

THE ANNUAL QUALITY REPORT



Government of Maharashtra's
Elphinstone College

156, M.G. Road, Mumbai 400 032

2005-06

Part A:

The plan of action chalked out by the IQAC in the beginning of the year towards quality enhancement and the outcome achieved by the end of the year.

Having been accredited with an “A” grade by NAAC in the 2004, the College plans to maintain and upgrade the quality for which an IQAC cell has been formed.

The vision of the college is:

To kindle the spirit of learning among the youth, irrespective of socio- economic differences, to consistently pursue excellence preserving the tradition of high reputation while meeting the challenges of globalised world.

The plan of action keeping the above vision in mind includes:

- Orienting the staff to the concept of quality circle and the role of IQAC in the higher education institutions.
- Holding workshop on pedagogy to further enrich the insight into teaching.
- To examine the possibilities of conducting collaborative research programmes with foreign Universities.
- To organise workshops for the student community with the aim of overall development of their personality.

The outcome was:

- The staff is now well aware of the role and importance of IQAC as a cell that is responsible for spreading awareness regarding quality in higher education.
- A two day workshop was held on, ‘Teaching methodology and evaluation’ in February 2005.
- Discussions for collaborative research programmes have been initiated with French University, and Syracuse University New York
- Two theatre workshops were held during this year. Elphinstone Natya Mandal organised a Theatre workshop from April 23-27 2006. French theatre workshop of reciting French verse and monologues, by Catherine Villanueva and Fanny Gloux, in Nov 2005.

Part B:

1. Activities reflecting the goals and objectives of the institution:

The college is committed to provide:

- Equal Opportunities of Education and
- Holistic Education ensuring all-round development of students.
- To create a human capital, which can be an asset to the nation.

Equal Opportunities of Education:

Elphinstone College is known for its secular and fraternal atmosphere. Following activities were undertaken to achieve the goal of ensuring equal opportunity to all.

1. **Book Bank scheme:** This scheme is also for economically underprivileged students, especially in self finance courses. These books are not easily affordable as they are meant for professional courses. The books are in the custody of the concerned department, and students are allowed to use them during an academic year.
2. **HEPSN cell:** College has HEPSN cell, sponsored by the U.G.C. The cell has a collection of audio tapes on various subjects in Marathi and English language. It also has a team of dedicated volunteers, who help in writing examination papers for the visually challenged. It is worth mentioning that the work of this cell was lauded by the NAAC team.
3. **Students Counseling:** College enjoys services of a counselor made available by the Lalkaka Trust. The counselor visits college regularly, and it is a great advantage to the students to have a professional counselor within the premises.

Holistic Education ensuring all-round development of students.

1. **Extra- curricular activities** nurture a wholesome development of youth. The College holds Maharashtrastava, a State level youth festival showcasing the art and culture of the State of Maharashtra. This festival brings out leadership qualities and ability to work with team spirit, which helps the organizing committee, while it provides a useful platform to the young performers all over the State.

2. **Co-curricular activities** help the students to extend their knowledge beyond their syllabi, and stimulate them to seek more knowledge of the subject. Almost every department of the College has a linked association, through which the faculties steer the interest of the students.

Creating human capital, which can be an asset to the nation:

The team of dedicated teachers has consistently produced students who can be an asset to any education program or the organization they may join later. The NAAC peer team has also noted how the College has consistently produced gold medalists in various subjects at graduation level. Even this year our students have made us proud in all the fields. To mention just a few,

- The best N.C.C. Cadet for this year was selected from our College.
- Two students Vinay Mishra(FYBA) and Rekha Mayavanshi participated in a letter writing competition organized by the Human Resource and Development Ministry of the Indian Government at the National level and won a gold and a bronze respectively
- Hema Chander secured first prize in the intercollegiate essay competition on Physics on 16 September 2006.
- Five students from the department of French were invited to participate in International Youth Conference in Paris.

2. New academic programmes initiated (UG and PG):

Given the reputation of the College, the NAAC peer team has recommended initiation of a career-oriented course. The College plans to initiate a career oriented post graduate course in collaboration with other universities.

