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Biography of the outstanding achievers inspires us....

Biographies of outstanding personalities serve as timeless inspirations, offering profound insights into the human spirit and the heights of achievement. These narratives illuminate the paths of visionaries, leaders, and pioneers who defied odds, embraced challenges, and left indelible marks on history. Through their stories, we discover resilience, perseverance, and the transformative power of passion. At the heart of every compelling biography lies a journey—a journey marked by triumphs, setbacks, and pivotal moments of self-discovery. For instance M.K. Gandhi's unwavering commitment to nonviolent resistance and his pursuit of justice against colonial oppression continue to inspire movements for civil rights and social justice worldwide. Marie Curie's groundbreaking discoveries in radioactivity not only revolutionized science but also paved the way for future generations of women in STEM fields. Martin Luther King Jr.'s impassioned advocacy for racial equality and his unwavering belief in the power of love and justice continue to resonate with activists striving for a more equitable society. And Leonardo da Vinci's insatiable curiosity, boundless creativity, and multidisciplinary genius remind us of the infinite potential of the human mind. Through the lens of their biographies, we glimpse the humanity behind the legend—their fears, doubts, and moments of vulnerability. Yet, it is precisely in these moments that their greatness shines brightest, as they confront challenges with courage and determination. In essence, the study of biographies is a testament to the enduring power of the human spirit and the capacity for individuals to shape their destinies and impact the world. As we delve into these stories of courage, passion, and resilience, we are not only inspired by the achievements of great figures but also reminded of our own potential to create a legacy of significance.

Cultivate the habit of reading the biography of outstanding achievers and get inspired...

With best wishes

Dr B A Kumara Hegde,
Principal

Annual Day Celebrations

'India eagerly anticipates greater dedication from youths in restoring the ethos of harmony and cultural resurgence' opined Dr P L Dharma, Vice-Chancellor of Mangalore University. He was speaking at the annual day function of the College on 30 March 2024.



Sri D Harshendra Kumar and Dr Sathishchandra S, Secretaries of SDM Educational Institutions, were the chief guests of the evening. Distinguished Professors, Educators Achievers were recognised for their contributions in the field of education and research, and academic excellence. Outstanding performances at state and National level sports and cultural activities were honoured on the occasion. The latest edition of the practical magazine 'Chiguru' from the Journalism department was released.

along with student representatives Prateeksha, K Kiran, Aditya, Anushree S., Sanat, and Chidvilas A.S., were present.

Dr B.A. Kumar Hegde, the principal of the College, welcomed the gathering and presented the annual report of the college. Prof. Shashishekhar N. Kakatkar, Vice-principal of the College offered felicitations. Dr Sreedhar Bhatt, Head of the Sanskrit Department, Mastered the Ceremony. Cultural performances by the students entertained the students, parents and the invitees.

Achievers Day

SDM College Achievers Day - 2024 was organised at the College Seminar Hall on 30 March 2024. Ms Nishchitha Barke, Senior Scientist at the Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), and Mr Shabdik Varma, International Chess Player were the guests of honour. Speaking on the occasion Ms Barke expressed the importance of utilizing educational opportunities that supplement the consciousness of continuous change to facilitate diverse avenues of progress.



Dr B A Kumar Hegde, Principal of the College, presided over the function, with Prof. S. N. Kakatkar, Vice Principal, in attendance. The event honoured students who excelled in academic pursuits throughout the year and those who emerged victorious in various competitions organised as a part of the college annual day celebrations.

'Yashovana' Botanical Garden Inaugurated

The 'Arboretum' (botanical garden) at the College, known for its rare plant species, was renamed as 'Yashovana' in memory of Late Dr B Yashovarma, Former Principal of the College and Secretary of SDM Educational Society on 30 March 2024.



Dr M Mohan Alva, Chaiman of Alva's Education Foundation, unveiled the entrance gate of the Yashovana, which is designed in the Indonesian style, featuring the concept of 'Gateway to Heaven'. Dr P L Dharma, Vice-Chancellor of Mangalore University, unveiled the 'Yashovana Green Zone' plaque. Dr Hemavathi V Heggade from Dharmasthala inaugurated the information plaque card related to Yashovana.

The programme was chaired by Dr D Veerendra Hegde, Dharmadhikari of Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala and President of SDM Educational Institutions, who, in his address, analysed the significance of 'Yashovana' as a crucial step towards the realisation of the dream of Dr Yashovarma. Saplings of medicinal plants were distributed to a few students involved in the maintenance of Yashovana.

