

Nagpur Shikshan Mandal's
SHRI BINZANI CITY COLLEGE,
Umrer Road, Nagpur

Institutional Distinctiveness :

Title : Academic Performance in Higher Education – *a continued journey towards excellence*

Introduction:

Shri Binzani City College was established in 1930 and has a long lineage of excellence. Former Prime Minister of India, Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, was an alumnus of the College. The College has various departments. One of which is the Post Graduate Department of Political Science established in 1936 and was granted affiliation in 1970. The Department has since then, produced many stalwarts who have contributed to the Academic wealth in and around Nagpur City. To keep up with the tradition, the College strives to give multiple inputs to its students along with the regular classroom teaching.

Keeping up with the legacy of excellent academic performance, the Head of the Department of Political Science, Dr Sandeep Tundurwar, also stood First in order of Merit in MA (Gandhian Thought) exam conducted by RTM Nagpur University, Nagpur. He has been an inspirational figure for all the PG and UG students.

Practice:

Along with academic teaching, for the holistic development of the students, the Department of Political Science takes extra care and initiates Co-Curricular Activities like Guest lectures on contemporary and raging issues, a week-long Higher Learning Education Program, participation of students in Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad to develop leadership qualities amongst the students, Study Tours to places like Hemalkasa (to meet the famous couple, Dr Prakash and Dr Mandakini Amte), Lekha Mendha (to meet the legendary Social Worker Shri Devaji Tofa) and Melghat region (to meet the social workers Dr Ravindra Kolhe and Dr Smita Kolhe). The department also paid visits to Pench to interact with Shri Kishor Rithe, Founder, Satpuda Foundation, to Sewagram Ashram of Mahatma Gandhi and Pavnar Ashram of Acharya Vinoba Bhave. This experiential learning process has enriched the Students' reservoir of knowledge helping them in their performance.

The Department also encourages students to attend Parliamentary sessions (course) where they get acquainted with political personages to know more about their ideologies, issues and various political processes. The Department is also instrumental in organizing an Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition under the Versatile Debate Club of the College every year. Through these competitions, the students

not only get a glimpse of the various aspects of issues but also get a chance to meet like-minded students from other Colleges. These interactions and peer-learning activities have gone a long way in developing the students.

In 2020 – 21, the Department conducted One Month ‘Fundamental Duties Awareness Program with around 944 registrations, and a One Week Higher Learning Education Program. The department also organized two Webinars on Competitive Exams and a collaborative activity on ‘Human Rights’ with Dr V M Peshwe Research Institute. It also instils national feelings in the students by celebrating Constitution Day , National Voters’ Day and Motivational Talks by their distinctive alumni. The Department organized a visit to Champa Grampanchayat which gave the students a chance to interact with the locals and know their constitution. It also organized three lectures on National and International issues like Israeli Palestinian Crisis, Central Vista Project in the perspective of Heritage of Delhi, the contribution of Shri P V Narasimha Rao in National Security and International Policy. All these programs gave exposure to students to know about various important issues.

Success Story:

Year	No of Merit Holders	Name of Students	Rank
2011	02	Ms Jayshree More	I
		Ms Kalyani Kamble	II
2012	02	Mr Ashish Lende	I
		Mr Shrikant Nitnaware	X
2014	02	Mr Shrikant Shende	II
		Ms Rashmi Kanire	V
2015	05	Ms Ashwini Pendam	I
		Ms Priyanka Ghonge	V
		Ms Madhuri Badase	VII
		Mr Harshal Bawane	VIII
		Ms Sunita Gharat	VIII
2016	08	Ms Komal Dhage	I
		Ms Shwetambari Tinkhede	II
		Mr Nikhil Kubde	III
		Mr Suraj Govardhan	IV
		Mr Chetan Aage	VI
		Mr Pravin Kedar	IX
		Ms Kalyani Gondane	IX
		Mr Sandeep Goswami	X
2017	03	Ms Neelam Gautam	I
		Ms Divya Meshram	III
		Ms Priti Kalbande	VI

2018	03	Ms Nitu Kolhe	I
		Ms Priya Masare	VIII
		Ms Sneha Mandurkar	IX
2019	04	Ms Renuka Pillare	I
		Mr Pravin Sidam	IV
		Ms Smita Raut	VII
		Ms Priyanka Wase	IX
2020	06	Ms Khushbu Gautam	I
		Ms Rasika Choube	II
		Ms Tejashree Balpande	III
		Ms Pranali Patil	IV
		Mr Krishna Dahikar	VII
		Ms Ashwini Raghute	X

The Department does not stop at this. They continue holding hands to prepare students for the Competitive Exams like NET/SET. The Department has a library and has a network of capable and well-qualified Resource Persons who assist the PG students to perform well in these exams. The result is evident from the following data:

Year	No of NET/SET students	Name of students	NET/SET
2008	01	Mr Sandeep Rahul	NET
2009	01	Mr Praful Gohote	NET
2010	01	Mr Lomesh Bawankule	NET
2013	01	Mr Gajanan Borkar	SET
2015	02	Ms Priyanka Ghonge	SET
		Mr Mahesh Kamdi	SET
2018	02	Ms Kalyani Gondane	SET
		Ms Priyanka Ghonge	NET
2019	05	Mr Vikas Gawalkar	NET / SET
		Mr Shailesh Hatbude	SET
		Mr Rahul Tiple	SET
		Mr Suraj Gowardhan	SET
2020	03	Mr. Pravin Shidam	SET
		Mr. Krishna Dahikar	SET
		Mr. Dipak Tidke	SET

The students have been placed in Colleges as Lecturers, in Govt Sector, in Private Offices and have excelled in their endeavor. The effect has been seen on the workings of the other PG Departments as well as the UG Departments. The PG Departments of Marathi and English have also followed the same path. There are quite a few merit holders and candidates who have passed NET/SET exams in these departments too.