3. Innovations in curricular design and transaction:

As an affiliated college, the College has to follow the curricula of the University of Mumbai. However some staff members have been able to facilitate curricular redesigning of various subjects as the members of Board of Studies with the University. They are:

Name of the Faculty	Subject	Status
Dr. Lakshmi Vyas	Geography	Member
Dr. E. Momin	Sociology	Member

Dr. Vidya Vencatesan	French	Member
Dr. Asha Krishen	Ancient Indian Culture	Member

Transaction of the syllabi:

The syllabi are effectively transacted when the capabilities of the teacher and the requirements of the taught are well matched. This is further facilitated by:

- **Use of, participative teaching methods, along with various co-curricular activities:**

Most of the departments use methods like presentations by students, group discussions, debate, and short sessions of quiz relating to the syllabus taught in the previous class, etc. to ensure that the subject is well understood. In fact the NAAC peer team has lauded the efforts of the teaching staff for their contribution to the teaching learning process. Students are also encouraged to prepare wall papers to spread awareness about relevant issues in their subject which may interest a lay student from any stream.

- a. **Remedial classes as per the requirements:**

Excellence is achieved by appropriately catering to the varied interests of the students. This includes remedial classes for weak performers, and most of the departments engage remedial classes for such students. Again, this too has been noted by the NAAC peer team report.

- b. **Holding various co-curricular activities:**

Various departments actively engage students in co-curricular activities through various associations. Details of these are:

Department of Hindi:

The department of Hindi actively participated in the career fair organized in the College in August 2005, highlighting the career options available to the students after graduation. Many eminent personalities in the field of Hindi literature, such as Dr. Satyadev Tripathi, Dr. Sushila Gupta, etc., were present at this event.

Department of French-

- The annual French food festival was celebrated in all gaiety on February 7, 2006. As usual snacks with a 'French-touch' prepared by the students were available on sale along with displays of recipes for the curious visitors!

- The department organized screening of French movies on a regular basis for the students.
- Francois Dupuis, Director of pedagogy (Alliance Francaise de Mumbai) spoke about 'Rising communal tensions in France', on September 13, 2005.

Department of History:

- An educational excursion for the TYBA students was organized to Elephanta caves, which is a world heritage site.
- The department also took the students on a Heritage walk of the Naval Dockyards from the lion's gate.
- The department organized a visit to Chattrapatti Shivaji Vastu sangrahalaya
- Students were taken on a visit to the exhibition on Mumbai city, 'Bombay Bonanza'.

Department of Sociology

- The TYBA students participated in an online workshop on feminism conducted by an NGO 'Akshara'.
- A film on globalization 'The Take' was screened and was followed by a discussion.

Department of Botany-

- A lecture by Dr. C.S. Lattoo was organized for TYBSc. Students .
- The students were taken to –Sanjay Gandhi National park and also to Jijamata Garden on an excursion
- A demonstration of IKEBANA was given on 19'th April 2006 in collaboration with Indo-Japanese Association.

Department of Zoology-

Students were taken to visit Oceanographic Institute in Goa.

Department of Chemistry:

- Students were guided to manage wall paper on issues relating to their subject.
- Students were encouraged to participate in various intercollegiate competitions, many of them won prizes in these events.
- Dr. Mrs. M.N.Thakkar, Head, Department of Chemistry, delivered a lecture on 'Chemistry Overdose' in collaboration with IQAC to acquaint an intelligent lay audience regarding the role of chemistry in everyday life.

Department of Physics:

Physics week named 'Quanta' was organized in January 2006, in which several competitions like project, poster and also a seminar was conducted. Over 150 students participated in these competitions.

4. Inter-disciplinary programmes started:

Nil

5. Examination reforms implemented:

The examination Committee has been continuously updating and adopting various reforms in processing and conducting the examination. These include:

- All the examination related documents like the list of supervisors, supervisors' reports, list of examinees, marksheets, master sheet and results have been computerised.
- The Centralised Assessment programme (CAP) is being followed for assessment of papers.
- Preparation of computerized results and mark sheets is done by the result committee in the college to maintain utmost confidentiality.