Sri Pratap Simha Nayak, MLC Belthangady, Sri D Harshendra Kumar, Dr Sathishchandra S, Secretaries of SDM Educational Society, Smt Sonia Varma from 'Ninada'; Sri K N Janardhana, Director of Siri, Mr Pooran Varma CEO of IT and Hostel Administration, SDM Educational Institutions, Dr B A Kumar Hegde, Principal of the College, welcomed the gathering. Dr Sridhara N Bhat, Dean of Arts Mastered the Ceremony.

National Conference

The Department of Statistics (UG and PG), in association with IQAC and Karnataka State Statistics Association, organised a National Conference on “Statistical Insights and Data Science Trends” on 6 April 2024. Dr Savitha Kumari, HoD of Statistics, Organising Secretary and Convenor of the Conference welcomed the gathering. Dr T P M Pakkala, Adjunct Professor, Department of Statistics, Mangalore University, inaugurated the programme and shared his thoughts on statistics and data science. Dr Satheeshchandra S, Secretary, SDME Society (R), Ujire, as a Chief Guest of the inaugural ceremony opined that based on the results of statistics one can take informed decisions. Dr B A Kumara Hegde, Principal of the College presided over the programme. Dr Vishwanatha P, Dean, SDM PG Centre was also present.



There were three technical sessions followed by one paper presentation session. In the first session, Dr M Manoharan, Senior Professor (Rtd), Department of Statistics, University of Calicut, Malappuram District, Kerala, delivered the keynote address on “Statistics – The Science of Uncertainty and Data”. In the second session, Dr B V Dhandra, Rtd Professor and Chairman, Department of Computer Science, Gulbarga University, Kalaburagi, delivered an invited talk on “Current 2023 - Trends in Data Science”. In

the third session, Dr P V Pandit, Senior Professor and Chairman, Department of Statistics, Bangalore University, Bengaluru, delivered an invited talk on “Statistical Inference for Stress – Strength Reliability: Some Specific Cases”. There were about 6 paper presentations by students, faculties and research scholars from other colleges/institutions. In the valedictory programme, Sri Shashishekara N Kakathkar, Vice Principal delivered valedictory address. Dr Vishwanatha P presided. Around 90 participants attended the conference.

Prakrit Diploma and Ratna Result

The Department of History and Prakrit Adhyayana Kendra of the College in association with the National Institute of Prakrit Studies and Research, Sri Dhavalatheertham Shravanabelagola, jointly conducted Prakrit Diploma and Ratna Exams in the month of February 2024, in which our centre secured 100% results. About 6 students secured distinction and 6 students secured first class marks. All the students received convocation certificates in the Eighteenth Prakrit Convocation. Dr Sanmathi Kumar, HoD of History, coordinated the programme.

Mock Parliament

The Department of Political Science organised a Mock Parliament on 3 April 2024. Dr Rose Veera D’Souza, Dean of the Arts Faculty, and Head of Political Science Department, St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangalore, was the chief guest for the programme. Dr B A Kumar Hegde, Principal of the College presided over the programme. Dr Shalip Kumari AP, Registrar, and Head of Political Science Department, delivered an introductory note. All the staff and students of the department participated in the programme.

Workshops/Trainings/Career-Oriented Programmes

The Department of PG Studies and Research in Physics organised “Career Opportunities in Physics” programme for I and II MSc students on 16 April 2024. In the first session, the resource person Mr Sharath Gore, Director and Trustee, New Vibrant PU College, Kallabettu, Moodbidri, spoke on “Teaching and Coaching Scenarios’ in Physics”. In the second session, the resource person Dr Sankeerth Hebbar, Faculty in Physics, Researcher, Kumaraswamy PU College, Kukke Subrahmanya, spoke on “Limitless Science, Limitless Opportunities”. Dr Raghavendra S, Head, coordinated the programme. Around 41 students of I and II MSc attended the programme.



The Women Development Cell, in association with the Department of Computer Science organised a workshop on “Basic Excel Skills” for BCom students from 20 March to 28 March 2024 in the Computer Science lab. Ms Deepa R P, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science of the Collegewas the resource person. Around 80 students attended the workshop.

