मराठी नियतकालीक
- कार्यवाह, सेंटर फॉर सिटीझन सायन्स

अनुभव -

- १) गेली १४ वर्षे विज्ञान तंत्रज्ञान विषयात लोकसत्ता, सकाळ, महाराष्ट्र टाईम्स आदि वृत्तपत्रांतून आणि अनुभव या मासिकातून लेखन, गेली ९ वर्षे विज्ञान पत्रकारिता, एबीपी माझा आणि आयबीएन लोकमत या वाहिन्यांवरील चर्चेत अभ्यासक म्हणून सहभाग, पुणे विद्यापीठाच्या पत्रकारिता अभ्यासक्रमामध्ये विज्ञान पत्रकारिता या विषयी अध्यापन.
- २) खगोलशास्त्र, अवकाशशास्त्र, हवामानशास्त्र हे विशेष अभ्यासाचे विषय.
- ३) गेली आठ वर्षे भारतीय अवकाश कार्यक्रमावर विशेष अभ्यास, इस्त्रोच्या अवकाशयानांच्या उड्डाणांचे वार्ताकन करण्यासाठी नियमितपणे श्रीहरिकोटला भेट या उड्डाणांचे मराठी माध्यमांसाठी सर्वप्रथम लाईव्ह वार्ताकन, भारताच्या चांद्रमोहिमेचा आणि मंगळ मोहिमेचा अभ्यास, सर्व प्रमुख अवकाश शास्त्रज्ञांच्या मुलाखती.
- ४) खगोल विश्व संस्थेद्वारे राज्यभरात गेली १६ वर्षे खगोल आणि विज्ञान प्रसाराचे कार्य.
- ५) विद्यार्थी, शिक्षकांसाठी खगोलशास्त्र, अवकाशशास्त्रावरील अभ्यासक्रम आणि कार्यशाळांचे आयोजन. एक हजारहून अघि आकाशनिरीक्षकांना प्रशिक्षण.
- ६) पिंपरी चिंचवड सायन्स काँग्रेस आणि पुणे सायन्स फिल्म फेस्टिव्हलला सुरुवात.
- ७) हौशी आकाशनिरीक्षक, आणि खगोल छायाचित्रण - उल्कावर्षाव, विविध ग्रहणे, पिधान, ताऱ्यांची नियमितपणे निरीक्षणे, आंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रकल्पात सहभाग, खगोलीय छायाचित्रे विविध वृत्तपत्रे आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय मासिकांत प्रसिध्द.
- ८) भारतात ओरिसा, गुजरात आणि महाराष्ट्रात घडलेल्या अशनीपातांचा प्रत्यक्ष स्थळावर जाऊन अभ्यास.
- ९) अशनीद्वारे साडेपाच लाख वर्षापूर्वी निर्माण झालेल्या लोणार विवराच्या संवर्धनासाठी गेली १३ वर्षे कार्यरत. लोणारला "वर्ल्ड हेरीटेज चा दर्जा मिळावा यासाठी प्रयत्नशील.
- १०) लोणार सरोवरावर होणाऱ्या प्रदुषणाचा अभ्यास, या अभ्यासातून समोर आलेल्या तथ्यांच्या आधारे शासनाने लोणारमध्ये होणारे प्रदुषण थांबविण्यासाठी प्रकल्प उभारला.
- ११) सैटेलाईट आणि सिटीझन साईटिस्ट या इंग्रजी-मराठी नियतकालीकाच्या माध्यमातून विज्ञानातील चालू घडामोडी आणि विज्ञान साहित्य विद्यार्थी आणि सर्वसामान्यांपर्यंत पोचविण्यासाठी प्रयत्नशील.
- १२) सेंटर फॉर सिटीझन सायन्सच्या माध्यमातून विद्यार्थी आणि सर्वसामान्य नागरिकांना विज्ञान संशोधनात प्रत्यक्ष सहभागी करून घेण्यासाठी प्रयत्न त्या अंतर्गत सध्या विविध क्षेत्रातील २७ विद्यार्थी आणि नागरिक पुण्यातील नामवंत संशोधन संस्थांसोबत संशोधन प्रकल्प करीत आहेत.

- १३) दरडींची एक दिवस आधी पूर्व कल्पना देणाऱ्या 'सतर्क या सुविधेसाठी पुढाकार, हवामानावर आधारीत सतर्कचे देशातील पहिलेच मॉडेल असून, २०१५ च्या मॉन्सूनमध्ये त्याची उपयुक्तता सिध्द झाली
- १४) जागतिक ख्यातीचे दिग्दर्शक आणि ऑस्कर नामांकित स्टूर्ला गुनार्सन यांच्या मॉन्सूनवरील फिल्ममध्ये सहभाग,
- १५) मॉन्सूनच्या अभ्यासासाठी प्रोजेक्ट मेघदूत या महत्वाकांक्षी प्रकल्पाची निर्मिती.
- २०११ पासून भारतातील विविध प्रांत आणि मॉन्सून यांच्यातील परस्परसंबंधावर संशोधन सुरु. प्रत्येक मॉन्सूनचा विविध प्रदेशांतून मागोवा घेताना सुमारे ५० हजार किलोमिटरचा प्रवास.
 - महाकवी कालीदासाच्या मेघदूत या काव्यातील विज्ञानाचा शोध.
 - प्राचीन सरस्वती नदीच्या मार्गावरून प्रवास करून तिच्या सद्यस्थितीचा आढावा. त्यातून सरस्वतीसंबंधी तीन महत्वाची निरीक्षणे.
 - गंगेच्या समुद्रमिलनापासून उगमापर्यंत मॉन्सूनचा मागोवा. "भारतीय संस्कृतीच्या विकासात मॉन्सून आणि हिमालयाचे योगदान या संबंधी महत्वाची निरीक्षणे.
 - एल निनोचा विविध समाज घटकांवर आणि व्यवस्थांवर होणाऱ्या परिणामावर संशोधन सुरु.
महाराष्ट्रातील सध्याच्या दुष्काळी स्थितीचा शास्त्रीय पध्दतीने अभ्यास करण्यासाठी महाराष्ट्र अवर्षण संशोधन कार्यक्रम २०१५-१६ सुरु.
 - पहिल्या भारतीय मॉन्सून कोशाच्या निर्मितीसाठी प्रयत्नशील मॉन्सूनवर आधारीत जीवन आणि अर्थव्यवस्था असणाऱ्या भारतासाठी हा कोश कायमस्वरुपी उपयुक्त ठरेल.