6. Candidates qualified: NET/SLET/GATE etc.

Two teachers, namely, Shri. Choudhary Pravin, Lecturer in Geography and Shri. Dudhbhate Babasaheb, Lecturer in History, have qualified the SET examination conducted by the University of Pune.

7-Initiative towards faculty development programme:

Members of the teaching staff were given opportunities to flourish in their careers as academicians by:

- Sending them for refresher/ orientation programs,
- Facilitating FIP under UGC scheme,
- Allowing the faculties to interact with the wider academic circles as resource persons wherever possible.
- Refresher/ orientation programs: Many members of the teaching staff successfully completed their orientation/ refresher courses, details of which are as follows:

1. Ms. Sanjyoti Sanap, department of Hindi, attended a refresher course at S.N.D.T.. starting from 14 February.
2. Ms. Nikita Naik, Department of Microbiology, completed an orientation programme with an 'A' grade.
3. Ms. Deepa Hirani completed a refresher course with an 'A' grade.

- FIP:

Ms. Swati Wahwal has been awarded a fellowship for two years by the U.G.C. under the faculty development Programme to undertake research towards a doctoral thesis

8. Total number of seminars/workshops/Exhibitions conducted:-

- Elphinstone Natya Mandal conducted a theatre workshops during April 23-27, 2006. Several eminent personalities in Marathi theatre such as Kamalakar Sontakke, Ramdas BHatkal, etc. were present during this workshop.
- In July 2005, Dr. Mangala Sirdeshpande, Head of department of French, University of Mumbai conducted a two-day workshop on "on La Poesie Francaise".
- A French theatre workshop of reciting French verse and monologues, was organized by Catherine Villanueva and Fanny Gloux, in Nov.2005.
- A workshop titled 'Point of view ', was held by the department of sociology, to sensitize the students towards the gender issues.
- A two day workshop was held by the IQAC on, 'Teaching methodology and evaluation' in February 2005.
- A one month workshop on GIS and remote sensing was held by the department of geography in May 2005.
- A theatre workshop was also held by the department of Hindi, which
- Student-seminars were organized by the department of physics in their week-long festival called Quanta.
- An exhibition and workshop on Warli paintings was held by the N.S.S. unit to spread awareness about tribal culture.

The Department of Hindi-

A drama workshop by Shri Dinesh Shetty ,February 2005.

9. Reserch Projects on going and completed:

Shri.B.N.Khomane, Lecturer in Marathi, has undertaken a research project on “Sadanand Deshmukh Yanchya Kathancha Chikitsak Abhayas”. The university has sanctioned Rs. 7000/- for the project and the work is in progress.

10. Patents generated, if any:

No patents were generated this year.

11. New collaborative research programmes:

Discussions for collaborative research programmes have been initiated with French University, and Syracuse University New York.

12. Research grants received from various agencies:

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13. Details of Research Scholars:

Several members of the teaching staff have successfully completed their research. This includes the following:

Name	Department	Research Degree	Area of Research
Principal Dr. Lakshmi Vyas	Geography	Ph.D.	Urban Planning
Dr. Asha Krishen	Ancient Indian Culture	Ph.D.	Ancient Indian Culture

Dr. Zenobia Shroff	History	Ph.D.	History of Mumbai
Dr. E. Momin	Sociology	Ph.D.	Study of Adoption in Urban Context
Dr. R.S.Dhamnaskar	Chemistry	Ph.D.	Metal Complexes, Green Chemistry and Environmental Chemistry
Dr. M.A.Khan	Information Technology	Ph.D.	Operations Research
Smt. V. S. Yeole	Mathematics	M.Phil	Commutativity of near rings
Dr. Suchita Krishnaprasad	Economics	Ph. D.	Industrial Relations, Labour Economics
Smt. Sanjyoti Sanap	Hindi	M.Phil.	Modern Hindi Poetry
Dr. Prabha Ganorkar	Marathi	Ph. D.	History of Literature and Literary Criticism
Dr. Manda Thakkar	Chemistry	Ph.D.	Kinetic Studies of Chemical Reactions
Dr. Vidya Vencatesan	French	Ph.D.	Comparative Study of Epics, and Folk Tales
Dr. Jyoti Nanjuddiah	English	Ph.D.	English literature