Guest Lectures/Interactions/Awareness Programmes

- The Department of English organised a guest lecture on “Oral Tradition of English Poetry” by Mr Shankar Bhat H R, Assistant Professor, Department of English, SDM Polytechnic College, Ujire, on 13 April 2024. The speaker pointed out the intricate connection between oral and written poetry. Prof Gajanana R Bhat, Head, Department of English, presided over the function. On this occasion, the prize winners of poetry contest were felicitated. Ms Shubharani P S, Assistant Professor, coordinated the programme. Mr Sooryanarayana Bhat, and Ms Arpitha, Assistant Professors, Department of English, were present. A total of 27 optional English students attended the session.



- The Department of Home Science organised a guest lecture on “Women Empowerment” by Dr Shobha G, Additional Director of Collegiate Education, Bangalore, on 15 March 2024. The resource person spoke about the areas of challenges faced by the women and how to overcome from those difficulties. She also motivated the students to become entrepreneurs and to lead a livelihood life in future. Around 35 Home Science students attended the session.



- The Department of PG Studies and Research in Chemistry conducted Industry-Student interaction by Dr Sumesh Eswaran, Deputy General Manager, Anthem Biosciences Pvt Ltd, Bangalore, on 16 April 2024 for I and II MSc students. The resource person spoke about the scope of chemist. He further gave information about the company and its achievements. Also he focused on new initiatives of the company in Olegonucleotides and flow chemistry. All the staff and students of the department were present during the session.



- The Department of PG Studies and Research in Commerce organised an awareness programme on “Financial Literacy - Going Digital Going Secure” on 1 March 2024. Ms Usha Nayak, Financial Literacy Counsellor, Financial Literacy Center, Belthangady, was the resource person. Dr Priya Kumari S V, Head, coordinated the programme.
- The NCC Unit organised an awareness programme by Ms Divya Kumari K, Department of Political Science, SDM PU College, Ujire, on 13 April 2024. The speaker addressed the cadets and stressed the need to cast votes by not becoming subjected to manipulation. The gathering joined her in a pledge-taking ceremony to pledge on the importance of voting without being influenced by considerations of any caste, community, religion, creed, or bribes.

Alumni Interactions

The Department of Home Science organised an alumni interaction on “Decision Making” by Ms Babitha on 28 March 2024 for I BA Home Science students. The speaker spoke about how individual decision is important in setting the goals and changing the life by making one strong decision in every critical situation. Ms Shobha S, Head, Department of Home Science, coordinated the programme.

Day Celebrations

- The Department of PG Studies and Research in English celebrated “Mother Language Day”, by conducting a speech competition on “Importance of Mother Language”. Dr T K Ravindran, Associate Professor, Department of PG Studies and Research in English, Alva’s College (Autonomous), Moodbidri. The speaker spoke about the significance of mother language and the intricacies of language politics. Dr Manjushree, Head, Department of PG Studies and Research in English, Mr Sooryanarayan Bhat, Associate Professor, Department of English, and Mr Manu A R, Assistant Professor, were also present during the programme. UG and PG students of the Department of English attended the programme. Mr Vignesh Aithal, Assistant Professor, coordinated the programme.



- The NCC Unit celebrated Ambedkar Jayanti was celebrated on 13 April 2024 to commemorate the 134th birth anniversary of Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar. Ms Divya Kumari K, Department of Political Science, SDM PU College, Ujire, was the chief guest. The speaker spoke about the life story and contributions of Dr B R Ambedkar. She followed it with a talk on the difficulties and hardships he faced in terms of his educational and social needs. She emphasized on the concept of untouchability back then and how he played a huge role in transforming society. The cadets had prepared a wall magazine as well as an e-magazine on this occasion, which was unveiled by the chief guest. A total of 35 cadets attended the programme.

Campus Recruitments

The Department of Computer Science arranged an Online Campus Recruitment for final year BCA students from the company Face Technology Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, on 12 April 2024. Mr Hari Shankara and Gowri Shankara, Technical Trainers, were the resource persons. The speakers shared information on such as Installation of LinkedIn, Resume creation on LinkedIn, uses of LinkedIn, Premiums in LinkedIn, Career development using LinkedIn, and the LinkedIn Learning app which provides certificate courses.

Extension Activities

The Department of Chemistry organised “Do It Yourself - Hands on Training on Making of Daily use Chemicals” on 1 April 2024 for the students of SDM Kannada Medium School, Belal. Final year BSc students demonstrated the preparation of daily use chemicals. Mr Vignesh and Mr Tejas, III BSc, spoke on ‘Importance of Chemistry in Daily Life’. The main objective of the programme was to popularize chemistry among the school students. Ms Divya, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, coordinated the programme. About 62 school students and 3 staff members actively participated in the programme.

