

MOTTO OF THE INSTITUTION

Knowledge is that which liberates

OUR VISION

To emerge as a center of excellence in Teacher Education

OUR MISSION

To provide experience-based learning for multifaceted development

To contribute to national development through teacher education

To foster innovative and responsible integration of technology in education

To instill the spirit of inquiry through research

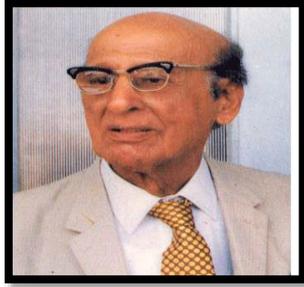
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

**To enable learners to
'imagine' with all their minds,
'believe' with all their heart and
'achieve' with all their minds**

THE VALUES WE CHERISH

**Multiculturalism Team Spirit Scientific Temper
Eco-consciousness Lifelong learning**

Foundation, Faith & Future



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In- Charge Principal**



A message from the Editors

Dear Patrons, Readers and Well-wishers,

Welcome to the Golden Jubilee Year of Bombay Teachers' Training College. Taking you through 50 glorious years of pioneering innovative teacher training is our annual magazine, Metamorphosis. In this compilation, you will explore the core of Bombay Teachers' Training College, standing strong through adversities and trials, shining bright in every endeavor. This year is a big year for us and with the might of the pen we only hope we have done justice to encapsulate everything that the past 50 years have meant to the college and its enthusiastic fraternity. As you read our many stories may you feel that bond as a member of the learning community and join us for the next 50.

Here's wishing you an invigorating read.

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We are extremely grateful to every faculty member for their invaluable insight and support. Thank you all.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BELOVED FORMER DIRECTOR

Dr. MINTU SINHA

I can still remember the day I started at BTTC, as a lecturer and a busy mother of two school going kids, filled with excitement and enthusiasm at being a part of this college. A few days ago, I watched the Golden Jubilee Celebration of this college. I could not have thought of a better culmination of my career at BTTC. From a Lecturer, to a Vice-Principal and then Prinicipal and Director, it has been a memorable journey amongst the stars filled with incredible highs and learning experiences of the lows but an exhilarating one nevertheless, one that fills me with gratitude, satisfaction and pride at being a part of it.



They say “Love your work and then you will never have to work a day”. That is how I felt about my job. I wanted to showcase our institution, as one of the best that there is. What I discovered was that there was an entire team, driven by the same urge, the desire to get better, do better and the need to do what we do for reasons bigger than ourselves. It started in small measures every day and in every class. It started when teachers came to me with ideas to introduce yoga or a class in digital learning, or new initiatives for drive competence in technology or public speaking. It rolled into a motion when we as a team thought of our students not as temporary visitors of our college but rather as flag bearers of our ideals of quality education, both inside and outside the classroom. It was implemented every day when we continuously renovated every available educational space at BTTC and reinvented by offering new courses and infusing motivation in our students to be the best that they were capable of. It was fuelled by our constant zeal to achieve backed by support and encouragement of our board and management. Our profession is one of the only few in the world whose measure of success is not judged by how rich you became, but by how rich you made the lives of the students you teach. That thought inspired our actions and earned us an accredited “A” Grade college and reinforced BTTC as one of the most prestigious B.Ed colleges in the university. One of our biggest goals at BTTC has been to provide you my dear students not only with an education but to equip you with life skills to tackle the different types of challenges that will be thrown at you. I hope that you will carry these values into the world and inspire your students to achieve their secret, sometimes impossible dreams. I know that I have been fortunate enough to achieve mine. And there is no greater satisfaction and happiness than to see your students succeed. I can vouch for that. So, I hope that you, my students will continue to spread light in the world and endeavor to be the best you can be. And I hope and pray that BTTC will continue to prosper in future with the benefit of momentum and achieve more laurels in its wake making all stakeholders proud to be a part of BTTC. I wish the management, faculty and students the very best going forward.

From the Principal's Desk

Bombay Teachers' Training College has set its standards and benchmark in the field of Teacher Education.

We have emerged as a Centre of excellence and have been educating teachers from KG to PG and PG+. On the occasion of its golden jubilee year, I take this opportunity to thank all the former principals, faculty and all other stakeholders for their contribution in building the image and brand name of the college.



I would like to express my gratitude to the management of Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board for their constant support and guidance in setting the new parameters in enhancing the quality of all teacher education programmes.

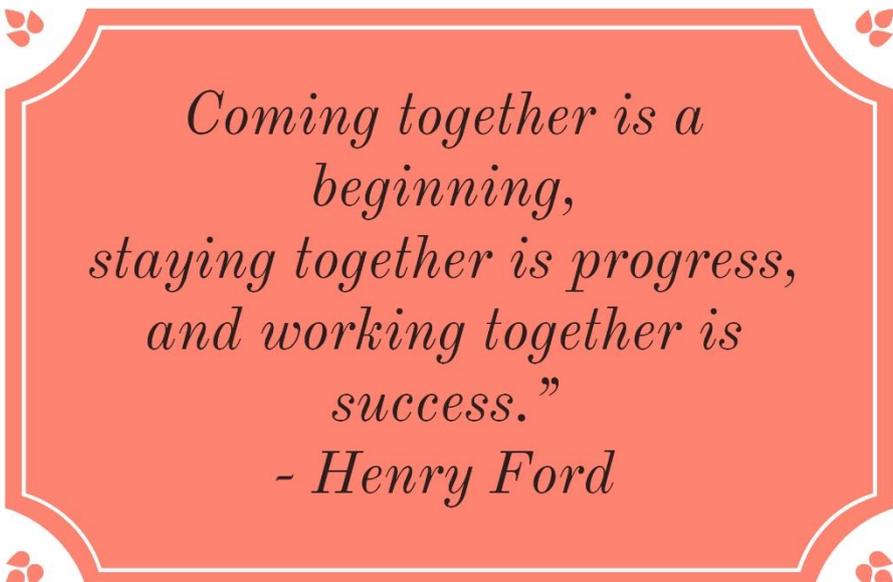
I along with my faculty would like to take this noble work forward to achieve the mission of our college. We are committed to excellence in each of our endeavours may it be, academic achievement, co-scholastic domains, pre-practice teaching, practice teaching, internships, research outputs, curriculum development, curriculum transactions, pedagogical discourses, community outreach, social projects, networking and partnership with NGO's and other non formal agencies of education and all other stakeholders.

This year, we collaborated with NCPSL and conducted Sindhi Classes and National Level Conference on Sindhi Minority Educational Institutions.

We are committed to emerging as the centre of learning Sindhi Language and Culture. We are committed to strengthening our IQAC and its activities, mainly focusing on bringing reforms in curricular development, pedagogical discourses, assessment tools and interdisciplinary research at all levels of teacher preparation. The highly qualified and experienced faculty members of BTTC are set to create new paradigms in the field of teacher preparation. With the vision to prepare professional practitioners with a humane touch, we step ahead in the next realm for the Millennials.



*Letters
From
Management*



*Coming together is a
beginning,
staying together is progress,
and working together is
success.”
- Henry Ford*



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From the President of HSNC Board...

"Potential is not an endpoint but a capacity to grow and learn." This has always been my experience with BTTC. The college has grown from strength to strength in the last 50 years under the leadership of eminent principals and has made the HSNC Board proud. The vision of the HSNC Board to establish the best teachers' training college having the best infrastructural facilities, in the best location, with highly skilled faculty has been fulfilled in the shape of BTTC. The exuberant and steadfast leaders along with the unwavering support of committed faculty members in the last 50 years have continuously contributed to achieve the vision of this great institution.

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my felicitations to Bombay Teachers' Training College on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee. This is a momentous year and I'm glad that BTTC has always contributed to the greater good and development of the nation.

My good wishes for many more years of useful service to the cause of teacher education. The ultimate service to the nation lies in training of teachers who shoulder the responsibility of educating future nation builders. BTTC has been a pioneer in this field.

My wishes for a glorious future!

Anil Harish

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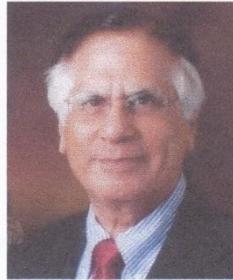
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Trustee & Past President
Mr. Kishu H. Mansukhani
B.S.-M.E.



With immense pleasure and a humble heart, I reminisce about our founding father late Vidyasagar Principal K. M. Kundnani, who founded this great institution, Bombay Teachers' Training College, that is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year. The first Principal, Dr Parasnis believed in the idea that BTTC should be a microcosm of the big macrocosm (India), and so he achieved. I'm exultant that the college has seen only upward growth in these 50 years. On this occasion, we also remember our former Principals for their valuable contribution.

Over the last 50 years, BTTC has continued to impart teacher education and has dedicated itself to the cause of nation building. I would like to quote our Revered Sadhu Vaswani "*Teachers are like Sculptures who mould the students character to become more responsible human beings.*" BTTC has organized many national conferences since its inception which led to the professional development of faculty and students. The co-curricular events at BTTC have always been special and the college campus has always been abuzz with activity.

BTTC is a Sindhi minority institution and has been contributing to our community in many ways. I'm pleased to learn that the college is promoting 'Sindhayat' and has recently started a 'Proficiency in Sindhi Language' course. Last month, a Conference on Sindhi Minority Institutions was organized in collaboration with NCPSL (National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language). This conference was well attended by many delegates from all over the country and the deliberations were really enriching.

I wish the faculty and the principal all the best in all their future endeavours. May the institution remain committed to the cause of teachers' education for a bright and prosperity of humanity and above all our nation.

Best wishes,


Kishu H Mansukhani

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Dr. Niranjana Hiranandani
Immediate Past President
HSNB Board

On this very momentous occasion, the golden jubilee year of our only teacher training college, I feel elated to be a part of this legacy of the pioneers of HSNB Board. The college has seen remarkable growth and recognition in the 50 years of its existence and there's scope for much more! The dedication of those associated with the institution has helped it achieve its vision and the current staff and faculty constantly strive for better!

It gives me great pleasure to contribute to this special golden jubilee edition of 'Metamorphosis' that I well know are the coordinated and united efforts of Team BTTC. We have been entrusted with the task of providing trained teachers for the students of a developing nation, and BTTC fulfils the same with much zeal and passion. The expectations of the education industry are high and the bar is consistently raised for teacher and educators. I always see that spark of scaling those heights in each member related to BTTC. Kudos to the vibrant environment I always witness at all the programmes, seminars and functions organized in and out of the campus.

I wish all the best to the outgoing Director Dr. Mintu Sinha and congratulate the new leadership Dr Bhagwan Balani. The faculty who are always behind every occasion, I wish you happiness in all your endeavors. To the students, my blessings always!

I would like to remind all about this famous quote by Thomas Carlyle; "Go as far as you can see; when you get there you'll see further". Do not stop and continue achieving.

Good Luck!



Mr. Lal Chellaram
Trustee
HSNB Board

I would like to congratulate the Director, the Principal, staff and students of the college and extend my warm greetings on the occasion of the **Golden Jubilee Year** of the Bombay Teachers' Training College (BTTC).

It has been a great achievement by the College in providing quality education to teachers for past fifty years. Only a few institutions can boast of such an achievement. The College has consistently excelled and scored high on external ratings.

BTTC has many unique things to its credit that has made the above achievement possible and which will help it to impart many more years of excellent teaching and leaderships skills. The College is keeping pace with the changes shaping the teaching profession. The 2-day National Conference on the theme "Interdisciplinarity: A Game-Changer" was very apt, relevant and timely.

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam has said "*The purpose of teaching is to create nation building capacities in students.*" And the College is doing just that. I urge you to keep doing this great service to the nation and rededicate yourselves on your pioneering journey in the field of Teachers' education using the latest tools and methods in the field of education.

I once again compliment you on your achievements and wish you well in this Golden Jubilee year.



Maya Shahani
Chairperson, Shahani Group
Trustee, HSNB Board

The year 2018-2019 is a significant milestone in the Bombay Teachers' Training College history as it marks the 50th year since its inception. The celebrations present an opportunity for all the stakeholders to remember, reminisce and be proud of their accomplishments and achievements.

BTTC has provided students with enormous opportunities, tutoring and educational resources like adaptive teaching cross over learning, computational and cognitive thinking programs to grow academically, to develop talent and skills in extracurricular activities and to serve the community. Over the years the school has been committed to providing the present and future students with the very best in education, facilities, equipment and programs.

Scaling and sustaining innovation is a challenge the institution will have to face along with digital equity, the gap between technology and pedagogy, ongoing professional development with the help of new technologies and a changing future of education. We believe our Institution is well equipped to do so, and is geared towards achieving greater laurels.

We join in celebrating the 50th anniversary of BTTC and wish Principal Dr Bhagwan Balani along with his able team of teachers all the best to continue working towards creating ethical, academically excellent and charismatic young men and women.



Ashok Kak
Advisor
Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board

I am delighted to learn that Bombay Teachers' Training College (BTTC) is celebrating its Annual Day on Thursday, April 11, 2019. The College stands 'tall' in the excellence it brings to HSNCB institutions, and itself, through its multi-layered successes in educating teachers for 'Quality of Learning' through appreciation of Flipped Classrooms, Blended Learning, Teaching Administration, Research and Research Collaboration. These, and other such progressive initiatives you take, will go a long way in establishing the uniqueness BTTC occupies in the Colleges administered by the Board.

The collaborations undertaken by BTTC with National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL), in starting Certificate Courses: Diploma and Advance Diploma, in Sindhi, are exemplary in furthering and supporting this ancient language and the Sindhi diaspora. Besides, BTTC's continued promotion of a robust research culture, through faculty initiatives at research papers and continuously adding research appreciation course programs, are commendable initiatives that will bring excellence in its working.

Please accept my Felicitations & Best Wishes for a Successful Annual Day Celebration. We look forward to BTTC's continuing success.



Vandana Berjis Desai
Governing Member
Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board

On a podcast by the iconic Malcolm Gladwell, I came across these words, “After years of worrying about issues like school funding levels, class size, and curriculum design, many reformers have come to the conclusion that nothing matters more than finding people with the potential to be great teachers.” I couldn’t agree more.

I’ve been an alumni of BTTC in 1992-93 and had the most wonderful experience in learning how to make lesson plans that connect with children right away rather than blindly teaching from a text book. The well rounded curriculum was designed to bring out our potential and to understand what it takes and the sheer dint of hard work involved to be a good teacher.

I’ve come full circle today to be a member of the esteemed HSNC Board and I’m proud to say that BTTC is a jewel in our crown. On the occasion of your 50th anniversary I’d like to extend my most ebullient congratulations and warmest wishes for the fabulous years gone by and wishing that equal and more years ahead will be as much and more rewarding and fulfilling. May you continue to positively impact lives!

Warm wishes

-sd-

Vandana Desai

Alumni of BTTC (Bombay Teachers Training College) Member, Board of Governors of Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board

TO OUR BELOVED FORMER DIRECTOR

DR. MINTU SINHA

*We look back on you, the one who rose with tenacity and
ace*

A warrior who stared down fear, with grace

*The leader who chose the path of least convenience, a
woman of undying grit and resilience*

*As we bid adieu to you, our hero, we remember to never jump
off a difficult path*

*but to overcome every embarrassing slip and every painful
stumble,*

*to sometimes stop and soak in every victorious leap as
we navigate through our own paths*

*Over the decades, the leaders you've inspired and
shaped*

have ventured, stepped into challenges with

Unrelenting faith

We've begun to think a little more and a lot differently

Now believing that beyond fear lies victory

MESSAGES FROM OUR STAKEHOLDERS

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To,
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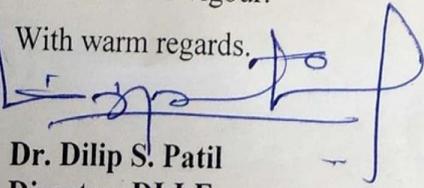
Sir/ Madam,
Congratulations !

I am greatly delighted to congratulate you, your college extension work teachers & students for winning an award by your College, as **First Prize in Poster Competition and Consolation Prize in Street Play Competition** in Extension Work held at Annual Festival ***Udaan: The Flight of Extension: 2018-19*** at St. Gonsalo Garcia College of Arts and Commerce, Behind Vasai Cricket Ground, Vasai, Dist- Palghar - 401 201 on 16th February 2019 on 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Your leadership, untiring efforts, dedicated preservice & devotion and immense service to your College won this honour. I offer you my heartiest congratulations !