Vaishnavi Tokekar
Flight Lieutenant in the Indian Air Force



I liked Psychology so much that choosing between Psychology and my childhood dream of joining the Air Force became very difficult for me, but i got selected and joined the services. My education of Psychology has helped me a great deal and I am thankful to my teachers, especially Natu mam.



Mrs Renuka Charhate
Psychological Counselor



College was the good platform for me which made me to focus on my bio-psycho-social development in my long run with all ups and downs. Our Principal, all faculty Teachers, Art circle, always supported a lot. Thanking you all. I made you to proud on me.



Anurata Tribhuvan
Own Communication Media Agency

Learnt a lot about Psychology, people and interpersonal relationships in the department. I could also sharpen my performing arts skills. My teachers were a great help in my personality development. Both the department and the college helped me to grow.

Swati Pathak
Psychologist

The teachers and particularly Dr Natu encouraged me a lot and I also learnt many things in Disha.
College life was very peaceful since the teachers gave us personal attention. I am very thankful to the college for all that I learnt in my 3 years.



Ms. Ankita Yadav

*Associate Project Director
Door step School*



Every Child Counts: Citizens' Campaign, Pune

Ankita is a gold medalist from Pune University in graduation in MA (Psychology). She has been associated with the Education Sector for over 5 years, beginning in 1999 by working with special needs Children.

Along with she has had a 2-years research stint with Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad, since 2010. Ankita has been appointed as Associate Project Director for Educational Activities Centers at construction sites under the Project Foundation and Every Child Counts: Citizens' Campaign.



Pradnya Anant

*Sr. Manager- Operations
CRB Tech Solutions Pvt. Ltd, Pune*



Current job profile: Currently associated with CRB Tech Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Pune since 3.5 years, as Assistant Director. CRB Tech is IT training company; we deal into all IT domains, Mechanical Engineering, Clinical Research & SEO. We bridge the gap between job seeker & companies with the help of our corporate training. My profile is into HR-Operations, Sales & Quality. Currently I am heading 3 different teams who help me improving quality of the services of my organization as well as contributing in the organizational growth.

Currently my main responsibility is to develop second line of leadership who can take care of all assigned roles individually, accordingly we will be able to focus on opening new branches all over India.

Experience about the department: Studying under guidance of Sadhana Natu Ma'am is always been a treat for me, I was always been a back bencher, but Natu Ma'am's kin observation made me look inside myself.

As I was very bad with studies & never scored good marks, but my professor never underestimated me for any reason. Natu ma'am was the only who told me what I am. She have helped me shaping my personality as well as my career. English professor, Mrs. Shampa Chakrawarti always encouraged all her students for all the extracurricular activities, and taught biggest lesson of life i.e. time management.

I remember Geography's sir with his warm smile, Shruti Bhatkhande Ma'am and her style of teaching History, Sharayu Maa'm and Jyoti Gagangras ma'am for there extra ordinary support & most important Resp. Kharat Sir for his charismatic personality which always inspired me to accept new ideas which are been introduced by students/ juniors.

Experience with department was like 'a journey of a seed to a tree'.



Harshada Naik

*Team Leader
Sangath*



Current job profile – I am presently working for “Sangath”. It is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization that aims to improve health across the lifespan by empowering existing community resources to provide appropriate physical, psychological and social therapies.

I work as a Team Leader for Qualitative Research on PREMIUM project, **the** project has developed culturally appropriate psychological treatments for mild to severe depression and for alcohol related problems to be delivery by non-specialist health workers in primary health care settings of Goa. Previously I had worked with individual patients providing personalized mental health Care at Manasvardhan Mental Health Rehabilitation centre www.manasvardhan.org/ and Nityaasha foundation www.nityaasha.org/ but this is my very exposure at working with a reputed international organization which specializes in development and scaling-up of Public Mental Health systems and interventions.

For me, the reason to study Psychology was to “Know myself” and that’s how I started my journey. Studying Psychology was very interesting as I was able to apply the theory into real world. Dr.Natu gave us theoretical as well as practical understanding of the subject. Our batch was the pioneer to start the Kaleidoscope psychology magazine and it was indeed an inspirational, capacity building exercise for me. We were also able to interact with different Mental Health experts, service providers and successful alumni for better understanding of the field and for deciding our career paths.

It was really fun time in Modern, especially for me because I came from a small town and I never had exposure to the city life, living independently and managing myself alone. Life at that time was a roller coaster ride but I was fortunate that I got meet some good faculty teachers, who were considerate and helpful.



Sachin Shinde

Team Leader

Sangath

*Pursuing PhD in Epidemiology and
Population*



Current job profile: Currently, I am working with Sangath, an NGO based in Goa, on a school-based health promotion research project- SEHER:Strengthening Evidence base on school-based interventions for promoting adolescent health. This research project is being carried out in 75 secondary government-run schools of Nalanda district of Bihar.

The main objective of this project is to evaluate the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of two models of delivery of school-based interventions aimed at promoting school climate and as a result of it promoting reproductive and sexual health, and gender equity, mitigating bullying and violence, and other adverse health outcomes in secondary schools in Bihar, India.

As a research director of the project, I lead the study at the ground and is responsible for developing research methodology and related documents, designing standard operating procedures for intervention delivery, recruitment and training of various teams of the project, overseeing day to day implementation of the study, reviewing various datasets collected for the study, developing analysis strategies and conducting analysis, providing status update to relevant study governance committees and writing scientific publications based on the findings of the study.

