

# Report Department of English Academic Year 2022-23

#### **Faculty Achievements**

Dr. Kavita Patil, Assistant Professor of English

#### **Board of Studies in English**

Appointed as a member of Board of Studies in English at S.N.D.T
 Women's University, Mumbai on May 3, 2023.

#### Add-on Certificate Course

• Designed and facilitated a 2 Credits, 34 hours, Add-on Certificate Course 'English for Career Advancement' from February 15 to April 3, 2023, as per the circular received from S.N.D.T. Women's University regarding the implementation of "Add-on Courses" under NEP 2020, for UG Programs. The students were taught the following modules: 'Job Search Process', 'Resume', 'Covering Letter', 'Networking' and 'Interviews'. 39 students out of 40 enrolled students from B.A I and B.Com I classes successfully completed the course by carrying out all the tasks, attempting quizzes, doing in-class and out-class activities, submitting all five written assignments based on each module and attempting the course-end examination.

#### **Professional Growth**

Obtained A+ Grade in UGC Sponsored Refresher Course on 'Teaching,
Learning, and Assessment in Higher Education' organised by HRDC- Dr.
Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya (A Central University), Sagar, M.P, held
during the period 21st June, 2022 to 4th July, 2022 in online mode.

#### Webinars/Guest Lectures/Quizzes Organised

- Coordinated and organised A State Level Webinar on "Effective Communication Skills: A Key to Successful Career" on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. The Resource Person was Dr. Shriram Dongre, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Annasaheb Vartak College of Arts, Commerce, and Science, Vasai Road (W), Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra. More than 74 participants attended the webinar and obtained an ecertificate.
- Coordinated and organised A Guest Lecture on "75 Years of Women's Writing in India with Special Reference to The Inner Courtyard: Stories by Indian Women", under *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: Achievements@75*, on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, from 11.30 am onwards in room no. 01. The Resource Person was Dr. Shivaji Methe, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Smt. P. N. Doshi Women's College, Ghatkopar (W), Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.
- Coordinated and organised A Guest Lecture titled "Honing Writing Skills in English" on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 11.30 am in Room No. 01 for the B.Com and B.A students. 92 students and 2 faculties attended the guest lecture. The Resource Person was Dr. Arjun Kharat, Associate Professor and Head, Department of English, Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College, L. N. Road, Matunga (E), Mumbai- 19, Maharashtra.
- Coordinated and organised A Guest Lecture titled "Gender, Essence and the Question of Being" under the Women's Week Programme from 6th to 11th March, 2023, Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: Ideas@75 on Saturday,

March 11, 2023, at 11.30 am in the college auditorium. The Resource Person was Dr. Anil Sonawane, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of English, St. Gonsalo Garcia College of Arts and Commerce, Vasai, Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra. 69 students and 11 faculties attended the guest lecture.

- Coordinated, designed and conducted A National E-Quiz under *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: Achievements@75* titled "75 Years of Indian Literature in English Translation" on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, to mark the 104th Birth Anniversary of Vinda Karandikar, Jnanpith Award Winner Writer-Translator and the journey of Indian Literature through English translations on a global platform. 155 participants from 13 states of India attempted the quiz and obtained an e-certificate.
- Coordinated, designed and conducted A National Level Online Quiz Competition on "Pocket Dynamo: Khashaba Dadasaheb Jadhav" on the occasion of Khashaba Jadhav's (The first athlete from independent India to win an individual medal in the Olympics) 97th birth anniversary under *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsava: Achievements* @75 on January 15, 2023. 86 participants from various states attempted the quiz and received an ecertificate. 67 students from B. M. Ruia Girls' College participated in the quiz.