May your unremitting Endeavour in the service of your college go on with undiminished vigour.

With warm regards,


Dr. Dilip S. Patil
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To
The Principal
Bombay Teachers Training College,
Colaba,
Mumbai.

Dear Mr Balani,

Firstly a very hearty congratulations to each one of you on this successful milestone anniversary of 50 years. In this journey you have metamorphosed into a premier and committed world class institute for preparing leaders for current and future education.

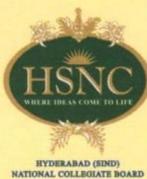
When you take a grain of wheat and make bread, you increase its value by tenfold. When you take an uncut diamond and polish it you increase its value by a thousand fold. But when you take a fertile mind of a young student and impart the right education and values you are increasing his value by infinity...truly imbibing the motto of your institution – “Knowledge which Liberates”

The academic excellence and dynamism of The Bombay Teachers Training College is what others aspire to emulate, particularly your fostering of reflective and constructivist teaching learning approach I wish you and your teams another 50 years of a very happy, constructive, fulfilling and a successful future.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ishahani" with a flourish at the end.

Dr. Indu Shahani
President & Chair: ISDI | ISME | ISDI WPP
Principal - HR College of Commerce & Economics 2000 to 2016
Sheriff of Mumbai 2008 & 2009
Member University Grants Commission 2011 to 2014



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BEST COLLEGE AWARD BY UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI
AWARDEES 'STAR SCHEME' BY DBT & 'FIST PROGRAMME' BY DST



PRINCIPAL DR. HEMLATA K. BAGLA
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It gives me great joy to offer my heartfelt congratulations to entire family of BTTC on the occasion of its Golden jubilee. The college has accomplished a lot during these fifty years but it would be unfair on my part if I do not show my gratitude to the former principals, faculty and students who have been instrumental in creating a brand name.

The new- age mantras are re- skill or perish, update or be outdated, acquire or expire and the litany goes on. BTTC works with this and is known for churning out teachers par excellence. The talents in the students are unraveled, nurtured, and led to flourish and fructify. BTTC doesn't stop at just creating teachers but leaders who in turn influence the minds of future generations. I appreciate the efforts of the college whose uniqueness has helped shape the lives of the teacher fraternity.

The pleasant memories of my visit to BTTC are still fresh in my mind. I vividly remember the enthusiasm of the students, the dedication of the staff and the zeal of the entire college shown on its grand finale day. It is, therefore, with great pleasure that I send you my felicitations on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee.

Dr/ Hemlata K. Bagla
Principal

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I/C PRINCIPAL
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AND ECONOMICS

Hearty congratulations on the completion of fifty glorious years! I am absolutely delighted and extremely proud that BTTC is celebrating its golden jubilee.

Bombay Teachers Training College (BTTC) has been one of the pioneering institutes in the field of teacher training and development and an institution responsible for nation building. The HSNB Board's farsightedness and the stellar leadership that BTTC has witnessed over these five decades have made it a forerunner in the field of education. From the hallowed portals of BTTC a large number of achievers, leaders and community builders have emerged to make their mark on our collective social and civic life. I am completely confident that BTTC will continue to shine its light on the next generation of leaders and remain a beacon of hope and enlightenment for all of us.



A GLORIOUS FIFTY

It is indeed a great pleasure to know that Bombay Teachers' Training College which is a premier institution imparting quality education, is now celebrating its Golden Jubilee year and publishing a souvenir. I am extremely delighted to see that the Bombay Teachers' Training College which was established in the year 1969 has grown enormously and has been providing relevant and dedicated education from time to time.

The College owes its success to constant support of the HSNC Board. Hence, the dream of education for all has been truly fulfilled and it is evident from the number of activities the College has successfully undertaken and completed in past fifty years.

As I look ahead, I can visualize that the College has progressed and will continue to grow in pursuit of higher standards of teaching, research, and shape the dreams of its students. I am sure that College with its dedicated staff will continue to serve a significant role in the field of education and in the service of the country.

I congratulate Principal Dr. Bhagwan Balani, teaching, non-teaching staff and the students of the College on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee and extend my best wishes to all.

I am sure that the College will continue to maintain its excellence and character with great distinction and will achieve greater heights.

With best wishes,

Dr Kavita Lalchandani

Principal, K. C. Law College

A VERY SPECIAL MOMENT IN HISTORY

On the memorable occasion of your Golden Jubilee, it is my privilege and honour to congratulate all at the reputed Bombay Teachers' Training College and extend my felicitations and good wishes to the Management, Principal, staff and students who have made this possible.



I have had the opportunity to deal with the Principal and staff members, and it has been a most pleasurable and rewarding experience. On behalf of Seva Sadan Society, a century old charity, we recently conducted campus interviews at the college to select teachers for our new English Medium School.

The quality of teachers we interviewed was good and the whole interview process was organized methodically and excellent arrangements were made for the interviewing visitors. We were offered all the hospitality and help needed to carry out the interviews seamlessly.

I would like to wish the Training College a long innings, and more successes in the all-important education sector.

Best wishes to a century milestone!

Guddi Advani

President

Seva Sadan Society

Congratulations, to Bombay Teachers' Training College (BTTC) for completing 50 Golden years in teacher education. We in the education field understand the complexity of this profession and BTTC has always produced teachers who are good in teaching pedagogy, methodology and above all ethical professional values. Diamond Jubilee High School (ICSE)- Mazgaon, is happy to be associated with this institution for its Internship and practice teaching program. We have their Alumni's successfully working with us. Wishing them many more successful milestones in future!



Nutan Iyer

Principal

Diamond Jubilee High School (ICSE)



THROUGH THE DECADES

It gives me immense pleasure to write about my association with and my impressions of Bombay Teachers' Training College, Mumbai.

My association with the college began in 2008 when I was the Vice Principal of Navy Children School, Colaba. I would interact with the student teachers and assign them their teaching lessons in their chosen Methods. The spark in those students' teaching and the watchful eye of their observer Lecturers left me very impressed with their curriculum and processes. In the last eleven years I have seen the College grow as it widened its scope and its responsibilities to the student teachers. Their frequent Conferences and Seminars on topics as diverse as Gender Equality and the need for Interdisciplinarity of Education gives the students and Lecturers ample scope for research and implementation. It seems that the wheels of innovation are always turning at BTTC ! In the last few years, I have been able to induct alumni of BTTC as teachers and they have always lived up to my faith in the college. These teachers are able to create a stimulating environment for children in classrooms and they are well tuned for working in schools with diverse teams of educators. I have been an invitee member of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of BTTC and have seen first-hand, their endeavor to improve their curriculum and its implementation even while they conform with the parameters laid down by the Education Department. I learnt about their association with NGOs who work in the Social Sector as also their commitment to the cause of cleanliness and inculcating Civic Sense. On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of BTTC, I send my best wishes to the management , the Lecturers and the students of the past and the present who have had the good fortune to have walked through the portals of this fine institution.

Girija Singh

Principal of Navy Children School 2010 to March 2016

Principal of Vissanji Academy. November 2016 to date.



LOOKING BACK

At the outset please accept my heartiest congratulations and best wishes on completion of successful fifty years in the field of education. My association with BTTC started in the year 2003 and it continues to this date, yes that is more than fifteen years. Year after year giving excellent teachers to the society speaks of the amount of hard work and honest efforts put in by the BTTC staff and students. The teachers trained at BTTC have all the qualities of a great teacher and that makes them the most sought after teachers not only in Mumbai but in the rest of the country too. There are many things about BTTC which have impressed me since my association with this great institution. Firstly, the Principal and the staff of BTTC in spite of being highly qualified are exceptionally friendly, polite and humble in their approach. Secondly, the staff and students are always encouraged to be innovative to make teaching-learning an interesting experience. Thirdly, the most required asset of any teacher is a lovely smile on their face. Here at BTTC every staff member adorns a lovely smile on their face. A smile changes the complete equation with the students, colleagues and school children. Fourthly.....the list is never ending. I would like to mention here that the staff members of BTTC are true role models nurturing and guiding the future teachers at all the levels. At BTTC I found that they strongly believe in the Gandhian thought that the future depends on what one does in the present. Basically a good teacher explains, a superior teacher demonstrates and a great teacher inspires. The teachers trained at BTTC have all the qualities of a great teacher. So our students taught by BTTC teachers are in the safe hands. I wish BTTC to continue doing the good job of churning excellent teachers and scale better heights to shine like a guiding star in the field of education. May BTTC always continue this journey on the road of excellence to grow into a sturdy tree and spread its branches in the service of Education.

Wishing you a vibrant year ahead.

Vrinda Malse

Former principal, Navy Children School

A SLICE OF MEMORIES PAST AND PRESENT

Going down memory lane, almost half a century ago, I see myself sitting in the cabin of Principal Kundani, interviewing me for the position of a Junior Lecturer to teach methods of teaching geography at B.Ed Level. Dr. N.P. Parasnis the founder Principal had recommended my name for the position, to the then Secretary of the H.S.N.C Board - Principal Kundani. My only qualification was B.Com, B.Ed first class distinction winning Soonabai Master's Scholarship and standing first in methods of teaching Geography and English at the University Exam of B.Ed – 1966-67.



Reminiscing about those days and present day interviews, I think I would not have been even called for the interview. Thanks to the veterans of the educational fields of those days, I was appointed as Junior Lecturer at B.T.T.C. I owe all my progress in the educational arena to the two gentlemen, Principal K.M. Kundani and Dr. N.P. Parasnis who had faith in an inexperienced person like me. My first experience of taking B.Ed lecture was very scary. As I stood in front of my group of students who had offered teaching Geography as a subject; to my dismay I found them to be 15-20 years older than me, who had come to gather a B.Ed degree to enhance their pensions. But I knew my fate - they may not like a person younger than them to teach them. Keeping this in mind I had spent hours upon hours, practicing the lectures. That was the first stepping stone to my success. I am grateful to Dr. N.R. Parasnis who had observed that I prepare myself to the letter “T” perfectly and that paid great dividends in return. I realized the diction “No pains no gains” and “Practice makes the man Perfect”.

I thank God for giving me the stalwart like Dr. N. R. Parasnis to guide me and lay strong foundation to my career. I have pleasant memories of working under 3 Principals – Dr. N.R. Parasnis, Dr. B.P. Lulla and Dr. K.T. Bhatia. Each one of them have contributed to my growth and progress in the educational world. Dr. N.R. Parasnis laid strong foundation; Dr. B.P. Lulla helped me to progress by giving me ample opportunities to prove my worth. He built a ‘castle’ for me and my dear friend, philosopher and guide, Dr. K.T. Bhatia gave finishing touches of presenting myself as a professional person. She helped me to unfold my inner strength and gain confidence – something which continues to this day. My experiences at Bombay Teachers’ Training College are unforgettable. The golden period of my life at B.T.T.C will remain etched in my mind and heart forever and ever. I must also state here that H.S.N.C.B is a very progressive and forward looking Board, always endeavouring to move with the times. They were a joy to work for, as they always treated their staff with respect and courtesy. Today, what I am, is due to the trust that Principal Kundani and Principal Parasnis had put in me, and I believe that with their blessings and guidance - I am who I am today. In the end, I sincerely wish that the name and fame B.T.T.C gathered in the past 50 glorious years continues to rise to greater and greater heights. May God almighty guide the path of B.T.T.C to greater success.

Love and wishes

Dr. Dolly Mistry

Former Faculty, BTTC



MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS

Bombay Teachers' Training College is the epitome of teacher education at all levels. I have arrived at this conclusion through personal experience and I am sure that each and every student who has passed through its portals will agree wholeheartedly.

I have been a student of this esteemed institution, both at the B.Ed and M.Ed. courses and can say with pride that the faculty members were the best, as the then principal Dr. B.P. Lulla often called it the Best Teachers' Training College, a fact borne out till today.

Later, I was honored to be part of this faculty and share desk space with my mentors. Their influence was eclectic and motivated me to study further and complete my doctorate in Environmental Science Education from the prestigious Teachers' College, Columbia University, U.S.A. This trend of encouraging professional development continues till the present times, so that BTTC is always at the top!

I am proud not only of the faculty, but also of all those who graduated during these golden years. Many of them have become principals and educational leaders in their own right, both here and abroad. Others have excelled in the arts and the corporate field, opening up new vistas for a new India. All have raised the banner of BTTC to great heights and the future students will aspire to even greater glory in the next golden years.

All the best!

Dr. Anuradha Patil

Former Faculty, BTTC

WHY BTTC WILL ALWAYS BE SPECIAL...

Firstly, let me begin by congratulating the Management, Dr. Mintu Sinha, Dr. Balani, Faculty Members and Students (past and present) on the Golden Jubilee Year of BTTC.



My association with BTTC goes back to the year 1996, when I appeared for an admission interview with Dr. Kamlesh Bhatia and mentioned that I was in the family way, but wanted to do my B.Ed as well. I half-expected to be refused admission, but was completely overwhelmed by the fact that not only was I granted admission, but also given tremendous support and flexibility during the program.

The teachers went out of their way to ensure that I stayed on task, made up on lectures and classes that I may have missed due to an expanding girth. Little wonder, then, that the term of endearment for my son when he was born was "the BTTC baby".

As far as the BTTC course for the B.Ed program was concerned, it was a year-long program. When I decided that I wanted to convert my passion into my profession and take up teaching as a career, there was no question in my mind that I wanted to get a degree in teaching from the most prestigious B.Ed college in Mumbai - and that had to be BTTC!! The professors were extremely well-qualified and their endeavor was to motivate us to be the best possible teachers that we could be! We were encouraged to make presentations, guided on our practice teaching (I did mine at Fort Convent school) and the warm, approachable nature of the professors made it easy for us to connect with them and turn to them every time we needed hand-holding. Cut to the year 2016. After more than a decade of teaching in a South-Mumbai school, and then as Founding Principal of an International School in Mumbai, my co-founding partner and I set up our own teacher training company, with the sole intention of redefining education and creating a disruption in the education space. We were keenly aware of the challenges faced by teachers in classrooms while teaching students of the 21st century. The world had changed, but had our teaching methodologies and perspectives changed to keep pace as well? That was the big question, and KA Edu Associates wanted to provide some solutions! So, it was back to BTTC, this time in a more professional mode, and it was an instant connect with the Principal - Dr. Mintu Sinha. Dr. Sinha had taught me during my B.Ed and she has been instrumental in bringing KA to BTTC. It has been a matter of great pride for us at KA to be working closely with BTTC in delivering Global Modules to B.Ed and ECCE students year on year. The vision has been to supplement and complement the good work already being done by the faculty at BTTC. The desire is to bring a different and novel perspective to teaching-learning methodologies, and credit to the entire team at BTTC for welcoming us into their world so effortlessly. We hope that the KA-BTTC association continues for years to come.

Once again, on behalf of Team KA, we send our best wishes to everyone at BTTC, on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee Year. Goodluck and God bless!

Gitika Kishanchandani

Co-founder

KA Edu Associates



*In the pages that follow,
you will experiencesome
incredible moments that
reflect the legacy and ethos
of this college.*

50 Golden Years!

What a magnificent year that went by! BTTC celebrated its Golden Jubilee in the year 2018-19. The festivities included a plethora of exciting events spread over the year. These events were organized to commemorate the 50 golden years that were spent in serving the community by providing them with teachers who in turn train children to be nation builders.

This year, as we celebrated our Golden Jubilee, we rejoice and recall the marvelous ways in which the institution has fulfilled its vision and mission in imparting education, moral, spiritual values and discipline to help build a community of teachers who will create a culture of peace and love which our society and country needs today. We also reflect on our past achievements as well as introspect on the preparations to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

The college has grown from strength to strength under the able guidance of 6 stalwarts as Principals and now occupies the place of pride in Mumbai. Each of these had distinct styles of leadership and took the college forward from its humble beginning to take the place it occupies today in the country. BTTC has grown as one of the leading institutions of teacher education.

This souvenir is a compilation of the journey of fifty years that BTTC has devoted to the cause of teacher education. It reflects the ideals of the people associated with it.

As we celebrate the existence of this college for the last 50 years, we also look ahead with a lot of newer perspectives in mind. The team leader changes but the intent of service to the institution remains the same.

