

THE ANNUAL QUALITY REPORT



Government of Maharashtra's
Elphinstone College

156, M.G. Road, Mumbai 400 032

2008-2009



Part A:

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

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 to translate this vision into achievements includes:

- Organise workshop on quality in teaching to rekindle the interests of teachers.
- strengthen capabilities of teachers for a greater participation in research activities
- To organize workshops for the student community with the aim of enhancing their academic skills.
- To promote self confidence amongst girl students.
- To improve laboratory infrastructure.
- Earn n learn, Book bank, Mentorship announced in Jan 09
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As a result the following outcomes were achieved:

- IQAC in collaboration with Department of English organized a one day workshop on Quality Teaching on 30th August 2008
- Presentations to encourage and update teachers about formulation of research problem and research methodology on 12/8/2008 and 24/1/2009.
- A one day State level workshop on Research Methodology and Quantitative Techniques in Scientific Research was held to stimulate the interest in research activity among the teachers.
- Various Departments conducted workshops and seminars for the benefit of students.
 - i. The Microbiology Department conducted a one day workshop on “Bioinformatics” on 3rd February 2009.

- ii. Department of Physics organized 'Velocity Festival' on 22-23rd December 2009
- iii. Department of Zoology organized an exhibition titled 'Welcome into the fascinating world of Zoology' on 28th January 2009.
- The Women Development Cell organized a self defence programme 'Swayamsiddha' on 15th August 2008.
- An independent laboratory was established for the staff and students of department of statistics.



Part B:

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

Following its vision, as a higher education institution managed by the Government of Maharashtra, the College is committed to the mission to ensure:

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

College consistently strives to design and implement activities to realize the above goals/mission.

Equal Opportunities of Education to all:

Following the Constitution of India, shaped by one of the most illustrious alumni of the College, Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the College works to ensure that socio-economic differences in the wider society do not harm opportunity of education to any student or group of students. Various schemes run in the College reflect a focused effort towards realizing this mission. This includes:

1. **Earn and Learn scheme:** Here economically underprivileged students are given work such as helping with office work during admission period, registering books in the library, etc. This helps to College to fill the manpower gap, while at the same time boosts the self esteem of these students, increasing the sense of belonging towards the institution among them.
2. **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.
3. **Mentorship:** Each department has implemented mentorship in a manner that optimizes facility for the teacher and the taught without compromising with the quality of mentorship. Students enjoy a special relationship with their

mentors, and are free to discuss any sort of problem with their teacher- guide- and friend. Students are also referred to the professional counselor when found necessary.

4. **Professional counseling:** College has a professional counselor who visits the College thrice every week. Considering the rising suicide rate among the students due to examination stress, special sessions were conducted by our counselor before the examinations especially for S.Y.J.C. Science students where the incidence of suicide is reportedly very high.
5. **HEPSN cell:** College has HEPSN cell, sponsored by the U.G.C. The cell acquired state-of-the-art equipment including software necessary to facilitate improved learning for the visually challenged and dyslexic learners. The cell has a team of dedicated volunteers, who help in writing examination papers for the visually challenged both within and outside the College.
6. **UGC Merged Schemes:** The College has accessed UGC funds to implement merged schemes for the benefit of students. These include plans such as coaching classes for entry into services, remedial coaching, provision of infrastructure ensuring easy access to ICT to the students, etc. Each year hundreds of students register under these programs. The feedbacks received for the same are highly encouraging.

Holistic Education ensuring an all-round development of students.

The College attempts to provide a diversity of learning experiences conducted outside the regular curriculum. These activities help students gain experience in a variety of areas that will enhance their future.

Extra-curricular activities help discover hidden talents and promote a wholesome development of youth. In this direction the College holds 'Maharashtrotsav', 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. Besides, the College supports student participation in cultural events at various levels.

The College aspires to widen the horizons of our students by taking them to field visits. This includes places of historical and cultural importance, factories and research centers, wild life sanctuaries.

In a ruthlessly competitive world, sense of spirituality is essential to preserve inner tranquility and calm. The College ensures that the students are exposed to this aspect as well. A lecture on Vipassana and Education was delivered by Dr. Sharada Sanghavi, an expert in this field, on 18'th December 2008, followed by an interactive session.

Also, participation in sports, encourages teamwork among the students builds a sense of cooperation, and time management.

Creation of human capital, which can be an asset to the nation

In the era of knowledge revolution, the importance of human capital cannot be overemphasized. College has continuously produced students who have contributed significantly within and outside the country, and recent history is no exception to this. The students have done us proud by winning awards in various intercollegiate, and State and National level theatre competitions. Participation in sports at various levels has also been encouraging.

