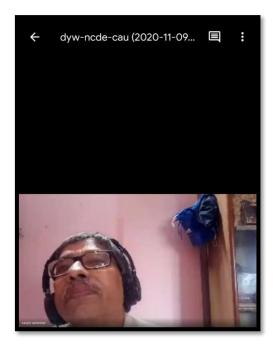


PEP ACTIVITY REPORT (2020-21)

Personality Enhancement Programmes (any activity organised by the Department *within the College premises* oriented towards developing and enhancing students' personalities and/or adding to their knowledge base and value-system.)

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN LANGUAGES

 9th November, 2020- The Department organised a Programme titled 'Meet the Author'- eminent writer and alumnus of Dhempe College Shri Sanjiv Verenkar. 42 students of F.Y., S.Y. & T.Y.B.A. and 4 teachers benefitted/attended. The event was co-ordinated by Mr. Yeshwant Sinai Bhandari.



Shri. Sanjiv Verenkar – 'Meet the Author' Programme

2. 22nd February, 2021- The Department organised a Programme to commemorate International Mother tongue Day which falls on Sunday 21st February. Highlight of the Programme was a powerful Monologue by our very talented Ms Shubhada Naik, Poetry recitation by Ms. Isha Lawande, Ms. Sujata Kambli, Ms. Sneta Morajkar, Mr. Mandar Naik, Mr. Atharv Bapat, Ms. Yukta Kumbhar, Mr. Raghavendra Kotakonda spoke in his mother tongue Telgu. Screening of a Short film by Mr. Mandar Naik, Mr. Atharv Bapat & team etc. through Online portal Google Meet. The programme was co-ordinated by Mrs. Anju Sakhardande who also gave a presentation on the importance of the mother tongue. 37 students of F.Y., S.Y. & T.Y.B.A./B.Sc. and 10 teachers benefitted from this event.



Ms. Shubhada Naik performing a Monologue

 27th February, 2021- The Department organised a Programme to commemorate Marathi Day. Mr. Prajal Sakhardande paid his respects to the Late Shri V. V. Shirwadkar alias Kusumagraj. Ms. Radhika Nagvenkar recited her poems.



Mr. Prajal Sakhardande garlanding the portrait of Kusumagraj

4. 23rd June, 2021- The Department organised a Programme to commemorate the 143rd Birth Anniversary of the Father of Konkani Literature Shennoi Goembab. It was attended by students of SY & T.Y.B.A.- 25 students and 3 Teachers through Online portal Google Meet. Mrs. Anju Sakhardande gave a presentation on the Life and Works of Shennoi Goembab. A documentary by Ms. Shambhavi Salelkar was screened. Mr. Yeshwant Sinai Bhandari compered the programme.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

 10th September, 2020- The Department organized an online awareness programme on Suicide Prevention for the students of the department and the society at large on "World Suicide Prevention Day" from 11.30 am onwards. There were 35 students who participated in this event.

The event began with the in-charge of the department Dr.Roshida Rodrigues, welcoming the students to the event. The faculty members, Ms. Sendra Pereira and Ms. Cinderella Sequeira then conducted the following competitions during the programme:

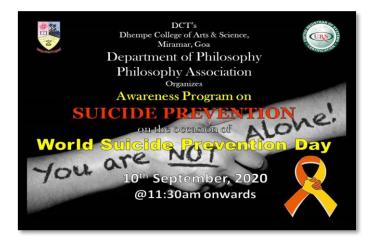
- 1. Slogan writing and recitation competition.
- 2. Poetry writing and recitation competitions.

The first prize for the slogan writing and recitation competition was won by Ms. Chanda Acharya and the second prize was won by Ms. Seona Lopes.

The first prize for the poetry writing and recitation competition was won by Mr. Avinash Dhosiwal and the second prize was won by Ms. Chanda Acharya.

As an extension service to the society, Mr. Albert Fernandes and Mr. Delwin Pires prepared and presented their video on the theme, "Say No to Suicide".

This was followed by an extensive discussion between the faculty members and students on topics such as the causes of suicide, the means of suicide prevention, destigmatizing depression and actively providing support for people struggling with depression and the family and friends of those who have committed suicide. The active discussion of the faculty and students was brought to a close with the vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Sendra Pereira.

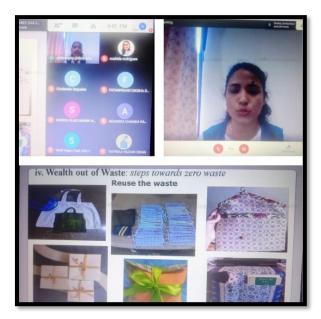


Poster of the Program on Suicide Prevention

6. 5th June 2021- The Department organized a webinar for the students on the topic, "Honoring the Earth Around You" on the occasion of World Environment Day at 4pm on the Google Meet platform. The resource speaker for the same was the faculty from the Philosophy Department Asst. Prof. Sendra Pereira, Miss Sendra had indulged her 10 years of research and practice into sustainable living and the same was imparted to the students and influenced them to nurture nature. She spoke on the importance of gaining ecological wisdom which is a basic step towards sustainable understanding. The lecture explained how to create effective nutrient compost for growing plants, vegetables, micro-greens, etc. with fully organic process with no artificial pesticides. It imparted skills to generate income from different natural wealth out of waste techniques, e.g., how to make cloth bag, mask, etc. The resource person also discussed the importance of nature worship, how to reduce toxicity, how to protect biodiversity, conservation of energy at home, reuse waste, no plastic and many other days to day initiatives. It also focused on how various sustainable living practices will act as a stress reliever during pandemic for students. The talk spread knowledge of life skill activities by honoring earth. Talk was attended by **60 students** and 5 faculty members. Ms Sendra Pereira coordinated the event.



