Rayat Shikshan Sanstha's
Annasaheb Awate Arts, Commerce & Hutatma Babu Genu Science College, Manchar, Pune

Department of English: (Activity Report) (2024-25)

The Department of English conducted a variety of enriching academic and co-curricular activities throughout the academic year 2024-25. These events were designed to enhance student learning, foster community engagement, and provide exposure to professional development opportunities.

Date-wise Activities:

- **19th September 2024**: A **Guest Lecture** was organized on *Career Opportunities for B.A. English Students*. The session was delivered by **Prof. Shrikant Nagtilak** from Willingdon College, Sangli. It was well-received by students and provided valuable insights into future career paths. (56 Beneficiaries)
- **1st October 2024**: A **Welcome Function** for FYBA students was held. **Hon. Principal Dr. N.S. Gaikwad** was the Chief Guest for the occasion. The program aimed to introduce first-year students to the departmental activities and foster a sense of belonging. (63 Participants)
- **10th December 2024 onwards**: A **Three-Month Short-Term Course** on *Developing Communication in English* was launched. The course focused on enhancing the language proficiency and soft skills of students. (38 Beneficiaries)
- **21st December 2024**: A group of **15 students** accompanied by **Dr. Ganesh Wagh and Dr. Tushar Dhone** visited the **Book Festival** organized by the Government of Maharashtra at **Fergusson College, Pune**. This visit provided students with exposure to diverse literary resources and publishing trends. (15 Beneficiaries)
- **School Connect 2.0 Programme**: The department conducted outreach activities under this programme for the students of **M.G. Primary English Medium School, Manchar**, encouraging a culture of reading and communication. (123 Beneficiaries)
- **School Visit Programme**: FY/SY/TYBA English students visited **M.G. Primary English Medium School, Manchar** to interact with the school children. The activity was designed to develop communication, leadership, and teaching skills among college students. (28 Beneficiaries)

- **12th March 2025**: An Expert Lecture was organized on *Developing Reading Habits and Commuication* for the Students of the college. The lecture was delivered by **Prof. Dr. Vaibhav Dhamal** from the School of Distance and Online Education, Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Pune. It was well-received by students and provided valuable insights into the basic language skills in general and Reading skill in particular. (54 Beneficiaries)

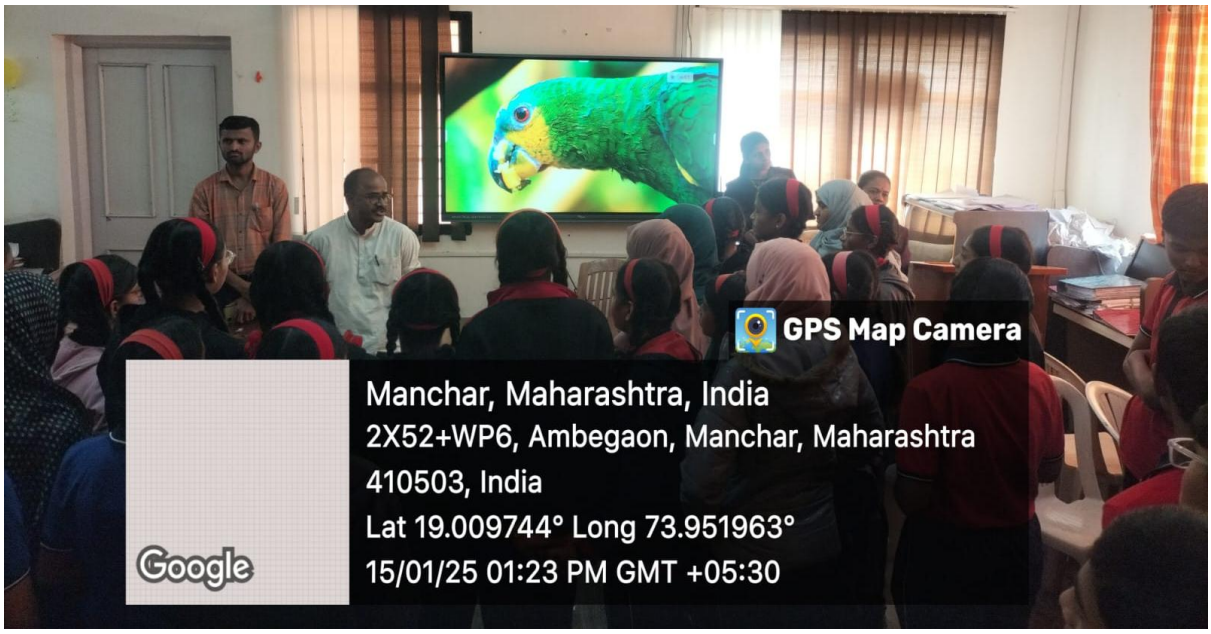
Faculty Achievements:

- **Dr. Sachin More** successfully completed an **Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP)** in the subject of English.
- **Dr. Ganesh Wagh** completed an **FDP on "Values and Ethics in Higher Education"** organized by **MSFDA & Initiatives for Change** at **Panchgani**.
- **Worked as a Subject Expert for English for the selection of Assistant Professor in English at School of Online and Distance Education, SPPU, Pune.**
- **Dr. Tushar Dhone, a faculty of the department** successfully completed the **Ph.D. degree on 05th August 2024** from SPPU, Pune on the topic *'Depiction of Traditional and Modern India in the Select Works of V.S.Naipaul and Arvind Adiga'* in the subject of English.

