

# THE ANNUAL QUALITY REPORT



Government of Maharashtra's  
**Elphinstone College**  
156, M.G. Road, Mumbai 400 032

**2006-07**

## Section A:

### Plan of action chalked out by the IQAC in the beginning of the year towards quality enhancement.

- Having been accredited with an “A” grade by the NAAC, the College is planning to host 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.
- 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.

## Section B: Details in respect of the following:

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

#### MISSION:

To provide:

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

VISION: 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 process of globalization has thrown up many challenges and opportunities. Considering a boom in hospitality industry, following globalisation, the college has started the following hotel management courses in collaboration with the Yeshwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik in 2007. This includes:

- (1) B.B.A. in Hotel and Tourism Management.
- (2) M.B.A. in Hospitality Management.
- (3) Diploma in Tourism and Hotel Management.
- (4) Certificate course in GIS & Remote Sensing

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

College has provided a part of its premise for a post graduate course in Hotel Management run by Yeshwantrao Chavan Open University.

## 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

Other members of the staff have attended orientation workshops on revised syllabi, to acquaint themselves with the modules, methodology of teaching and evaluation.

- Ms. Susannah.Malcom attended a workshop on the up -gradation of the SYBA syllabus.
- She also attended a workshop on teaching methodology for SYBA held at Xavier's college.

## 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 History**

The department visited the exhibition on Mumbai city, 'Bombay Bonanza', in January 2007.

**Department of Hindi-**

Hindi Week is celebrated by the department of Hindi, in the second week of September each year. This year, following programmes were conducted during 14'th to 18'th September.:

- Dr. Munawar Ali spoke on the theme "Kavi aur Kavita" in his inaugural speech of the week-long activities.
- A workshop was organized on 'Hindi Natak aur Rangmanch' under the guidance of Dr. Mangesh Bansod, Mumbai University, department of Theatre.
- On September 18'th Dr. Ramaji Tiwari delivered a talk on Devanagari Lipi, Vartaman Swaroop aur Mahatva.

- Shri Achut Palav conducted a workshop on calligraphy in Indian languages. Students attended these programs in great enthusiasm and a large number.

#### **Department of Botany**

- A visit was arranged to the forensic Science laboratory for the TYBSc. Students to familiarize them to chromatographic analysis and DNA testing.
- A short excursion was arranged to Yeoor hills and also to Jijamata Udyan and also to the fruits and vegetable show at VJTI to acquaint the students with the economically important plants and vegetables.

#### **Department of Zoology**

- A study tour was organized by the department to Goa and Ganapatipule in the month of January.

#### **Department of Sociology**

- The department conducted a film show for students on 'Globalization', called 'The Tale.'

#### **Department of Geography**

- A field trip was organized by the department to Lonavla on 15 August 2006 to study landforms, settlement pattern etc.
- Also, an excursion was organized to Mahabaleshwar on 5 November 2006.

#### **Department of Political Science:**

- On April 26, 2007, the department organized the Dr. B R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture on "Dr. Ambedkar and Nation Building", as part of the sesquicentennial celebrations.

#### **4. Inter-disciplinary programmes: Nil**

## 5. Examination reforms implemented:

The revised syllabi as per the guidelines by the University were implemented in various subjects. The examinations were conducted according to the pattern prescribed by the University.

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

Following staff members have successfully completed SET/NET examination:

Name of the department/teacher	Department	Name of the exam.	Year of passing
Physics, Savita Dange	Physics	NET, SET	2001
Vishwas Gaikwad	Political Science	NET	2004
Dr. Khomane	Marathi	SET	1997
Smt. Sanap	Hindi	SET	1995
Dr. Kamble	Commerce	SET	1999
Smt. Deepa Hirani	Microbiology	SET	1995
Smt. Nikita Naik	Microbiology	SET	1995
Dr. Swati Wavhal	Microbiology	SET	1995

## 7. Initiative towards faculty development programme

Members of the teaching staff encouraged to flourish in their careers as academicians by:

- Attending refresher/ orientation programs,
- Facilitating FIP under UGC scheme,
- Allowing the faculties to interact with the wider academic circles as resource persons wherever possible.