Lastly, considering that our students hail from socio economically underprivileged sections of the society, some of whom are first generation learners in higher education, it is indeed gratifying to note that our students are considered as assets to the organizations by their employers.

2. New academic programs initiated: Nil.

3. Innovation 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. Vidya Vencatesan	French	Member
Shri S.G.Thakur	Sociology	Member

Besides, almost all the members of the teaching staff have indirectly participated in the process of syllabi redesigning, the desirable mode of its transaction and the relative emphasis of the various parts of the syllabi at the time of evaluation. This has been possible by attending orientation workshops at the time of introduction of new syllabi. The details of which are as under:

Sr. No.	Name of the Faculty	Orientation /Workshop attended	Date /Venue
1	Dr. M.V.Kagwade	Revised Syllabus for FYBSc in Zoology	ICLES' Motilal Jhunjhunwala College of Arts, Science &Commerce on 22 nd August 2008
2	Prof. Dhure	Revised syllabus for F.Y.B.SC in Maths	27th June 2008
3	Smt. Vijaya Yeole	Revised syllabus for F.Y.B.SC in Maths	27th June 2008
4	Shri.Thakur	Revised syllabus for TYBA in Sociology	St.Andrews College, Bandra Sept 23 rd 2008

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:

a. Appropriate use of infrastructure, participative teaching methods, along with various co-curricular activities:

These and such endeavors whet the curiosity among students and kindle the interest among the teachers. Many 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. Students are encouraged to prepare wall papers to spread awareness about relevant issues in their subject which may interest a lay student from any stream. This improves their presentation skills. And to sustain what is learnt among all the students, many departments have study circles, as a mode of co-learning, wherein high performing students interact with others to supplement the skills of all the students.

b. Link Sessions:

In certain situations, particularly when students opt for a change of stream, or migrate from other parts of the state or the country, a need is felt to bridge the gap in knowledge so that they can cope with the learning requirements of the prevailing syllabi. This is done through orientation at the beginning of the course, where students interested in these special sessions are guided on an informal basis. Also special sessions are devoted to students with vernacular background to enable better grasp of the subject.

c. 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.

d. Holding various co-curricular activities:

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

Name of the Department	Name of the Festival	Level	Dates of the festival	Highlights of the Activities
Botany	Medical Plants- Natures Boon'	College	30 th Jan 2009	Exhibition of medicinal plants
Physics	Velocity Fest:	College	22 nd and 23 rd December 2008	Exhibition of posters, charts, models, projects and Science quiz
Physics	Fascinating Physics	College	3 rd January 2009	Seminars
Physical Education	'India under shadow of terrorism' and 'Child Labour'	College	7 th to 10 th January 2009	Poster Competition
Zoology	'Welcome into the fascinating world of Zoology'	College	28 th Jan' 09.	Exhibition of posters, charts, models, specimens

Various departments strive to impart field based education through Industrial Visits and Excursions and study tours.

Details of these are:

Department of Botany

- Students of Botany Department went for a nature trail to Neral in August 2008. They also visited Biosphere reserve in Pachmarhi (M.P). in the month of November.
- A visit to plants and flower exhibition at VJTI, Matunga in February 2009

Department of Biotechnology

- Students of Department of Biotechnology visited 'United Breweries' at Taloja,
- The Forensic Science Laboratory at Kalina, Mumbai
- ACTREC
- Visit to industries and research laboratory in Chandigarh.

Department of Microbiology

- Students of Department of Microbiology visited ACTREC, to familiarize the students with various instruments and their applications.
- They also visited the Indian Institute of Packaging, the Forensic Science Laboratory at Kalina and Worli Dairy.

Department of Chemistry

- Students of Department of Chemistry visited the Forensic Science Laboratory at Kalina.
- The students visited an exhibition on 'Dr.Homi Bhabha' at Sophia College

Department of Philosophy and Psychology

- The Department organized a visit to 'Iyengar Yoga Centre' and 'Mani Bhavan' on 14th and 17th Feb 2009.
- A visit to Y.M.C.A. Centre, Lamington road, Mumbai to attend a discussion on "King and Gandhi, the meaning of their message today" on 19th Feb 2009

Department of History

- Students visited an exhibition of rare documents and posters of Rajguru at P.L. Deshpande Maharashtra Kala Academy on 6th January 2009.
- They also visited the Heras Museum at St. Xavier's College.

