

Institutional Distinctiveness 2018-19

Provide the details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust. Provide the weblink of the institution in not more than 500 words

The institution envisions to bring higher education to the doorsteps of the economically challenged students, especially belonging to the Muslim minority. The institution constantly strives on the holistic development of their pupils through curricular, co-curricular and extension activities, several value added courses and sensitization programs. The institution adopts a secular outlook with respect to admissions of students and staff appointments. This is a unique example of communal harmony and national integration. Following is one of the steps taken by the institution that reflects its mission and vision:

- **Hub for perseverance of languages: Urdu, Arabic, Marathi, Hindi, English:**

The institution boasts of being the institution to have five language departments, namely, Urdu, Arabic, Marathi, Hindi, and English. Our institution is one among two institutions in Mumbai University that offers graduation in Arabic and Islamic Studies. Further, Urdu subject is found in very few institutions of Mumbai University; this institution is one among them.

Certificate courses to promote languages have been organized here. Our institution has started the certificate course in Marathi approved by the Mumbai University from the academic year 2016-17. Lectures are conducted both in this institution as well as in the University of Mumbai campus, Kalina. Our institution is currently the only institution where these classes are held. This institution also runs certificate course in learning language Urdu.

Language departments of our institution enthusiastically organize literary activities such as story-telling, poetry recitation, handwriting competition, literary meet, celebration of global or national acclaimed writers and poets to name a few. These activities provide them opportunities to know the real taste of Art & Culture. The students get opportunities to meet well known literary figures. These departments also put extra efforts to train and prepare the students to participate in different literary and cultural activities at University, State and National levels. Many individual and team prizes and trophies are won every year. Our Bait Baazi Team has been consistently winning trophies for the College at regional and State levels.

As per the government circular, Marathi Bhasha Samvardhan Pandharvada is celebrated every year in the institution. Under the heading of Urdu department a literary festival titled 'Bazm-e-Urdu' is organized every year. The festival begins with the formation of Bazm with new office bearers. They plan and organise various events throughout the year under the guidance and supervision of the HOD and other faculty. They arrange at least one Literary Meet, one "Meet a Journalist" programme and one Musha'ira. The Bazm-e-Urdu has a Wall Magazine 'Shaoor-e-Nav' that provides ample opportunity to the students to develop their writing skill. The Shyam Kishan Nigam Trophy Intercollegiate Elocution Competition on

humour & satire is one of the prime events of Bazm-e-Urdu which has been organised regularly for almost three decades. The college annual magazine Sadaf publishes articles in five languages taught in the college.
