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National E-Quiz on “Yoga for Humanity” on the occasion of International Yoga Day, 21st June, 2022

The Cultural Committee in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Marwadi Sammelan’s B. M. Ruia Girls’ College and Sitaram Deora Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai organised National E-Quiz on “Yoga for Humanity” on the occasion of International Yoga Day on June 21, 2022. 258 participants from various states attempted the quiz and received an e-certificate. 44 students from B. M. Ruia Girls’ College participated in the quiz.

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'Guru Purnima Utsav', 13th July, 2022

On the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima, 'Guru Purnima Utsav' was organised by the students of the college. About 45 students of the college participated in this event. Students made Guru Purnima Utsav a success with their songs, dances, stories, and speeches.

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A Talent Show- 'Abhivyakti' on 1st August, 2022

The Talent Show aimed to provide a platform for students to showcase their talents and skills. The objective was to make students feel appreciated and acknowledged, which in turn enticed them to feel motivated. It was compered by Dr. Kavita Patil, Assistant Professor of English, and Sakshi Solanki, a student from B.Com III Class. Sakshi Solanki's welcome address was followed by the performances of the participants.

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The performances by student participants were followed by Smt. Shruti Ranade, (Associate Professor in Psychology, Counsellor at College Counselling Cell 'Mantrana' and an In-charge of Cultural Activities) and Dr. Kavita Patil's singing performances. These performances were followed by Principal Dr. Mrs. Santosh Kaul Kak's brief address. She elucidated the importance of cultural activities along with studies in students' life. The principal's address was followed by a Formal Vote of Thanks proposed by Swati Prajapati, a student from B.A II class.

100 participants performed 41 performances in 11 categories including Speech, Craft, Drawing, Mehndi, Bridal Make-Up, Solo Singing, Duet Singing, Solo Dance, Duet Dance, Group Dance, and Fashion Show. All the technical support was arranged by Mr. Sahebrao Marathe, a non-teaching staff.

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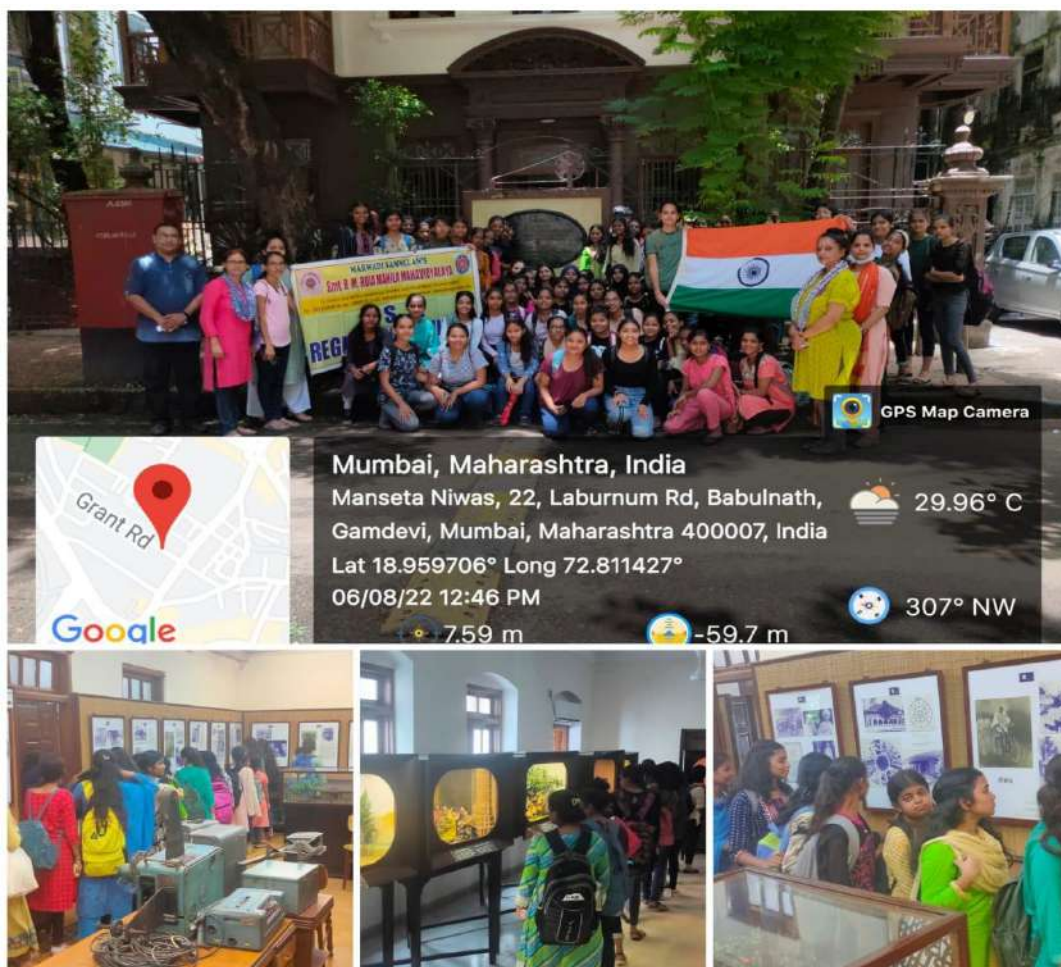
Visit to Mani Bhawan on 'Hiroshima Massacre Day', 6th August, 2022