Department of Ancient Indian Culture

- Students visited the Chhatrapati Shivaji Vastu Sangrahalaya, to study artifacts on display from ancient civilizations
- Students were taken to an exhibition of rare documents & posters of Rajguru organized by Department of Archives

Department of Geography

- The department organized a study tour to Mahabaleshwar, Panchagani, and Wai from 17th to 19th December 2008.

Department of Information Technology

- The IT Department organized an industrial visit to Bangalore and Mysore in January 2008.
- The students were also taken for a visit to HCL Career Development Cell, Delhi and Noida from 4th Feb to 11th Feb 2009

Department of Zoology

- Arranged a study tour to Kerala in November (18th-27th Nov) 2008 to study its diverse forest fauna noted for high rates of endemism and the backwaters which have an unique ecosystem
- The students visited the Fish landing centre at Sassoon Docks on 16th Jan '09.
- The students also visited the Directorate of Forensic Sciences Laboratory, Kalina on 6th Jan '09 during 'Awareness Week'.

Other co-curricular activities by various departments are as follows:

Department of Microbiology

- The department organized a Guest lecture on 'Biostatistics' on February 2009.
- TYBSc students participated in 'Biozeal' an inter-collegiate festival organized by Thandoomal Sahani College

Department of Sociology

- A lecture was delivered Prof. Vijay Marulkar, Head. Dept of sociology SNDT Women University Mumbai on "Formulation of Research Problem & Conducting the research" on 12/8/2008,
- The department also arranged a lecture by Dr. Manisha Rao, Sociology Dept. SNDT Women University Mumbai, on the topic of 'Gender and Environment' on 25/07/2008.
- A lecture on 'How to Prepare a Research Project' was delivered by Dr. Bhagyashree Varma, Reader, Department of English on 10th January 2009.

Department of English

- Dr Savita Patil, Head, Department of English delivered a lecture on 'Personality Development' for students on 21st July 2008.

- On 16th October 2008 students from the Department of English presented a book review. Books selected for reviewing were “Interpreter of Maladies” by Jhumpa Lahiri and “Inheritance of Loss” by Kiran Desai.

Department of Marathi

- The department organized a Lecture titled ‘Sant kavi Tukaram: Vyakti Aani Waangmay’ by Dr.Ulhaas Pawar on 17th Feb 2009.

Department of Ancient Indian Culture

- The department conducted an Essay Competition on current affairs in December 2008
- Staff and students attended a National Seminar on ‘The Contribution of Parsis to the development of different aspects of education in the 19th and 20th centuries in Western India’ on 17th and 18th January 2009.

Department of Zoology

- Organized a seminar on ‘Clinical Research-An Introduction and Scope’ on 21st Jan’09. Dr. Mary Francis, Dean of International Center for training in Clinical Research (ICTCR) addressed the gathering of students and staff.

Department of Information Technology

- The department motivated the TYBSc students to take up a case study on ERP which helped them in appearing for University exam in year 2008-09. This project enhanced the employability of the students.

Department of Chemistry

- Prof. Bharat Raut gave a talk on “Safety measures in Chemistry lab” which was attended by the students, staff and non-teaching staff of Chemistry department in the Chemistry Laboratory.

Department of Economics

- Department of Economics, in collaboration of Centre for Excellence, organized a talk by Prof. Nirupam Bajpai, an alumni, and economic advisor to the PMO, on Comparative Perspective in Economic Development of India and China on 18th November 2008.

4. Interdisciplinary programmes started: Nil

5. Examination reforms implemented:

All answer books are masked to ensure complete confidentiality before being sent to the Centralized Assessment Programme (CAP) for assessment.

6. Candidates qualified- NET /SET /GATE etc.

	Name of the department/teacher	Department	Name of the exam.	Year of passing
1	Smt. Savita Dange	Physics	NET, SET	2001
2	Ms. Darksha Shaikh	Statistics	SET	1995
3.	Ms. Sunita Gavai	Political Science	NET	2008
4	Bharat Raut	Chemistry	NET	1996
5.	Vishwas Gaikwad	Political Science	NET	2004
6	Dr. Gitte	Economics	SET	1993
7.	Dr. Tashi	Marathi	SET	1995
8	Dr. Khomane	Marathi	SET	1997
9.	Smt. Sanap	Hindi	SET	1995
10	Dr. Kamble	Commerce	SET	1999
11.	Smt. Deepa Hirani	Microbiology	SET	1995
12.	Smt. Nikita Naik	Microbiology	SET	1995
13.	Dr. Swati Wavhal	Microbiology	SET	1995

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,
- Allowing the faculties to interact with the wider academic circles.