Our Guests from Overseas

From beyond the borders, those who contributed to BTTC by interacting with faculty, conducting faculty development programmes, sharing their experiences with student teachers, in all these 50 years include:

Dr Muavia Gallie, Educational Consultant for South Africa, was a resource person in the international Conference on the theme Redefining Education: Expanding Horizons". His address was on the topic- 'Transformation of Education—one school at a time'.

Dr Helen Mitchell, East London University, London, who delivered a lecture on Dialogic Learning in Education in 2014-15 and Critical Thinking in 2015-16. She also organized a Reading Project with eight student teachers from BTTC and four very renowned schools in Mumbai- Jamnabai Narsee School, Christ Church School, Bombay Scottish School and Nahar International School.

Dr. Mary Keefe, La Trobe University, Australia in 2015-16 and 2017-18, did a lecture on Inclusive Education and Learning Disabilities among children.

In 2008-09, Mr Richard Boyam, regional English language officer for the Office of Public Affairs of the United States Embassy spoke on Communication Skills for teachers. Ms Nancy Mims spoke on teacher effectiveness.

Dr. Behruz N. Sethna, University of West Georgia, delivers lectures and also conducts FDPs for BTTC on the fundamentals of research.

Ms Raewyn Weller, Life Success Consultant (studied with Bob Proctor), New Zealand, conducted a workshop on Music Therapy and the Power of Mind.

A delegation of three resource persons came from Sweden in 2017-18 and addressed the students and faculty on Media and Information Literacy in the teacher education system in Sweden.

Sindhi Initiatives

BTTC institution is a Sindhi Linguistic Minority Institution. We take immense pride in being a part of the H(S)NC board. It is with the vision and constant motivation of the management that we have scaled the summits to reach up to these golden moments.

The college takes pride in serving the society by providing quality teacher education. It is one of the premier teacher education institutions for Sindhi and general candidates in South Mumbai. The vision being to emerge as a centre of excellence in teacher education, it strives to build teachers armed with professional capacity to contribute to enhancement of quality of education provided in schools.

In alignment with the NAAC recommendations, the college has sustained and geared up its efforts to promote Sindhi language and culture. The college sustains its practice of providing guidance to Sindhi students in personal, academic and career arenas.

To promote Sindhi language and culture the college takes various initiatives, the most recent one being a conference held on 1st March 2019 held in collaboration with the National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language.

One of the best practices of the college is the 'Cultural Kaleidoscope' that is based on the guidelines provided by Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT). The students showcase Sindhi culture (its dance, food, history of Sindhi sabhyata, traditions, folk dance, folk songs, Sindhi saints) through skits, dance forms, culinary displays and presentations.

The college provides a platform to Sindhi students by organising an inter-collegiate competition in its Annual Fest, BTTC Week. Year 2017-18 portrayed the Sindhi Lada Dance Competition 'Acho ta Nachun'. Ten groups of Sindhi students from various colleges participated and attempted to promote the culture. Year 2018-19 displays the Golden Sindh 'Sonvaranee Sindh' which highlights the rich history of Sindh.

To mark the Golden Jubilee year the college has started to offer a Sindhi Certificate Course for Sindhi students under the aegis of National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language.

While the college is committed to excellence in teacher education, it is also committed to supporting the cause of education in the Sindhi community at large.

IQAC

The IQAC was established in 2004 as per NAAC guidelines for institutional quality sustenance and enhancement, during the post-accreditation period. Dr. Rajeev I. Jha was appointed as the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) for the first time. The most important task of the IQAC is to identify, implement and disseminate 'Best practices' and to develop a system for

conscious and consistent improvement in the performance of the institution. Other major activities undertaken by IQAC include conducting IQAC meetings to review and implement the quality measures, monitoring internal committees and clubs that conduct various activities, planning and reviewing conferences and seminars, exploring possibilities of establishing institution-community linkages, etc.

The college was accredited “A” Grade (1st Cycle) by NAAC with a CGPA of 85.50 in 2004. The college was re-accredited “A” Grade (2nd Cycle) by NAAC with a CGPA of 3.20 in 2011. The college was re-accredited “A” Grade (3rd Cycle) by NAAC with a CGPA of 3.28 in 2016.

The Academic Audit of the college was successfully conducted by the Peer Team of University of Mumbai in 2015. The IQAC frames the Vision and Mission statements of the institution. It prepares the Perspective Plan of the institution.

The following is the composition of IQAC for the academic year 2018-19:

- Dr. Bhagwan Balani (I/C. Principal) Chairperson
- Dr. Rajeev I. Jha Co-ordinator
- Dr. Meenakshi Lath Member (Teaching)
- Dr. Mandeep Kochar Member (Teaching)
- Dr. Mohd. Azam Ansari Member (Teaching)
- Dr. Manisha Tyagi Member (Teaching)
- Dr. Lubna Mansuri Member (Teaching)
- Dr. Neelu Verma Member (Teaching)
- Mrs. Raju Talreja Member (Teaching)
- Dr. Priya Pillai Member (Librarian)
- Mr. Vishal Gur Member (Administrative Staff)
- Mrs. Maya Shahani Member (HSNC Board Representative)
- Dr. Jayshree Inbaraj (Principal, KKCE) Member (Expert Representative)
- Dr. Sagarika Damle (HOD, KC College) Member (Expert Representative)
- Ms. Nutan Iyer (Principal, DJH School) Member (Practice Teaching Institution)
- Ms. Deepika Bhatia (VC, HR College) Member (Practice Teaching Institution)
- Dr. Kiran Madan Member (NGO Representative)
- Ms. Fatema Contractor Member (Alumni)
- Mr. Mitesh Gala Member (Alumni)
- Ex-Officio Students’ Council Members Member (Two Student Representatives)
- Parent Member Member (One PTA Representative)

The IQAC has been preparing and submitting the AQAR to NAAC regularly. The IQAC has established prominent ‘Best Practices’ in the college, documented in the Self-Study Report for accreditation to NAAC such as BTTC Week (since 1979), Cultural Kaleidoscope (since 2005-06) by Dr. Rajeev I. Jha, LENS Series (since 2007-08) by Dr. Meenakshi Lath & Dr. Neelu Verma, Ru-Ba-Ru (Ice-Breaking Session, since 2008-09) by Dr. Rajeev I. Jha, Students’ Portfolio (since 2010-11) by Dr. Bhagwan Balani, Science Corner (since 2016-17) by Dr. Rajeev I. Jha. Other Best Practices include LMS-Moodle (BTTC Shiksha) – Dr. Meenakshi Lath & Ms. Raju Talreja, CET and TET Coaching,

Under the IQAC, Energy Audit was conducted by Synergy Systems, Mumbai in May 2015. Apart from all the activities of the college, the IQAC prepares SSR for NAAC Re-accreditation of the institution. It is a springboard for the collaborative efforts of the institution with all the stakeholders. It evaluates all the programmes run by the college from time to time through its

feedback mechanism. The IQAC introduces and sustains innovative programmes and practices in the institution.

Another important function of the IQAC is to promote various kinds of research activities in order to motivate the teachers to take up research in education. It acts an important cell helps to generate ideas and bring change in the college and its activities. IQAC ensures sustenance and enhancement of quality of educational programmes on a continuous basis and sets benchmarks for performance.

Seminars and Workshops

During the last 50 years, the college has organized a number of seminars, lectures and workshops for the professional growth and personality development of its staff and students. The decade of 1969-1979 witnessed seminars, lectures and workshops on the topics like, vocational guidance, basic education, visual education, discipline and control in school, radio talks on education, moral and religious education, modern mathematics, English phonetics, population awareness and family life education, role of university education, child rearing practices, classical Indian music and tribal culture, and so on. The list is endless and relates to all possible topics and trends in teacher education.

An organization's ability to learn and translate that learning into action rapidly is the ultimate learning advantage. During the subsequent one and a half decade 1979-1994, besides continuing many of the seminars additional ones were held such as effective communication, transactional analysis, computer education, education in human values, understanding adolescents, humanistic skills for teachers, teachers and national integration, excellence in teaching through yoga, self-renewal of teachers and parent child relationship etc. A number of foreign visitors, important dignitaries, professional in diverse field and guest lectures contributed expertise to enrich such various activities.

With time, the scenario of teacher training changed and with the advent of technology, the topics and transaction of seminars and workshops also transformed. The students witnessed seminars and workshops on use of audio visual aids, CV preparation and interview skills, analysis and interpretation of data collection, presentation of great thinkers (ISP), jobs before degree, time with nature - trailblazers, understanding performing arts - 'Ripples', creativity workshops, Pidilite Creative Splash, Reduce-Reuse-Recycle, Music Therapy and Power of the Mind, Critical Thinking, mutual fund investment, all of which led to the holistic development of our student-teachers, thus preparing them for the world of teaching.

Publications of Books

From the year 1969-1994, the college published instructional material series, amongst which 43 publications were released on a wide range of educational topics, as well as, abstracts of papers presented at the first regional conference of W.C.C.I. at Bombay.

Publications such as 'Challenges in higher education' by Dr. (Ms) Mehroo Bengalee, 'Changing role of the lectures' by Dr. N.R Parasnis, 'Value Education' by Dr. B.P. Lulla, 'Curriculum' by Dr. Maya Lulla, 'Statistics' by Dr. A.N. Mishra, 'Educational Sociology' by Dr. Debika Bhattacharya etc. Those publications were given to the students regularly as reference material. There was a great demand from other colleges of education and schools for most of these publications as they covered topics from the B.Ed. syllabus and other current issues in a very simple and precise manner.

The college organized a number of conferences during the subsequent years, both sponsored and self-financed. National Conference on Interdisciplinarity: A Game Changer in October 2018, UGC Sponsored National Conference on Beyond Bias and Barriers: Celebrating Gender Equality in September 2015, UGC Sponsored National Conference on Dignifying the Individual: Transformational Strategies in February 2015, National Conference on Enriching Education: Sculpting Humane Professionals in collaboration with St. Xavier's Institute of Education in August 2014, UGC Sponsored International Conference on Redefining Education: Expanding Horizons in January 2013, NAAC Sponsored National Conference on Raising the Bar: Striving for Quality in December 2011, Postal Life Insurance Sponsored Seminar on Women Empowerment through Financial Literacy in October 2011, UGC Sponsored National Conference on Upholding Human Dignity: Exploring New Paradigms in August 2010, UGC Sponsored National Conference on Landscapes of Learning: A Celebration of Diversity in April 2010, UGC Sponsored National Conference Environmental Ethics: Exploring Multiple Perspectives in September 2007, UGC Sponsored National Conference Challenges and Choices: Education in a Globalizing World in October 2006, to mention a few. Edited books and proceedings of all these conferences were published by the college.

Many books were published by the Principal and faculty of the college. A few of them are Contemporary India and Education by Dr. Lubna Mansuri, Kathak Dance Education-Contemporary Systems, Problems and Suggestions by Dr. Rajeev I. Jha, Library and Information Services for the Visually Impaired in India by Dr. Priya Pillai, Teacher Education by Dr. Bhagwan Balani.

Every faculty member through their research expertise and experience has taken it upon themselves to share their knowledge with the academic fraternity. It has been a culture of BTTC to learn in an environment that encourages ingenuity and research.

Alumni Association

The Bombay Teachers' Training College has an active and functional Alumni Association which was registered in 2010. Many of the Alumni are leaders in the field of education in India and overseas. The activities of the association include organisation of seminars, workshops, short courses and get-togethers. Through the Alumni Association a forum for interaction and networking between the ex-students of courses conducted at BTTC is provided.

The former students have sometimes sponsored shields and trophies to their respective pedagogy groups. They have also often helped in grooming the fresh entrants in the teaching profession to enable them to get inducted in various schools. Our alumni stand by us as a strong support in organizing seminars and workshops on contemporary topics, where they narrate their own examples as they undergo various experiences as teachers. Some of our prominent alumni who have visited the college on many occasions include Pratima Talpade, Venetia Mehboobani, Madhu Kedia, Dr Deepti Mankad, Dr Anuradha Patil, Sarosh Baria, Geetika Kishinchandani, among others.

Courses @ BTTC

Bachelor of Education

The college started in the year 1969 as a full time B.Ed. college affiliated to the University of Bombay. It is now a two-year, full-time teacher education programme which prepares teachers for the secondary and higher secondary school level. The college is an aided minority institution and 50% of the seats are reserved for Sindhi minority candidates. The admissions to the B.Ed programme have been centralized from the year 2004-05 and a Common Entrance

Test is conducted. Sindhi candidates also appear for the CET just as other candidates do. The B.Ed. was initially based on an annual pattern that later adopted a semester system. The B.Ed. is now a two-year programme and is conducted in four semesters with a theory and practicum component for each semester.

Early Childhood Education Programme (E.C.E.P.)

In the year 1978, Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education course was introduced for training pre-school teachers by the then Principal, Dr. B. P. Lulla. In the academic year 1989-90, the bi-decade year of the College, DECCE course was recognised by the University of Bombay and affiliation to the University was granted. Our first batch of students appeared for the University Examination that year.

In the academic year 1990-91 Dr. (Mrs.) K. T. Bhatia took charge as the Principal of the College and Director of the Bombay Institute of Education. In the same year, Mrs. M. M. Lulla was appointed as the co-ordinator of the course by the late Principal K. M. Kundani, President to the H.S.N.C. Board. With the new leadership, the course continued to grow and gain recognition.

In 1992-93 a further dimension was added with the University of Bombay raising the recognition level of the course to Standards I and II in addition to Nursery and K. G. Levels.

In August, 1993 Dr. (Mrs.) K T Bhatia and Mrs. M. M. Lulla actively participated in OMEP (World Organisation for E.C.C.E.) conference in Advance and Enhancement of Early Childhood Care and Education in Asia Pacific Region' held in Osaka, Japan. The paper presented by Dr. (Mrs.) K. T. Bhatia on Educating the Early Childhood Teacher for the 21st Century' and Dr. M. M. Lulla on 'Education and Socio-Economic Changes in India (With special reference to E.C.C.E. Education)' were greatly appreciated by the other international delegates. In September, 1993 Dr. (Mrs.) D. S. Mistry went to Israel and returned enlightened on 'Education of the Young Child with Special Needs'. Once again, these International visits added new dimensions to the course.

The DECE was reinstated as an autonomous course in the year 2002 by Dr. M. M. Lulla as a certificate course of Bombay Institution of Education (extension wing of BTTC) under the aegis of HSNC Board. It was further enriched by internships, workshops, seminars, competitions, educational visits and other scholastic and co-scholastic activities regularly organized by the coordinators and faculty members, Dr Ramandeep Sachdeva and Dr Anuradha Patil. Talks by experts in the field and alumni were regularly organized to enrich the programme with practical inputs.

In the year 2005, Dr Mandeep Kochar took over as the course coordinator and contributed to keep the course to its expected heights. Today, the alumni of this course are serving in many prestigious schools in the pre-school sector in Mumbai, India as well as beyond borders. Currently, the course is coordinated by Dr Rajeev I. Jha and Mrs. Raju Talreja.

The Early Childhood Education Programme has always been the pride of the institution.

Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.)

The college introduced the Diploma in Education (D.Ed.) course under the able guidance and mentorship of our Ex-Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Mintu Sinha in the year 2004. Since then this course has seen a consistent development in enrolments and quality. The Diploma in Elementary

Education (D.El.Ed.) is a two year professional programme of teacher education, designed in broad alignment with the National Curriculum Framework for the Teacher Education as per the directives published by of National Council of Teacher education (NCTE) and is managed by Maharashtra State Council of Educational Research and Training (MSCERT). It aims to prepare teachers for elementary stage of education- classes I to VIII. The elementary teacher education programme has had different nomenclatures such as Diploma in Education (D.Ed.), Diploma in Teacher Education (D.T.Ed.) and currently Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.) which is same across all states.

D.El.Ed. programme is completed in two academic years and its curriculum is divided into three main parts – Theory courses & Practicum, Teacher's Personality and School Internship. Theory courses integrate the study of childhood, social context of education, subject content knowledge, pedagogical knowledge, aims of education, language proficiency and communication skills. Practicum includes courses designed to give opportunity to acquire professional skills and knowledge in Physical education, Yoga, ICT and Fine Arts. Teacher's Personality involves opportunities in discussing and /or acquiring skills in expression, civility, administration, leadership, creativity, reading and content knowledge. School Internship provides for the sustained engagement with the learners and the schools in the neighbourhood throughout the two years.