About 50 girls and 5 professors of college went to 'Mani Bhawan', a symbol of peace, non-violence and harmony, to witness the life journey and values of Mahatma Gandhi, the great hero of peace and non-violence. They also took a pledge of commitment to the basic mantras of brotherhood and non-violence.

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‘Celebrating True Freedom’ on 9th August, 2022

In a series under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to commemorate 75 years of independence and celebrate the glorious history of its people, culture, and achievements a National Level Program “Celebrating True Freedom” was organised on 9th August in an online mode on Google Meet. The programme was organised by NSS Unit and Cultural Committee in association with IQAC. The speaker invited for the program was Sister

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Brahma Kumari Didi Neerja (Associated with the Brahma Kumari organisation).

The program started with a college prayer sung by Associate Professor in Psychology and Cultural In-charge of the college; Smt. Shruti Ranade followed by SNDT Song. Sister Brahma Kumari Didi Neerja started her talk with a very good example of Freedom which is Swatantrata. She said true freedom is experiencing good feelings all the time. She also stressed being a True Leader of our own and free from negative feelings. True freedom is “Prabhav, Lagaav, and Dabaaw se Mukti” and also to be available mentally all the time, and be aware all the time. At the end of her talk, she conducted a small Mediation session. Didi Niraja explained that mediation is all about Feeling. Feeling and Flowing of thoughts in a true sense for the benefit of Self, Surroundings, and Society.

Around 55 participants including the students from Junior and Degree programs of B.A, B.Com, B.M.S and the teachers enjoyed and gained knowledge of what True Freedom is. The program was anchored by Shri. Ramlakhan Pal from the Department of Hindi and executed by Dr. Sunita Mishra, Dr. Hemlata Masiwal and Dr. Kashyap Ganatra. It was aired live on YouTube by the Department Head of Commerce and IQAC Coordinator of the college, Dr. Nooruzia Qazi.

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Independence Day Celebration: 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', 15th August, 2022

The college celebrated 75 years of Independence on 15th August 2022 in the college premises. The celebrations unfolded with Flag Hoisting and National Anthem. The dignitaries of the occasion were the President of Marwadi Sammelan. Adv. Shri Sushil Vyas, Honorary Secretary of Marwadi Sammelan Shri. Suresh Deora, Convenor of Sitaram Deora Institute of

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Management Studies Shri Vijay Singhal, and Member of Marwadi Sammelan Shri Ajay Singhania.