Orientation /Refresher Course

Ms. Deepa Hirani, department of Microbiology completed Refresher course beginning from October 2008.

Allowing the faculties to interact with the wider academic circles

A significant number of presentations were made by the faculty in various academic meets, besides participation. These include:

Name of the Department/ Faculty	Date	Participation/ paper /Poster/ presentation/ Workshop/ Symposium/ Training programme	National/ International/ State/ University	Theme	Details of publications/ Venue
Department of Sociology Shri S.G.Thakur	Jan-2009.	Presentation	National	'Social Movement'	
Department of Sociology Shri S.G.Thakur	Feb. 2009.	Presentation	National	Eco- Feminism'	
Department of Sociology Shri S.G.Thakur	12-13 Dec, 2008	Attended		Techniques of Data Analysis in Social Science".	
Department of Mathematics Smt. Vijaya Yeole	17 th , 18 th Jan 2008	Presentation	National	Heat flow with arbitrary heating rate in a hollow cylinder due to heat generation.	
Department of Economics- Dr. Jahagirdar		Presentation	National	Marathvadyac ha Manavi Sansadhan	

Kalindi				Vikas-Sandhi aani Avhane”	
Department of Economics Dr.M.R.Gitte	26 & 27 December, 2008	Presentation	State	Special Economic Zones and Ferminisation of Labour: A sector study”	
Department of Economics Dr.M.R.Gitte	4 th January, 2009.	Attended	Indian chamber of Commerce	Reforms in Higher Education	
Department of Economics Dr.M.R.Gitte		Attended	Indian chamber of Commerce	“Agricultural Productivity, Food Production and Nutrition	
Department of Economics Dr.M.R.Gitte	24/1/2009	Attended	State	“Research Methodology and Quantitative Techniques in Scientific Research”	Elphinstone College, Mumbai
Department of History Dr.Bhavana Patole	13 th to 15 th September 2008	Participation	University		
Department of History Dr.Bhavana Patole	Department of History Dr.Bhavana Patole	Participation	National	The Contribution Made By the Parsis To The Development of Different Aspects of Education in The 19 th & 20 th Centuries in	The K.R. Cama Oriental Institute, Mumbai

				Western India”	
Department of History Ms. Sheetal Sonar	30 th August 2008	Participation		Quality Teaching	Elphinstone College
Department of History Ms. Sheetal Sonar	Department of History Dr. Bhavana Patole	Participation	National	“The Contribution Made By the Parsis To The Development of Different Aspects of Education in The 19 th & 20 th Centuries in Western India”	The K.R. Cama Oriental Institute, Mumbai
Department of Physical Education Ms. Asha Ratnakar	31 st March 2009	Attended	University	“Management of Physical Education and Allied Sciences”	
Department of Physical Education Ms. Anita Malage	31 st March 2009	Attended	University	“Management of Physical Education and Allied Sciences”	
Department of Zoology Dr. M.V.Kagwade	30 th August 2008	Participation		Quality Teaching	Elphinstone College, Mumbai
Department of Zoology Dr. M.V.Kagwade	24th Jan 2009.	Participation	State	Research methodology and quantitative techniques in scientific research	Elphinstone College, Mumbai

Department of Zoology Dr. M.V.Kagwade	3 rd Feb 2009	Participation		Bioinformatics	Elphinstone College, Mumbai
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Department of Zoology Shri P. Harinkhede	24th Jan 2009.	Participation	State	Research methodology and quantitative techniques in scientific research	Elphinstone College, Mumbai
Department of Zoology Shri P. Harinkhede	3 rd Feb 2009	Participation		Bioinformatics	Elphinstone College, Mumbai
Department of Economics Dr.Suchita Krishnaprasad	24/1/2009	Attended	State	“Research Methodology and Quantitative Techniques in Scientific Research”	Elphinstone College, Mumbai
Department of Commerce Mrs. R.N.Vyas	24/1/2009	Attended	State	“Research Methodology and Quantitative Techniques in Scientific Research”	Elphinstone College, Mumbai
Department of Commerce Dr. S. Dongardive	24/1/2009	Attended	State	“Research Methodology and Quantitative Techniques in	Elphinstone College, Mumbai

				Scientific Research”	
Department of Commerce B.P. Kamble	24/1/2009	Attended	State	“Research Methodology and Quantitative Techniques in Scientific Research”	Elphinstone College, Mumbai
Mr. Bharat Raut, Department of Chemistry	24/1/2009	Attended	State	“Research Methodology and Quantitative Techniques in Scientific Research”	Elphinstone College, Mumbai
Savita Patil	24/1/2009	Attended	State	“Research Methodology and Quantitative Techniques in Scientific Research”	Elphinstone College, Mumbai
Deolalkar	24/1/2009	Attended	State	“Research Methodology and Quantitative Techniques in Scientific Research”	Elphinstone College, Mumbai
Nikita Naik	24/1/2009	Attended	State	“Research Methodology and Quantitative Techniques in Scientific	Elphinstone College, Mumbai

