

Department of Philosophy

The Department conducted a National Seminar titled 'Dimensions of Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda and its Contemporary Relevance', in August 2011.

This academic year saw a new development i.e. Yoga Practicals. Yoga paper is taught as a part of T.Y.B.A., Paper-IX, but so far, only theoretical training was provided to them. However, a Yoga Instructor, (Mrs.) Vijaya Khare, was appointed to give practical training in Yoga to the students. Students learned a number of *Asanas* and enjoyed doing it. Many of them have confessed of improvement in controlling anger and jealousy, even the tolerance level and patience in them had increased, which is a great achievement for the Department.

During this academic year, along with T.Y.B.A. Philosophy students, even S.Y.B.A. students were taken to the Kutir for lectures on 17th January 2012 and on 23rd January 2012 respectively. Students felt motivated and closer to nature.

Prof. Shobha Doshi conducted guidance lectures for the T.Y.B.A. students as a preparatory step towards students facing University Examination.

A Workshop was conducted for T.Y.B.A. students titled 'Study Skills' on 14th January 2012 to guide the students on various methods and skills which can enable them to study better and thereby develop better retention.

Award winning movie 'Dharma' was screened for the benefit of S.Y.B.A. Philosophy students as a part of their Socio-Political Philosophy syllabus.

On 11th February 2012, Parents' Meeting was held, where Principal met the parents of T.Y.B.A. Philosophy students. Parents were worried about the progress of their children, but it was convinced to them that the students are the responsibility of the Department and the College.

Dr. (Mrs.) Shakuntala A. Singh participated as a Chairperson in the National Seminar on 'Dimensions of Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda and its Contemporary Relevance' organised jointly by Swami Vivekananda Kendra (Kanyakumari), University of Mumbai, Ramnarain Ruia College, Matunga and Joshi-Bedekar College, Thane. She was invited as a Guest of Honour in the National Seminar on Medical Ethics: Issues and Extensions. She is nominated as the Chairperson of the University Sports Tournament and Section Committee for Ball Badminton (Men and Women) for the year

2011-12. She was also invited as the Chief Guest for the 28th Annual Prize Distribution of KET's V. G. Vaze College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mulund.

She presented a Paper on 'Euthanasia: Where are We and Where Do We Go from Here?' in a Seminar on '*Chikitsiya Niti Shastra: Vichar Evam Vistaar*' organised by Magadh Vishwavidyalaya, Bodhgaya. She participated as Delegate in UGC sponsored Two-Day Workshop on the topic 'Autonomy to Colleges in Maharashtra State' organised by Birla College, Kalyan.

Dr. (Mrs.) Shobha Doshi completed Ph.D. in Philosophy with her Thesis titled as 'Man – God Relation in the Systems of *Vedanta*'.

Prof. (Mrs.) Suchitra Naik from the Department of Philosophy completed Refresher Course titled 'Issues and Challenges in Higher Education'. She is appointed as a part of Peer Team by Kumaun University, ASC to review the Journal devoted for Social Science. She was invited to be the Respondent in two Sessions of the following National level Seminars in Philosophy:

- Dimensions of Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda and its Contemporary Relevance.
- *Krishna* in Regional Literature.

Dr. (Mrs.) Shakuntala A. Singh
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