

Shri Binzani City College Sakkardara Square, Umrer Road, Nagpur

Institutional Distinctiveness:

Title: Academic Performance in Higher Education – a continued journey towards excellence

Introduction:

Shri Binzani City College was established in 1930 and has a long lineage of excellence. Former Prime Minister of India, Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, was an alumnus of the College. The College has various departments. One of which is the Post Graduate Department of Political Science established in 1936 and was granted affiliation in 1970. The Department has since then produced many stalwarts who have contributed to the Academic wealth in and around Nagpur City. To keep up with the tradition, the College strives to give multiple inputs to its students along with the regular classroom teaching. Keeping up with the legacy of excellent academic performance, the Head of the Department of Political Science, Dr Sandeep Tundurwar, also stood First in order of Merit in MA (Gandhian Thought) exam conducted by RTM Nagpur University, Nagpur. He has been an inspirational figure for all the PG and UG students.

Practice:

Along with academic teaching, for the holistic development of the students, the Department of Political Science takes extra care and initiates Co-Curricular Activities like Guest lectures on contemporary and raging issues, a week-long Higher Learning Education Program, participation of students in Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad to develop leadership qualities amongst the students, Study Tours to places like Hemalkasa (to meet the famous couple, Dr Prakash and Dr Mandakini Amte), Lekha Mendha (to meet the legendary Social Worker Shri Devaji Tofa) and Melghat region (to meet the social workers Dr Ravindra Kolhe and Dr Smita Kolhe). The department also paid visits to Pench to interact with Shri Kishor Rithe, Founder, Satpuda Foundation, to Sewagram Ashram of Mahatma Gandhi and Pavnar Ashram of Acharya Vinoba Bhave. This experiential learning process has enriched the Students' reservoir of knowledge helping them in their performance.

The Department also encourages students to attend Parliamentary sessions (course) where they get acquainted with political personages to know more about their ideologies, issues and various political processes. The Department is also instrumental in organizing an Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition under the Versatile Debate Club of the College every year. Through these competitions, the students not only get a glimpse of the various aspects of issues but also get a chance to meet like-minded students from other Colleges. These interactions and peer-learning activities have gone a long way in developing the students.

In 2020 – 21, the Department conducted a One Month 'Fundamental Duties Awareness Program with around 944 registrations, and a One Week Higher Learning Education Program. The department also organized two Webinars on Competitive Exams and a collaborative activity on 'Human Rights' with Dr V M Peshwe Research Institute. It also instills national feelings in the students by celebrating Constitution Day , National Voters' Day and Motivational Talks by their distinctive alumni. The Department organized a visit to Champa Grampanchayat which gave the students a chance to interact with the locals and know their constitution. It also organized three lectures on National and International issues like Israeli Palestinian Crisis, Central Vista Project in the perspective of Heritage of Delhi, the contribution of Shri P V Narasimha Rao in National



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Security and International Policy. All these programs gave exposure to students to know about various important issues.

In 2021-22, along with the regular programs, the department organized the following activities:

- One Day Interdisciplinary National Conference on 'India after Liberalization' 1991 to 2021
- Interactive Session on Career Opportunities
- Judiciary Day Awareness Program Shri Abhijit Deshmukh, Secretary, DLSA, Nagpur, and Adv Rajendra Rathi, Member, DLSA & NSM
- Young Inspirators Network Elections by SAKAL Group
- Mock Parliament
- Field Visit to Rahate Toli Area by Students
- One Week Media Survey Workshop Survey conducted by students
- Lecture on 'Tribal communities, resources and issues in India by Dr Manoj Nigalkar
- Lecture on 'Russia Ukraine War conflict and World Politics' by Dr Uttara Sahasrabuddhe
- Lecture on Contemporary Issues: The Issues of OBC reservation in local Self Govt by Dr Rajendra Shejul
- Versatile Debate Club Inter Collegiate Event on 'Russia Ukraine Conflict is detrimental to Indian Economic Development'
- Study Tour to Pench, Sillari

Success Story:

As a result of the above experiences, the students have etched their names on the scrolls of honor as merit holders in the annual examinations conducted by Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur.