				Research”	
Deepa Hirani	24/1/2009	Attended	State	“Research Methodology and Quantitative Techniques in Scientific Research”	Elphinstone College, Mumbai
Prof. B.N.Gaikwad	28/2/2009.	Attended	National UGC Sponsored	Feminism in India: from Modernity to post modernity	
Prof.B.N.Gaikwad	2 nd and 3 rd February 2009	Attended	Marathi, Sociology conference, National level		Deogiri College, Aurangabad
Prof. B.N.Gaikwad	” August 30, 2008.	Attended	workshop on “Quality Teaching		Elphinstone College, Mumbai
Dr. Kalindi Jahagirdar	22/2/2008-23/2/2008	Paper presentation:	National level Seminar on ‘Regional Economics’	Regional Disparities in Growth: An Interstate Comparison	S.A.P. department of Economics, Dr. B.A.M.U, Aurangabad
Smt. N.V.Naik	Aug (2008)	attended	workshop on Quality Teaching		Elphinstone College
Smt.Deepa Hirani	Aug (2008)	attended	workshop on Quality Teaching		Elphinstone College
Prof. S. Thakur	12/12/2008 - 13/12/2008	Participated	workshop on techniques of Data Analysis in		ICSSR-WRC, Mumbai.

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8. Total number of seminars / workshops conducted

Department of English

Organized a workshop on Quality Teaching along in collaboration with IQAC on 30th August 2008

Department of Economics

Department of Economics conducted a one day State level work-shop in Research Methodology and Quantitative Methods in Scientific Research on 24th January 09 in Collaboration with ICSSR

Department of Microbiology

- The Department conducted a one day workshop on “Bioinformatics” on 3rd Feb 09.
- A guest lecture was organized by the department on bio-statistics, delivered by Prof. P.V.Dabli

Department of Sociology:

The department of sociology conducted a one day State level work-shop in Research Methodology and Quantitative Methods in Scientific Research on 24th January 09 in Collaboration with ICSSR in collaboration with the department of Economics

9. Research projects—

Sr.No.	Name of the Department/Faculty	Name of the Project	Major/Minor	Status
1	Department of Marathi Shri Khomne		Minor, University of Mumbai	Submitted

10. Patents generated, if any - Nil

11. New collaborative research programmes: Nil

12. Research grants received from various agencies

Following research projects sanctioned previously were completed during this year. The details of these are:



Sr. No.	Name of the Department/Faculty	Name of the Project	Major/Minor	Sponsoring Agency	Total Grant
1	Dr. R.S. Dhamnaskar, Department of Chemistry	Studies of Complexes of Bidentate Schiff Bases with Rare-earth elements	Minor	University of Mumbai	20,000/-
2	Mr. B.K.Khomne Department of Marathi	Sadanand Deshmukh Yanchya Sahitya cha Cikitsak Abhyaas	Minor	University of Mumbai	7,000/-
3	Ms. Jaya Pawar Department of Botany	Fungal Treatment of an Edible Oil-Mill Effluent	Minor	University of Mumbai	20,000/-

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. PratimaJadhav	Bio Chemistry	Ph.D.	Bio-Chemistry, Bio-Technology
Dr. R.S.Dhamnaskar	Chemistry	Ph.D.	Metal Complexes, Green Chemistry and Environmental Chemistry
Dr. M.V.Kagwade	Zoology	Ph.D.	Endocrinology
Dr. Ashwin Mehta	Information Technology	Ph.D.	Nuclear physics
Dr. BhavanaPatole	History	Ph.D.	History of Maharashtra
Dr. SuchitaKrishnaprasad	Economics	Ph. D.	Industrial Relations, Labour Economics
Dr. M.R.Gitte	Economics	Ph.D.	Agricultural and development Economics

Dr. KalindiJahagirdar	Economics	Ph.D.	Regional Imbalance in Development
Dr. S.V.Dongardive	Commerce	Ph.D.	Travel & Tourism
Dr. SavitaPatil	English	Ph.D.	Comparative Literature
Dr. D. P. Deolalkar	English	Ph. D.	Literature and literary theory
Dr. K.B.Tashi	Marathi	Ph. D.	Comparative study of modern and classical Marathi literature.
Smt. SanjyotiSanap	Hindi	M.Phil.	Modern Hindi Poetry
Smt. V. S. Yeole	Mathematics	M.Phil	Commutativity of near rings
Mr. P.R.Harinkhede	Zoology	M.Phil	

Following teachers are pursuing further studies:

Mr. P.R.Harinkhede from Department of Zoology is pursuing his Ph.D. from the Institute Of Science, Mumbai.