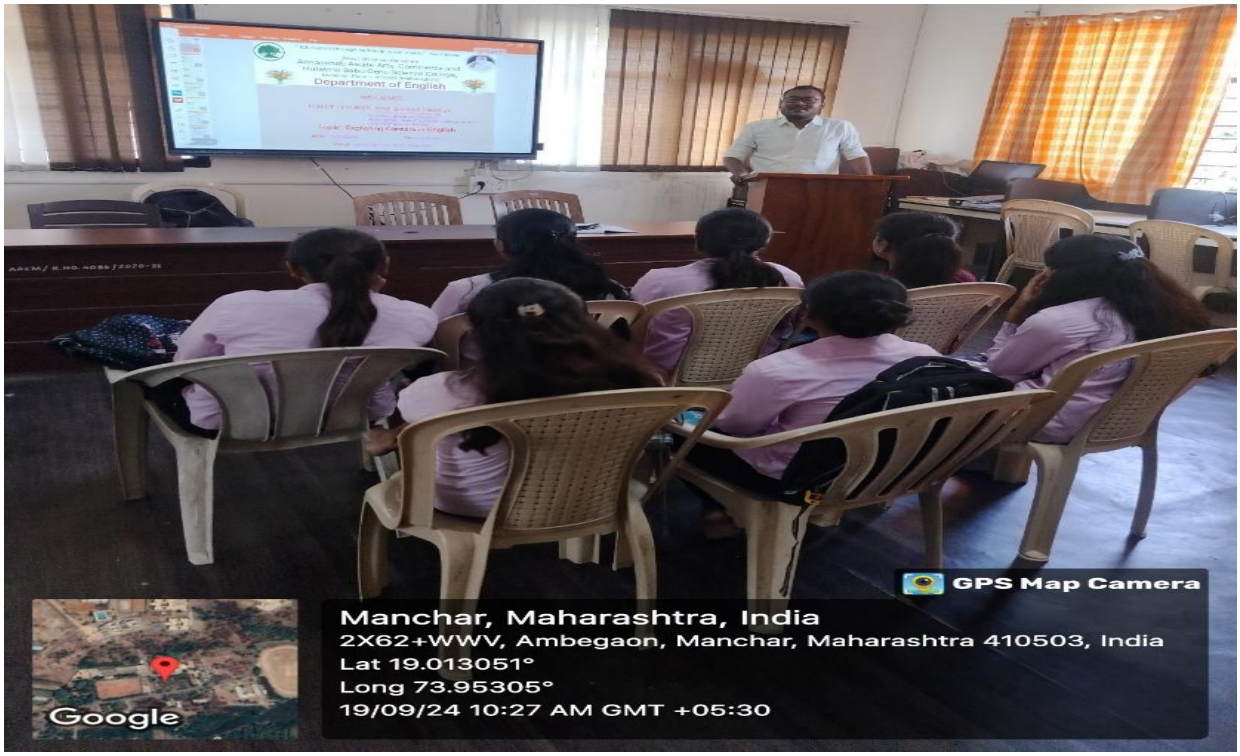
These initiatives reflect the department's commitment to academic excellence, holistic student development, and community engagement. Under the able guidance and support of Principal, Dr. N.S. Gaikwad, Department of English organised and conducted these academic activities successfully in the academic year.



Students and faculty of Department of English Visited Book Festival hosted by the National Book Trust (NBT), Deccan Education Society and Savitribai Phule Pune University Pune (SPPU) at the Fergusson College Campus, Pune on December 21, 2024.



Dr. Ganesh Wagh, Head of the Department of English at Annasaheb Awate College, Manchar, recently took the initiative to guide the students of Mahatma Gandhi Primary English Medium School through the "School Connect 2.0 Campaign" a state-level initiative by the Maharashtra Government



The Department of English at Annasaheb Awate College, Manchar hosted an insightful and enriching career guidance lecture delivered by renowned academician and career expert, Prof. Shrikant Nagtilak on *September 19, 2024*



The Department of English of Annasaheb Awate College, Manchar organized a grand welcome function for the First-Year Bachelor of Arts (FYBA) students of Optional English on 01/10/2024. The Chief Guest of the function Principal Dr N.S. Gaikwad through his speech motivated the students.



The Department of English at Annasaheb Awate College organized a study tour and industrial visit from 21st February, 2025 to 23rd February, 2025. Visit to Shivaji University Kolhapur was organised under this study tour.

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