Experience about the department

At the start of my undergraduate degree, I had a very limited knowledge of psychology or in fact no knowledge of psychology. My expectations of what the course would entail, therefore, were rather vague and simplistic. Although the course work we went through was not at all practical or application oriented, I must confess that I learned a lot of skills during my degree. Prior to choosing the course, I was completely unaware that psychology offers “transferable skills”. Studying psychology with eight classmates offered immense opportunities of improving concrete academic

skills, such as structuring and articulating thoughts, speaking in public, writing and presenting ideas, thinking out of box, and accommodating people with various backgrounds in task accomplishment as well as social life. Undoubtedly, this was a result of high-quality academic and extracurricular guidance. I was impressed by the work of Prof. Natu, which exposed us to real life issues and urban sensibilities. Her work with marginalised sections of the community, i.e. with women, and youth from lower socio-economic background not just fascinated us but forced us to think and question the social-cultural-economical structure of the society. Consequently, I decided to get involved in a field of applied aspects, relatively more youth orientation and vibrancy.

Memories of college

I must say that my college days were the most challenging yet the most wonderful experiences I have had. I experienced hardships, failures, even mistakes. But along the way, I became mature – more mature in person. From facilitating and enhancing networking skills to getting better at critically analyzing social problems, and writing and speaking skills. The three years of college provided me, a great learning curve, amassing things I would label as ‘wonderful memories’. These years provided me an opportunity to recognize my strengths and skills to handle my ‘emerging adulthood phase’ efficiently. The learning that happened while participating in various extracurricular activities was no match to the classroom atmosphere. I learned to work independently, to mingle and interact with others and to become more open-minded.



Ajit Padwal

*Professor
Modern College of Arts,
Science, Commerce,
Ganeshkhind , Pune 16*



The transforming journey of my life, from a student to an Assistant Professor was difficult, but at the same time adventurous and beautiful. As it is said that hard work is the pillar of success, I realized this in the course of the journey I embarked after I passed my intermediate exam.

Initially I took admission in BSc and later realized that it was not my areas of interest and came out unsuccessful. My failure made me isolated & depressed for about two to three months. I failed to get admission anywhere. It was one of the most difficult phase of my life. But just like every cloud has a silver lining I saw hope after joining B.A. course in Modern College, Ganeshkhind. I gradually understood my inclination and became successful in securing 1st position in college while pursuing the undergraduate course.

This very phase of my life gave me a lot of confidence and spirit. I gave all the credits to my teachers who showed me a path to figure out my goals. The recognition that I got from my college gave me an Identity. From nobody I became somebody. Just like the college, I shaped my mind to become Modern and Progressive.

Another major turning point in my life came when I got admission for post-graduation course in the university. By God's blessing and my hard work, I also secured 1st position in M.A. & was conferred with a Gold medal.

Now when I look back I can gather a truth that my years spent in Modern College, Ganeshkhind polished my base & transformed me to become a better person. My educational strength & inspiration I got from my teachers encouraged me to the extent.

Even after becoming a teacher I feel I am still a learner and trying various ways to become a better human being. Now my vision is to serve the society by cracking the civil services examinations.

I cannot deny the fact that certain skills are necessary to achieve my vision, but the college provides me a ground through extension activities, cultural and competitive, academic and student welfare programmes etc. through these constant involvements I gain confidence in handling administration and organizational skills. The exposure and constant inspiration that I get in college from colleagues helps me in becoming a multi-dimensional person.



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In the year of 2002; I took admission in the Modern College, Ganeshkhind for the class of SYBA with 'Sociology' as a special subject. As a student with Science background I was finding difficult to understand the subject. When I discussed this with my teachers Dr. Jyoti Gagangras and Prof. Yevle, they helped me a lot to understand the subject. Teachers from English Dept. Chakravarty Madam and Sahastrabuddhe madam used to give us tips about English language, its usefulness as it was a second language. It helped to grow interest towards language. It helped me a lot not only in exams but also during my career.

Apart from academics all teachers in the college always helped us and motivated us to take part in different activities. During these two years of graduation, Gagangras madam gave me an opportunity to overcome my stage fear by giving me anchoring of couple of programs organised by our department. She also took my rehearsals as I was doing it for the first time. This helped me a lot not only in my personal life but also in my teaching career. She also motivated and guided me and my classmates to take part in Vividhaa- an exhibition cum sale organised by our college. With her guidance we all took part in Vividhaa 2003 and for the first time me and my other participant friends earned our own money for the first time.

It was a great learning experience along with lots of fun. Since then I got connected with this activity till today. In the academic year 2003-04, I was selected as a Ladies representative of the College and this was because of all my teachers and friends.

In August, 2012 once again I got a chance join my college as a faculty member in Sociology Department. I got an opportunity to teach undergraduate as well as Post graduate students. It was enriching experience academically and professionally. While teaching in college I realised that most of the students belong to economically backward class, many of them work part-time or fulltime to meet their educational expenses and to support their families. Many of them were first generation learners. I worked with my teachers as a colleague at different levels. I learnt many things which helped me in my professional as well as personal life. Principal Dr. Sanjay Kharat sir and head of the Sociology Dept. and Vice Principal Dr. Jyoti Gagangras always appreciated and supported new ideas. I must mention here that this college provides many opportunities to its faculty members to develop academically, professionally and is more open towards new concepts and ideas regarding academics and development.



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आपल्याला आपल्या आयुष्यात फार थोड्या गोष्टी असतात ज्या फक्त माझ्या माझं आहे अशा कळवाव्याशा वाटतात. जसं माझा मित्र, माझी मैत्रिण, माझी शाळा, माझं घरं, माझी गाडी, तशीच गोष्ट जी मला माझी म्हणून सांगावीशी वाटते. - माझे कॉलेज !