Mr. N.D.Garole is pursuing M.Phil. in Psychology from YCMOU, Nasik

Ms. Swati Wavhal, Department of Microbiology pursuing her doctoral research has been on FIP under UGC.

14. Citation index of faculty members and impact factor

15. Honors/awards to the faculty: national and international

Department of Microbiology

- Smt. Sonal Upadhyay was awarded a Ph.D degree in Microbiology

Department of Zoology

- Mr. P.R.Harinkhede passed M.Phil in Zoology from S.G.B. Amravati University in August 2008.He is now pursuing his Ph.D. from the Institute Of Science, Mumbai.

Department of English

- Mr. Dhananjay Deolalakar submitted a thesis for the award of Ph.D. degree to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad in April 2009.

Department of History

- Awarded PhD degree in history, for thesis entitled: “Study of Mass Leadership in Modern Maharashtra with Special reference to Yashwantrao Chavan”, on 17th July 2008. She utilized the teacher fellowship of the UGC for two years for completing her research work in the University of Pune.

Department of Physical Education

- Ms. Anita Malage passed the ‘International Reebok Tatobic Training Exam’ in Oct. 2008
- Ms. Asha Ratnakar was nominated member of organizing committee for west zone and interzone, inter university cricket tournament.

16. Internal resources generated

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

17. Details of the department getting assistance/ recognition under SAP, COSIST (ASSIST)/DST, FIST, and other programmes:

Nil

18. Community services

The NSS Unit of the College has been involved in various community services.

- The unit organized a 7-day camp from 2nd-8th December 2008 at Dahisar. The main objective of the camp was to construct a dam to the benefit of the local population. The volunteers also organized activities like ‘Andhashraddha Nirmulan’ to help remove superstitious beliefs and ‘Swachata Mohim & Suprabhat Pheri’ to inculcate hygiene.

A survey of socio-economic and biologic survey of Warli tribals in Dahisar was conducted.

The unit helped in contribution to Bihar Flood Relief by way of collection of clothes and food grains.

19. Teachers and officers newly recruited

20. Teaching-Non-teaching staff ratio

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

21. Improvements in the library services

Students are issued two books at a time, instead of one.

22. New books/journals subscribed and their value

- In the academic years 2007-2008 & 2008-2009, college library has purchased new books, computer, slim software of Rs.8,27122/- under the Library Development Programme of DPDC Plan grants & 2, 65,468/- under non-plan grants.

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 best teachers are applauded in the common room meeting for their performance.

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

The College receives funds from two sources: UGC and the State plan. The average cost considering these two sources, works out to Rs. 11554/- for the year 2008-09.

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

Vriddhi software was procured to facilitate computerization of administration.

27. Increase in the infrastructural facilities:

Various projects for an overall upliftment of the existing facilities were initiated. These include:

- Department of physical education has updated the equipments in the gymnasium.
- Renovation of the auditorium
- Sound system has been installation in the auditorium.
- Rearrangement of the library layout.
- Modernization and redesigning of office furniture.
- Modernization of chemistry laboratory.

28. Technology up gradation

College has provided Internet facility in the departments of Bio-technology, physics Information Technology and computer Lab. Students have free access to internet facility. LCD Monitors with latest versions of computers have been procured. User friendly software has been purchased for science faculty, Bio-technology and Information Technology courses to facilitate better teaching learning process.

29. Computer and internet access and training to teachers, non-teaching staff and students

Three well-equipped computer labs with internet access are available for the students of Arts, Science, Commerce, Bio-technology and Information Technology. Computers have been provided to all the heads and departments. All most all teachers have passed the MS-CIT computer examination conducted by the Maharashtra State Technical Board.

30. Financial aid to students

Students hailing from the socially and economically deprived classes can avail of financial aid by way of scholarship and freeship. Freeship is a fee waiver, while scholarship consists of an allowance in addition to fee waiver. The limit of family income which entitles the students to access these benefits is notified by the Govt. from time to time. The number of students who benefitted from these schemes are as under.