### **FIP under UGC Scheme:**

- Dr. Bhavna Patole from department of History had been awarded FIP to complete her doctoral dissertation. She joined the College after submitting the same in November 2006.
- Mr. Surendra Thakur completed 'basic foundation course, 'Gender and society,' SRTMU, Nanded, 20-28 February 2007.

- **Resource persons:**

Following members of the teaching staff were invited as resource persons at various forums:

- Dr. Suchita Krishnaprasad, department of Economics, worked as a repertoire for a discussion on ' Future research agenda in the Asian subcontinent ', organized by ILO in IGIDR in august 2006.
- Dr. R.M. Desai, Department of Botany, was invited Ruia college as a visiting faculty.
- Ms Sanjyoti Sanap, department of Hindi, was invited to participate in Doordarshan Mahacharcha on 9 March 2007.

Many others participated in seminars/ workshops etc., sharing their expertise.

The details are as under:

### **Department of Political Science :**

Prof. C.P. Sadawarte, attended a conference on 'Afro- American literature', organized by the University of Mumbai

### **Department of Sociology**

- Prof. Gaikwad Sunil participated in an international seminar organized by the university of Mumbai, 6-7- March 2007.
- He also participated in an international conference on 9-10 April at the University of Mumbai.
- Mr. Surendra Thakur presented a paper on the theme of contemporary relevance, 'The farmers' suicide in Vidarbha', at a state level conference at Baramati on 29 September 2006.
- He also presented a paper on 'The causes, consequences and remedies towards violence against women, in a conference held at Udgir on 28-29 January 2007.
- Ethics of Buddhism and social development,' at Ambejogai on 10-11 February 2007.
- - 'Globalisation and women's education', at Loyla college Chennai, 29-31 December, 2006.
- Mr. Surendra Thakur participated in a conference, 'The public sphere and the state; issues of the market, marginalization and citizenship, university of Mumbai, 22-23 March 2007.
- Mr. Surendra Thakur wrote a book, 'Tribal society' which was published in May 2006. Mr Susannah.Malcom is a visiting faculty at the Sophaya polytech and the K.C. College.

### **Department of Marathi:**

- Dr. Shymala Garud was invited as the speaker for the 'Boudhha dhamma parishad.' Yavatmaal Sanskrutik Kendra

### **Department of Zoology**

- Prof Harinkhede, attended an International Conference on Urban Planning and Environment: Strategies and Challenges, organized by Mumbai University and Elphinstone College on 30th and 31st Jan 2007.
- Attended National Symposium on Reproductive Biology and Comparative Endocrinology organized by Dept. of Zoology, University of Kerala, Thiruvanthpuram, on 15th to 17th Jan 2007.



- Ms.Asha Ratnakar from the Department of Physical Education presented a paper at the national seminar organized by Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education, Gwalior on 'Medical Aspects of Yoga' in March.

#### **Department of Economics**

- Dr. Suchita Krishnaprasad participated in a national seminar on 'Reinventing education for quality sustenance' organized by the Chembur education society, February 2007.

#### **Department of Hindi-**

- -Ms Sanjyoti Sanap Attended a national level seminar at M. D. College Mumbai, November 2006.
- Ms Sanjyoti Sanap Attended a state level seminar at P.T. college Nashik in January 2007.

#### **Department of Physics-**

- -A seminar was held for the T.Y.B.SC. students in December 2006.
- -Prof. M.N. Tekwani presented a paper on 'Impact of ICT on urban development at the international conference on, 'Urban planning and environment strategies and challenges, in January 2007 at the Elphinstone College.
- -Ms. Savita Pawar attended a workshop on ' Frontiers of Physics' at the department of Physics , University of Mumbai in October 2006.

#### **Department of Microbiology-**

- Ms. Swati Wahwal attended a conference at St. Xavier's college in January 2007.
- She also attended the international conference on 'Urban planning and environment - strategies and challenges, in January 2007 at the Elphinstone College.