मला इतके काही मिळाले आहे. मला माझ्या या मॉडर्न कॉलेज, गणेशखिंड, पुणे. कडून पूर्ण पत्ता लिहावासा वाटला कारण त्या पत्यात सुध्दा अभिमान वाटतो. कॉलेज म्हणजे काय? तर पिढीन् पिढी ज्यांची सर्वजण वाट पहात असतात, त्या टप्यांची कॉलेज म्हणजे कॉलेज असते, अगदी तुमचं आमचं सेम असंत, असंच म्हणावं असं. प्रत्येक मुलांमुलींना घरातून सल्ले मिळतात - कॉलेजला जाणार आहेस आता तेव्हा जरा लक्ष ठेवायला हवे मुलांवर अशी आई वडिलांसाठी चिंतेची बाब असलेली, तर आपल्यासाठी हुरहुर लावणारी जागा म्हणजे कॉलेज !

जिथे मुलं मुली घडतात, करियर घडते. आयुष्याचा निर्णय - आपण भविष्यात कोण होणार, आपले भविष्य ठरणार अशी गोष्ट पण हेच जर कॉलेजचे वातावरण, तेथील शिक्षक मित्र-मैत्रिण यामुळे विद्यार्थी बिघडू शकतो. मुलगा कॉलेजला गेला आणि बिघडला नको त्या गोष्टीच्या आहारी गेला असे आपण ऐकतो पाहतो कारण कधी-कधी मिळणारे, हवे हवेसे वाटणारे स्वातंत्र्य आपल्याला घातकी ठरते. योग्य जरब असणेहीमहत्वाचे असते. ही जरब फक्त असते ती शिक्षकांची असे माझे वैयक्तिक मत आहे आणि याबद्दल खात्रीसुध्दा.मला असे कॉलेज मिळाले, शिक्षक, संस्कार मिळणे जिथे आम्ही घडलो, अगदी शालेय मुलांप्रमाणे !जसे शाळेतल्या मुलांवर शिक्षक जातीने लक्ष ठेवतात तसेच वैयक्तिक लक्ष प्रत्येकावर असायचे,

मी जेव्हा कॉलेज मध्ये अॅडमिशन घेतले तेव्हा कॉलेज नव्यानेच सुरु झाले होते, अगदी २-३ वर्षेच झाली असावीत.प्रत्येक विषयासाठी असलेली मूलांमुलींची संख्या अगदी कमी असायची त्यामुळेच आमच्या बॅचच्या प्रत्येक मुलांचे नाव-पत्त्यासहित सर्व शिक्षकांना आणि ऑफिस स्टाफला सुध्दा माहिती असायची. बहुतेक याचा च फायदा आम्हांला झाला. प्रत्येक शिक्षका बरोबर जिवाळ्याचे आणि मैत्रीचे नातेसंबंध निर्माण झाले. खूप छान मित्र मैत्रीचे नाते, आपलेपणा ला **What's up ! Facebook** असे काहीही नसतानाही वाढला आणि ती मैत्री आजच्या भाषेत बोलायचे तर दिल-दोरती आजही टिकून आहे.

हे मैत्रीचे आपलेपणाचे वातावरण, संस्कार विश्वास सर्व काळी मिळाले ते या वास्तूत.मला वैयक्तिक रित्या काय मिळाले ? काय दिले ? या वास्तूने तर मला असे सांगावेसे वाटते की मार्गदर्शन, शिक्षण तर दिलेच, पण मला मिळाला तो आत्मविश्वास !

अनेक आठवणी, क्षण, प्रसंग आहेत. **N.S.S. Camp.** च्या अनेक आठवणी सांगायच्या म्हटल्या तर किती पाने होतील सांगताही येणार नाही. अशाच आठवणी आहेत जेव्हा कॉलेजमधील शिक्षक माझ्या पाठीशी उभे राहिले. त्यामुळे त्यांच्या मधले आणि माझ्या मधले ऋणानुबंध आणखीनच घट्ट झाले.

या आठवणींचे विस्मरण मला कधीही होणार नाही. माझ्यावर जो विश्वास दाखवला त्याच विश्वासामुळे पुढे अनेक संकटांना सामोरे जाण्यासाठी बळ मिळाले. मला अशाच माझ्या दोन आठवणी आपल्या बरोबर शेअर करायच्या आहेत.

मी प्रथमवर्ष बी.ए. ला असताना लंडन येथील राधाकृष्ण स्कॉलरशीपसाठी अर्ज केला होता. त्यावेळी गंगनग्रास मॅडम आणि चक्रवर्ती मॅडम यांनी जी मदत, सहकार्य केले ते मी कधीही विसरू शकणार नाही.

अगदी प्रोजेक्ट निवडण्यापासून ते लिहण्यापर्यंत मला खूप मदत केली. दुसऱ्यांदा माझ्या पाठीशी शिक्षक खंबीरपणे उभे राहिले. तशी मी अभ्यासात हुषार विद्यार्थिनी होते. पण माझ्याचं नशीबानं म्हणा माझा तृतीय वर्षाचा निकाल विद्यापीठाकडून नापास म्हणून आला. तोही अगदी प्रचंड मोठा धक्काच होता. पण सर्व शिक्षकांनी माझ्यावर जो विश्वास दाखवला. तू नापास होऊच शकत नाही यांची खात्री मला गंगनग्रास मॅडम ने दिली व इतर शिक्षकही माझ्या बरोबर होते. पेपर पुन्हा चेकिंगसाठी दिला. म्हणजे तसा अर्ज केला. तेव्हा तीन महिन्यांनंतर विद्यापीठाने चूक मान्य करत मला त्या विषयात ७५ टक्के मार्कस् मिळाले आहेत असा निकाल दिला.

अशा या खडतर काळात आयुष्याला कलाटणी देण्याच्या क्षणी माझे कॉलेज व सर्वच शिक्षक माझ्यापाठीशी खंबीरपणे उभे राहिले. जो विश्वास त्यांनी माझ्यावर दाखविला त्यामुळेच माझ्यात आत्मविश्वास निर्माण झाला.