	OBC	SC	SBC	VJNT
Scholarship	53	36	12	19
Freeship	23	71	14	15

31. Activities and support from the Alumni Association

The Elphinstonian Society through its Center for Excellence invites eminent alumni to interact with the present students sharing their insights and inspiring them. Prof. Nirupam Bajpai, an alumni, and economic advisor to the PMO, was invited to speak on Comparative Perspective in Economic Development of India and China on 18'th November 2008. He was also felicitated on having received PADMASHREE by the Government of India.

32. Activities and support from the Parent-Teacher Association

Every department had arranged parents' meet especially for their third year students. The parents discussed issues relating to attendance, and academic progress. The faculties also informed the parents about the job prospects after graduation and career advancement opportunities with post-graduation

33. 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.

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.

34. Performance in sports activities

The year 2008-09 has been an encouraging year for sports.

- Abhijeet Devalekar secured 1st place in long jump at District level and was selected to represent at division level
- Abhijeet Devalekar secured silver medal in long jump and bronze in 100 mts in the meet organized by BCDAA
- Namrata Bhoir secured 3rd place in karate at District level
- Namrata Bhoir secured 1st place in tournament organized by Marshal Art Academy, India and Krida Mandal.
- Namrata Bhoir was selected in the 'SWAYAMSIDDHA' team –Self defence programme-to train girl students

- Aniket Karane won the Inter Collegiate badminton tournament organized by Ruia College.
- Aniket Karane reached upto pre-quarter final round in the Inter Collegiate badminton tournament organized by University of Mumbai
- Mani Jaiswal reached upto Quarter final round in the Inter Collegiate badminton tournament organized by University of Mumbai
- The ring football team won the tournament organized by Shri Babasaheb Gawde Institute
- The volley ball team captained by Abhishek Kadam stood third in Mumbai district
- The college organized an Inter- Collegiate T20 Cricket Tournament for South zone colleges. Total 7 colleges participated in the tournament. Our college reached the finals in the tournament.
- The team from Elphinstone College won the carrom tournament organized by K.C.College
- Ramesh Jaiswal secured 5th place in Javelin Throw at the Inter Collegiate Athletic meet organized by University of Mumbai
- Umesh Bhoir secured 4 points in 6 rounds at the Inter Collegiate Chess competition organized by University of Mumbai
- Sunil Yadav reached upto 3rd round in intercollegiate Table tennis tournament organized by University of Mumbai
- Paresh Naik reached upto 3rd round in intercollegiate Table tennis tournament organized by University of Mumbai

35. Incentives to outstanding sports persons

The College has instituted the Sultan Dossal award through 125th Anniversary College Endowment Fund to honour the outstanding sports persons from among the students in junior and senior college. These students are also supported through reimbursement of travel expenditure incurred during tournaments. They are also provided with appropriate sport kit and free coaching in selected sport. These students are often unable to attend classes regularly due to the demands of their training schedule and competitions. The teachers provide such students with extra guidance in their studies whenever required.

36. Student achievements and awards:

- Aniket Karane (S.Y.B.Sc.) won the intercollegiate badminton tournament organized by Ruia College. Ramesh Jaiswal (T.Y.B.Com) secured 5th place

at intercollegiate level in Javelin throw organized by the University of Mumbai.

- Shreyasi Sinha received The Bai Mithibai Mugaseth Prize and the Behram Kanga Prize for securing the highest marks in Economics.
- The Natya Mandal secured third position in the best play for its play 'Chowkat' in the competition organized by INT. This play also won the best script award and the Kashmira Kulawade won third prize in the best actress category in the same competition.

37. Activities of the Guidance and Counseling unit:

This year the College went for a new professional counselor after a process of interview, who visits the College thrice every week. As a start off, the counselor conducted a special session for the staff briefing them about the value of counseling as well dispelling myths associated with it. The staff was also informed about how to identify a student in distress so that he/she may be directed to the counselor. The session was highly enlightening and went a long way in allowing students to reach out for help.

38. Placement services provided to students

Several companies visited the college for the purpose of campus placement for the students of Department of Information Technology..

Several other organizations which visit the College with a view to train them for better employability are:

- Frankfinn Institute for Aviation, which paid visit in January 2009.
- AHA (Air Hostess Academy) in August 2008.
- ICA (Institute of computer accountants) in December 2008.