#### **Department of Chemistry**

- Prof.R.S. Dhamnaskar presented a paper on 'Principles and concepts of green Chemistry', at the international conference on 'Urban planning and environment - strategies and challenges, in January 2007 at the Elphinstone college.
- Prof.R.S. Dhamnaskar attended in intercollegiate workshop on, 'Quantitative analysis'

#### **Department of Psychology-**

- Prof. Garole attended a conference 'The psychological approach to literature after 1960 in Dayanand college.

- - Participated in the international conference on 'Urban planning and environment strategies and challenges, in January 2007 at the Elphinstone college.

#### **Department of Botany-**

- Miss Shende attended a conference on Aerobiology and presented a paper on pollen analysis of honey samples at Wardha.

#### **Department of Zoology-**

- Prof. Harinkhede presented a paper 'Toxicity insecticide on crab sculla Serrata at SRBC, Kerla university.
- Prof. Harinkhede attended a conference on 22-23 December 2006, at Thakur college.
- Prof. Harinkhede attended the international conference on 'Urban planning and environment - strategies and challenges, in January 2007 at the Elphinstone college.
- -Mr. Prakash Choudhary attended a state level seminar on ' Water situation with particular reference to Mumbai city, 2 September 2006. He attended an international conference on 'Urban planning and environment - strategies and challenges', in January 2007 at the Elphinstone college.

#### **Department of Marathi**

- Ms. Shyamal Garud;
- -Wrote in the Marathi magazine, 'Apla Param mitra' on 'Stree atmakathane ani samaj', throughout the year.
- -Wrote critical analysis of ' Shreedhar Tilve's poetry book, 'Streewahini'
- -Wrote the story and screen play for the Marathi movie, 'Siddhant'
- -Wrote ' Sattotari stree atmakathane' which is on the way of publication.
- -Wrote , ' Kalatmac chitrapatatil streepatre', which is on the way of publication.
- - Was the Dreparry artist for the poetic drama , 'Kavita colas'.
- - Translated the 'Meena prakalp ,' by the UNISEF into Marathi.

#### **Department of History-**

- MS. Bhavna Patole attended a national conference on 'Modern Maharashtra 'organized by the SNTD University.

#### **The department of Marathi.**

- -Dr. Shymala Garud attended a debate on 'The psychological approach to literature after 1960', organized by M.D. College, Mumbai.
- - She also attended a debate and discussion on, 'Dnanpeeth puraskar vijetyancha satkar ani tyanchya sahyawar charcha, ajche natak; sanhita ani prayog' organized by the department of Marathi, University of Mumbai.
- -She also attended the 'Rashtriya vasant natyosava.'
- -The department organized 'The Maharashtra utsav an intercollegiate state level cultural festival was held on December 7-10, 2007. Around 3500 students from 75 colleges participated in almost 15 events.

#### **Department of Commerce**

- Mrs. Rajashree Vyas participated in a one day state level seminar "Quality enhancement initiatives through IQAC on 29 July 2006 organized by the University of Mumbai and Saraf College of Arts, Science and Commerce.

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

The following workshops and conferences were organized during 2006-07

Department of Hindi organized One Day Workshop on "Devnagari Lipi" on 18 September, 2007.

#### **The department of Physical Education-**

The department of Physical Education organized a lecture and a demonstration on, Yoga for Physical and mental health.

#### **Department of Political science**

On April 26, 2007, The department organized the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar memorial lecture on 'Dr. Ambedkar and nation building', as part of the sesquicentennial celebrations.

#### **Department of French**

On July 22-25, 2006 Dr. C. Leblne from the university of Nantes, France conducted a three day workshop on 'Les Epopees du Monde.'

August 5 , 2006 was celebrated as Journee Maupassant to comemrate the birth anniversary of Guy De Maupassant, the French literateur of the XIX th century. On this occasion Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande and Prof. Meenal Kshirsagar delivered lectures on the subject. A film Une de Campagne by Jean Renoir was also screened.

### **Elphinstone Natya Mandal-**

This mandal organized a Theatre workshop from April 23-27, 2006. Several eminent personalities from the Marathi theatre group were invited to give practical guidance and training to the students.