आठवणी या कटू गोड असतात, असे म्हणतात. पण या वास्तूने फक्त आणि फक्त गोड क्षणच मला दिले आहेत. असेच गोड क्षण, आर्शीवाद, शिक्षकांचे प्रेम, या शुभवस्तूचे शुभ-आशिर्वाद माझ्या या कॉलेज

मध्ये शिक्षण घेणाऱ्या प्रत्येक विद्यार्थ्याला लाभावेत हिच ईश्वर चरणी प्रार्थना !



ज्योती मुंगसे

संस्थापिका व अध्यक्षा
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प्रोब्रेसिव्ह एज्युकेशन सोसायटीचे मॉडर्न ऑफ आर्टस्, सायन्स अँड कॉमर्स, गणेशखिंड १९९२ साली सुरु

झाले आणि आज २७ वर्षांच्या इतक्या कमी काळात कॉलेजला दोन वेळा 'बेस्ट कॉलेज' चे अवॉर्ड मिळाले. त्यातूनच कळून येते की आपल्या प्रत्येक विद्यार्थ्याला घडवण्यासाठी किती वेगवेगळे विधायक उपक्रम याकॉलेज कडून राबवले गेले आहेत, आजही राबले जात आहेत, यातच कॉलेजचे मोठेपण सिद्ध होते.

१९९७ साली या कॉलेजमध्ये मी अपघातानेच आले असे म्हणायला हरकत नाही. कारण त्याआधी मी १९८८ पासून १९९१ पर्यंत मॉडर्न कॉलेजच्याच शिवाजीनगर शाखेत भूगोल विषयात बी.ए.चे शिक्षण घेत होते. मला जन्मतः हृदयाचा असाध्य आजार असल्यामुळे बी.ए.च्या दुसऱ्या वर्षाला त्रास वाढल्यामुळे कॉलेज सोडावे लागले होते. त्यानंतर घरी बेड रेस्ट वर रहावे लागले होते. त्या कॉलेज मधले माझे भूगोलाचे शिक्षक प्रा.साळुंखे सर मला मुलगी मानत असल्याने त्यांनी मला बी.ए.पूर्ण करण्यास प्रोत्साहित केले आणि गणेशखिंडच्या या कॉलेज मध्ये मला प्रवेशही घेऊन दिला. अशा रीतीने मी या कॉलेज मध्ये पुन्हा दुसऱ्या वर्षाला भूगोल विषय घेऊन दाखल झाले.

बी.ए.च्या तिसऱ्या वर्षाला म्हणजे १९९६ साली माझ्या आजाराचे निदान झाले की हृदय आणि फुफुसाचे प्रत्यारोपण केले तरच मी जगू शकेल. त्यावेळी मला प्रथमच ऑक्सिजन लावला गेला आणि काही दिवसातच ऑक्सिजन सिलेंडर घरी कायमचा दाखल झाला. आता रोज ऑक्सिजन शिवाय मला काही करणे अशक्य झाले. त्यामुळे खडकी वरून दोन बस करून कॉलेजला येणे माझ्यासाठी खूपच अवघड होते.माझ्या त्रासाचा विचार करता मला सगळ्या तासाला उपस्थित राहणे माझ्यासाठी अवघड होते. पण माझीशारीरिक स्थिती सगळ्यांनाच माहित असल्यामुळे सगळे प्राध्यापक मला नेहमीच सहकार्य करत असत.त्यावेळी प्रा.सुर्यवंशी, प्रा.पाटील, प्रा. मोरे सर यांनी मला खूप मोलाची मदत तर केलीच पण माझ्या नवीन मिद्ध-मैत्रिणींनी ही मला खूप मदत केली. जे तास बुडालेले असत त्याचा अभ्यास कॉलेज सुटल्यावर मी मित्र-मैत्रिणींना विचारून घेत असे, त्यात सुजाता नाईक ही फार जवळची मैत्रीण, जिने मला खूपच मदत केली. बी.ए.च्या शेवटच्या परीक्षेच्या आधी चार महिने उरले असताना मला आयसीयू मध्ये दाखल करावेलागले आणि पुन्हा एकदा माझे बी.ए.पूर्ण होऊ शकेल कि नाही अशी परिस्थिती निर्माण झाली. पण प्राध्यापक आणि मित्रांच्या सहकार्यामुळे मी घरी राहून अभ्यास केला आणि थेट परीक्षेला बसले आणि चांगल्या मार्कांनी उत्तीर्ण झाले. कॉलेज आणि इतर सगळ्यांचे सहकार्य नसते तर मी माझे पदवीचे शिक्षण पूर्ण करूचशकले नसते.

त्यानंतर २००४ पासून मी 'हृदय ज्योत परिवार' हा लहान मुलांसाठी ट्रस्ट सुरु केला, त्याद्वारे जन्मतः हृदयाचा आजार असणाऱ्या लहान मुलांच्या पालकांना समुपदेशन, मानसिक आधार, शस्त्रक्रियेसंबंधी माहिती आणि मर्यादित प्रमाणात आर्थिक मदतीचे काम सुरु केले. हे काम करत असताना अनेक वेगवेगळ्या लोकांशी संबंध येत होता. बारामती सारख्या ग्रामीण भागात समुपदेशन केंद्र चालवत असताना आपण 'एम एस डब्ल्यू' किंवा समाजशास्त्रात पुढच्या पदवीचे शिक्षण घ्यावे म्हणजे आपल्याला अजून चांगल्या प्रकारे काम करता येईल असे वाटत होते.

सामाजिक कार्य करत असले तरी समाजशास्त्र या शैक्षणिक विषयाची मला तोंड ओळखही नव्हती. पण विचार पक्का होता. दरम्यान माझा आजार ही बळावत चालला होता, खूपदा हॉस्पिटलमध्ये रहावे लागत होते. तरी विचार आणि काम स्वस्थ बसू देत नव्हते.

