Arts Circle

Prof- in - charge: Prof. Manisha Naik

Student Co-coordinator

- ➤ University Youth Festival: Ms. Krutika Choudhary & Mr. Aman Dubey
- > Intercollegiate Festival: Mr. Aman Dubey & Ms. Krutika Choudhary
- ➤ Intra-College Activities: Mr. Purva Shirodkar, Mr. Chirag Shah, Pawan Kumar Bhat, Manthan Pal, Pooja Gupta, Pooja Yadav and Soumya Pande.
- Art Circle conducts various cultural, Music, Dance, and Fine Arts activities. It promotes Indian Culture and encourages students to participate in its activities. The primary activities of this association are to train the students for cultural and fine art events and to motivate them to participate as individuals or in group events at the state, university, intercollegiate, and open competitions. We participate in the Mumbai University Youth Festival and various intercollegiate festivals every year. Our year starts with the preparations for the Mumbai University Youth Festival.
- This year, our students participated in the University Youth Festival, which included solo singing, group singing, folk dance, and fine arts events like Rangoli, poster making, Mehendi, cartooning, and on-the-spot painting. Zonal level competition of the Youth Festival was held on the 16th and 17th of August 2023 at Chetna College Bandra West, Mumbai. Students were trained for singing and Folk dance by professionals over a period of one month. Shri choreographed the dance. Dhananjay Masnekar. Shri Aditya Neela directed the music section. Our folk dance team presented the Panthi dance and qualified for finals held on 7th October 2023 at Anna Leela College, Kurla. Later, the Youth festival team of folk dance participated in many open competitions and festivals and won many prizes for college. Details of prizes won in open competitions are mentioned at the end of the report.
- On 3rd July 2023, on the auspicious occasion of Guru Pournima, we inaugurated Arts Circle activities at the college. The speaker, Prof. Murgesh Chandran, presented the importance of Guru in people's lives. On this occasion, a certificate course titled 'Kathamrit' was inaugurated. Prof. Murgesh and Shri. Vishnuji conducted a total of 15 sessions together.



Principal Dr. Vijetha Shetty felicitating Shri. Vishnuji is the resource person of Kathamrit with Shawl and Shreephal.



Participants of Kathamrit at the closing ceremony of Kathamrit

• Rakhi making competition was conducted on 29th August 2023. Participants prepared and displayed traditional Rakhi's along with a unique concept of environmental Rakhi



Students made rakhi for the Rakhi-making competition.

• Arts Circle organized the Spiritual Raksha Bandhan for the staff and students on 31st August 2023. It was conducted to bring out the deep spiritual significance of the traditional festival of Raksha Bandhan. The program was conducted in association with the 'Bramhakumaries Goregaon Centre. The program's speaker was Reena Ben from

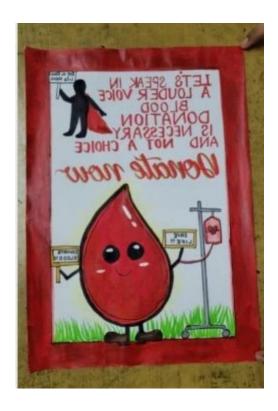
Bramhakumaries. She tied Rakhi to each present for the function and distributed sweets and spiritual message cards.





Reena Ben of Bramhakumaris is tying Rakhi to all present.

• The **Poster-making Competition** was organized for students on September 9, 2023. The theme of the competition was 'Importance of Blood Donation', and the participants' creativity brought out the theme very well.



• Chat making competition was conducted on 12th September 2023. The participants prepared mouth-watering chats. The chat items prepared were very well-plated by the participants



Chat making competition, Chat items beautifully plated.

• Handwriting competition was conducted on 13th September 2023. The competition received an overwhelming response from 57 students who participated in the contest and displayed excellent writing, which was very difficult to judge





A classroom full of students attending a handwriting competition

• Ganpati Bappa Maha Aarti was conducted at the Shree Saraswati Mandir in the Library Hall. The Library Hall was full of students and echoed with Aarti and musical instruments like zhanj, dholak, and harmonium.



Students in large numbers gathered for Ganpati Bappa Maha Aarti.

• The Mehendi Competition, based on the theme 'Indian Traditional Mehendi,' was conducted on 2nd September 2023. Twenty-nine students responded well to the event.





Beautiful design of Mehendi on the palms of students at the Mehendi competition

As every year, the Arts Circle in college celebrates Navratri under the theme 'Celebrate Navratri with Colours.' This year, from 15th to 23rd October 2023, staff and students carried out the colourful celebration by wearing dresses in the designated colours for each day of Navratri. On each day of Navratri, the entire college seemed to be adorning one colour and thereby united by colours.





Staff members all adorning one colour at 'Celebrate Navratri with colours'

Along with the Navratri colour celebration, the Saraswati Pooja, Aarti, and Garba celebrations were conducted on 23rd October 2023. Once again, the staff and students spread joy and energy as they participated in Aarti and Garba, held on the school side stilt area.



Students gathered for Shree Saraswati Pooja, Aarti, and Garba after that.

• The Diwali celebration was done by decorating the college building with small lanterns (kandil) and a beautiful rangoli at the college entrance. Also, Diwali pahat was organized in the staff room for all the staff members with music and Diwali pharal (Diwali sweets and other preparations)



Diwali celebration at Vivek College with Rangoli and Kandil welcoming all



Diwali celebration at Vivek College with Diwali Pahat and Diwali Pharal

• The rangoli competition was organized on 4th December 2023 on the enclosed terrace. The participants displayed the traditional powder rangoli form in the competition. They were given 3 hours to design and colour the rangoli.



Principal and staff members observing Rangoli displayed at the Rangoli competition.



Prize-winning rangolis at rangoli competition

- The **singing competition** was conducted on 8th December 2023. Songs from Hindi films were presented in solo and duet form. This singing competition was used to select the Annual Day orchestra. A total of 16 students participated in the competition.
- **Dance competition** was conducted at the Intra College level on 11th December 2023. The dance performances were classical, folk-based, and contemporary, based on Bollywood music. There was folk dance, duet dance, and group dances. The selection for the annual day was based on folk dance presented for the competition.
- The best performances selected from singing and dance competitions were staged for the Annual Day, conducted on 22nd December 2023. The folk dance performed for the Youth festival was also presented at the Annual Day.

• The handicraft exhibition was conducted on 23rd February 2024. Participants displayed various skills in handicrafts.





• Students participated in Intercollege festivals and open competitions. The details are as follows:

Sr.	Name of the Festival/Competition	Participation	Prizes won
No	1	1	
1	Thakur College Festival	82	1st Best College
2	Balbharti College Festival	17	3 rd
3	J M Patel College Festival	30	1st Best College
4	Ghanshamdas Jalan College Festival	27	Four prizes
5	Vivek College Festival	30	Three prizes
	Open Folk Dance Competition		
6	L N Tiwari Competition	10	1 st
7	Saphale Festival	10	3 rd
8	Satpati Palghar Festival	10	1 st
9	Bhyayandar West Festival	10	2 nd
10	Kamothe Panvel Festival	10	1 st
11	Morva Uttan Festival	10	1 st
13	Thane Festival	10	Consolation
14	Uran JNPT(All Indian Dance Battle	10	8 th position
15	Uttan Festival	10	1 st
16	Ghatkopar Festival	10	2 nd



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