The Department of Home Science conducted an extension activity in DKZP Government Higher Primary School, Mundathodi, on 21 March 2024 for the 6th and 7th standard students. Ms Shreya, Ms Deepika and Ms Prajna, II BA Home Science, provided information on saving water and avoiding food wastage by displaying posters. They disseminated information about how to conserve water and prevent food waste,

as well as the significance of food and water for global life. Ms Shobha S, Head, Department of Home Science, coordinated the programme. Around 40 school students attended the programme.

Field Visits/Industrial Visits

- The Department of Chemistry organised a field visit to Srinivas University, Mukka, Mangaluru and Pilikula Regional Science Centre, Mangaluru, on 5 April 2024. 52 students of I BSc and 2 staff members participated in the visit.
- The Department of Home Science organised an industrial visit to Handloom Industry, Kasaragod, on 6 April 2024 for the I and II year students. The purpose of this visit was to see the fabric weaving process, know about the fabric design, understand the functioning of the handloom machine, and gain knowledge about fabric dyeing. Ms Anitha, Manager, Kasaragod Weavers Co-operative Society, interacted and gave information about the establishment of this weaving unit. Around 30 students participated in the visit. Ms Shobha S, Head, Department of Home Science, accompanied the students and coordinated the visit.
- The Department of Commerce organised an industrial visit to KMF Mysore, ITC Mysore and Mysore Silks, Mysore, on 11 and 12 April 2024 for III BCom A and B section students. The faculties of the department accompanied the students during the visit.

Student Lecture Series

Ms Sabira, II BA Home Science, delivered a talk on "Role of Calcium in our Body", under Student Lecture Series, organised by the Co-curricular Committee on 3 April 2024. The speaker gave information about the functions and importance of calcium, sources and deficiency. About 30 students from our college attended the session. Ms Shobha S, Head, Department of Home Science, coordinated the programme.

Staff Achievements

- Lt Bhanuprakash B E, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, attended as a resource person for the One Day Workshop on “GST Structure and Framework” organised by the Department of BVoc in Retail and Supply Chain Management on 2 April 2024.
- Dr Manjushree, Head, Department of PG Studies and Research in English, attended as a resource person and delivered a talk on “Importance of English Language and Grammar” and also inaugurated the wall magazine during the National Grammar Day celebrated by SDM Aided High School, Ujire, on 1 March 2024.
- Dr Shalip, Registrar, and Head, Department of Political Science, attended as a president during a special lecture on ‘Governmental Budget and Sustainable Development’ at an event organised by the Department of Economics on 27 March 2024.

Students Achievements

- Ms Vaishnavi K R and Ms Deeksha, I MCom, presented a research paper titled “Impact of Digital Banking on Financial Literacy” in an International Conference on ‘Sustainable Business Practices: Issues, Challenges and Prospects’ organised by Department of Commerce, St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, on 19 March 2024.
- Ms Sampreetha and Ms Shalini, II MCom, presented a research paper titled “Exploring the Impact of Colour Psychology on Consumer Buying Behaviour” in an International Conference on ‘Sustainable Business Practices: Issues, Challenges and Prospects’ organised by Department of Commerce, St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, on 19 March 2024.
- The students of the Department of PG Studies and Research in Commerce bagged the overall runners prize in the National Level Management Fest “MAGMA 2K24” held at Srinivas University, Pandeshwar, Mangalore, on 27 and 28 March 2024. Mr Manoj S and Ms Sampreetha secured first prize in the marketing event and Ms Nishmitha and Ms Padmini secured first prize in the face painting event. Ms Shalini and Shrivasa B K secured second prize in the finance event.



- Students of I and II MA English participated in the National Level Writing Workshop organised by the Department of PG Studies and Research in English, St. Agnes College, Mangalore, on 1 March 2024.
- CPL Seema Jangir received CWS Best Cadet from Karnataka and Goa Battalion. The recognition consists of a cash prize and a gift.
- A total of 16 NSS volunteers volunteered at the Brahmakalashotsava at Navara temple from 31 March to 4 April 2024.
- A total of 90 NSS volunteers organised a cleaning programme and rain harvesting pits cleaning programme at the college on 13 April 2024. Volunteers collected plastic from, in and around the campus.