Following teachers are pursuing further studies:

- Ms. Bhavna Patole, department of history, has submitted her Ph. D. thesis entitled, ' Y.B.Chavan; a study of mass leadership in modern Maharashtra' in November 2006.
- MS. Swati Wahwal, deptment of microbiology, has been awarded FIP under UGC to complete her Ph.D.
- Mr. B.Dudbhate, department of history, is perusing an M.Phil.
- Mr. Surendra Thakur, deptment of sociology, completed M.Phil. in 2006.

Many members of the teaching faculty have proved their credentials as invitees to various events/ institutions as resource persons. The details are:

1. Dr.Lakshmi Vyas is a visiting lecturer for the post graduate courses in Environmental Studies at the Institute of Science. She has also been invited by various NGO s to speak on issues related to environment.
2. Dr. Lakshmi Vyas was invited to present a paper and to chair a session at a conference held by WSEAS AT Tenerife, Spain In December 2006.
3. Dr. Sucita Krishnaprasad, Economics department worked as a repertoire for a discussion on ‘Future Research Agenda in the asian subcontinent, organized by the ILO in collaboration.
4. Dr. Vidya Vencatesan was invited to deliver lectures at various universities in France during April-June.
5. Ms.Sanjyoti Sanap worked as a judge for oratory competition by Hinustani Prachar sabha, Mumbai, 2-2-2006.
6. Ms. Savita Pawar , Head, department of physics, attended a UGC sponsored seminar on ‘Nanotechnology’ at the K.G.Somaiya college in September 2005
7. Ms. Savita Pawar , Head, department of physics, attended workshop on ‘Frontiers of Physics’ at the University of Mumbai in October 2006.
8. Dr. Suchita Krishaprasad was invited to a national workshop on ‘The working Class Movements- Recent Trends’ organized by the centre for labour studies, TISS, Mumbai, December 2005
9. Mrs. N.V.Naik attended a conference at Jaihind college in February 2006.

14. Citation index of faculty members and impact factor: -

15. Honors / Awards to the faculty:

It is matter of great honour and privilege that Dr. Lakshmi Vyas , Principal of the college and the head of the Geography department ,was awarded ‘ The best teacher award’ ,by the Mumbai university in August 2005.

16. Internal resources generated:

An annual rent of Rs. 24,000 is received from the caterer managing the college canteen.

17. Details of departments getting SAP, COSIST (ASSIST)/DST. FIST, etc. assistance/ recognition:

-Nil.

18. Community services:

NSS wing of the College has been involved in various community services. These include:

- The N.S.S. volunteers in coordination with the B.M.C. took part in the extensive pulse polio immunization programme. They visited approximately 1500 homes in Colaba to help immunize children aged less than 5 years.
- The N.S.S. students adopted a municipal school at Bora bazaar, Fort and held a number of programmes for the school children like puppet shows, lectures on health and eye care, remedial teaching etc.
- Besides, Department of French presented a street play on the occasion of world aids day on December 1, 2005.
- Lecture on rising communal tensions in France was delivered by Francois Dupuis, Director of Pedagogy, Alliance Francaise de Mumbai, on September 13, 2005.

20. Teaching – Non-teaching staff ratio:

The teaching and non-teaching staff ratio is 1 : 1.08.

21. Improvements in the library services:

The computerization of entry of books is currently on the way.

22. New books/journals subscribed and their value:

The college has a rich collection of text books, reference books as well as a section of rare books. This section has received a special mention in the peer team report. This year a total number of 234 books were purchased with a total cost of Rs. 78739/- Besides, the college subscribes to various journals.

23. Courses in which student assessment of teachers is introduced and the action taken on student feedback

Student assessment of teachers is undertaken for every teacher of every class including the self-financed courses. The questionnaire for this work is prepared by the IQAC. The data is analysed by a team consisting of teaching staff, and the best teachers are applauded in the staff common room meeting.