Poster on 'World Environment Day' 5th June 2021- "Honoring the Earth Around You"



Ms. Sendra Pereira focusing on "Steps towards Zero Waste

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

 31 October, 2020- As part of MHRD's initiative of Student Induction Programme 'Deeksharambh', an online departmental event titled '*Shenanigans*' was organised on for students of F.Y.B.A. to initiate them into literary culture.

It was primarily a cosplay activity, with students and teachers of the department dressing up as various characters from books, movies, web series and comics. With the coronavirus pandemic restricting students to the confines of their homes, the program was aimed at fostering a sense of camaraderie between its attendees.

The event saw active participation from both staff and **75 students** alike. Teachers met their students in full costumes, while students dressed up as the likes of mythical creatures like fairies and witches, and even characters like the Joker from Batman and Phoebe from F.R.I.E.N.D.S. The staff of the English Department cosplayed a ghost, personified Greed, and other characters like Frida Kahlo, Morticia Adams, Captain Marvel and Annabelle.

The students of T.Y.B.A. English spearheaded the event, and created a teaser video to generate excitement and intrigue prior to the event. With classes having been moved online due to lockdown, the event also followed suit, and took place on Google Meet. Lively activities and games like Guess Who? were organised. Students enthusiastically performed short monologues of their respective characters, and their classmates had to guess who they were cosplaying.

The event focused on building confidence, communication, team-spirit and oratorial skills among students.



Shades of Shenanigans

8. **March and April**- The Department organised the first edition of 'Melting Motifs', a Digital Storytelling submission-based event for first year B.A. students, during the months of March and April, on Google Classroom.

Digital Story Telling is part of the First-year syllabus (Unit 2). The event was curated keeping this end in mind.

The theme chosen was music videos where students were required to pick a song in any language and draft a story based on this song. The story then had to be converted into a video which would serve as the music video of the song chosen.

Students selected songs in regional and foreign languages like Konkani, Hindi and Korean while the rest chose English pop songs. Some of the digital stories included fictional accounts of romance, comedy and tragedy, others focused on social issues like body positivity and overcoming the CoVid-19 pandemic and yet others were autobiographical in nature.

Along with pedagogical training in digital story composition and rendition provided by faculty members, expert insights into the topic were facilitated through a talk with filmmaker Dunstan Dias. The talk was organised under the aegis of the Department's ongoing 'Bridging the Gap' series.

Students shot videos with real-life actors, used hand-drawn caricatures as well as created animated videos using software like PowToon, Kinemaster, Prezi, Google Slides, and Microsoft PowerPoint, the usage of which was taught to students in class.

The event, coordinated by faculty members Rochelle Fernandes, Nadia De Souza and Loretta Rodrigues, saw a participation of **68 students** from across the three divisions. The winners were as follows:

1st Place: Melvin Mendis (F.Y.B.A. C) 2nd Place: Ayesha Lobo (F.Y.B.A. C) and Akshaya Morajkar 3rd Place: Harshita Sinha Dayal (F.Y.B.A. C)

The event focused on building **creative thinking**, **coordination and digital skills** among students.

Following are some images that give a glimpse into the Digital stories made by students:



A still from Harshita Dayal Sinha's music video on 'Heartbeat' by Korean band Suran



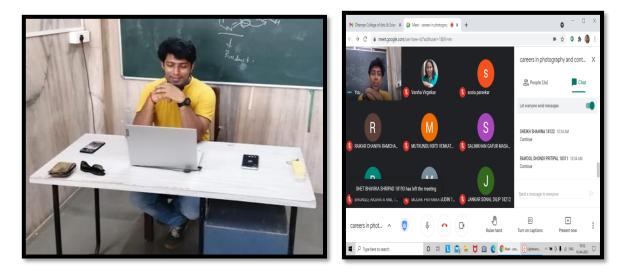
A still from Ayesha Lobo's music video for the song 'Fallen' by Gert Taberner

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

- 9. 17th March 2021- Dhempe College alumnus Mr. Farhan Sheikh delivered a PEP lecture for the T.Y.B.Sc. students of Geology. He spoke on the topic "Study Prospects of Geology in the Heriott-Watt University, Edinburgh Campus" and also shared his experience of working on an oil rig in Saudi Arabia. 16 Students benefited.
- 10. 31st March 2021- Ms. Pooja Ghadi, Assistant Professor of Geology at the School of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, Goa University and an Alumnus of the Geology Department of Dhempe College, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Fascinating World of Fossils via Google Meet. 34 Students of F.Y.B.Sc. Geology benefited.
- 11. 22nd April 2021- An online lecture was organised for the T.Y.B.Sc. Geology students on the topic, 'Field Mapping and Drilling Techniques'. The resource person was Mr. Mahesh Patankar, Sr. Manager (Geology), Vedanta Resources Ltd. and an Alumnus of the Geology Department of Dhempe College.16 Students benefited.
- 12. 30th April 2021- Mrs. Shilpa Kandolkar, Geologist, Geological Survey of India (Kolkata Division) and an Alumnus of the Geology Department of Dhempe College delivered a lecture on the topic, 'Work Nature and Opportunities in GSI' for the F.Y.B.Sc., S.Y.B.Sc. and T.Y.B.Sc. Geology students. 96 Students benefited.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

13. 16th April 2021- Mr Naresh Shetti, Photographer, Brand Consultant and Entrepreneur, delivered an online PEP talk on "Careers in Photography and Content Creation". He covered various topics ranging from 'Visual Content' to choosing a good institute for learning photography to starting a business in photography. **40** T.Y.B.Sc. **students** and 07teachers from department of chemistry attended the talk. The activity was organized by Mrs. Varsha Virginkar.



Mr. Naresh Shetti speaks on "Careers in Photography and Content Creation".

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