Apart from the coursework, highlights of student life at BTTC include projects to develop life skills through community work, rallies for social issues, environment beautification within the college and outside, cultural programmes encouraging maximum student participation in dance, acting and singing, creativity and designing tasks, sports- indoor and outdoor, Teaching Aids competition and Nutritious Diet Projects.

We take pride in having a symbiotic relationship with some schools like Holy Name, St. Joseph's, Navy Children, MSPT, VBM, SMPS and NMT where our students as interns do practice teaching, other teaching assignments including remedial teaching and administrative tasks as assigned by the school supervisor. In a span of little over 15 years, the D.El.Ed. programme has evolved tremendously by successful implementation of changes in syllabus, innovative teaching strategies, technology equipped classrooms, providing opportunities for the demonstration of original and creative ideas, career counselling and assistance, to name the few.

There is an ever-increasing demand from schools, affiliated to state, central and international boards to hire D.El.Ed. students in the teaching positions. The dedicated teaching staff at BTTC facilitates the meaningful learning in students and ensures that the two-year D.El.Ed. programme is a cherished experience and not just a course.

Ph.D. (Education)

The Bombay Teachers' Training College has a well-established Research Cell and is a centre for Ph.D. in Education of the University of Mumbai. The college follows the guidelines laid down by the University of Mumbai for admission to the Ph.D. programme.

Sr. No.	Name of the Research Guide	Period		No. of Students who completed Ph.D.
		From	To	
1	Late Dr. N. R. Parasnis	1975	1997	26
2	Dr. B. P. Lulla	1978	2007	31
3	Dr. Mintu Sinha	2008	Till date	04
	Total	1969	Till date	61

Ph.D. Guides attached to the centre:

Dr. Bhagwan Balani, Dr. Mandeep Kochar, Dr. Lubna Mansuri and Dr. Mohd. Azam Ansari are permanent faculty members of BTTC and are Ph.D. guides affiliated to the University of Mumbai. Two of the other faculty members are awaiting their letters of recognition from the University.

ADD ON COURSES AT BTTC

There are various Add-on Certificate Courses for students organized by different faculty members:

1. Yoga

Yoga is an age-old art, science philosophy and practice and is a certificate course (since 2005-06) conducted by Dr. Manisha Tyagi. This is meant for physical, mental and spiritual upliftment. Yoga has a message for the human body, mind and the spirit. A healthy body is the prime requisite for success and happiness in life. A modern teacher has to be fit and fine, with this intention yoga course has been designed for students.

2. Aerobics

Aerobics is a form of physical exercise that combines rhythmic aerobic exercise with stretching and strength training routines with the goal of improving all elements of fitness (flexibility, muscular strength, and cardio-vascular fitness). It is usually performed to music and may be practiced in a group setting led by an instructor (fitness professional), although it can be done solo and without musical accompaniment. The Aerobics course is designed for beginners and taught by Dr. Manisha Tyagi since 2005-06.

3. iSmart & Image Management for Teachers

The first impression is created by one's personality. It is rightly said, "one never gets a second chance to make a first impression". The course is designed to polish the different facets of the personality of a teacher. The modules comprise of confidence building techniques, presentation and interview techniques, verbal and non-verbal communication. The motto of the personality development course is "I Can." This certificate course was started in 2005-06 by Dr Lubna Mansuri and now is completed in collaboration with Mr Shreepad Parkhe, CEO of Pacific Training and Consulting Services.

4. Creative Crafts

The course introduces student teachers to the basics of a number of craft activities which could be cherished and effectively used in the course of teaching. Ideally, craft is associated with primary school teachers. However, owing to the dynamic nature of the present era's schooling system, it is essential that even future secondary and higher secondary school teachers be trained in crafts. This course is conducted in college by Dr. Mandeep Kochar with the help of other faculty members since 2000-01.

5. Integrating Technology in Education

The college offers a special training for the prospective teachers in effective use of technology in teaching, learning and evaluation. The course is specially designed to cater to the needs of educational institutions in a techno-savvy world. The course is transacted using practical hand-on activities and assignments which relate to the responsible use of technology in the classroom. The classrooms equipped with Smart boards and the training is provided by Mr Ranjeet Kalaskar since 2012-13.

6. Learning Language Digitally

This is a short term certificate course for prospective teachers. This is an integrated course in spoken English offered as an Add on course to all students. It helps learners to go through rigorous blended learning. The course aims at exposure, confidence-building and practice of English Language and is given to the students since 2012-13 by Dr. Neelu Verma.

7. Models of Teaching

A teacher has to constantly reinvent herself and the curriculum transaction. The various models of teaching pairs rationale and research with real-world examples and applications to provide a strong foundation for future and new educators. Models are used to select and to structure teaching strategies, methods, skills, and student activities for a particular instructional emphasis. The course is co-ordinated by Mrs Raju Talreja and is offered to all B.Ed. students.

8. EDLE (from 1997 to 2001)

The college has collaborated at international level with countries like USA (West Georgia), Israel, New Zealand and Australia. For example the 'EDLE' (Educational Leadership Course) with West Georgia University had mutual exchange of their faculty members with some of our teacher educators to enrich our experiences. This, in turn, benefitted the college students & other faculty members.

Collaboration and Networking

This is the age of collaboration. In the words of Henry Ford, "Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." BTTC has kept pace with changing times by collaborating with all its stakeholders. Various Non-formal agencies of Education like Nehru Science Centre, Bhau Daji Lad Museum and Trailblazers have allowed our students to visit their premises for learning what a college campus can't provide. Our corporate collaborations with MindSpeak, KA EduAssociates, Pacific Training and Consulting Services and National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language have provided us with new horizons and open new vistas for our students in the teaching profession. NGOs like Sanskaar India Foundation, with which we have an MOU for the last six years, enables our student teachers to give lessons in schools beyond the curriculum on latest and contemporary issues that haunt the

world. Other NGOs like Majlis, Om Creations, etc, sensitize our students towards current concerns.

We collaborate with our Practice Teaching schools round the year for lessons and Internships as this is a compulsory component of our curriculum. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, various schools like B.D. Somani International School, Diamond Jubilee High School, Navy Children School, Army Public School, Vissanji Academy and many others have partnered with us in training of teachers. H(S)NC board's colleges, especially KC College and HR College have always collaborated with us for organizing programmes and events. The other B.Ed. Colleges in Mumbai have been always with us when we organize conferences and seminars. In recent years we have strengthened collaborative ties with St. Xavier's Institute of Education.

With all the new ideas and strategies, we have always marched ahead. However, no one at BTTC ever forgets, "Collaboration is multiplication".

Faculty Development Programmes

Dan McCabe has rightly quoted that "To develop professionally, adopt a beginner's mindset, stay teachable, seek feedback, teach others and embrace teamwork."

The institution translates this quote for its faculty members. To create and sustain the academic and intellectual environment, it is imperative that the faculty undergoes development programmes. The institution provides avenues for faculty development by creating opportunities to pursue research and organise, participate, share their expertise as resource persons in various seminars/conferences/workshops.

These faculty development programmes are organised with the objective to help them to update themselves and keep abreast with the latest trends and innovations in education. The academic exposure aids the faculty to sharpen their teaching skills.

All the faculty members have attended orientation, refresher and short term courses. Dr. Rajeev Jha and Dr. Manisha Tyagi underwent the CCRT Training which is translated as one of the best practices of the college "Cultural Kaleidoscope". A spectrum of faculty development programmes are regularly organised by the institution on diverse topics. For example, Mr. Shreepad Parkhe conducted FDP on 'Integrating Technology in Education' in January 2017, Two-day Workshop (FDP) on "Fundamentals of Research" on 5th & 6th December, 2017. Sub-themes were: Quantitative Research, MS Excel for data analysis, Ethnography, Case study, Narrative study, software for qualitative data analysis, the Anveshan Series which hones the research skills of the faculty. Health is on the priority list of the college. Faculty development programmes are conducted on Yoga, Heartfulness (Sahaj Marg), meditation to look after the health quotient of the staff.

The faculty members follow George Couros by being a learner first and then a master teacher. "If you want to be a master teacher, you have to be a master learner."

Faculty Seminars throughout the Year

It's through the process of observation a human learns number of things. There is plethora of knowledge a person receives from observation. This concept of observation has been inculcated strongly in the students of Bombay Teacher's Training College by the faculty.

The faculty of the college every year presents a number of seminars that is either related to topic that is affecting the human race or changes that are necessary for the humans to grow.

The topics vary from aerobics to positive mental health to various other topics that the students can instil in their lives to become a better teacher as well as a better human.

The faculty seminars conducted by the teachers provides a radical approach to thinking process as well as a deep understanding of our own self as well as the profession. It helps in providing a platform from where the students can stand and imagine themselves being the person that they want to be. The seminar captivates and enthral the students and helps them understanding their capabilities and abilities.

Seminar like “Time Management” conducted by Dr. Mrs. Mintu Sinha enlisted different techniques that students as well teachers can use to help achieve effective time management skill and to use our time effectively and efficiently. Later on these seminars were conducted by Dr. Rajeev I Jha with an enticing twist of his personality.

Seminar like “Energy Vampire” conducted by Mrs. Raju Talreja delivered information about how to deal with Negative people who suck out energy and positivity out of every individual.

Other seminars like “Yoga and Aerobics” conducted by Dr Manisha Tyagi helped the students to get in touch with their inner self and provided them a channel to release their energy in a productive way. Yoga and Aerobics as a technique of teaching has been of a very useful one where students and teachers are able to release their energy and emotion in a positive way.

“Mindfulness and Teamwork” were topics that were dealt by Dr. Neelu Verma, were she engaged the students in activities and techniques that helped in communicating effective team building techniques. Topics like mindfulness helped students to acquire knowledge of bringing one's attention to experiences occurring in the present moment, which one can develop through the practice of meditation and through other training.

Seminar like “Knowledge Management” conducted by Rachna George, broadcasted information regarding the changing environment and the radical changes that are brought about due to this changing environment. It provided with benefits of managing the knowledge.

Seminar like “Professional Ethics” conducted by Dr. Adelaide Vaz disseminated tips related to professional ethics that a teacher should remember during his/her career. “Stress management” conducted by Dr. Maya Lulla helped in understanding the stress and how to successfully use the stress in a correct way which will help the individual to progress in their life. “Effective teaching of Science” conducted by Dr. Anuradha Patil listed a number of techniques a teacher can use while giving a Science lesson - those tips could even be used by other teacher for their own pedagogy with modifications in it. “ Positive Reinforcement: There is magic in a word of praise” conducted by former principal Dr. (Mrs.) Kamlesh Bhatia divulged into the concept of positive reinforcement and how it helps students as well as teachers to build a rapport with each other.

“Understanding the distractions the child is experiencing in your classroom: try to find out the desirable distractions, so that you can once again gain the child’s attention in the classroom.”- Dr. Bhagwan Balani.

Extension Work

The students take up the Extension Work affiliated to the Department of Life Long Learning, Mumbai University. The extension work aims at sensitizing the students towards the issues and phenomenon existing in the current scenario. It provides a platform to the students to engage

in various activities at the grass root levels enabling each one to understand in depth the prevailing life conditions. Since the past ten years, the students along with the constant guidance of their Extension Work In-charge have taken up the following projects:

- a. Survey of Women Status
- b. Population Education Club
- c. National School of Open Learning

In the above mentioned projects, the students conduct surveys to identify the issues faced by women in their nearby localities as well as their awareness regarding their rights. The students also conduct various lessons across schools of different boards to spread awareness about various topics such as Pollution, Right to Vote, Global Warming, Old Age Homes, etc. among the students. They participate in an essay writing competition organized at college. The students attend the Annual festival of the Extension Work – UDAAN every year, where they participate in the Street Play and Poster Making Competitions and have won laurels for the college on many occasions. Through these competitions they get a platform to showcase their talents and skills along with creating awareness among the masses about current issues. The Extension Work acts as a medium of platform wherein the students exhibit their perspectives and opinions regarding those matters which are pressing and concerning in today's times.

BTTC Week

Educators are revolutionaries with the responsibility of entire generations. And as revolutionaries we need to ideate, create, negotiate, exemplify and ignite pathways of progress. Bombay Teachers' Training College since its inception has always sought to carve new ideologies in the field of education. Holistic education begins with the trainee teachers themselves before they are even taught to transact it in the classrooms of the future. A cultural kaleidoscope resides at its very heart as teachers learn through the years to be the ultimate performers. This platform for these artists is called the BTTC week.

At the college this began in 1981 with a foray in teaching aids exhibitions and continued for the next decade with constructive additions like seminars and workshops on contemporary teaching methodologies and their applications, elocution and essay competitions. These seminars were on the lines of 'Self Development for Teachers', 'Humanistic skills for Teachers', 'Programmed Learning' and 'Practical Skills of Teaching'. Gradually including schools in this plethora of co-curricular learning, competitions for school students started gaining momentum with the years. A strong emphasis on healthy living found its way into this customized curriculum with Yoga workshops and Sports Day inclusions.

The 90s saw a diversification of new activities including seminars on various themes, inter-collegiate competitions like elocution, ghazal singing and storytelling. We took forward our journey towards excellence with a range of lecture series such as 'Challenges in Higher Education' and 'Educationist of our times' to discuss the dynamic sphere being education and its prevailing conditions. All around the week the activities, seminars, lectures and competitions highlighted the significance of development of the educational sphere.

Keeping the tradition going ahead, the 2000s roared in with a range of panel discussions, seminars from eminent speakers and entities in their respective fields. These seminars were based on 'Grooming for Teachers', 'Practical Skills of Teaching' and 'Image Consultancy'. The millennial times swooped in with great gusto as the performing arts took center stage. Encouraging the hidden talents among the youth, Bombay Teachers' Training College

provided a platform to exhibit their myriad of talents in various competitions such as 'Comedy Clan stand-up comedy competition', 'Hum-Tum duet dance competition', 'Teachers' Personality contest and 'Sindhi Group Dance competition', to name a few. Mono-acting, poetry recitation, puppet show, drawing and poster making, group dance, solo singing, were other competitions introduced during the BTTC Week. Rangoli, which initially was a part of the traditions, was transformed with time in an Intra-Collegiate Competition along with the Cookery Competition and Flower Arrangement Competition providing a platform for the students to showcase their other abilities and creative minds. One of the highlights of the BTTC Week is the Nutritious Diet Competition among the students of Early Childhood Care & Education and the D. El. Ed. programmes. As always the BTTC Week lives up to its intentions of creating a fiery space for passion and ingenuity. Rechristened '**Faagun MegaFest**' for the golden Jubilee year, BTTC Week this year was celebrated with more liveliness, vigour and zest.

Faculty Achievements

It is a proud fact that among all the current faculty members of BTTC, 8 of the 9 have completed their doctoral degrees and are Ph.D in Education. One of them has submitted her thesis and is awaiting the viva date. The librarian has a Ph.D. in Library Sciences. Each of the faculty members has received grant to conduct minor research projects from University of Mumbai and UGC. Four faculty members conducted minor research with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan of the Government of Maharashtra. We have been sponsored for major research projects by UGC as well as ICSSR. Many of them have in been the organizing committees of various conferences organized by BTTC. 8 of the 9 faculty members have recognition from the University as post-graduate teachers. The faculty have attended various conferences and presented papers at national and International level. The librarian and two other faculty members have attended conferences and presented papers overseas. All of them have a number of papers published to their credit in national and international journals of repute.

'Nothing is more perfect than doing your best'. An organization's ability to learn and translate that learning into action rapidly is what it leads it to the top. BTTC has always looked at sunshine and everyone associated with it has followed this which has led it to where it stands today!



*“Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I
remember.
Involve me and I learn.”
-Benjamin Franklin*

A SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

“A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds” – Francis Bacon

A talented, optimistic, hardworking, dynamic and intelligent alumna Ms. Neha Bhavnani is a live example of how hard work pays off. She is a determined teacher who secured a fully funded Ph.D. scholarship in the United States of America. After completing her B.Ed. from Bombay Teachers' Training College, she worked for two years, pursuing her passion in research and then applied for her Ph.D. abroad. It is evident that her arduous efforts and undying spirit have borne fruit.

Her inputs regarding how one can choose a different field after doing B.Ed. opened up new avenues of exploration for all the trainee teachers in the audience. She took us through the process of applying for a Ph.D. abroad and also explained the entrance exams to be given. She discussed with everyone how to prepare for these exams, Institutes to be visited and books required for preparing for such examinations. She gave us an estimate of the expenses and also about selection of Universities or Colleges for different programs. The students also got tips to ace the telephonic and written interview of the universities abroad. Focus was laid on documentation required, outcome of the program and ended with ideas for future planning.