24. Unit cost of education:

The College receives funds from two sources: UGC and the State plan. The average cost considering these two sources, works out to Rs. 10537.40 for the year 2005-06.

25. Computerization of administration and the process of admissions and examination results, issue of certificates:

Internal results of the college were computerized through software that was developed by the teaching staff from department of Physics.

26. Increase in the infrastructural facilities:

Elphinstone College being government institution, sufficient funds are received from the government under the District Planning Committee (DPC) every year. These funds are sanctioned to meet the capital expenditure and non-capital expenditure of the college. Capital expenditure is incurred to provide infrastructural facilities in the college like construction work, renovation, restoration, repairs, etc. The college has spent Rs. 21 lakhs and Rs. 15.77 lakhs during 2005-06 and 25 lakhs 2006-07 respectively on construction and renovation of science laboratories. Generous funds have been provided for the year 2007-08 also.

27. Technology up gradation:

The techno force of the college is continuously upgraded. Internet facility has been provided to the IT department and Bio-technology, physics and computer Lab. department. Students have free access to internet facility. LCD Monitors with latest versions of computers are purchased.

28. Computer and internet access and training to teachers and students:

It is mandatory for all the teachers as well as the class-3 employees to complete the MSCIT course. This equips the teachers to effectively utilize modern technology in imparting teaching. At present the internet facility has been provided to the IT department and Bio-technology, physics and computer Lab. department. Students have free access to internet facility. LCD Monitors with latest versions of computers are purchased. Specific software's have been purchased for science faculty, Bio-technology and Information Technology courses.

29. Financial aid to students:

Following fellowships and scholarships were awarded to meritorious and deserving students.

(1) Fellowships:

About 6 Government Daxina Fellowships of the value of Rs.60/- p.m. each, tenable for two years, awarded to students graduating from this college who have obtained a first class or higher second class in the first degree examination.

(2) Scholarships:

(A) The Bombay Municipal Corporation Endowment Scholarships:

(1) One scholarship of Rs.150/- p.m. for a student doing research for the Ph.D. degree.

(2) One scholarship of Rs. 150/- p.m. each of the M.A./M.Sc.(Part-I) and M.A./M.Sc.(Part-II) students.

(3) Two scholarships of Rs. 40/- p.m. each of S.Y.and T.Y.B.A./B.Sc. students.

(B) The College Centenary Scholarships:

(1) Two Tata Scholarships of Rs.50/- p.m. each to poor and deserving students, one for T.Y.B.A. and one for B.Sc. students.

(2) 27 merit scholarships, each of Rs.40/- p.m. each to students of the three year B.A. and B.Sc. degree courses.

(C) Government of India Scholarships:

There are about 14 different types of scholarships offered by the Government of India like merit scholarships, loan scholarships, talent search scholarships, science talent search scholarships, scholarships to handicapped, backward classes, children of ex-servicemen and freedom fighters, etc.

(D) Government of Maharashtra's Scholarships:

There are six Scholarships awarded by the Government of Maharashtra including open merit scholarship, scholarship for sports persons, free ships to girls and economically backward classes, etc.

30. Activities and support from the Alumni Association:

Elphinstonian society organized a contributory dinner on April 7, 2006, was followed by screening of "On the making of Lagaan" by Satyajit Bhatkal who is an alumnus of the College (1982-1986). His film won the national award and he shared his experiences of making the film, with his batch mates and professors who were present in large numbers.

31. Activities and support from the Parent-Teacher Association:

The Parents as the stakeholders are invited to attend the orientation session held at the beginning of every academic session. Besides, teachers interact with the parents at the department level especially for the third year students to acquaint them with academic progress of the student, the career prospects, and avenues for further studies.

32. Health services:

As a government institution, the college has a facility of 'Doctor on Call'. These doctors are available within the extended premises of the college.

Besides, departments like Gymkhana, Biotechnology and Microbiology maintain First aid kit. This comprises of oral tablets and medicines for pain relief and band aid, iodex, rallispray and antiseptic spray for fast pain relief.

Special programmes conducted at the college to ensure better health include:

- Eye Screening and Testing Programme:

This programme was organized in February 2007 by the college in association with Rotary Club of Bombay and Lotus College of Optometry.