#### **Invited as a Resource Person**

- Appointed as an Academic Counsellor at the IGNOU Study Centre- K. J.
   Somaiya College of Education, Mumbai on July 22, 2022.
- Appointed as a Translator on February 1, 2023, by the Sahityaratna Anna Bhau Sathe Adhyasan Kendra, Sanskrut Bhavan, Kalina Campus, University of Mumbai to translate two literary texts by Anna Bhau Sathe from the Marathi into English. Translated two texts by Anna Bhau Sathe

- from Marathi into English consisting of a short story collection "Navati" and a novel *Avadi*. These translations are to be published in future.
- Invited as a Resource Person for the expert talk on "Bhashantar Sanshodhan" (Research in Translation Studies) in Ph.D Course Work at the Ph.D Research Centre, Sangamner Nagarpalika Arts, D.J. Malpani Commerce and B. N. Sarada Science College, (Autonomous) Samgamner, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune on February 24, 2023.
- Invited as a Resource Person to judge research paper presentations at One Day 'Inter-Institutional Research Conclave- Humanities and Languages' organised by Sathaye College (Autonomous), Vile Parle, Mumbai on February 28, 2022.
- Invited as an External Examiner to evaluate research proposals of M.A. second-semester students at the Department of English, S.N.D.T Women's University, Mumbai, on April 26, 2023.

#### **Publications**

#### A. Research Papers

- Published a research paper entitled "The Destitutionalised Reading of Gender and Caste in Baburao Bagul's Short Stories" in the New Literaria, An International Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities ISSN-2582-7375 [Online] in January-February, 2023, Volume-04, Issue- 01. Page no. 1 to 8.
- Published a research paper entitled "Translating Word to Image: Retelling of A Passage to India" in the New Literaria, An International Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities ISSN- 2582-7375 [Online] in January-February, 2023, Volume-04, Issue- 01. Page no. 38 to 44.

#### **B.** Chapters in Books

• Published a chapter entitled "The Paradox of Institution and Destitution in Baburao Bagul's Short Stories" in a book entitled *Revisiting Subaltern* 

- Studies: Issues and Perspectives published by Unique Foundation, Pune in June 2022, ISBN 978-93-92362-06-4, page no.113-126.
- Published a chapter entitled "Translation, Late Nineteenth Century Maharashtra, and Imagining an Independent Nation into Existence" in a book funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) titled *Bhartiya Swatantryaladhyat Maharashtrache Yogdan* published by Nisha Publications, Kanpur, U.P. in 2023, ISBN 978-93-94800-16-8, page no. 242-252.

#### **Presentations**

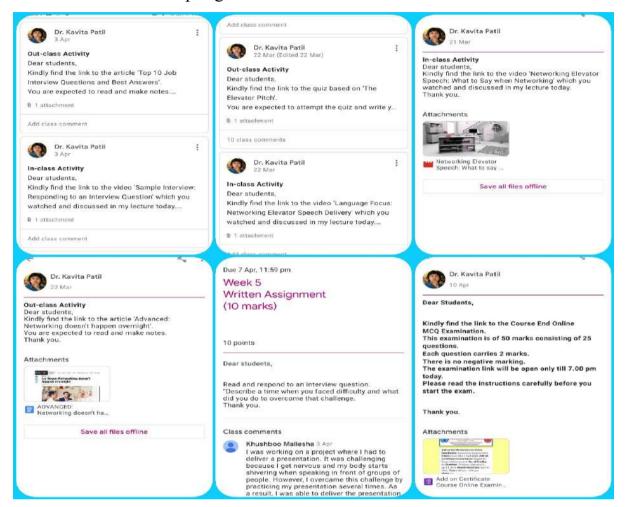
• Presented a research paper titled "The Destitutionalised Reading of Gender and Caste in Baburao Bagul's Short Stories" in Three Days International E-Conference on 'Gender, Culture, and Society' jointly organised by the Department of English and Foreign Languages, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, West Bengal, India in collaboration with New Literaria, An International Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities on 26th, 27th and 28th November, 2022.

#### **Activities**

#### **Add-On Certificate Course**

The Department of English in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell conducted A 2 Credits, 34 hours, Add On Certificate Course 'English for Career Advancement' between 15th February to 3rd April, 2023 for B.A I and B.Com I classes. 40 students enrolled in the course out of which 39 students completed formative assessments and attempted course end successfully completed the course by carrying out all the tasks, attempting quizzes, doing in-

class and out-class activities, submitting all the five written assignments based on each module and attempting the course end examination.