The program proceeded with the SNDT Song and Prayer Recital in the college auditorium which was anchored by Associate Professor in Psychology, Counsellor of the college counselling cell 'Mantrana' and Cultural In-charge of the institution Smt. Shruti Ranade. The class representatives recited the oath the Principal read out in the oath-taking ceremony.

Principal Dr. Santosh Kaul Kak addressed the audience and spoke about the achievements of the Nation. She reminded us of our rich heritage as Indians and encouraged the audience to wholeheartedly strive to achieve the ideals laid by our Nation's martyrs. The day also witnessed the distribution of Multivitamins and Sanitary Napkins by the Indian Red Cross Society, Mumbai. It was followed by Presidential Address by Adv. Shri Sushil Vyas, President of Marwadi Sammelan, who shared the origin and history of Marwadi Sammelan's initiative in introducing education for girl students, also spoke about the contribution made by the trust in upholding its values.

This was followed by a cultural programme that had student participants from both Degree and Junior college exhibit various performances in keeping the theme of Independence Day. The Programme was anchored by Ms. Maheshwari Murdeshwar and Ms. Malini Anvekar from Junior College.

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A One Day Workshop on ‘Folk Dance’’, 20th August, 2022

Cultural Committee in association with the Internal Quality Assessment Cell (IQAC) organised A One Day Workshop on "Folk Dance" under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' Theme: Ideas@75 on Saturday, 20th Aug 2022. The aim of the workshop was to give knowledge to the students about the importance of Folk Dance in Cultural Integrity. The resource person for the workshop was folk dance Expert Director Choreographer Shri. Shashin Mestry. Shri Shashin along with his assistant Shri. Sushant engaged the students in various activities from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm. Shri. Shashin spoke about the importance and types of various folk dances of India and their contribution to maintaining the integrity and unity of India. Screening of various colourful folk-dance performances and demonstrations were the main attraction of the workshop. 32 student participants from B. M. Ruia Girls' College and Sitaram Deora Institute of Management Studies attended and enjoyed various steps of folk

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dances. Eight members of the cultural committee were present for the workshop.



Workshop on Acting, 8th September, 2022

Cultural Committee conducted a Workshop on Acting on 8th September, 2022 in the College Auditorium. The resource person was Mr. Vivek Tripathi, a television and web series actor. Many interested students benefitted from the workshop. They learnt essential communication skills needed for future careers and how to work together in teams. Being able to put themselves into a character's shoes helps students learn valuable social skills like self-expression as well as

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teamwork which is essential for success in the workplace! Acting is an activity that allows students to express themselves in ways they might not be able to elsewhere; to encourage teens to push past inhibitions and try things outside of their comfort zone. This type of behaviour can lead students to be more open-minded and creative problem solvers, which are skills that can lead to success in any field.



S.N.D.T Women's University Regional Youth Festival, 22nd and 23rd September, 2022

On behalf of the Student Development Department of SNDT Women's University, like every year, this year too. SNDT Youth Festival was organized on 22 September and 23 September 2022. The program was inaugurated on 22nd September, 2022 at 10.00 am at Patkar Auditorium, Churchgate, Mumbai,

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Hon. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ujwala Chakradeo of SNDT Women's University, was the chairperson of the programme. The chief guest for the program was Smt. Shraddha Singh, Founder and President, Serve with Shraddha (NGO) advised the students to look at life with a positive outlook and focus on making dreams come true. Smt. Vaishali Bhosle, the special guest alumnae and TV artist presented the written poems and asserted to instil self-confidence in the students by instilling self-confidence.

The welcome address and outline of the program were presented by the Registrar Dr. Vandana Sharma. The Vice-Chancellor urged the students to imbibe the qualities necessary to become self-reliant and encouraged them to realize their inner selves. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Nitin Prabhutendolkar. Pro. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ruby Ojha was also present. The programme started with the University Song and ended with the National Anthem. A large number of students, teachers, non-teaching staff, principals, heads of departments, and officers were present for the program.