- Yoga Lecture and Demonstration:

A lecture and demonstration on “Yoga for Physical and Mental Health” was organized with the help of Ambika Yog Kutir for the benefit of students, teachers and non-teaching staff.

Finally, to look after the mental health of the students, the college has a dedicated students’ counselor, who is available thrice a week during college hours.

33. Performance in sports activities: Outstanding performances of the year

- Rashid Shaikh (SYBA) represented the state of Maharashtra in the under-21 Football national championship held in Mumbai.
- Umesh Sharma (SYBCom.) represented Mumbai University at the All India Interuniversity waterpolo tournament at Thiuvananthapuram.
- Rajnikant Dubey (FYBsc.) secured second place in the 100m Breast stroke at the intercollegiate swimming competitions organised by the university of Mumbai.
- Swapnil More (FYBA) represented the Mumbai district at the inter-district basketball championship.
- Manoj Chawda won a bronze medal at national level Karate championship held in Andheri sports complex.
- Mr. Rupesh Singh (SYBA) secured First place in Javelin Throw in the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Meet organized by the Mumbai University. He represented Mumbai University in the “Ashvmedh” tournaments
- Mr. Umesh Sharma (TYBCom) represented Mumbai University in Water Polo tournament at All India Inter University Level at Chandigarh.
- Mr. Deepak Waske (SYBSc-IT) is selected in the University team for chess.

- Mr. Yuvraj Choudhary (SYBA) represented 2nd World Wood Ball championship held at Taipai.
- Mr. Shreyas Salunke (FYBSc-IT) secured Gold Medal in District Championship organized by Thane District Power Lifting Association.
- Mr. Darshan Jaitpal (SYBCom) played One Liberal and South Bombay Tournaments organized by the Mumbai Cricket Association. He also participated in “Cricket Star Ki Khoj” competition organized by Air-Tel and Fair and Lovely.

34. Incentives to outstanding sportspersons:

The College has instituted the Sultan Dossal award on 125'th Anniversary College Endowment Fund to honour the outstanding sports person. The award is given to an outstanding sports person among the students in junior and senior college. This year the junior college award was given jointly to Vikas Dwivedi (F.Y.J.C.Com) and Ravi Patel (F.Y.J.C.Com), and in senior college, the award was given to Rashid Shaikh (S.Y.B.A.)

Also, students who represent the college in various sports are unable to attend classes regularly due the demands of their training schedule and competitions. The teachers provide them extra guidance in their studies whenever required.

35. Student achievements and awards:

Students have kept up the reputation of the college in various spheres of activity.

The highlights of Achievements in Academics are:

1. Dilber Devitre, and Priyanka Rane topped the university in French and German Respectively.
2. Behrooz Avari, TYBA, student of Geography was awarded full bright scholarship by USIS to study in USA for the degree in Travel and Tourism.
3. Five students from the department of French were invited to participate in International Youth Conference held in France.

Achievements in co-curricular activities:

- Vinay Mishra(FYBA) and Rekha Mayavanshi participated in a letter writing competition organized by the Human Resource and Development Ministry of the Indian Government at the National level and won a gold and a bronze respectively.

- Hema Chander secured first prize in the intercollegiate essay competition on Physics on 16 September 2006.

Achievements in Extra-curricular activities:

- Sudha Verma was judged as the best N.C.C. Cadet for this year.
- A cadet from Navy wing, Abhishek Gawde was selected for

37. Activities of the Guidance and Counselling unit:

The college offers the services of a professional counselor made available through the Lalkaka trust.

38. Placement services provided to students:

Career Expo was organized in the College by the placement cell in August 2005. A unique feature of this event was that several stalls in the exhibition were managed by various departments in the College, such as the department of French, Hindi, IT, Physical Education, life sciences, etc. to guide the students about the career prospects in their subjects.

During the years 2005-2007, the following companies had approached the college for campus interview and placements were given.