आता आम्ही औंधला रहायला आलो असल्यामुळे अधून मधून कॉलेज मध्ये जाणे होऊ लागले, त्यात माजी विद्यार्थ्यांकडून आजी विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी घेतल्या जाणाऱ्या "विविधा" या उपक्रमात सक्रिय सहभाग ही घेत होते तर दुसरीकडे कॉलेजमध्ये समाजशास्त्रात एम.ए.सुरु कधी होईल याची ही वाट पाहणे चालू होते. एकदाची आनंदवार्ता मिळाली आणि मी २०१२ साली एम.ए. समाजशास्त्रासाठी पुन्हा एकदा कॉलेजमध्ये प्रवेश घेतला. फक्त प्रवेश घेताना समाजशास्त्र विभागाच्या मुख्य आणि उपप्राचार्या डॉ. ज्यांती गगनग्रास यांना मी एकच विनंती केली होती की आमचा वर्ग खाली घेता आला तर बरे होईल कारण मला जिने चढणे अजिबात शक्य नव्हते. त्यांनीप्रयत्न ही केले पण पहिल्या सत्रात ते काही होऊ शकले नाही, त्यांचे त्यांना नेहमी वाईट वाटायचे. मला समाजशास्त्र विषयाची काहीच ओळख नसल्यामुळे मी चार जिने चढून जाऊन सगळ्याच तासाला उपस्थित रहात होते. हा नवीन विषय समजून घेण्यासाठी डॉ. ज्योती नगनग्रास यांनी वेळोवेळी मला मदत केली.

तसेच डॉ. जयश्री खर्चे आणि प्रा. गांधिले यांनी ही खूप सहकार्य केले. पहिले सत्र पार पडले आणि गंभीर आजाराने उचल खाल्ली, ती इतकी की मी दुसऱ्या सत्राची पुणे विद्यापीठाची परीक्षाही देऊ शकले नाही. त्यानंतर तिसऱ्या सत्रालाही मी तासाला उपस्थित राहू शकत नव्हते. पण माझी शारीरिक अवस्था समजून घेऊन प्राचार्य, उपप्राचार्य व सर्वच प्राध्यापकांनीमला कायम सहकार्य केले. अगदी ग्रंथालयातील सर्व कर्मचारी ते कॉलेज मधील शिक्षकेतर सर्व कर्मचाऱ्यांनी मला खूप सहकार्य केले. तसेच या ही वेळी माझ्या नवीन मित्र-मैत्रिणींनी ही मला खूप मदत केली. तिसऱ्या सत्रालाही फक्त त्याच सत्राची परीक्षा देऊ शकले. तब्येत तर दिवसेंदिवस ढासळतच चालली होती.

३ मार्च २०१४ डॉक्टरांनी सांगितले की आता कधी ही काहीही होऊ शकते, पेसमेकरची शस्त्रक्रिया दोन दिवसात करून घेणे आवश्यक आहे आणि २५ मार्च पासून माझी कॉलेज मधली परीक्षा सुरु होणार होती. त्यांना मी म्हटलेही आता मी एम.ए.ची शेवटची परीक्षा दिल्याशिवाय कसली ही शस्त्रक्रिया करणार नाही, तेव्हा डॉक्टरांचे उद्धार होते की 'मे' मध्ये होणाऱ्या शेवटच्या परीक्षेसाठी तू जीवंतच नसशील. तो खूप मोठा धक्का होता मला व कुटुंबियांनाही. त्यातून दोन दिवसात सावरून ठरवले की काहीही होऊ देत आत्ताची तर परीक्षा देऊ मग बघू काय करायचे.

कॉलेज मध्ये आजाराची थोडीशी कल्पना दिल्याने कॉलेजने माझी स्टाफरुममध्ये परीक्षेला बसाची व्यवस्था केली

कॉलेजची परीक्षा पार पडली पण पुणे विद्यापीठाची परीक्षा देता येईल की नाही याची शाश्वती नव्हती. त्यानंतर मी व बाबा प्राचार्य डॉ. संजय खरात आणि उपप्राचार्या डॉ. ज्यांती गगनग्रास यांना भेटलो आणि सगळी खरी परिस्थिती सांगितली. त्यांनी ही ती समजून घेऊन, जमेल तितकी मदत करण्याचे आश्वासन दिले. उपप्राचार्या डॉ. ज्योती गगनग्रास मॅडमने सांगितले तू कसली ही काळजी करू नकोस, आम्ही तुझ्या सोबत आहोत, जमेल तसा अभ्यास कर, होईल सगळे चांगले. आता माझ्या हातात फक्त अभ्यास करणे उरले होते, त्यावेळी डॉ.जयश्री खर्चे मॅडम यांनी मला खूप मोलाची मदत केली. मला शक्य होईल तेव्हा वेळ दिला, विषय समजून सांगितला तर कधी फोन वरूनही अभ्यासाबद्दल असणाऱ्या शंकांचे निरसन केले. तसेच एम.ए.च्या संधीन प्रबंधासाठी डॉ खर्चे व डॉ. त्रिभुवन सरांचे अत्यंत मौल्यवान मार्गदर्शन लाभले.

हा एकच चान्स मिळाला असल्यामुळे दुसऱ्या आणि चौथ्या अशा दोन्ही सत्राचे सगळे पेपर देताना दरवेळी सोबत मी ऑक्सिजन सिलिंडर घेऊन जात होते व पूर्ण वेळ ऑक्सिजन लावूनच सगळे पेपर लिहित होते. तरीही पेपर लिहून झाल्यावर माझे काळे-निळेप डलेले हात वघून बाबांच्या डोळ्यात पाणी याचे. त्यावेळी प्राचार्य डॉ. खरात यांचे पूर्ण लक्ष माझ्या तब्येतीवर असायचे तसेच इतर शिपाई कर्मचारी ही माझ्यावर लक्ष ठेवून असायचे. काही हवं नको ते बघायचे.

कर्मचारी या सगळ्यांचेच सहकार्य पाठीशी असल्यामुळे मी माझी एम.ए. ची परीक्षा देऊ शकले. खरं तर परीक्षेचा निकाल काय लागेल किंवा तो ऐकायला आपण असू की नाही हे ही माहीत नव्हते.पण एम.ए. समाजशास्त्र विभागात मी कॉलेज मध्ये पहिली आहे हे कळल्यावर कोणालाच आनंदाश्रू आवरणे शक्य झाले नाही. घरातील सर्वांचा पाठींबा जितका मोठा तितकाच कॉलेज मधल्या सगळ्यांचाही होता म्हणून मी हे यश संपादन करू शकले. अशा कॉलेजचा मी एक भाग होते. आज ही आहे याचा मला खूप अभिमान आहे.