Year	No. of Merit Holders	Name of Students	Rank
2011	02	Ms Jayshree More Ms Kalyani Kamble	I
2012	02	Mr Ashish Lende Mr Shrikant Nitnaware	I X
2014	02	Mr Shrikant Shende Ms Rashmi Kanire	II V
2015	05	Ms Ashwini Pendam Ms Priyanka Ghonge Ms Madhuri Badase Mr Harshal Bawane Ms Sunita Gharat	I V VII VIII VIII
2016	08	Ms Komal Dhage Ms Shwetambari Tinkhede Mr Nikhil Kubde Mr Suraj Govardhan	I II III IV



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		Mr Chetan Aage Mr Pravin Kedar Ms Kalyani Gondane Mr Sandeep Goswami	VI IX IX X
2017	03	Ms Neelam Gautam Ms Divya Meshram Ms Priti Kalbande	I III VI
2018	03	Ms Nitu Kolhe Ms Priya Masare Ms Sneha Mandurkar	I VIII IX
2019	04	Ms Renuka Pillare Mr Pravin Sidam Ms Smita Raut Ms Priyanka Wase	I IV VII IX
2020	05	Ms Khushbu Gautam (Received 6 Gold Medals) Ms Rasika Choube Ms Pranali Patil Mr Krishna Dahikar Ms Ashwini Raghute	I II IV VII X
2021	06	Mrs Priyanka Khune Ms Vidya Somnathe Ms Rani Hiradkar Ms Bhagyashree Nannore Ms Pratibha Hiwale Mr Vishal Narule	II III IV IX IX X

The Department does not stop at this. They continue holding hands to prepare students for the Competitive Exams like NET/SET. The Department has a library and has a network of capable and well-qualified Resource Persons who assist the PG students to perform well in these exams. The result

is evident from the following data:

Year	No. of NET/SET students	Name of students	NET/SET
2008	01	Mr Sandeep Rahul	NET
2009	01	Mr Praful Gohote	NET
2010	01	Mr Lomesh Bawankule	NET
2013	01	Mr Gajanan Borkar	SET



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2015	02	Ms Priyanka Ghonge Mr Mahesh Kamdi	SET SET
2018	02	Ms Kalyani Gondane Ms Priyanka Ghonge	SET NET
2019	05	Mr Vikas Gawalkar Mr Shailesh Hatbude Mr Rahul Tiple Mr Suraj Gowardhan	NET & SET SET SET SET
2020	03	Mr. Pravin Shidam Mr. Krishna Dahikar Mr. Dipak Tidke	SET SET SET
2021	06	Ms Neelam Gautam Ms Khushbudevi Gautam Ms Divyabharati Meshram Mr Bhojraj Wakade Mr Nilesh Pinjarkar Ms Archana Nannaware	SET SET SET SET SET SET

The students have been placed in Colleges as Lecturers, in Govt Sector, in Private Offices and have excelled in their endeavor. The effect has been seen on the workings of the other PG Departments as well as the UG Departments. The PG Departments of Marathi and English have also followed the same path. There are quite a few merit holders and candidates who have passed NET/SET exams in these departments too.

Year	Department	No. of Merit holders	Name of Students	Merit Rank
2019	Marathi	05	Ms Pradnya Dudhe	II V
			Mr Arpit Potdar Ms Pallavi Meshram	V VII
			Ms Nikita Rangari Ms Nikita Bonde	IX X
2020	Marathi	01	Ms Priyanka Bais	II
2021	Marathi	08	Ms Kirti Jasud	III
			Ms Hemlata Chanore	IV
			Ms Hemlata Madavi	IV
			Ms Monali Lokhande	V
			Ms Dhanshree Tijare	VI
			Ms Deepa Bhure	VI
			Ms Snehal Sandokar	VII
			Ms Pradnya Paddhye	IX



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2019	English	02	Ms Priyanka Dharpure Ms Shweta Gadge	VIII IX
2020	English	01	Ms Akanksha Chokhandre	IV
2021	English	01	Ms Valerie Anthony	V





d) **Epitome of Success**: It is a matter of great pride for the College to see their students performing key role in the Local Self Government. Ms Papita D. Rane was elected as the Sarpanch, Gram panchayat Pimpalgaon, Dist Chandrapur, Maharashtra recently. She could bring a grant of 1.68 crores from the Government for her village. Another alumni Mr Sanket Sonwane is also elected as the Sarpanch of Mhasali Gram Panchayat, Dist Chandrapur. He could procure a grant of Rs 1.25 crores from the Govt.

The College Alumni Mr Khushal Dhak has received an Award for his exemplary service towards social cause.



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Sarpanch Shri Sanket Sonwane



Sarpanch Ku. Papita Rane