1. Business Movers India Ltd.
2. Convergys India Services Pvt. Ltd.
3. Patni Computer Systems
4. Infointernship.Com.
5. M/s. Indus Communications
6. Maharashtra Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology
7. Google India
8. Pratik Transforming Work Places
9. State Bank of India
10. The Indian Hotel Company Ltd.
11. Archon Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
12. First Naukari.Com.
13. T.K. Doctor Company Lts., CA
14. Kuoni Academy of Travel

15. Tata Group of Business Process
16. SRL Ranbaxy
17. Mudra Institute of Communication, Ahmedabad(MICA)
18. Indian Institute of Packaging
19. Cholamandalam Distribution Services Ltd.
20. Tata Shares Registry Ltd.
21. Prata Gandhi & Company
22. ZENTA Ltd.
23. Larissa International
24. Kalayani Net Venture Ltd.
25. Accenture
26. Infosys
27. Hotel Marine Plaza
28. Satyam Computers
29. TCS.

39. Development programmes for non-teaching staff:

The overhead facilities such as Gymkhana and library are available to the non-teaching staff, to promote physical and mental fitness. Besides, as a government college, this staff enjoys some significant benefits. They include:

- Availability of interest free loan for buying a computer.
- Provision of govt. accommodation, which is indeed an enviable facility, in a city like Mumbai.
- Availability of loan at a very low interest to acquire a two- wheeler.
- Annual get-together is arranged for teaching and non-teaching staff together, which facilitates cultural interaction between them on a personal basis.

39. Healthy practices of the institution:

- The College has a large number of endowment scholarships named after its esteemed alumni. It is indeed a privilege for the students to be awarded with these.
- Some departments such as department of French have strived to maintain global standards of excellence, which is evident from the number of students invited to participate in International Youth Conference organised in France.
- IQAC organized a workshop on methodologies in teaching.
- Celebration of the national sports day on the birthday of Major Dyanchand the legend in Hockey.
- Awarding sports scholarships to outstanding sportsmen.

40. Linkages developed with National/International, academic/Research bodies:

- Five students from the department of French were sent to participate in international Youth Conference in France.
- Discussions for collaborative research programmes have been initiated with French University, and Syracuse University New York.

41. Any other relevant information the institution wishes to add:

42. Action taken report on the AQAR of the previous year.

This is the first year after the NAAC accreditation. Hence the college undertook to initiate IQAC, orient the staff regarding its role in setting quality standards and monitoring the progress.

43. Any other relevant information the institute wishes to add.

Section C- Outcomes achieved by the end of the year.