“मॉडर्न कॉलेज, शिवाजीनगर” पासून सुरु झालेला प्रवास “मॉडर्न कॉलेज, गणेशखिंड” मध्ये येऊनस्थिरावला. मी इथे आले, रुजले, बहरले. आजही माझ्या मृत्युशी लढा चालूच आहे पण तरीही मी माजी विद्यार्थी म्हणून कॉलेजच्या सहकार्याने आजी विद्यार्थ्यांच्या उन्नतीसाठी माझा खारीचा वाटा जमल तितका उचलत आहे.

Swapnil Shevkari

There were 8 students in 1st batch of S.Y.B.Sc. (Statistic) he was very sincere student.

He scored 90% marks in Statistics at F.Y.B.Sc. Level.

He used to stay very far away place beyond Talegaon Dabhade.

He had to spend at least 3 hours in travelling and had to walk the final distance of 1 km. In spite of all these, he attended 100% lectures and practicals and scored more than 90% marks in Statistics at S.Y.B.Sc. level.

Whenever he used to walk away to his home in the evening , it would be dark and he used to hear the noise of insect “cricket”. Even he studied at night the noise was to be there . But without getting disturbed, he collected the relevant data regarding behavior of cricket , analyzed it statistically and presented it in the project competition organized by Pune University Statistics Association (PUSA). He secured 1st prize in that project competition. Thus he converted his odds into success story in different ways. Now he is perusing his Masters in Pune University.

Samuel Bhosale

He was our F.Y.B.Sc.(Comp. Sci.) student In Dec. 2013 , his parents came to the department and told us that he had become a critical case in the sense that if he doesn't pass in the next attempt he won't be admitted to T.Y.B.Sc.(Comp.). They urged us to help their ward in this matter.

We recommended that he should come in the department daily, perform the calculations of 2-3 practicals and write the journal once again.

We assigned one teacher to look after him every day. The boy did this practice for two months and appeared for the practical exam in Feb.2014. To our surprise, he scored about 90 marks in the practical. This success of Samuel is the confounded effect of the efforts taken by his parents, our staff members and the boy himself.



Mrudgandha Ranjanikar

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Although, born in the family of Engineers, I am happy to pursue my career in the field of Life Sciences. Having interest in the field of Animal behavior, Taxonomy, Evolution, Molecular Biology and Genetics, I decided to complete my Bachelor's and Master's degree in Zoology.

The first step was to complete my HSC in the field of science. I completed my 10+2 from PVG's Mukhtangan English School and Jr. College. It was in this institute where I actually developed interest in the subject Biology. Comparatively I scored better marks in Biology but my overall HSC result was poor. I scored 60% marks in 12th Standard. My parents supported me and encouraged me to continue my education in the same field.

To pursue my Bachelor's degree in Science, I took admission in Progressive Education Society's Modern College of Arts, Commerce and Science Ganeshkhind in the year 2010. This Institute actually oriented me towards the field of Life sciences. I am very grateful towards some of the teachers like Dr. Sanjay Kharat, Dr. Shakira Inamdar, Mrs. Sangeeta Sontakke for developing immense interest in Zoology and guiding me in the field of Zoology. It was their way of teaching a particular concept, their soft way of interaction and their effort towards developing "application of concept" oriented students that actually developed an interest in me to study Zoology.

The different workshops regarding tools and techniques, seminars, inter college and interdepartmental poster and model presentations, field visits were added advantages that helped me in the actual orientation of the subject. Teachers here also taught me the importance of reading reference books and the way in which I should study the subject.

To my surprise then, each individual subject from Zoology had a different way and different technique by which it is studied. It was because of these teachers that I inculcated such ways to study Zoology with ease. It was because of the efforts taken by the staff of Zoology department that I could score 92% in the final year. My joy had no bounds when I got to know that I topped not only in Zoology but also topped throughout the science stream in my college. My university rank was 4th. Year 2013 was a memorable year for me. I completed my Bachelors degree in Principal subject as Zoology with first class with distinction. Apart from teachers my Parents, seniors and class mates have a big share in my success. Apart from the academic success, my teachers also encouraged me to participate in different competitions. I also won prizes in different poster and model presentation at college and inter college level. I was also nominated in list of the best students.



Mr.Saurabh Kalamkar

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With the help of guidance from teachers I was able to crack the MSc entrance test conducted by Savitribai Phule University, Department of Zoology with a first rank and then I got admitted to Department of Zoology for my Masters education in Zoology in the year 2013.

This department in itself is a self sufficient institute. Adjusting with the design of the syllabus and schedule was a bit difficult task. It took six long months for me to cope up with the routine of the department. Teachers here taught me the literature reading and referencing. The major focus of the teachers here was on developing practical hands. I learnt different recent techniques from all subfields of Zoology.

"Don't believe what your eyes are telling you. All they show is limitation,"

Born in the family of farmer, I am happy to pursue my career in the field of Life Sciences. Having interest in the field of Cell Molecular Biology and physiology, I decided to complete my Bachelor's and Master's degree in Zoology.

The first step was to complete my H.Sc. in the field of science. I completed my 10+2 from Bharat English School and Jr. College, in this institute where I actually developed interest in the subject Biology. I scored better marks in Biology but my overall HSC result was poor. I scored 60% marks in 12th Standard. My parents supported me and encouraged me to continue my education in the same field.

To pursue my Bachelor's degree in Science, I took admission in Progressive Education Society's Modern College of Arts, Commerce and Science Ganeshkhind in the academic year 2009-10. This Institute actually oriented me towards the field of Life sciences. Having been fascinated with the animals, human body and environment, learning about it through science was much more satisfying and still pretty fun.