39. Development programmes for non-teaching staff

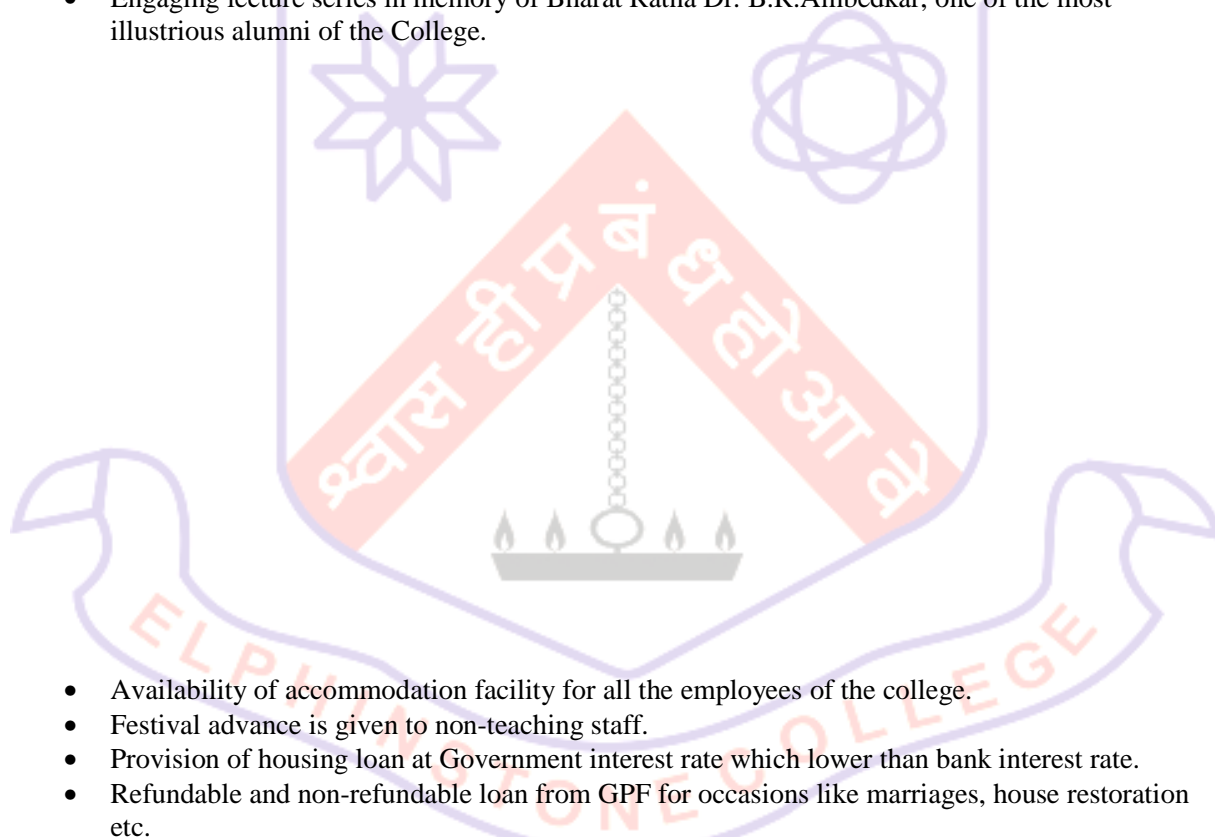
The overhead facilities such as Gymkhana and library are available to the non-teaching staff, to promote physical and mental fitness. Besides, as a government college, this staff enjoys some significant benefits. They include:

- 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.

40. Good practices of the institution

As a government College, Elphinstone College is dedicated to the principle of “Social Inclusion”. The good practices of the Institution fully reflect this intent. They are:

- Earn and Learn Scheme for the financially needy students
- Book bank scheme especially for courses requiring expensive books.
- Effective implementation of the “Equal Opportunities for All” under the merged scheme sponsored by the U.G.C. aimed at uplifting the students belonging to the socially and economically underprivileged classes.
- Availing the students of the services of a professional counselor to cope up with personal issues and examination related stress.
- College has a HEPSN cell to support educational needs of differently-abled students.
- Engaging lecture series in memory of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R.Ambedkar, one of the most illustrious alumni of the College.



- Availability of accommodation facility for all the employees of the college.
- Festival advance is given to non-teaching staff.
- Provision of 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

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43. Any other relevant information the institution wishers to add.

Section C: Outcomes achieved by the end of the year

The College has been already bestowed upon with Asia-Pacific heritage award in the past. Major projects on upliftment of the interiors of the College building were initiated this year in keeping with this award.

Section D: Plans of the HEI for the next year

- Considering the changing demography of the student population, the College plans to create additional support system for students belonging to financially and socially under-privileged students.
- College is located in prominent business district of Mumbai which has witnessed terrorist attacks in the past. The College therefore plans to install a surveillance system to ensure better security.

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