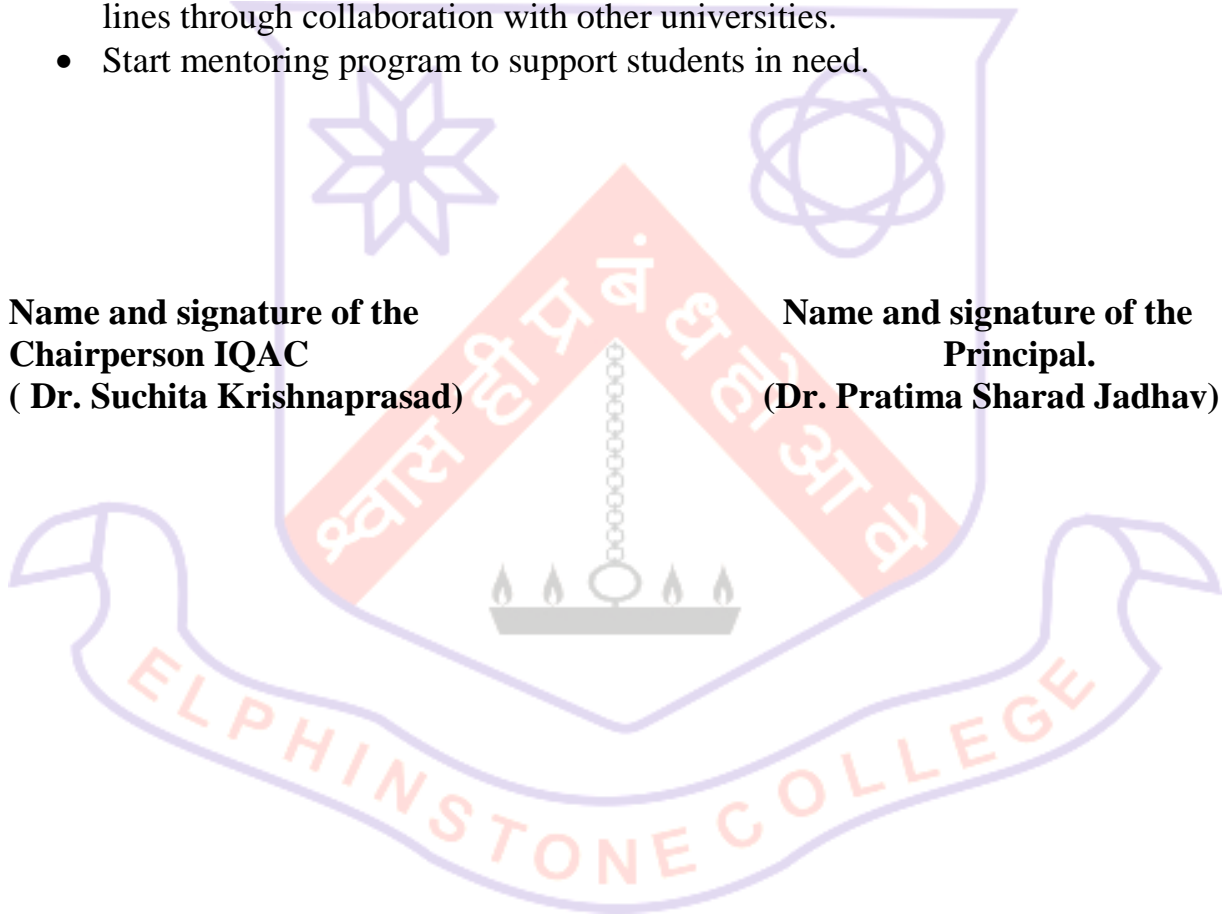
- Students are the brand ambassadors and the outcome of all the endeavors of an educational institution. Viewed thus, the College has done exceedingly well in academics as well as in sports, with students representing the college at district, University, State, National and International levels.
- IQAC has made its beginning with interactive staff sessions, engaged by the members of teaching staff.
- Two members of IQAC attended a two day programme on 'mentoring practices in institutions of higher education', organized by the Christ college, Bangalore, November 2006. They gave a presentation to the Staff about various aspects of mentoring.

Section D- Plans of the HEI for the next year.

- Having been accredited with an “A” grade by the NAAC, the College plans to surge ahead in the area of academic excellence by hosting an international conference on a contemporary issue in the era of globalization, namely: ‘Urban Planning and Environment: Strategies and Challenges.’, around the month of January in the next academic year.
- Given the reputation of the College, the NAAC peer team has recommended initiation of a career-oriented course. The College plans to work on these lines through collaboration with other universities.
- Start mentoring program to support students in need.

**Name and signature of the
Chairperson IQAC
(Dr. Suchita Krishnaprasad)**

**Name and signature of the
Principal.
(Dr. Pratima Sharad Jadhav)**



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IQAC MEMBERS:

1. Dr. Lakshmi Vyas Principal, Chairperson, IQAC
2. Dr. Suchita Krishnaprasad Convenor, IQAC
3. Dr. Zenobia Dumasia Convenor, Examination Committee
4. Dr. S.M.Desai Teacher Member
5. Mrs. Asha Ratnakar Gymkhana-in-Charge
6. Dr. Rajendra Dhamnaskar Teacher Member
7. Mrs. Rajshree Vyas Teacher Member
8. Dr. Vidya Vencatesan Teacher Member
9. Mrs. Nikita Naik Teacher Member
10. Dr. M.A.Khan Teacher Member
11. Mrs. V.V. Khare Teacher Member
12. Mrs. Savita Dange Teacher Member
13. Ms. Sanjyoti Sanap N.C.C In-Charge
14. Mr. S. A. Dhure N.S.S. in-charge
15. Mr. Mukesh Tekwani Teacher Member
16. Mrs. Vijaya Yeole Teacher Member
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