Approximately 1200 students, teachers, trainers etc. from various colleges in Mumbai as well as Nashik, Nandurbar, Dhule, Shahada Sangli, Kolhapur, Pune, Satara, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg in Maharashtra participated.

31 students from B. M. Ruia Girls' College participated in events including Folk Dance, One Act Play, Skit and Street Play on 22nd and 23rd September, 2022. Street Play performance won the 2nd prize and received appreciation from the judges whereas the One Act Play performance won the consolation prize.

Smt. Shruti Ranade, Associate Professor in Psychology, and In-charge of Cultural Activities, and Namrata Bhalerao, Lecturer in Commerce, accompanied the students on the 22nd September, and Dr. Anita Jacob, Assistant Professor of

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Commerce, and Neelam Mor, Lecturer in Economics, members of Cultural Committee accompanied the students on 23rd September, 2022.



- **SNDT Regional Youth Festival, 30th September, 2022**

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Inaugural Ceremony of Literary and Fine Arts Events of SNTD Women's University Yuva Mahotsav 2022 was held at JDBMISR Hall, SNTDWU, Pune Campus at 10 am onwards on 30th September. The Chief Guest of the Programme was Mr. Chandrakant Patil, Honourable Minister of Higher and Technical Education, Textile Government of Maharashtra and Pune District Guardian. Honourable Vice-Chancellor, SNTD Women's University, Prof. Ujwala Chakradeo was the president of the programme whereas Sheetal More was the convener and Dr. Nitin Prabhutendolkar, Dean of the Department of Students Welfare was the additional in-charge of the Yuva Mahotsav. 5 students of B. M. Ruia Girls' College participated in the literary events including essay writing, debate, speech, and poetry recitation competitions. Dr. Beenu Singh, Assistant Professor of Economics and a member of the Cultural Committee accompanied the students for the events and travelled to and from Pune on 30th September. The college bagged 1st Prize in Essay Writing, 2nd Prize in Debate, and Consolation Prize in Elocution Competition.

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Yashaswini 2022-23, 6th January, 2023

Yashaswini 2022-23 was organised and hosted by B. M. Ruia Girls' College on January 6, 2023, from 8.00 am onwards in the college auditorium to identify the best student of the college who is best not only at studies but also at co-curricular and extracurricular activities, having extraordinary skills and being

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aware of social issues and current affairs of the country. 2 students from Marwadi Sammelan's Sitaram Deora Institute of Management Studies and 11 students from B.A and B.Com classes of B. M. Ruia Girls' College participated in the contest.

5 out of 11 participants cleared the first 3 rounds (Form Round, Introduction Round, and Skill Presentation Round) and entered into the final round after an Elimination Round. After the final round 2 students from B. M. Ruia Girls' College were declared as Yashaswini 2022-23 (Mankar Kunika) and 2nd Runner Up (Singh Prachi). Pandey Sanjana from SDIMS was declared a 1st Runner-Up.

The winners were felicitated by the Principal Dr. Santosh Kaul Kak with crowns and sashes. The contest was judged by Dr. Sunita Mishra, Associate Professor of Hindi, Dr. Kashyap Ganatra, Assistant Professor of Commerce, and Ms. Pooja Rele, B.C.A Coordinator. The programme was coordinated by Ms. Sumita Guha, Assistant Professor of Economics and Dr. Kavita Patil, Assistant Professor of English.

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Ras-Phuhar- Annual Day Celebration, 20th January, 2023

The annual day celebration 'Ras-Phuhar' was organised on January 20, 2023, at Birla Matoshree Auditorium. Advocate Shri. Sushil Kumar Vyas, President of Marwadi Sammelan, presided over the programme. Shri. Suresh Deora, General Secretary of Marwadi Sammelan and Trustee of Marwadi

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Sammelan, Shri. Shrikant Dalmia, Convener of B. M. Ruia Girls' College, Shri. Vijay Singhal, Convener of Sitaram Deora Institute of Management Studies, were also present. Among other members of Marwadi Sammelan, Mr. Shailesh Shrikant Dalmia, Mr. Ajay Singhania, Mr. Ghanshyam Sharma were present. Ms. Sakhi Giri from the media and principals from different schools were present.