To my surprise then, each individual subject from Zoology had a different way and different technique by which it is studied. It was because of these teachers that I inculcated such ways to study Zoology with ease. It was because of the efforts taken by teaching staff to create such wonderful environment for our growth. Their support throughout the process, from preparing me for all competitive exams exam, to applying, to interviews has been invaluable. I'd especially like to mention Dr.Sanjay Kharat,Dr. Shakera Inamdar and Mr. Sachin Gosavi.

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With the help of guidance from teachers I was able to crack the M.Sc entrance test conducted by Department of Zoology, Savitribai Phule University, then I got admitted to Department of Zoology for my Masters in Zoology in the academic year 2012-14. This department in itself is a self sufficient institute. Adjusting with the design of syllabus and schedule was a bit difficult task. It took six long months for me to cope up with the routine of the department. Teachers here taught me the literature reading and referencing. The major focus of the teachers here was on developing practical hands. I learnt different recent techniques from all subfields of Zoology. It is my immense pleasure that I got an opportunity to work under the guidance of Prof. Kalpana Pai for Six months so as to complete my M.Sc dissertation on cell culture and immunology. she actually oriented me towards the research field. in addition to my hard work support of my teachers, parents and seniors I completed my M.Sc in Zoology with GPA 4.61 , A Grade and 11th rank in university .

After master started to prepare for competitive exams such as CSIR-NET, GATE and SET. I've wanted to be a good researcher and teacher. I began to share this basic knowledge and then realized my passion for teaching.

My joy had no bounds when I got to know that,i got selected for teaching post of assistant professor on Ad-hoc basis in same department where i completed my graduation. I had truly incredible mentors while working /studying at Zoology department Modern college. In the same year qualified two copetative exams SET (State eligibility for assistant professorship) and GATE.

After having one year teaching experience moved for further studies. I got admitted to M.Phil. Programme in Zoology department in SPPU where i got an opportunity to work under the guidance of Prof. Saroj Ghaskadbi.

Currently I'm in the process to submit my M.Phil thesis and pursue degree. This is just the foundation of my carrier. I still have to go a long way so as to live my dreams.



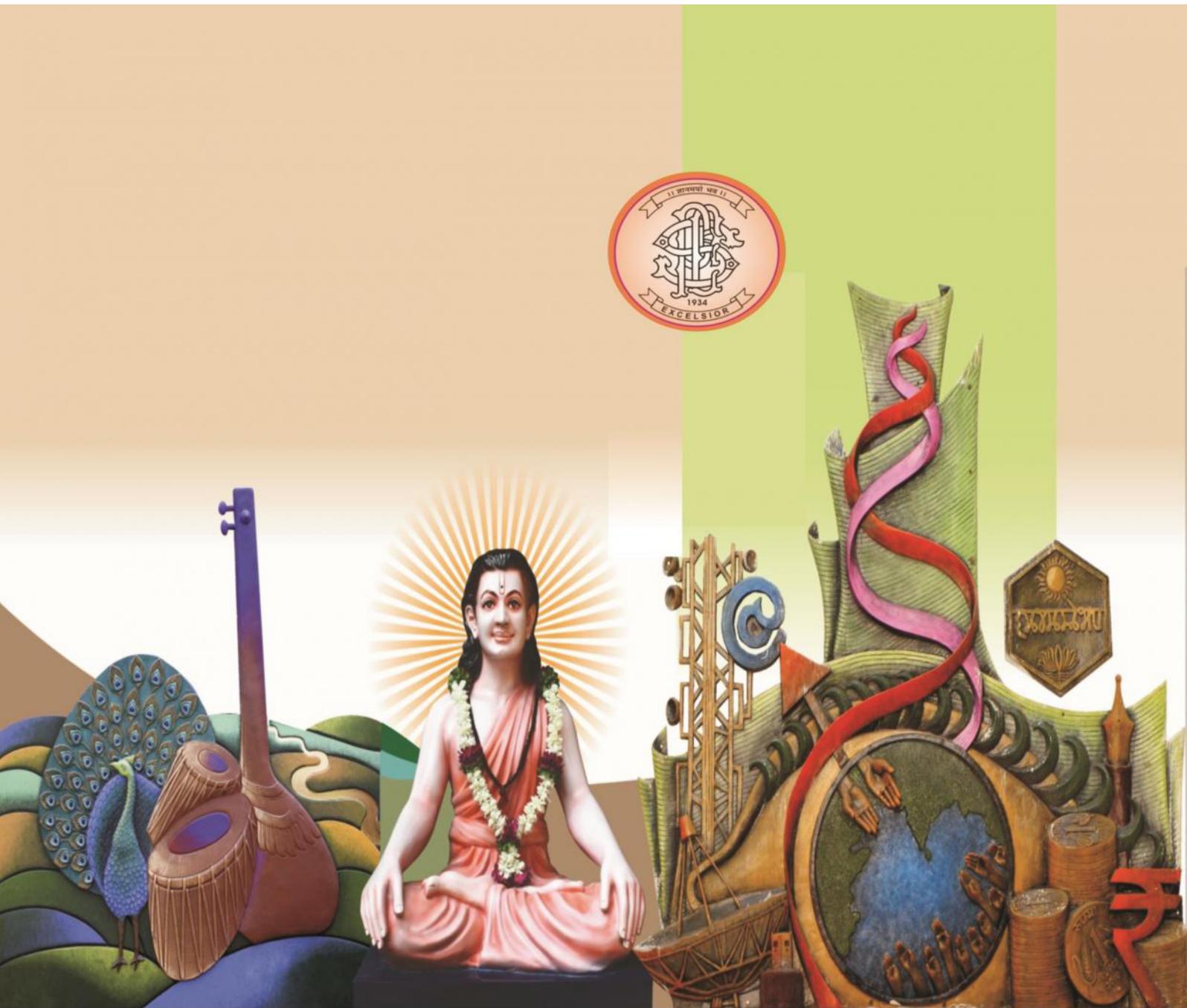
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