The seminar raised a lot of queries which were answered by Ms. Neha, gracefully. We were left with new opportunities mapped out for us on the horizon.

HOW DOES ONE BECOME A CONFIDENT TEACHER?

Fatema Contractor unravels the concoction for confidence

“When life gives you lemons, make a lemonade,” is a quote which comes most quickly to one’s mind when faced with trials, but there are very few people who put this quote to practice. Fatema, is one such person whose smile motivates everyone around her. She inspires every individual to be a better version of themselves. It was this exact gusto with which she conducted the seminar on becoming a confident teacher. She shared the fifteen mantras that she herself applies in every area of her life.

They were basic, easy to execute and effective. Some of the mantras were as simple as grooming yourself, being prepared and so on. She demonstrated the great impact little positive changes have on one’s life. Two meaningful videos that reiterated her stance were shown to the audience.

As onlookers, each of us were grateful to her for sharing her experiences so generously. She never once withheld from sharing her successes and failures. Through this seminar, we reflected on our own journey as student teachers, the learning processes we are subject to everyday. A hearty thanks to our beloved alumna. A quote that resonated with us was one by

Melanie Koulouris, she says, “Be Humble in your confidence, yet courageous in your character.”

For when you're feeling less than, here's something to cling on closer to than the atoms in quick sand-

There is a superhero that makes us believe, when we think we can't.

A Superhero who forgives when crushed to a slant

A superhero that comes to life like a phoenix rising from the fire.

Remember darling, you can be anything you truly desire;

Search inside the dark chasm in your soul, you'll hear a whisper that'll help you be BOLD.



QUE PARLEZ VOUS?

Language is the most effective means of communication. Linguistically, all languages are equal. It shapes the way we think and is a true vehicle of expression. Amongst all the languages; however, English has become our default global language and hence it is carries with it unprecedented economic and social relevance.

To talk about communicative efficacy, we had Yashika and Arshi from the B.Ed. batch of 2016-18, conduct an alumni seminar on effective communication in the classroom.

Yashika threw light upon various reading strategies and placed emphasis on punctuations. She covered the intricacies of language reading: the rising tones and rhythm changes while reading as well as elephant and mouse words- They also advised the current trainee teachers to lay emphasis on reading aloud and accurately while stressing on appropriate voice modulation and intonation.

Arshi continued the seminar, by focusing on pronunciations, specifically of those words which have been borrowed from other European languages like French, German, Italian etc. She conducted an activity based upon pronouncing brands such as Porsche, Volkswagen, Chanel and Gucci.

It was a very informative and illuminating experience for everyone. The seminar helped the trainee teachers avoid disconcerting mispronunciations in future and also help ensure that their students emulate correct pronunciation of words in the English language. Merci Beaucoup is all that we have to say to these two language experts.



THE WHOLE WORLD'S A STAGE, INCLUDING YOUR CLASSROOM

On the 6th of September, 2018, our very own alumna Mrs. Azmin Mistry, an extrovert and passionate fanatic of literature, drama and art took a session with the B.Ed. and the D.El.Ed. students. Azmin enjoys writing poetry and organizing events, all this while upholding integrity and human resource.

She has always been an enthusiastic team player who believes that leaders must be doers first! This right here, is gold itself! One of her constant idols is the great Paulo Coelho, who famously said, "I don't know what's going to happen tomorrow... That's why I don't save my best for the last." She thus believes in performing her best every single day. Through the session, the importance of drama and theatre in classrooms surfaced. Azmin designed her session meaningfully, equipping us with various activities and strategies that we could use in the classroom. We explored some exciting energizers like the crazy Machine Maker, Imaginary Onion and Lead the partner. As we moved along through the workshop, one could see and experience first-hand the powerful effect of drama on anyone. We were inspired and motivated to go beyond conventional pedagogy and incorporate drama in its colossal diversity.



We have all heard or believed in the common notion that drama as a method of instruction is better reserved for the ARTS.

This has been the panoramic rhetoric in many spaces; however, Azmin vigorously dispelled that narrative by sharing personal experiences of success in using drama beyond the fields of language and social studies.

She left us all thinking and wanting more! We wanted to peek into her bag of experiences and continue to learn how to create an impactful, engaging and happy classroom!



"We must all do theatre – to find out who we are, and to discover who we could become."

-Augusto Boal

VISITORS FROM OUTER SPACE

Have you ever touched a meteorite? Well, we did!

Mr. Sarosh Baria spoke about the Big Bang theory and visitors from out of space: stars, planets, meteoroids and asteroids. The session began with a captivating video of an enormous meteorite falling in Russia, causing a lot of damage as it did. Mr. Sarosh went on to describe how people venture out on exciting meteorite hunting trips that fetch them a lot of money. Besides being tempted to reconsider our present career pursuits, we were also introduced to a whole new world, ironically, located in our very own State. Maharashtra, as we came to learn, has a massive lake named Lonar which is notified as a National Geo-heritage Monument created by a meteor impact during the Pleistocene Epoch. It is the only known hyper velocity impact crater in basaltic rock anywhere on Earth. If you aren't already packing your bags and planning your itinerary, God help you! The session did not only amaze but inspired us. Mr. Sarosh's energy and knowledge rubbed off onto us. As aspiring teachers, he explained how children want to experience learning. For instance, he simulated a class discussing after the seminar. He asked us, "How would you, as super intelligent human beings, save the Earth from an imminent asteroid attack?" He aroused our curiosity and demonstrated the importance of application and correlation. It made us



think, we as teachers will have future scientists, musicians, artists, dancers and have what you may in our classrooms, who are waiting for an opportunity to contribute. Close to when we thought we'd already seen the best of that in store in the session, Mr. Sarosh pulled out a bag of METEORITES! He had truly done the unbelievable, a bunch of meteorites, some of which were 450 crore years old popped out of the bag. It was a day each of us present there, would talk about for eons! Thank you Sarosh, from the bottom of our hearts!

MENTAL HEALTH

Everyone feels worried, anxious or down from time to time. However, not everyone develops a mental illness. What's the difference? A mental illness is a mental health condition that gets in the way of thinking, relating to others, and day-to-day function.

Mental illness affects everyone in some way and it is likely that we know someone who has experienced a mental illness at some point. Managing mental health is just as important as physical health, yet there are many hurtful attitudes around mental illnesses that fuel stigma, discrimination and make it harder to reach out for help. Dr. Deepti Mankad from *Mind speak* conducted a workshop on the 26th of March 2019 to dispel some age old myths and create awareness on Mental Health.



She started the workshop with a survey to gauge the existing awareness of mental health. The survey results showed that many of the students were aware of terms synonymous with mental illness but needed more information on the intricacies.

Dr. Deepti focused on the most common types of mental illness which are anxiety disorders, depression, mood disorders, body image and postpartum depression.

Study findings demonstrated that school-based mental health services delivered by teachers and other school personnel helped reduce mental health issues. Furthermore, school-based services that integrated mental health services into the school curriculum, targeted externalizing issues, incorporated incident management and were implemented regularly significantly improved its effectiveness.

The workshop was an eye opener and allowed us to understand what role we as teachers could play in promoting the mental well-being of the students we encounter.

MENTORSHIP

A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself

The students of BTTC were privileged to understand the true sense of Mentorship thanks to Parveen Shaikh, the principal of The Somaiya School at Ghatkopar.

She conducted an eye opening seminar on Mentorship and its importance for a teacher.

According to her, the aim should always be to enable the mentee to develop their own skills, strategies and capability so that they are enabled to tackle the next hurdle more effectively with or without the mentor's presence.

When you decide to mentor someone, you really have no way of knowing how far they'll go. Whether you shape the next great entrepreneur of our time or help someone achieve her dreams, you'll always make a difference--and that's All that matters.



THE MANY ROLES OF A TEACHER

Bombay Teachers' Training College takes pride in curating experts and resourceful people from the field of education with the aim of providing their students, the best exposure and the best experiences required to be a competent 21st century teacher.



It was in light of this endeavor that we had the privilege of meeting the principal of primary section in B.D. Somani International School, Ms Zoe Hauser, on a vibrant afternoon of the 16th of October 2018. Ms Zoe shared some really great insights. She emphasized on the fact that if we wish to prepare our students for success in this rapidly changing world, we must recognize that memorization, rote learning, and formulaic approaches will not serve the purpose. She also spoke about how the job of a teacher is to facilitate and guide each student in the process of learning.

Ms Zoe suggested that considerable amount of time in schools should be spent in practicing the higher order thinking skills of analysis, evaluation, connection, and application. This can be achieved through the use of open-ended materials in the younger years and vibrant brainstorming, discussions, authentic problem solving and collaboration across all grades. Thus, ample of opportunities for creativity and risk taking help children to develop holistically at their own pace, using their individual learning styles and embracing the joy of lifelong learning, she asserted.

It was an enlightening experience that made the trainee teachers re-think their roles in the classroom.

BECOMING A 21st CENTURY SENSEI

The students of the 21st century are not empty vessels of the past who quietly received the knowledge given to them by the teacher. They are self-aware and responsible for their own learning. To make sure that the teachers of today are at par with their students.

KA Edu Associates have come up with global modules that equip today's teacher for the 21st century classroom and students. KA Edu Associates conducted these workshops for the students of BTTC, which included modules like 'What makes a good teacher', 'Classroom Management' and 'Integrating Technology' in the classroom, Communication Skills (communication with parents), Report Writing, Curriculum Planning etc.

They talked about the fact that an educator should be much something beyond a provider of information. She should be a guide, an analyst, a parental figure, a facilitator, a mediator and much more. KA Edu Associate's facilitators discussed simple classroom management strategies and a lot of digital applications which engages students in the learning process. Communicating with parents was an important workshop which was exhibited through re-enactments. The KA Edu Associates modules are reasonable and easy to execute in our classrooms. The modules have contributed a ton to making us 21st century educators.

GEMS EDUCATION

In today's world, Globalization is not an option but a mandate. The BTTC students were fortunate enough to decide beyond the boundaries of India for their teaching careers. Gems Education, an organization that helps to connect Teachers from the world for institutes of Dubai for a booming Teaching career, organized a seminar for the same. They run great international schools that set a benchmark for quality education today and shape the future of learning for the next generation.

Ms Khambatta and Mr. Michael presided over the talk. They spoke about various opportunities that Indian teachers have and how they can take advantage of it. It was a seminar which proved very fruitful for every teacher present there, hoping and wishing to make most of the opportunities available in the teaching field. Many students there on were inspired and have considered working overseas in the UAE.





*As you scroll forward, you will
witness a myriad of activities
held in the college
It's time to grab a 'cuppa' and
enjoy what we have in store for
you*



OUR ACHIEVERS



Name of the Students	Event Name	Position Secured	Year
Indrani Sakorkar	Rustom. P. Masani Elocution Competition	Second Prize	2018
Ninoshka D'Silva	5 th HSNC Board Elocution Competition	First Prize	2018
Manali Shah	'Hum-Tum' Inter Collegiate Duet Dance Competition	First Prize	2019
Shagun Sakhrani			
Kelly Gracias	Essay Writing Competition	Second Prize	2018
Bhagirathi Arvind	'Personality Contest' - Most Promising Teacher	First Prize	2019
Angela George	SXIE, Annual Fest, PRAYAS'19 Personality Contest	Second Prize	2019
Vidhi Patel	Poster Competition in Extension Work	First Prize	2019
Nida Ansari			
Nishtha Khithani	Inter College Sindhi Dance Competition	First Prize	2019
Harshita Advani			
Kritika Alwani			
Manjari Rajgor			
Shivani Nagpal			
Vidhi Chheda			

THE SECRET TO BEING A HAPPY TEACHER

“For every minute of stress, you lose sixty seconds of happiness.”

Happy teachers create happy classrooms, period. One notion that can send teachers gnawing their own flesh out, is the misnomer associated with the profession itself. A lot of people think that teaching is ‘Easy’! Now, if you are a teacher yourself or popularly acquainted with our kind, you know that teaching is probably the most challenging thing you have ever done in your life.



A teacher’s life is anything but a walk in the park, but does that necessarily have to translate into having a stress filled and unhappy life? An answer to which a lot of us were unsure of, especially since the popular, acceptable narrative has always been: ***‘LIFE IS HARD. DEAL WITH IT.’***

However; Dr. Neelu Verma thought differently. She began with an assuring statement that regardless of all the challenges and stumbles teachers face every day, happiness does not have to slowly limper behind.

In this enthralling seminar she covered pertinent ways of making happiness a habit, in no way suggesting that one fakes happiness, but instead stepping back from a situation and addressing it through a different lens.

Facing trials in the teaching profession with curiosity and resiliency is achievable and attainable only when you start believing in YOU.

Three powerful words that were transferred to action as we approached the end of the session were-

- **Mindfulness-** Am I a happy teacher; do I give myself a pat on the back when I’ve faced challenges? Am I being kind to my own needs and the needs of those in my classroom?
- **Positivity-** I may have failed but I’ve learnt.
- **Time Management** – Contrary to popular belief- *in good humor-* , Time management amongst other valuable life skills is not inherited. All good things come with practice, practice and more practice. If you master this, you’ve won half the battle. The other half will put itself in place.

Through the various quotes that she brought to class, Dr Neelu ensured that we realized what the students first notice in any teacher is her attitude. Choosing a positive and grateful attitude is sure to bring success to your credit!

STRIKE A POSE

A better mind accompanying a better soul

Saturday, the 21st of July, 2018 saw a refreshing morning workshop on Yoga by Isha Foundation. The workshop began with a session on meditation which helped the students relieve their stress and develop a positive mindset.

The volunteers of Isha Foundation demonstrated various yoga exercises and poses with the help of videos and also stressed on the health benefits that students could avail of if they practiced the same on a daily basis. The volunteers also showed videos on Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, his philosophy of life, teachings and opinions. We explored on how Yoga does not merely benefit one's mind, but also affects one's body and soul for the better. By the end of the session the entire ambience of the room was filled with positivity and happily flexed muscles. The staff and the students truly enjoyed this workshop, every bit of it!



QUICK! THE CLOCK IS TICKING

Your time is more valuable than money, make it count

Dr. Rajiv I. Jha spoke about the *Pareto* principle which specifies that 80 percent of consequences come from 20 percent of the causes, or an unequal relationship between inputs and outputs. As teachers, this principle serves as a general reminder that the relationship between inputs and outputs is not balanced. The *Pareto* Principle is also known as the Pareto Rule or the 80/20 Rule.

The *Pareto* Principle can be applied to many businesses, especially those that are client-service based. It can also be applied on a personal level. Time management is the most common use for the Pareto Principle, as most people tend to thinly spread out their time instead of focusing on the most important tasks. Sir guided us with tips on How to prioritize tasks effectively. A few tips given were-

Respect Deadlines. Set Milestone Deadlines. Consider the Consequences. Consider Time Required. Set Monthly Goals. Schedule a Percentage of Your Time for Personal Projects.

This seminar on time management helped us in systematically allotting time needed for various activities during our B. Ed course.

BTTC- AN EDUCATIONAL HUB

Our institution has carved its position as a premier institution worth emulating. To gain a first-hand experience of the functioning of the college, the S.Y.B.A. students from Amity University visited Bombay Teachers' Training College, earlier this year. Each of them had an opportunity to interact with the principal and the staff of the college, at length. The queries put forth ranged right from curriculum transaction to classroom management.



Catering to their curiosity, information regarding a variety of job opportunities available in the field of education was shared with this bunch of learners. As the interaction went on forward, they enquired about the curriculum and teaching practices followed by the SSC, ICSE, CBSE and the IB school boards. It did not just stop at gathering information but proceeded in in-depth conversation. During this stimulating session, the pertinent role of psychology in teaching was discussed and probed. Every member in the audience, questioned, put forth a variety of differing perspectives and engaged in meaningful reflection.

GURUPURNIMA

Guru Purnima (Poornima) is the day to honor our Gurus for they are the ones who nurture students; preparing them to take on the onerous task of steering our country for the future. The Nation therefore, along with all pupils, is obligated to all gurus for shouldering this tremendous responsibility. As you know, this day, the devotees worship their gurus and teacher and also thank them for their wisdom and teachings. In keeping with the tradition of revering gurus for their invaluable contribution in shaping the minds and character of the young trainee teachers in their charge, Bombay Teachers' Training College celebrated the occasion on the 27th of July, 2018.