### **Department of Geography-**

-In January 2007, Dr. Vyas organized an international conference on ‘Urban planning dichotomies- London and Mumbai; a micro level comparative analysis.

- In September 2007, Dr. Vyas was invited by Jaiotong University Beijing, China for a papere presentation on ‘ Simulation models for the dipertion of sewage outfalls along the west coast of Mumbai, India.’

Mr. Chowdhari attended state level seminar on ‘Water situation with particular reference to Mumbai city, September 2, 2006’, AT Tolani College.

He also attended the conference on ‘Urban planning and environment strategies and challenges’, in January 2007 at the Elphinstone college

The Elphinstone College has celebrated 150 years of academic excellence. To continue the great legacy and tradition of the college the students and teachers unanimously decided to organize an international conference on a current and very inter-disciplinary topic like “ Urban Planning and Environment.”

**International Conference on “ Urban Planning and Environment: Strategies and Challenges.”**

International Conference on “ Urban Planning and Environment: Strategies and Challenges” was held on 30 and 31 January, 2007 in the Convocation Hall of the Mumbai University and Plenary lectures and other sessions were held at the Elphinstone College.

The planning process of the international conference was initiated during the months of August/September 2006.

The entire conference communication was done electronically. The response was overwhelming and very satisfactory.

### **Highlights:**

The main highlights of the conference were as under:

- 200 papers were received international and nationally.
- 26 International participants including three plenary addressers from US and UK.
- International participation from; Iran, Guyana, Japan, Turkey, Germany, UK, Us, Brazil and South Africa.
- 80 national participants.
- 100 local participants.
- Abstracts copies handed over to all the participants.
- Proceedings of the conference was published by Macmillan Co.Ltd.
- Students organized an exhibition of History of the Elphinstone College.
- Students of Horticulture beatified the college, conference venue with plants and flowers.
- NSS students helped in discipline imitations and other miscellaneous work.
- Students of Hotel and Tourism Management assisted in accommodation and catering.

### **The Inauguration of the Conference:**

The conference was inaugurated by:

- Chief Guest: Dr. Jaiaraj Pathak, Principal Secretary, Urban Development, Government of Maharashtra.

- Guest of Honour and Presiding: Dr. A. D. Sawant, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University.
- International Representation: Dr. Gordon Fellor, CEO, Urban Age, California, USA.
- Coordinator: Dr. Lakshmi Vyas, Principal, Elphinstone College, Mumbai.

### **Speakers at the Plenary Lectures:**

There were six speakers at the plenary lectures namely:

1. Dr. Ramanand Jha, MD, MSRDC, Government of Maharashtra.
2. Dr. Tim Butler, Head, Dept. of Geography, King College, London, UK.
3. Dr. Gordon Feller, CEO, Urban Age, California, USA
4. Dr. K. Munshi, CEO, Rolta India Ltd., Mumbai.
5. Dr. Richard Smardon, Syracuse University, New York, USA.
6. Dr. V. Tondvalker, Chief, Mithi River Project, MMRDA.

In all 72 presentations were made by delegates from India and abroad. Two best papers and two best posters were awarded.

The valedictory function concluded with panel discussion and review of papers and the details were reported to concerned officers immediately. It was also requested to host this conference as biannually, when 2/3 colleges showed interest.

More than 200 participants including 26 international and 80 national level participants have attended the conference. About 200 research papers were received. Exhibition of History of Elphinstone College was organized. Proceedings of the conference was published by the MacMillan India Co.Ltd.

### **The Elphinstonian Society-**

A debate was conducted on the occasion of the 150 th year celebrations of the society on ‘The glory of Elphinstone belongs to its students and not to its teachers’.

## **9. Research projects**

### **10. Patents generated, if any:**

No patents were generated this year.

### **11. New collaborative research programmes:**

Nil

### **12. Research grants received from various agencies:**

The college has received Rs. 27000/- as research grant from the University of Mumbai to undertake and complete two research projects in Chemistry and Marathi subjects.

### **13. Details of Research Scholars:**

Teachers as research scholars:

Ms. Savita Pawar from the department of Physics is doing a research project at the Tata institute of fundamental research.