#### **WEBINARS**

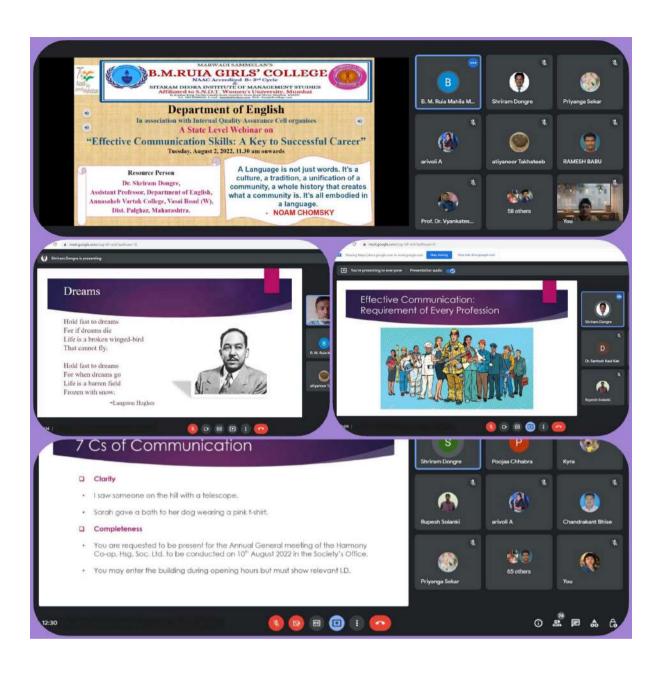
## 1. A State Level Webinar on "Effective Communication Skills: A Key to Successful Career", August 2, 2022

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The webinar was compered by Dr. Kavita Patil, who in her welcome address explicated the importance of language and communication in the lives of human beings. Her welcome address was followed by the Principal's address. She elaborated on the importance of 'Effective Communication Skills.'

This was followed by the address of the resource person Dr. Shriram Dongre. He covered the following points through his meticulous explication of the role of Effective Communication Skills in shaping one's career including: the importance of having an aim or a dream in a student's life to make a career, the importance of communication in making a career, the concept of communication, 7 Cs of communication, methods of Communication and, and how to enhance English language skills for better communication.

Dr. Kavita Patil conveyed the questions to the resource person asked by the participants in the registration form in the question-answer session. This was followed by A Formal Vote of Thanks which was proposed by Dr. Kavita Patil. More than 74 participants attended the webinar and obtained an e-certificate.



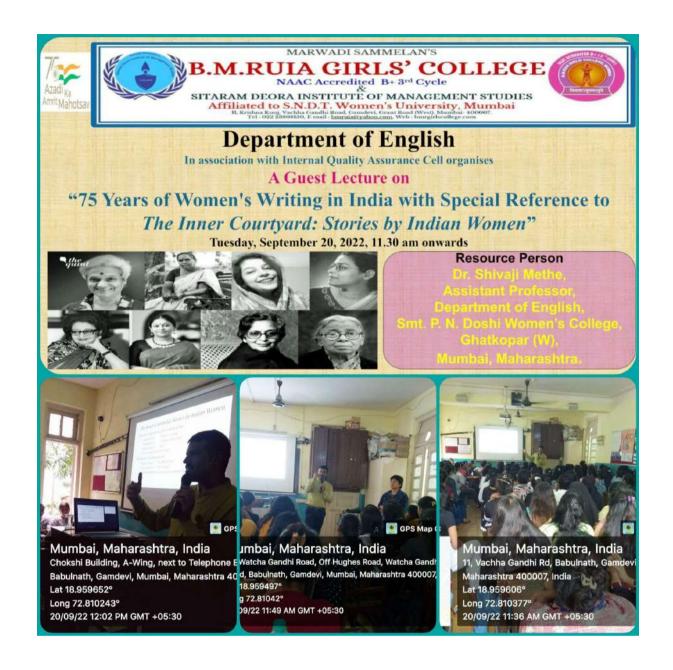
#### **GUEST LECTURES**

2. A Guest Lecture on "75 Years of Women's Writing in India with Special Reference to The Inner Courtyard: Stories by Indian Women", under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: Achievements@75, September 20, 2022

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The Resource Person was Dr. Shivaji Methe, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Smt. P. N. Doshi Women's College, Ghatkopar (W), Mumbai, Maharashtra. The short story collection "The Inner Courtyard: Stories by Indian Women" has been prescribed in the syllabus of B. A. I, B.A II and B.Com III classes. All these short stories deal with women's empowerment and gender issues in India. B.Com I and B.Com II students too, study the gender issues discussed in these stories. The resource person threw light on the Indian and Western traditions of Feminism and discussed 75 years of women's writing in India starting from the colonial period with Savitribai Phule.