BTTC inaugurated its Golden Jubilee in the year 2018-2019 with this auspicious event. Chief Guest, Dr Naresh Chandra and various dignitaries graced the occasion. Students of S.Y.B.Ed, F.Y.D.El.Ed, S.Y.D.El.Ed and E.C.E.P. participated in this event. The programme started by welcoming all the dignitaries and the chief guest followed by prayer dance. Dr. Mintu. Sinha the director of BTTC, felicitated the Chief Guest and the dignitaries. The Student Council, on behalf of the entire student body, gifted the teachers a book each, to convey their gratitude for giving them the precious gift of education. Students also presented various dance and music performances depicting the role of gurus in boosting excellence and steering their pupil towards fulfilling their individual potential.



One of the student from S.Y.B.Ed. delivered a meaningful speech in Hindi about the significance of Guru Purnima. The day was thus truly significant for the BTTC staff with each member being honored for their role in ensuring their pupil's all-round development and well-being. This remarkable day will be etched in the minds of the students as it emphasized that Gurus are the rocks on which we lean on until we can stand on our own.

CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE

It was that time of the year again, where all unite to celebrate freedom; however, this Independence Day was a little different. It did not stop at just flag hoisting and melody in sync, instead, we re-enacted pivotal moments in our struggle towards freedom. Under the guidance of Dr. Rajiv Jha and Dr. Manisha Tyagi, the performers set out with vigor.

The students of B.Ed. and D.El.Ed. portrayed distinctive scenes of perpetrated violence and fortitude through the powerful medium of frozen images-a powerful style that uses just one's bodies and facial expressions to communicate.

The audiences experiencing this 'still performance' were transported- at least for a moment- back in time, when freedom was only but a dream. Following this, we had the ECEP perform an array of patriotic songs.

In addition, BTTC conducted a cleaning drive in college titled Swachata Abhiyan, an initiative that reflected the essence of the saying, 'Mu Band, Kaam Chaalu,' everybody on campus put their words to action and worked vigorously to leave the classrooms a little better than when they found it.



TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

‘Some teachers teach the curriculum, others teach students. There’s a big difference.’

Our Teachers at Bombay Teacher’s training college ensure that they cater to the latter goal. Molded at every step from presentation to the inculcation of a teacher personality, they leave no stone unturned when it comes to their students.

It was with great enthusiasm, we the students of this esteemed institution wanted to honour our heroes, who we love so dearly. A day prior to the 5th of September 2018 the students of S.Y.B.Ed. performed a flash mob in class and invited the faculty for a celebration the following day, with a sapling each. A creative flip card with pictures of the teachers had all the information of the program and served as a formal invitation.

On the 5th of September 2019, the celebrations began at 11 am in the Auditorium. As is tradition we had our honourable Director Dr. (Mrs) Mintu Sinha and our In-charge Principal Dr. Bhagwan Balani invoke the grace of enlightenment by lighting the lamp. The teacher in-charges Dr.(Mrs.) Mandeep Kochar, Dr. Rajeev Jha and Mrs. Sapna Chhabria had a series of performances and interactive sessions lined up for the teachers. The teachers were awarded with apt titles according to their personalities with a general consensus from the students. This is a sight to be reckoned with! To our delight, each teacher had a smile stretched across their face.



Minute-to-win-it games got the teachers excited and eager as they competed with one and other for victory. On-the-spot challenges like tongue twisters and general knowledge questions got them using their wit and delighted the students immensely. The students made a gritty attempt to sweep our beloved teachers off their feet. Teachers, we cannot thank you enough for all that you do.

SCIENCE CORNER

“Science is the great antidote to the poison of enthusiasm & superstition & Scientific method trains the brain to examine and observe before making a statement of act”.

With this thought in mind, assistant professor Dr. Rajeev I. Jha of our esteemed Bombay Teachers' Training College introduced Science Corner in 2016. It was thought to be one of the ways to keep the enthusiasm for Science alive in the students and also to train the future teachers' to be able to carry out science related activities in classroom.

Since 2016 each and every science pedagogy student of F.Y.B.Ed is encouraged to perform few exciting science related experiments in front of the whole class. The topics chosen should be simple, from any branch of science, should not involve evolution of hazardous gases or use of flame and related to school level topics. The experiments are carried out using the PEOR method. Here students first try to Predict (P) the experiment with the help of the setup and give an explanation (E) for their predictions. Following this the experiment is performed which the audience observe (O) and then they either Rethink or reinforce (R) their respective predictions. Science corner activities are usually conducted during the initial 15-20 mins of the day.

By using these interesting science activities in class, a teacher can easily grab attention towards the topic, it makes the concept interesting, easy to understand and retain for a longer period of time. In order to make science corner a little more interesting, the best science corner activity was awarded with the Gaurav Jha Memorial trophy for creative science during the BTTC Annual Day Celebration.

A DAY AT THE MUSEUM

Saturday, the 6th of October, 2018 saw the students of S.Y.B.Ed visit the majestic Chatrapati Shivaji Museum. The students gathered at the gate at 10 am and later proceeded inside and saw the various sections of the museum, which were divided into various periods and eras. We were stunned by the building built in Indo-Saracenic style of architecture, incorporating elements of other styles of architecture like the Mughal, Maratha and Jain. Surrounded by a garden of palm trees and beautiful flower beds it was a wonderful place to be. The museum houses approximately several thousand exhibits of ancient Indian history as well as objects from foreign lands, categorized primarily into three sections: Art, Archaeology and Natural History that we couldn't get enough of.

It was fascinating to see how George Wittet had skillfully incorporated the original wooden arched pavilion purchased from a royal house (wada) at Nasik in Maharashtra, as a circular railing on the first floor of the building. Looking up at the dome of this building took you across space to the Taj at Agra. Absorbing the 50,000 artifacts and outstanding collection comprising of sculptures, terracotta, bronzes, excavated artifacts from the Harappan sites, Indian miniature paintings, European paintings, porcelain and ivories from China, Japan, CSMVS (Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya) houses is like visiting a different planet; one where culture and learning can never fail to amaze.

BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD

Being a teacher is not limited to the four walls of a classroom. As we prepare students for a world with its many problems intact, it is imperative that we ourselves are updated and active in terms of social issues. It is with this view that on the 15th of September, 2018, the students had gone for a beach cleanup at the Dadar Beach. An initiative by the Indian Navy Coast Guard, the trainee teachers were all eager to do their bit for The Swachha Bharat Initiative.

It was the peak time of the year, where the Ganpati Festival had just kicked in. On the third day of the festival, the beach looked like it had been ravaged off its glory. After the Ganpati visarjan of one and half days, on Friday, where huge number of idols were immersed in the sea the cleanup seemed like a monumental task. But with the support of students, locals and NGOs from across the city, we were all geared up.

Students were accompanied by their teacher, Mr. Naresh Menghrajani for this constructive action. Despite the ban on plastic usage in Maharashtra plastic products were found on beaches along with thermocol also widely used in pandals. The students collected idols and handed them over to the officials at the beach. It was an eye opener for many. The students were also given certificates for the same by the Indian Navy Coast Guard for their hard-work. Nothing ever brings as much joy as service.



THE AUSPICIOUS NINE NIGHT HINDU FESTIVAL

Navratri occurs in the month of Ashvin according to the Hindu Calender. We at Bombay Teachers' Training College celebrated Navratri, like every other festival with utmost enthusiasm. We started the function by 'Putting Jyot in Garba', which has the same significance as lighting of a lamp which is a usual practice of the college. ECEP students took lead of this memorable occasion. They not only hosted the show with a great level of enthusiasm but also showcased a vibrant dance performance on a famous Bollywood song 'Ghoomar Ghoomar', which set the mood right for the occasion. The very zealous D.El.Ed students presented another Gujrati Number which was enjoyed by everyone. This occasion ended on a high note as the whole of BTTC was seen dancing to the electrifying Garba tracks.

GOING THAT EXTRA MILE

The details matter after all. A syllabus can either be followed or created. At Bombay Teachers' Training College the one thing that gains precedence above all else is quality. And this adherence to high standards of education is implemented via several avenues; one of which is the Add-on courses offered by the college.

This year the add-on courses began with Models of Teaching, the first being Dr. Neelu Verma's explanation of the *Concept Attainment Model (CAM)*. Early September '18 we indulged in the positive and negative attributes of a concept through examples. This structured process of inquiry is one which enables meaningful discussion in class and has proven to be a great tool for us teachers.

Moving into September we gained momentum with Dr. Raju Talreja's session on the *Inquiry Training Model (ITM)*. This model helped us think of ways and means to improve the reasoning and inquiry skills of students. Guiding us every step of the way with our teaching strategies, the course was proving to be of great assistance for our practice teaching module.

Towards the end of September, we analyzed *Synectics* with Dr. Rajeev Jha. Exploring creative ways of teaching complicated subject matter we were all having our own 'Eureka' moments in class. Another foray into classroom teaching came with Dr. Mandeep Kochar's seminar on Innovative teaching strategies in October 2018. Highlighting the many ways in which Role play, Music, Drama, Songs and Skits can be used in the classroom, the session focused on learner engagement.

The February of 2019 brought us back into sessions in full swing with Dr. Raju Talreja. The *Programmed Learning Model* drew our focus to sequential learning. We were made privy to the importance of psychological arrangement of content in this session. The parameters of teaching and learning were gradually expanding their horizons for us.

With Dr. Manisha Tyagi in March 2019, the students were acquainted with the *Jurisprudential Inquiry Model (JIM)*. The model creates an ideal set-up to discuss social issues and requires students to reason and put forth their opinions. A healthy discussion gained prominence with this model.

This add-on course today adorns our resumes and has helped many student-teachers gain employment at reputed institutions of education. This is just one of the ways in which Bombay Teachers' Training College ensures that we stand out from the rest.

FAITH IS ALL YOU NEED

Interviews, Interviews, Interviews, that was all that was going in the minds of second year students who had their Campus Interviews on the 26th of February, 2019. Twenty five of the most reputed institutes were to come for giving us opportunities to fulfil our dreams to become a teacher and we had to put our best foot forward.

It was the day, most anticipated and most feared, a battle to be won, subtly put. To prepare us for this battle we had Dr. Lubna Mansuri. We know for a fact that BTTC empowers and equips its students. To ensure that each of us summoned our best selves for recruitment day, we had a session on 'Resume building & interview skills'. To cater to the needs of students eagerly hoping to give it their all, an excellent seminar on professionalism, body language, nonverbal cues and etiquettes was arranged on the 20th of February, 2019.

Dr. Lubna Mansuri conducted this session and kickstarted it with an extensive discussion on do's and don'ts in an interview. She went through every detail, places most students usually overlook. As we know, success in anything, needs practice and precision. We were taken through the manner in which one should enter, sit, dress and conduct one self. The dreaded, 'Tell me about yourself' question amongst others was addressed and tackled.

We did not just stop at theoretical learning, in a matter of minutes we played roles in a simulated environment, talk about getting into character! Every mock interview left us with a new learning. We pondered over subtleties as we watched and observed.

GANDHI JAYANTI

Gandhi Jayanti is the birthday of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, fondly called 'Bapu' or Father. At BTTC, we celebrated it with a great gusto. A short skit competition was organised, under the guidance of Dr. Meenakshi Lath, by the history pedagogy students. The ideas revolved around incidents in Gandhiji's life and his outlook on education. The event was judged by Dr. Bhimal Malhotra and Janvion Rodrigues both eminent personalities in their fields. The skits introduced us to Gandhiji in a very innovative manner. The group which won showcased the major events in Gandhiji's life which happened in Mumbai, in a very humorous way. The group which came in second exposed us to Gandhiji's philosophy of education, his advocacy of craft based learning, and vocational education. We were also shown the major events of Gandhiji's life through these skits.

Gandhiji's tryst with apartheid in South Africa, his struggles with the British rule in India, his satyagraha, etc. was portrayed by students. The event was a huge success.



THE GOLDEN JUBILEE INAUGURAL FUNCTION

&

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERDISCIPLINARITY: A GAME CHANGER

DAY 1

We began with the Golden Jubilee inaugural event with great fervor in the presence of the Honorable chief guest, Her Excellency, Srimathi Mridula Sinha, The Governor of Goa and other revered dignitaries. A video montage of commitment, passion, and excellence was presented highlighting the great 50 years. This Golden Jubilee year, had begun with the spirit with which we've tread along for half a century, the spirit of undying grit and service.

Soon after, we had a panel of experts opening the dialogue on Interdisciplinarity, a grappling topic that is relevant and contemporary because of the need to integrate various pedagogical elements together thus making us view knowledge as a complete whole instead of compartmentalizing it into the various pedagogical compartments. The future teachers of the country need to focus on this aspect of education and integrate a holistic approach in our classrooms. Keeping this aim in mind, the national conference was organized.

The first day of the national conference saw the respected Governor of Goa- Shrimathi Mridula Sinha gracing the event with her presence. Also present was the dynamic Vice Chancellor of Guru Kashi University - Dr Jaswinder Singh Dhillon along with the charismatic Principal and head of the department of Botany at Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala college - Dr Usha Mukundan. Dr. Shashikala Wanjari - the respected Vice Chancellor of SNTD University, Mr Anil Harish - the optimistic President of the HSNC board of education, Mr. Kishu Mansukhani- the motivational former President of the HSNC Board, Dr. Niranjana Hiranandani- the dynamic and immediate former President of the HSNC Board, all delighted and eager to share their thoughts and opinions on the topic of interdisciplinarity. Also showering their support were - Ms Maya Sahani, trustee of the Board, Ms. Manju Nichani the former Principal of KC College, Miss Hemlata Bagla, the Principal of KC college, Miss Dolly Mistry, Miss Sultana Shaikh from Khilafat college and Miss Asma Shaikh from Anjuman - e - Islam college.

The staff and students were elated at witnessing all their hard work pay off for the national conference.

A GLIMPSE OF THE GLORIOUS BEGINNING



**Dignitaries, alongside Her Excellency-
The Governor of Goa: Shrimati Mridula Sinha**



**Dr.Niranjan Hiranandani, Trustee of the HSNC board escorting Her
Excellency to the auditorium**

DAY 2

Interdisciplinarity refers to a method or mind-set that merges traditional educational concepts in order to arrive at a new approaches or solutions. This is the age of collaboration and the higher education institutions need to join forces to contribute to Interdisciplinarity. This will ensure horizontal and vertical mobility. The main aim of introducing interdisciplinary courses and programs is to integrate the contributions of different academic disciplines or fields of study so that topics, problems, and phenomena under study are explored and interpreted in a holistic way.

The two day national conference aimed to bring together experts from different disciplines, professionals and various experts from the industry on one platform so that an exchange and sharing of vision and best practices could occur.

While the first day kick-started with the presence of Her excellency Shrimathi Mridula Sinha and other dignitaries sharing their thoughts on the interdisciplinary approach in education, the second day of the conference saw many more enthusiastic resource people like Dr. Kiran Mangaonkar- Principal of Guru Nanak Khalsa College, the very energetic Dr. Coomi Veviana- Former head of Department of English, University of Mumbai, Dr. Jayshree Inbaraj and honorable Vice Chancellor of Guru Kashi University-Dr. Jaswinder Singh Dhillon.

Dr. Kiran Mangaonkar, a chemistry scholar enlightened the audience with a detailed knowledge about the formulation of a pharmaceutical drug and its release in the market. Dr. Coomi Veviana took to the stage to address the audience about Education for the Millennial. She said that being an educator has never been as daunting as it is in the present times and so it is vital that we have a clear established goal. She encouraged the future teachers present in the audience to be fairy godmothers or magicians who create magic in education. Her enthusiastic and witty speech got the audience energised. Our last resource person for the day was Dr. Jayshree Inbaraj who spoke about the relation between Interdisciplinarity and Teaching. Interdisciplinarity is a more radical way of challenging the existing boundaries. The most awaited session of the day, the valedictory session was followed after a small lunch break. Some of the participants from other colleges were invited on the stage to share their views and experiences about the conference. This was followed by the certificate distribution to the participants of the National Conference.

**“The future of research is interdisciplinary, and it will
take us into spaces we cannot yet fore-see.”**

– M.Tanner

GLANCE AT DAY 2



“Power is gained by sharing knowledge and not hoarding it.”
– Peter Senge

RUBAROO

The first day of college - Pin drop silence reigned in the classroom. There was a feeling of awkwardness and hesitance, very little to no conversation among the students. We were all internally scrambling for words to strike up a conversation with the person sitting next to us.