Following teachers are pursuing Ph.D.

-Dr. Bhavna Patole submitted her Phd. thesis in November 2006.

- Mr. Harinkhede is perusing his M. Phil. in the Amravati university.

- Mr Surendra Thakur , Socoiology department was awarded an M.Phil. in June 2006.

### **Department of Physics:**

- Ms. Savita Pawar attended a workshop on “Frontiers of Physics” organized by the Department of Physics, University of Mumbai in October 2006.

### **Department of Mathematics:**

- Mr. S. S Dhure attended a 2 day programme on “Mentoring practices in Institutions of Higher education” organized by the Christ College Bangalore in November 2006.

#### **14. Citation index of faculty members and impact factor:**

#### **15. Honors / Awards to the faculty:**

#### **16. Internal resources generated:**

- An annual rent of Rs. 24,000 is received from the caterer managing the college canteen.
- The third floor of college is used by YCMOU for conducting Hotel management course, for which the college receives 30% of amount received as Study Centre Fees.
- Fine collected from the library: Rs. 1399/-

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

-Nil.

#### **18. Community services:**

##### **N.S.S.-**

- A special camp was organized at Dahisargaon in Vasi Taluka, from October 29 to November 7, 2006. At the camp the students worked for the welfare of the villagers. They cut down grass and shrubs around the cremation ground and make fire lines, build roads and embankments, helped to clean out and beautify the village school and provided it with better sanitation facilities, and put up a puppet show against blind belief in superstitions and magic.



-A blood donation Camp was held on December 4, 2006, and a record amount of 152 units of blood was collected during the day.

-Managed a help desk during admissions in June 2006.

- A tree plantation drive at Thane in July 2006.

- Participated in an intercollegiate competition on AIDS organized by Siddhartha College in September 2006.

- Participated in the walk for promoting awareness of multiple sclerosis among the public in December 2006.

- Took part in a peace rally on the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and also an international peace festival organized by Bhavan's college in December 2006

- Under the campaign called 'Laadli ', an exhibition was held on 75 women who have contributed positively and constructively to change the lives of others. This exhibition proved to be a festival of inspiration in the real sense as it was visited by over 5000 students from different colleges and schools along with their parents.

-A magic show by the famous magician Mr. Indrajeet was held. Mr. Indrajeet explained to the students to always possess a scientific and critical approach in life.

From 2005-06

An exhibition and workshop on Warli paintings was held to spread awareness about tribal culture.

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## 19. Teachers and officers newly recruited

Institution is governed by the Government of Maharashtra, and the teaching staff is appointed on regular basis by the Maharashtra Public Service Commission time to time. However, teachers are appointed by the Director of Higher education as a stop gap arrangement on contract basis. Teachers are also appointed by the Principal on Clock Hour Basis as a temporary arrangement to tide over the difficulties. Following tables show the position of teaching and non-teaching staff.

Teaching Staff:

Full time Teachers	Newly Recruited Teachers	Part-time Teachers	Vacant Posts	Total
44	08	03	07	62

Non-teaching Staff:

Regular Staff	Staff on Daily Wages	Vacant Posts	Total
55	09	03	67

## 20. Teaching – Non-teaching staff ratio:

Teaching Staff: 1: 1.03

Non teaching Staff Ratio:

## 21. Improvements in the library services:

The college has a rich collection of books on wide-ranging subjects. Some of them are rare old classics, and need to be preserved with care. Others are more contemporary, which include text-

books, reference books and books of general interest. To enable the library to cope up with demands of modern times, and also to highlight it's unique character, IQAC has sought help from professional librarians. A preliminary review of the requirements of the library has been prepared. These improvements will be implemented in four phases for which funds have been already sanctioned.

## **22. New books/journals subscribed and their value:**

1. New Books Purchased (2005-06): 234 Total Cost: Rs. 78739/-
2. New Books Purchased (2006-07): 624 Total Cost: Rs. 178137/-
3. New Journals Subscribed (2006-07): Most of the reputed journals are being subscribed by the college library.