The colourful cultural program was started with the lighting of the lamp by the guests and Ish Vandana by Smt. Shruti Ranade, head of the cultural activities of the college. According to the theme of the cultural program "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat", Indian religious and cultural history, Guru Mahatma, pre-independence and post-independence India, agriculture, defence, technical knowledge, Indian festivals of unity, etc. were presented through beautiful drama and dance presentations by the students.

On this occasion, the Principal of the college, Dr. Mrs. Santosh Kaul Kak, read the annual report and informed the guests about the activities organised and achievements throughout the year. Referring to the many important technical activities done by the college during online education, she appreciated and expressed gratitude for the continuous financial and emotional support extended by the Marwadi Sammelan to the students, teachers and non-teaching staff.

President of the program Adv. Shri. Sushil Kumar Vyas supported the statement of the Principal of the college and congratulated everyone in the annual festival of the college. He also mentioned the resolution of the Marwadi Sammelan, which is constantly striving for women's education.

Expressing gratitude and thanks to the guests, Mr. Shrikant Dalmiya said that the success of the program is the result of the untiring hard work of Smt. Shruti Ranade, head of cultural activities, and Principal of the college. He said

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that today when women's education and equality are being talked about, their forefathers had experienced this need decades ago and had also started concrete efforts in this field.

The program was coordinated by junior college faculties Mrs. Nazneen Shaikh and Mrs. Maheshwari Murdeshwar and Dr. Nooruzia Qazi.

Those girl students of the college were also honoured on this occasion, who made the college proud by securing the highest marks in the university-level examinations. Best Student of the Year, Best N.S.S. Volunteer, and Miss. Yashaswini were also felicitated. Mrs. Nazneen Shaikh received 'Best Teacher Award' and Mr. Hukumdev Yadav received the 'Best Non-Teaching Award'. Dr. Sunita Mishra, Mrs. Kusuma Dabali, Mrs. Ajitha Gopinath and Mr. Pradeep Gotad were honoured for completing 25 years of their tenure

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Smt. Sumita Shrikant Dalmia Inter-collegiate Nirjhar Competition, 27th and 28th February, 2023

Cultural Committee organised Sumita Shrikant Dalmia Inter Collegiate Competition “Nirjhar” on 27th and 28th January 2023 and the Prize distribution Ceremony of the same took place on 28th January 2023.

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581 participants from 29 Colleges of Mumbai University and S.N.D.T Women's University participated in this competition.

The program started with the lightening of the lamp which was followed by College prayer by Smt Shruti Ranade, Associate Professor of Psychology, Counselor of Mantrana Cell and In charge of Extra Curricular Activities of the College.

The Chief Guest of the Program was Shri. Shrikant Dalmia, Trustee of Marwadi Sammelan and Convener of B. M. Ruia Girls' College also sponsored this intercollegiate competition. Shri. Shailesh Dalmia, a Member of Marwadi Sammelan graced the occasion.

The audience was addressed by the Principal Dr. Santosh Kaul Kak. She mentioned that there were 15 events in this intercollegiate competition which included art, literary, indoor games etc. She also mentioned that the rotating trophy "Women Empowerment Trophy" had been introduced this year and this Trophy would go to the college which would send the maximum number of women participants. Shri. Shrikant Dalmia also addressed the audience with encouraging words.

This year the rotating trophy "Trophy for Women Empowerment" was bagged by B. M. Ruia Girls' College but it was extended to the next college which sent the maximum number of women participants due to the fact that B. M. Ruia Girls' College was the host college of this intercollegiate Competition.

Rotating "Nirjhar Trophy" for the college with the maximum number of Winners was won by Lilabai Thackersey College of Nursing, Churchgate. Rotating "Nirjhar Trophy" for the college with the maximum number of participants was won by B.M.Ruia Girls' College, Gamdevi.