135 students attended the guest lecture and actively participated in the discussion that followed it.



### 3. A Guest Lecture on "Honing Writing Skills in English", 21st February, 2023

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good writer is someone who can communicate their point to their audience without using too much fluff and in a way that the other person can understand.

92 students and 2 faculties attended the guest lecture.



4. A Guest lecture titled "Gender, Essence and the Question of Being" under Women's Week Programme, 11th March, 2023

Department of English in association with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organised A Guest Lecture titled "Gender, Essence and the Question of Being" under the Women's Week Programme from 6th to 11th March, 2023, Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: Ideas@75 on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 11.30 am in the college auditorium. The Resource Person was Dr. Anil Sonawane, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of English, St. Gonsalo Garcia College of Arts and Commerce, Vasai, Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra.

Principal, Dr. Santosh Kaul Kak talked about the role of men in Women's Empowerment and Advancement in their careers. She advised students to start making aware the men around them about women's issues and try to bring positive change in society.

The Principal's address was followed by Dr. Anil Sonawane. He presented a PPT and started his presentation with a fashion show of African women and explicated that what makes any woman beautiful is her smile and confidence. Touching upon the ideas pioneered by the Indian feminist Tarabai Shinde in her Marathi book *Stri-Purush Tulna* and *The Second Sex* by Simone de Beauvoir, a French feminist, he deliberated upon the notion of 'self and the other' and representation of women in Indian cinema as a passive performer.

Dr. Kavita Patil, Assistant Professor of English, coordinated the guest lecture and compered the programme. A formal vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Maheshwari Murdeshwar, Assistant Professor of English. 69 students and 11 faculties including the Principal attended the guest lecture.



#### **MOVIE SCREENINGS**

#### 5. Movie Screening - 'English Vinglish' on July 15 and 19, 2022

This movie was screened for B.Com I class on July 15, 2022, and B.A. I class on July 19, 2022, respectively. The screening was followed by a group discussion. The purpose of screening this film was to inspire students to overcome the fear of speaking English in public and the various ways to improve their English language skills. Overall, 62 students attended the screening.



#### 6. Movie Screening - 'Train to Pakistan' August 12, 2022

The movie "Train to Pakistan" was screened in B.A. III class on August 12, 2022, followed by a discussion. It is an adaptation of Indian writer Kushwant Singh's English novel *Train to Pakistan* based on the theme of Partition which is also a theme of the short story "Green Parrots in a Cage" prescribed in B.A III syllabus. Overall, 8 students attended the screening.

#### 7. Movie Screening -'Pride and Prejudice', September 28 and 30, 2022

This movie was screened in B.Com III and B.Com II classes on September 28 and 29, 2022 respectively. This film is based on the Marriage System and it was screened to make students aware of the marriage market in India and abroad. 31 students from B.Com III and 26 students from B.Com II attended the screening. The students were also provided with a review of the film.





#### 8. Movie Screening - 'Cinderella', September 28, 2022

This movie was screened in B.Com I class on September 28, 2022. This film is based on the Marriage System and it was screened to make students aware of the agency of women taken by men denoting that women need men to rescue them and protect them throughout their lives. 41 students from B.Com I attended the screening. The students were also provided with a review of the film.



This movie was screened in B.Com I class on September 28, 2022. This film is based on a magic cat which can convert itself into a woman and a witch. This fantasy film was screened for the students as a practice for listening skills in the Tutorial Lecture. *The Black Cat* is a film made for children but the adults may find their share of magic there too. 32 students from B.Com I and B.Com II attended the screening. The students were also provided with a review of the film.



#### **QUIZZES**

### 10. National E-Quiz on "75 Years of Indian Literature in English Translation" on August 23, 2022

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