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

A feed- back based on the questionnaire designed by IQAC was gathered from students studying in aided and unaided courses, to understand the gaps in transaction and improve upon. Besides written suggestions are also welcome.

## **24. Feedback from stakeholders**

An informal feedback was taken from the parents during the Parents' meet. The feedback from the wider society emerges from the survey of the top higher education institutions conducted by India Today each year, and according to this year's survey, the College appeared within the top five positions.

## **25. Unit cost of education:**

Since the college is the government institution, only fees prescribed by the university is collected from thr students under different heads such as library fees, laboratory fees, gymkhana fees, etc.

Tuition fees of the bonafied backward category students is borne by the government. B.Sc. Bio-Technology and B.Sc. Information Technology are unaided self-finance courses. Unit cost of education for various courses is as follows:

Name of the Course	Type of the Course	Unit Cost (RS )	
		Open Category	Reserved Category
1. B.A.	Aided	7345	4945
2. B.Com.	Aided	9145	6745
3. B.Sc.	Aided	7345	7345
4. B.Sc. (Bio-Technology)	Unaided	6170+30000=36170(3 years)	4570+30000=34570(3 years)
5. B.Sc. (Information Technology)	Unaided	Merit 30 students: Rs. 30000/- Paying 30 students: Rs.60000/- Average: Rs.45000/-	Merit 30 students: Rs. 30000/- Paying 30 students: Rs.60000/- Average: Rs.45000/-

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

**27. 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 25 lakhs in the year 2006-07 on construction and renovation of science laboratories.

### **28. Technology up gradation:**

The techno force of the college is continuously upgraded. Internet facility has been provided to thr IT department and Bio-technology, physics and computer Lab. departmrnt. 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. Computer and internet access and training to teachers and students:**

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### **30. 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, backwars classes, children of ex-servicemen and freedom fighters, etc.

#### **(D) Government of Maharashtra's Scholarships:**

There are six types of Government of Maharashtra's Scholarships like open merit, sports, free ships to girls and economically backward classes.

#### **31. Activities and support from the Alumni Association:**

(1) On the occasion of the 150 year celebrations of the college, the debate of of the legendary students v/s teachers was organized on "The Glory of Elphinstone belongs to its Students and not its Teachers" on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2006. Past students viz., Jerry Pinto, E. Govindraj and teachers including Dr. Mangala Sirdeshpande, Mrs. Charna, Dr. Lakshmi Vyas and Dr. Vencatesan were participated in the debate. The judges were former Chief Justice of India, Shri. Y.V.Chadrachud and Dr. Ramdas Bhatkal.

(2) In the month of April 2007, Justice Sujata Manohar was invited as a chief guest to the annual Elphinstonian dinner. In a brilliant after dinner speech, Justice Sujata Manohar spoke about how the college had really exploited the gold mine of talent that its alumni represented. Jerry Pinto offered to launch a special programme called the "Mentoring Programme" by which the former Elphinstonian would mentor 30 chosen students in their field of interest. The illustrious alumni supports the college for any progressive activity undertaken by the college.

#### **32. Activities and support from the Parent-Teacher Association:**

The Parent-Teachers Association has been started by the college to exchange the views and to solve the problems of students. Regular meetings of the association are held particularly after the admissions are over in which the college Principal address the gathering. Academic and curricular programmes of the college are discussed at these meetings.

### **33. Health services:**

#### **(1) First Aid:**

First Aid facility is available with Gymkhana Department. First Aid comprises oral tablets and medicines for pain relief and band aid, iodex, rallspray and antiseptic spray for fast pain relief.

#### **(2) 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.

#### **(3) 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.

First aid box is kept at the gymkhana and is replenished regularly.

### **34. Performance in sports activities:**

-Rupesh Singh(SYBA) secured first place in javelin throw in the intercollegiate athletic meet of Mumbai University.

-Umesh Sharma(TYBCOM. ) represented Mumbai University in the all India Inter university in Waterpolo at Chandigadh.

-Yuvraj Choudhary participated in the second world woodball championship at Taipei.