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There were total of 67 prizes and three rotating trophies in this intercollegiate competition. The formal “Vote of Thanks” was extended by Mrs. Kshama Tamhankar, Vice Principal of the Junior College. The Program was compered by Mrs. Malini Anvekar and Mrs. Sapna Bhamri, Lecturers of Junior College.

The program ended with National Anthem.

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Saraswati Pooja, 27th January, 2023

The Cultural Committee organised "Saraswati Pooja" on the auspicious occasion of Vasant Panchami on January 27, 2023 at 10.00 am in the College Library. Principal Dr. Santosh Kaul Kak, Teachers of Junior and Degree College, Non-teaching staff, CR's and Students participated in the Pooja and Hawan

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enthusiastically. The pooja was directed by two pandits, who were invited from Bharateeya Vidya Bhavan. Beautiful decorations, prasadam and other arrangements for the event were made by the Teaching and Non-Teaching staff of Degree and Junior College. Prayers were offered in the form of Songs and Shlokas sung by all who were present for the event.



Bhajan Competition, 3rd February, 2023

The Department of Hindi and Cultural Committee organised the "Shri Ramprasad Poddar Bhajan Competition" on 3rd February, 2023. 25 participants from different Colleges affiliated to the University of Mumbai and S.N.D.T. Women's University participated in this Competition.

Mrs. Nilakshi Rahul Kamat, a trained Hindustani Classical Music and Western Vocalist was the Guest of Honour as well as one of the judges of the event. She graced the occasion with her presence.

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The event started with a welcome note followed by Lamp Lighting and Ish Vandana sung by the students of B. M. Ruia Girls' College. The principal, Dr. Santosh Kaul Kak then addressed the audience.

Along with Mrs. Nilakshi Rahul Kamat, the competition was judged by Mr. Aditya Neela, (Indian vocalist as well as music composer) and Mr. Shubham Prakash Bhumkar, (creative and disciplined music teacher). In the end, the Judges enthralled the audience with their melodious Bhajans and created a spiritual ambience.

The judges were introduced by Ms. Namrata Bhalekar and the rules were read by Mrs. Poonam Singh. The event was anchored by the Vice Principal of Junior College, Mrs. Kshama Tamhankar and Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Ms. Sumita Guha. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Sapna Bhambri.

The prizes were bagged by the following students and colleges:

1. Ajay Kharb, St. Xaviers College was awarded the 1st prize.
2. Dharmi Patani, Somaiya College was awarded the 2nd prize.
3. Sakshi Yadav, Patkar College was awarded the 3rd prize.
4. Mann Derasari, Somaiya College was awarded the consolation prize.
5. Somaiya College won the rotating shield.

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Marathi Bhasha Divas, 27th February, 2023

On the occasion of International Marathi Bhasha Divas on 27th February 2023, a cultural program was organised in the college. In this event, the Marathi language was celebrated by the students through poetry recitations, songs, speeches, dances, and lavani. Along with the students, the teachers of the college

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also celebrated Marathi language day in the form of poetry recitations, speeches and seminars. Vice Principal of the college Mrs. Kshama Tamhankar and Principal Dr. Santosh Kaul Kak addressed the students through Kusumagraj's poem '*Swatantryadevichi Vinvani*'.



Tejaswini 2022-23, 1st, to 3rd March, 2023

The Department of Students Development, S.N.D.T. Women's University organised 'Tejaswini 2022-23' on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd March, 2023 at Patkar Hall, S. N. D. T. Women's University, Churchgate Campus to select Best Student of the University. The winners of Yashaswini 2022-23- Mankar Kunika and Singh

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Prachi from B. M. Ruia Girls' College participated in all the rounds including Personal Interview, Physical Fitness, Quiz, Essay Writing, Extempore Speech, Group Discussion, and Open Interview of Tejaswini 2022-23.