Our professor Dr. Rajeev Jha sensed the tension and the awkwardness in the room and had a perfect plan to break the ice. We were then introduced to this fun session called Rubaroo. This was unlike the traditional way of introduction where a person speaks about him/herself. Herein we were asked to introduce our preceding roll number and we would be introduced by the succeeding one. Details like Name, Family background, Qualification, Achievements, Pedagogy and Special talents were given out in creative ways.



We had the opportunity to interact with each other and gained an insight into the strengths, hobbies, talents and those special attributes that make each of us so unique. A five minute conversation was all that was needed to break free of the rigid awkwardness and bring us closer as a group.

Thanks to the Rubaroo session, we built a rapport which led to creating strong bonds of friendship that we value and will cherish all our life.

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS AT BTTC

The triumph of good over evil

Diwali at Bombay Teachers' Training College is celebrated with lots of enthusiasm and excitement. The F.Y.B.Ed. batch had just entered college and they were introduced to the festive culture of the college. The Diwali function was held on 31st October, 2018 on a bright Wednesday morning. The function took place at the Mohini Hiro Punwani Auditorium on the first floor. The decoration team did a great job by decorating the venue with wonderful dupattas and diyas. Students from the various classes made beautiful rangolis at all over the building.

The programme began with the lighting of Diyas by the director, principal and the faculty members. Diwali is generally associated with Lakshmi, goddess of wealth and prosperity, and with the victorious return of Lord Ram after his exile. The significance of this auspicious day was portrayed in the form of a role play by the E.C.E.P. students & Lord Ram's act of selflessness was put forward by the S.Y.B.Ed. students.

The students showcased their talents through various dance performances, singing and a fashion show. The newbies on the block i.e. the F.Y.B.Ed's put up a great show, while the

D.El.Ed.'s rocked the dance floor by their desi swag and dhoom dhadaka performances. The show was presented in a well organised manner and ended on a happy note.



CHRISTMAS THE BTTC WAY

When Santa came calling!

Amidst the tension of the FYBED's impending exams, a Christmas oasis was created. We laughed, we cried and we celebrated. Five batches got together, under the guidance of Dr. Neelu Verma and made it a Christmas to remember. Scripts, songs and snowmen, every mistletoe was covered. The celebrations kickstarted with Dr. Mrs. Mintu Sinha, Dr. Balani and the faculty members decorating the beautiful Christmas tree. A truly festive start to what was to become the greatest Christmas celebration at BTTC.

The DEIED class had decorated the auditorium, so well, that everyone got transported to a winter wonderland. The ECEP class took us back in time to the inception of Christmas with their rendition of the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. Keeping the spirit of Christmas alive, the students of FYBED serenaded us with carols; spiritual and the classics. Following the calm celebrations, the SYBED students stepped in and turned up the groove with their tap dancing-meets-contemporary moves. From then on, the groove saw an upwards trajectory and how! The FYBED students took the stage again with their fashion show displaying the spirit of Christmas. We couldn't help but admire their confidence and runway moves.

The SYBED students returned with a skit that had us in splits. The skit had an intoxicated traveler, a hoity-toity woman and of course an incorrigible bus driver amongst many powerful performers. We were left feeling nostalgic about all the trips we've taken back home to our families during festivals.

The SYDEIEd students then took to the stage to showcase their fashionista moves. Santa took the stage next with the ECEP students showing us how Santa celebrates Christmas. We were only too happy to have candy thrown at us. The SYDEIEd performance was so powerful that the dancers along with the audience were moved to tears. Their juniors followed up with a cheerful dance using pom-poms and lifted our spirits.

Lastly Dr. Mrs. Mintu Sinha and Dr. Balani took to the stage and they encapsulated our thoughts and feelings in the most expressive way. Along with the announcement of the exams being delayed (which made us smile ear to ear), our hard work paying off sealed the day for us.



JAI HIND

Every year the Republic day is celebrated to reminisce the time when India's constitution first came into effect. However, this year the Republic day was celebrated on a grand scale, where all the south Mumbai colleges of Hyderabad Sind National Collegiate board came together to celebrate the completion of 70 years of the board. Teachers and students from K.M College, KC College, KC Law College, HR College, and BTTC College gathered in the campus of KC College at 10 am for the flag hoisting. The flag hoisting was followed by the national anthem after which the principal of KC college, Dr. Hemlata Bagla shared her wonderful experiences as a member of the HSNC board. The function then continued in the Rama and Sundri Watumull auditorium. All the guests were summoned on stage for the lighting of the lamp. The students from KC College danced with great energy on the theme of patriotism and formed a pyramid at the end of the dance. Another dance shared the theme of unity in diversity by depicting different types of dance forms across India, with vibrant colored costumes to add to their performances. The power packed performance was followed by five freeze frames covering the historical events from 1857 leading to the formation of constitution, performed by BTTC students. These freeze frames covered major events like the Revolt of 1857, Jallianwala Bagh massacre and Pandit Nehru's speech. The audience was later thrilled to experience a flash mob from the BTTC students. The students got even more excited when professors from BTTC College, Dr Rajeev Jha and Dr Manisha Tyagi joined in. Later a student from KC College played tunes like 'Sare Jahan Se Acha' and 'Jana Gana Mana' on his electric guitar. His tunes compelled the audience to stand for the national anthem. The program ended with a short speech and vote of thanks.

COLLEGE CLUBS

Integration of work and activities is a key element in any good institution. Similarly, at Bombay Teachers' Training College, we have formed various clubs to conduct different activities. The formation of these clubs was done on 5th January 2019, under the guidance of Dr. Rajeev Jha, Dr Mohd. Azam Ansari, and our Principal in-charge Dr. Bhagwan Balani. Members were elected through voting by the S.Y.B.Ed class.

A list of all the clubs and their current members is provided below:

Sr. No	Position	Eco Club	Science math Club	Literary Club	Social club
1.	Chairperson	Vidhi Chedda	Bhavna Krishnamurthy	Angela George	Crystal Arroll
2.	Secretary	Komal Bharadwaj	Pawan Pandey	Neha Sharma	Kelly Gracias
3.	Joint secretary	Shivani Nagpal	Foram Mehta	Fatima Bundiwala	Abhijeet kaur Khalsa
4.	Treasurer	Hitendra Tiwari	Priscilla Shetty	Pooja Udeshi	Manjari Rajgor
5.	Liaison officer	Mansi Gandhi	Sanghmitra Dhanve	Nishthta Khithani	Naina Multani



“A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning.”

- Brad Henry



THE MEGA FEST BEGINS

Every year, Bombay Teachers' Training College celebrates the much-awaited week-long festivities called BTTC Week since 1969. There is a wide array of programs from intercollegiate, inter-school and intra class competitions conducted in this week.

This year, being the Golden Jubilee year, the 41st BTTC Week was rechristened 'Faagun MegaFest 2019'. After all, it isn't every day that we get an opportunity to celebrate 50 years, and this was evident from the level of enthusiasm displayed.

DAY 1- THE PANEL DISCUSSION



This year the theme selected for the Golden Jubilee Panel Discussion was 'Sharpening the Axe: Building a Persona for Success'. The Chief Guest for the morning was Shri Subodh Jaiswal, Police Commissioner of Mumbai. He addressed the audience and shared various experiences about his school and police training sessions, emphasizing the importance of being teachers who make a difference.

The panelists for the discussion were Mrs. Farzana Contractor - Editor Upper Crust Magazine, Dr. Aman Bhonsle - TA Trainer, Youth Mentor, Dr. Nupur Krishnan - Clinical Nutritionist and Director - Bio-Logics. Ms. Rakhee Gupta - Image and Etiquette Consultant and Ms. Rachana Awatramani - Counselling Psychologist and Businesswoman. It was a very enlightening and informative session.

THE SONVARNEE SINDHI GROUP INTER- COLLEGIATE DANCE COMPETITION

After the highly enlightening panel discussion by eminent speakers, Day 1 of Faagun MegaFest 2019 (BTTC week celebrations) witnessed the 'Sonvarnee Sindh (The Golden Sindh)' - an intercollegiate Sindhi dance competition.

It is not easy for a displaced community to become one of the richest communities of the country. It takes a lot of blood and sweat and the Sindhis have done it. They are not only good business people but also big foodies who enjoy eating their Kadhi chawal, dal pakwan and sindhi papad and of course, amazing dancers who enjoy dancing to the tunes of Damaadam Mast Kalandar and Ho Jamalo.

The competition was judged by Ms. Asha Chand, Mrs. Sonu Chowdhry and Mr. Lakhan Gurdasani.

The competition started with great zeal and enthusiasm. Participants from various colleges like K.C. College, Kundnani College, R. K. Talreja College, Bombay Teachers' Training College and Nari Gursahani College set the floor on fire with their energetic dance performances in praise of Sindh and the Sindhi Community.

The dances portrayed the rich culture of the Sindhis and the way they celebrate various festivals. BTTC indeed stole away the prize by their spectacular dance performance on a medley of peppy Sindhi songs. The judges were thrilled by the vibrant, colorful and energizing event. Each of the judges gave their insights and later distributed the prizes. The competition came to a close with the recitation of the Sindhi Pallav and by giving the vote of thanks.



DAY 2

A MAGICAL DAY OF LAUGHTER AND DANCE

COMEDY CLAN

Day 2 of Faagun, 2019 was a day of laughter and dance. The first session was 'Comedy Clan' - an Interschool Stand-up Comedy Competition.

The rules of the contest were explained. The judges for the competition were Mr. Mukesh Ramani and Mr. Hoshang Maini. There were 11 teams from different schools who participated in this competition, each team comprising of two participants.



The event saw active participation from the young comedians and they gave each other a tough fight. The zeal of these young 11-14 year olds kept the show going strong with their eloquent performance. The audience witnessed many great performances but it was Suhani's act that created a laughter riot within the crowd. Their age by no means dampened their confidence. The enthusiasm of the event was further elevated with a power-packed performance by the son of our esteemed judge Mr. Mukesh Ramani.

After all the performances concluded, the judges gave their valuable inputs about how the participants could enhance themselves. All the students were awarded participation certificates by the Director and Principal of the college following which the winners were announced.

It was a golden moment for Marisa Kapadia and Suhani Shah from Queen Mary School as they aced the competition by winning the best Team Performance Trophy. It turned out to be a delightful morning filled with hilarity and excitement.



HUM TUM- INTER COLLEGIATE DUET DANCE COMPETITION

The second half of the day had the inter-collegiate duet dance competition - Hum Tum. The show witnessed some extraordinary performances by the very talented students of various colleges from Mumbai and was judged by well-known Directors and Choreographers like Mr. Yugi Shinde, Ms. Dhara Shah and Mr. Fadnis D'Costa.



At the beginning of the show, the judges were introduced to everyone and the rules for the competition were laid out.

Amongst the 11 participating colleges in Hum-Tum Duet Dance Competition, H.J College of Education, St. Xavier's College and R.D National College were some of the renowned colleges of this city, including of course, our very own college. The high level of energy of the performers burnt the floor. Incorporating props in their performances gave the act different layers. The audience was left in awe with the contemporary style performance by one of the teams.

The program ended with the judges addressing the audience, sharing their views on the performances and giving remarkable performances themselves. The winners of the competition were none other than the participants of Bombay Teachers' Training College. Day 2 of the Faagun MegaFest ended on a high note setting the bar very high for the next day's event. It wasn't just a break from the stressful routine but also a visual treat for the audience.



DAY 3**PERSONALITY CONTEST**

The air was abuzz with excitement as Day 3 of the Faagun MegaFest 2019 dawned. Two eventful days had raised expectations and added to the sense of anticipation and excitement. The much awaited 'Personality Contest' and 'Turn-a-Coat', a solo debate contest were scheduled for Day 3.

Our talented comperes Neha, Shivani and Angela from S.Y.B.Ed set the perfect tone for the day and ensured a seamless transition between sections of the program.

The Personality contest which assessed the personality and potential of the contestants was open only to bonafide students enrolled in the First Year of the Bachelor of Education degree. The esteemed panel of judges included Mr. Harish Mulchandani (Trustee, N.M.T. Academy), Ms. Guddi Advani (President, Seva Sadan Society) and Ms. Deepti Mankad (Director, Mind Speak). Ten colleges participated with two entries from each college. The contestants had to undergo three rounds, the first being a creative introductory round where they introduced themselves and spoke about their interests and passions. The second was the Question and Answer round, in which the judges posed challenging questions and contestants rose to the occasion giving answers that were intellectual and relevant. The final round saw them shimmying to music as they walked the ramp with grace and poise. The contestants were judged on criteria like creative self-introduction, communication skills, grace and poise and overall impression.

It was a tough decision for the judges as there were some close contenders for the title of 'Most Promising Teacher', but our recently inducted General Secretary Mrs. Bhagirathi Arvind carried away the winners' trophy with her perceptive responses and elegance.

**TURN - A - COAT**

'Turn-a-Coat', a solo debate competition is a new twisted form of debate wherein the contestant shifts allegiance from one loyalty or ideal to another. They are expected to think on their feet and display the presence of mind required to switch for or against the topic, as many times as needed. Contestants were given a topic through a lottery system just 2 minutes prior to going on stage. They had to conceptualize their ideas and think of creative ways to present their views for and against the assigned topics. 24 contestants from 12 colleges took up this daunting challenge and shifted views to the



sound of the buzzer. The judges for the event were Dr. Lakhbir Verma and Ms. Patricia Chandrashekhar. The topics for the 'Turn-a-Coat' contest reflected the progressive nature of our college. They were thought provoking, stimulating and included topics ranging from 'Online Shopping vs Street Shopping', 'Online dating', 'Marriage vs. Live-in relationships', 'Should laptops be allowed in classrooms', to 'Is it ok to marry an older woman?'.

One of the contestants from KC Law College, Mr. Vinay Nair, enthralled the audience with his wit and vigour. He adroitly switched loyalties on the topic 'Is it ok to marry an older woman?' and had the audience in splits with his humorous one liners. Well, it was not surprising that he won the well-deserved first place. The second place went to Mr. Swithin Moraes of St. Xavier's Institute of Education, and the third place to Ms. Angela George of Bombay Teachers' Training College.

INTRA- COLLEGIATE COMPETITIONS

There were a number of Intra-Collegiate Competitions organized for the B.T.T.C. students throughout the Faagun MegaFest 2019. They ranged from Cookery to Flower arrangement to Rangoli making.

The cooking competition was separated in two sections desserts and appetizers. The weightage of the challenge was on the nourishing quality of the dishes and its presentation and introduction. Every one of the delights was whipped up at home. A little introduction of the delectable item unveiled the mystery of the dish. There was a great deal of imagination found in the sumptuous showcase of nourishment!

The flower arrangement competition was conducted in sets and every team had to get all their requirements from home, ranging from flowers, fancy baskets to the other decorative material. All the efforts of the participants were evident in the elegant display of flowers. The Rangoli competition was a group competition. The theme of this Rangoli competition was "Golden Jubilee". Students made beautiful and intricate designs using flowers and various colors. The intra-class competitions were indeed very successful in bringing out the creative side of every student.



DAY 4

THE GRAND FINALE

The fourth day of the Faagun Mega Fest 2019 celebration was the Grand Finale - Musical Concert held at Rama and Sundri Watumull Auditorium, K. C. College, Churchgate on Thursday, the 7th of February 2019.

The F.Y.B.Ed. and the S.Y.B.Ed. students together took up the responsibility of decorating the auditorium and the passage enthusiastically.

The Chief Guest for the evening Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, IAS - Chairman, Mumbai Port Trust, the Guest of Honor, Mrs. Anuradha Bhatia, Chief Commissioner, Income Tax, along with the trustees of the HSNC Board Mr. Kishu Manshukhani and Mrs. Maya Shahani graced the occasion with their presence.

The evening opened with introductions by Dr. Mandeep Kochar and Dr. Rajeev Jha. It began with a graceful act in recognition of Lord Ganesha by the F.Y.B.Ed. followed by lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries and recital of the college prayer. Being the Golden Jubilee year of BTTC, a journey of the glorious 50 years since its inception was depicted through a collection of photographs and achievements.

The Chief Guest and the Guest of Honor shared their valuable experiences about their association with the BTTC family expressing how happy they were being a part of this special occasion. The Chief Guest, Guest of Honor, HSNC Board members, former Principal and former faculty members were felicitated for their remarkable contributions. It was then time to felicitate our teachers for their incessant efforts throughout the year – year-after-year! It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the students with their constant cheering.