-Shreyas Salunke (FYBSc IT) secured gold medal in the District Championship organized by the Thane district power lifting association.

(1) **Athletics:** 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.

(2) **Waterpolo:** Mr. Umesh Sharma (TYBCom) represented Mumbai University in Water Polo at All India Inter University Level at Chandigarh.



(3) **Chess:** Mr. Deepak Waske (SYBSc-IT) scored 6 points in seven rounds and called for selection to form university team.

(4) **Wood Ball:** Mr. Yuvraj Choudhary (SYBA) represented 2<sup>nd</sup> World Wood Ball championship held at Taipai.

(5) **Power Lifting:** Mr. Shreyas Salunke (FYBSc-IT) secured Gold Medal in District Championship organized by Thane District Power Lifting Association.

(6) **Cricket:** 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.

### **35. Incentives to outstanding sportspersons:**

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.

### **36. Student achievements and awards:**

Students academic achievements and awards during 2006-07 are:

(3) Behrooz Avari of TYBA Geography student has been awarded full bright scholarship by USIS (USEFI) to study in USA for two years a degree in Travel and Tourism.

#### Academic Achievements:

#### Achievements in co-curricular activities:

Ms. Hema Chander secured first prize in the intercollegiate essay competition in Physics at Vikas college , Vikroli, 16 September 2006.

#### Achievements in the extracurricular activities;-

#### NCC-

Sudha Verma, SYBSC secured the best cadet award.

-Cadet Sanjeev Kumar attended naval camps.

-Air wing cadet Manoj Narvekar attended the J.B.Mavlankar shooting camp, ATC at JNPT,Pre -v.s.c.1 and 2 at Nagpur and All India Vayusinik camp at Bangalore.

### **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**

In the year 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.

Placement Cell: Coordinated by Dr. Sanjay Desai, Dr. Khan, Mrs. Rajeshree Vyas, Mr. Mukesh Tekwani and Principal Dr. Lakshmi Vyas.

### **39. Development programmes for non-teaching staff:**

To update the non-teaching staff on par with the latest techniques in office administration, all the clerical staff were sent to Sydenham College to attend a workshop on Office administration. Their feedback was excellent.

The non-teaching staff are also encouraged to participate in sports and college day celebrations and prizes are awarded to them.

Satyanarayana Pooja and other cultural programmes are organized for their benefit.

#### **40. Good practices of the institution:**

Participation of students in sports, cultural and other co-curricular activities for personality development beyond the syllabus

Environment-friendly practices.

Encourage alternative teaching methods like group discussions, debates and presentations as well as field visits and excursions.

Support for teachers to take up major and minor research projects.

Inter-disciplinary activities are encouraged to foster holistic thinking.

- Earn and Learn Scheme for the financially needy students
- Book bank scheme especially for courses requiring expensive books.
- Availing the students of the services of a professional counselor to cope up with personal issues and examination related stress. A helpline was deployed particularly before examinations to effectively handle such cases.
- Creating more facilities at the HEPSN to also include the students affected by dyslexia besides other differently abled students.
- Availability of accommodation facility for all the employees of the college.
- Festival advance is given to non-teaching staff.
- Housing loan at Government interest rate which lower than bank interest rate.
- Refundable and non-refundable loan from GPF for occasions like marriages, house restoration etc.
- Celebrating special occasions such as Major Dhyanchand Day (National Sports Day), International Women Day, Dr.Ambedkar Memorial Day, Hindi Divas etc.
- Sultan Dossal scholarship for outstanding sports person

**41. Linkages developed with National/International, academic/Research bodies:** Nil

**42. Action taken report on the AQAR of the previous year. N.A.**

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

**Part C: Detail the plans of the Department / Institution for the next year :**

**Section C- Outcomes achieved by the end of the year:**

- The College hosted its first ever international conference Urban Planning and Environment: Strategies and Challenges.
- Hotel management courses in collaboration with the Yeshwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik in 2007.

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

- Conduct more workshops to enhance Teaching learning process
- To modernize laboratories to facilitate advance research.
- To strike MoU's with libraries in the neighbourhood for better exposure to academic material

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