We then began the much-awaited musical event with a performance by the very talented Vasudha Tiwari.

It was then time for Shivam and his band, Shivalaya to mesmerize the audience. It was a truly an entertaining evening with lively renditions by Shivam and his band performing songs from the 80s. The enthusiasm was very infectious.

Outside the auditorium, awaiting the audience were a myriad of accessory, clothing and food stalls, it was a joy shopping and tasting the delicacies offered in these stalls.

People left the auditorium in a spirit of love and happiness. What a magnificent end to the festivities!

THE GRAND FINALE

A PHOTOMONTAGE OF AN EXHILARATING EVENING



AN OBLATION TO GODDESS SARASWATI

Our mega fest- Faagun 2019 came to an end with a thanksgiving ritual. It is a tradition practiced in college to celebrate saraswati puja on Basant Panchmi. We celebrated the colourful and magical festival of 'Basant Panchmi', on 10th February 2019. The celebration began with the arrival of the priest, our gurus, our respected Director Dr. (Mrs.) Mintu Sinha and Principal Dr. Bhagwan Balani. The Saraswati puja began at 12pm. The lighting of Lamps, incense sticks, the chanting of mantras, offering of flowers to the goddess filled the air with the fragrance of holiness. The Saraswati Puja ended with an aura of positivity all around. The students were given customized pens with the students' name on it as souvenirs at the end of this auspicious celebration.



CAMPUS RECRUITMENT

“IN RECRUITING, THERE ARE NO GOOD OR BAD EXPERIENCES—

JUST LEARNING EXPERIENCES.”

The B.T.T.C. Campus Recruitment for the Academic Year 2017-2019 took place on the 26th of February, 2019 in the college premises. The recruitment was for three courses that the college offers - B.Ed, E.C.E.P and D.El.Ed. Dr. Bhagwan Balani and Dr. Lubna Mansuri were the educators in charge for the enlistment drive. All the participating schools had RSVP'd and affirmed with the organizers before the enlistment day. The students were guided to construct their CVs successfully by experts. Mock meeting sessions were organised before the enlistment day to enable students to perform to the best of their potential. Dr. Mansuri effectively conducted the drive by assigning responsibilities among the other students who volunteered for the day.

With more than 26 schools enlisting for Campus Recruitment this year, the ambience of B.T.T.C. changed from busy to business with the smartly dressed students making new acquaintances with the interviewers across all floors. Refreshments for the day were sponsored by Bisleri, Camy Wafers, Dark Fantasy, Honeybell and Monginis. The prospective teachers and F.Y.B.Ed student volunteers made sure the interviewers were well occupied all through the day.

It was a major day for the S.Y.B.Ed students and we encountered a wide array of feelings from nervousness, fervor, certainty and exhaustion to triumph. Everybody got an opportunity to meet



the school they wished to work with in the future. It was advantageous for the students to choose considering there were schools from over the city. In the page that follows, are pictures that reflect the angst and excitement that filled the air. Some of the Recruiting schools were Podar Education Network, Fazlani L'Academie Globale, Bright Star Fellowship International, Alexandra Girls High School, Shishuvan, and Seva Sadan Sadan.

SINDHI LINGUISTIC MINORITY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS' CONFERENCE

Being a Sindhi Minority college, Bombay Teachers' Training College was glad to organize the Sindhi Linguistic Minority Educational Institutions' Conference on 1st March, 2019 at BTTC, in collaboration with the National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL).

There were more than 200 Sindhi delegates with 61 from different states of India. Individuals and staff from different Sindhi Colleges and Institutions like Jai Hind College, H. R. School of Commerce and Economics, R. K. Talreja College, K. C. College of Management Studies, K. C. Law College, Chandibai Himatmal Mansukhani College, Swami Vivekanand Education Society, R. D. National College,



M. M. K College, Seva Sadan College and some more, participated in the conference. Dr. (Mrs.) Maya Lulla, former principal of Bombay Teachers' Training College graced the occasion with her presence. The whole teaching and non-teaching staff of Bombay Teachers' Training College joined.

- Shri Virendra Kukreja: Chairman Standing Committee of Nagpur Municipal Corporation.
- Shri Gurmukh Jagwani: Vice Chairman, Maharashtra Sindhi Sahitya Academy
- Shri Satish Modh: Director VES Institute of Management
- Mr. Kishu Mansukhani: Former President and Trustee of HSNC Board
- Shri Mahesh Tejawani: President of Vivekanand Education Society
- Dr. Bhagwan Balani, In Charge Principal, Bombay Teachers' Training College
- Shri R. A. Bhagia: Member NCPSL
- Dr. Ajeet Manyal: Member NCPSL

The points talked about were the different issues looked by the Sindhi minority. The speakers referenced diverse manner by which Sindhi as a language can be advanced and safeguarded. Dr. Navin Punjabi, an assistant professor of H. R. College of Commerce and Economics, proposed the utilization of hashtag via web-based networking media at whatever point a Sindhi social program is held, with the goal that the young knows since they can identify with hashtags. The meeting finished with congratulating the visitors pursued by a delightful supper. Dr. Bhagwan Balani gave the official statement of gratitude. The students of BTTC performed a group dance flawlessly and received a grand applause. What an honor, we are truly proud!

THE SINDHI LANGUAGE LEARNING COURSE

To access a language is to access another soul

Bombay Teachers' Training College believes in diversity. We at BTTC celebrate almost all festivals be it Navratri, Guru Purab or Cheti Chand. BTTC is a Sindhi minority college. Despite the fact that the institution believes in celebrating diverse cultures, promotion and preservation of its own culture has always been the prime focus.

With this mindset, BTTC collaborated with NCPSL for the Sindhi Beginner level Course about the National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language –

The National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL) is an established autonomous registered body under department of higher education, Ministry of Human Resource Development. The headquarters of the council is in New Delhi.

The main objectives of the NCPSL are

1. To undertake any activity for the promotion of Sindhi language
2. To propagate Sindhi Language
3. To work on knowledge of scientific and technological advances in Sindhi language

Although this course was optional, a lot of students were keen and determined to be part. Our Principal, Dr. Bhagwan Balani constantly encouraged and motivated all his Sindhi Students to converse in Sindhi, a beautiful language that carries with it cultural significance. We were familiarized with the Sindhi Culture, discussing everything, right from Sindhi dance styles to Sindhi cuisine.

Dr. Bhagwan Balani made it a point to conduct additional Sindhi language learning classes where he assisted students to overcome difficulties in speaking and understanding the language.

This year, the Sindhi students of Bombay Teachers' Training College opted for the elementary level course on the 17th February 2019. Following this, the students appeared for an elementary level examination, a two hour written paper, followed by oral examination which was taken by Dr. Bhagwan Balani.

Every student who appeared for this exam, did so with great gusto. The successful completion of an exam like this opens door for students to apply for a variety of jobs in Sindhi minority institutions.

VISITING THE NEHRU SCIENCE CENTRE

Science is a great antidote to the poison of enthusiasm and superstition

With this thought in mind, an excursion was planned to the Nehru Science Centre on the 22nd of February, 2019, by Dr. Bhagwan Balani and Dr. Rajiv Jha, the in-charge faculty members of the Science Club. What a great way to celebrate the National Science Day!

The visit was organized with the aim of giving the student teachers an opportunity to experience the magical and mind boggling developments in the field of science to enhance their understanding of the boundless possibilities in the world of science.

This aim was truly achieved as the day went by. We were fortunate to have witnessed a first-hand screening of the exciting documentary, 'Mission to the Sun'. As we all know, our Sun is a dynamic star and we live in the sun's atmosphere but did you know that we have a spacecraft -Parker Solar Probe - built, tested and probing the outer corona of the Sun as we speak?

This critical mission is undertaken to understand the link in the Sun-Earth connections and to forecast the weather in space. The Parker Solar Probe will be humanities first attempt to "touch" the Sun.

Our bid to know more was readily satisfied by Ms. Chanda and her team who organized several demonstrations for the BTTC students. The experiments conducted were exceptionally good and managed to spark their minds.

As aspiring teachers we were inspired, our conviction that science needs to be taught with demonstration only got stronger. In all, the visit to the Nehru Science Centre was interesting and fun but most importantly, magical! We kid you not. We felt like curious little children awaiting for more. The visit was fulfilling in all aspects and the students were grateful for the experience.



SPORTS DAY

The most awaited event of the academic year, the sports day, was held on the 15th of February'19 at the Wellington Back Gardens, Colaba at 7 am.

The students and teachers of all the courses arrived with great enthusiasm and spirit to celebrate a day filled with fun and sportsmanship. The volunteers took up the task of getting the field ready for everyone to participate in an array of events lined up.



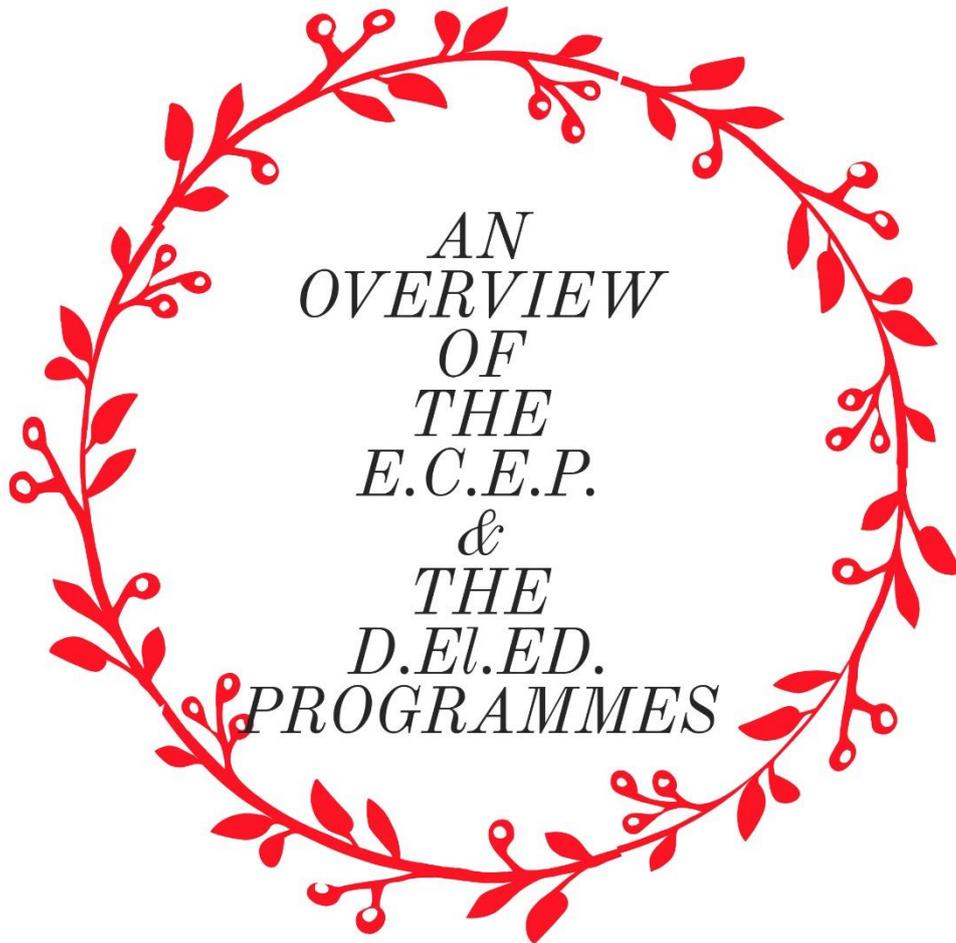
A number of events were planned out for the day, for instance: Box Cricket, a 100 meters run, lemon and spoon race, potato race and the infamous shot put showdown.

All students including the teachers eagerly awaited for the culminating event of the day, the beloved game *Tug of War*. To everyone's delight, the teachers also participated with great enthusiasm and offered their support to all. The ground was filled with cheer which encouraged the teams to give it their all. As we wound up, the Principal, Dr Bhagwan Balani along with the faculty members announced the winners of the day and distributed certificates. What an eventful and exhilarating day indeed!

THE PRIYADARSHINI ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Priyadarshni Academy was set up in the year 1985 by Emeritus Nanik Rupani. The academy provides educational scholarships to financially needy and deserving candidates. Mr. Nanik Rupani, the founder and chairman believes that Service to Mankind is the best one can do in one's lifetime. The Academy has not only given a helping hand to those who have no means to support their learning but also gives them an impetus to succeed in their chosen fields. Our student beneficiaries have been able to steer their vision to the things that matter most- academics- and not having to worry about financial crunch.

As Nelson Mandela puts it, Education is indeed the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. The Priyadarshini Academy recognizes this and has been a staunch pillar to those who are most in need. We are extremely grateful to the Academy for supporting, encouraging and helping aspiring students all over the country to advance in their chosen fields.



*AN
OVERVIEW
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THE
E.C.E.P.
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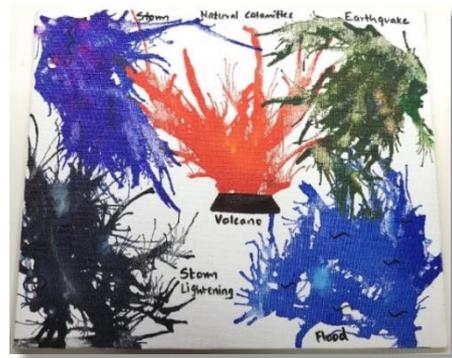
THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

PUPPETRY

Puppetry is a very interesting way to teach children different types of concepts. Such concepts could range from anything from alphabets, numbers to topics in the field of science and art. To do justice to his claim we had to put it in practice. The students from the E.C.E.P. performed puppet shows in different groups. Each group had the liberty to choose their own topics and also to choose what kind of puppet they would use.

There was a group that used stick puppet and the theme was sea life. Another group used shadow puppet theatre to narrate a story. One group used stick puppet of characters from the movie inside out to narrate a story of a little girl and her emotions. Another group used puppet to narrate a story with a moving background. One group used puppets from Doremon to narrate a story.

Each group presented very well. Each group had a different and unique part about it. Finally for the results the group that performed using inside out characters won the third place. The group that had the moving background won second place. And the first place went to the group that narrated the story using Doremon puppets.



DIPLOMA IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

The Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.)- A two-year teacher education programme- began in the year 2005. The vision of inclusivity has always been part of the D.El.Ed. programme's ethos. As strong advocates of inclusive school instruction – in its true sense- we work tirelessly to bridge social and gender gaps in our own classrooms at BTTC and those beyond.

The D.El.Ed. course is recognized by the National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) and conducted by the Maharashtra State Council of Educational Research and Training (MSCERT).The earlier nomenclature of the programme was Diploma in Teacher Education (D.T.Ed.) till the academic year 2015-16.

Thus far, the institution has helped nurture students into enthusiastic and capable teachers. Our Alumni are spread over various schools in South Mumbai and beyond. Here at BTTC, we constantly do everything in our power to create an environment that helps equip students with critical skills needed to excel in the real world.

In the year gone by, we have had a multitude of activities to complement academic study. Besides being part of every activity celebrated in the college, The D.El.Ed. has also curated expert workshops. It has been a trend since 2011-12, when we first introduced activities to the likes of puppet making, Pidilite craft and art workshops. In the following page you will witness a snippet of the learning, energy and effort that defines who we truly are. Enjoy!

It is pertinent to note that the students of the D.El.Ed. course, under the guidance of their programme coordinator, Ms. Sapna Chhabria, have always done a stellar job at everything undertaken.

Every backdrop simulation or decor set –up that has amazed you, has been curated by our very own D.El.Ed Students.

Catering to unimaginable deadlines and creating 'gold' out of mundane resources has always been a regular drill with these miracle workers.

It is quite amazing to see, that even in its diversity, BTTC as a college has maintained an ethos of unity and intimacy so meaningfully.

PIDILITE WORKSHOP

BTTC has been known for shaping teachers that are needed in today's society. Our college looks at the holistic development of each child. To grow our skills in the field of art and creativity, BTTC arranges expert workshops that impart specific skills. One consistent workshop has been in collaboration with with Pidilite.

We've learnt ways to manipulate materials to suit the needs of in and out of classrooms. The products we have managed to churn out using this knowledge have been nothing short of wonderful. To name a few techniques -just in case you as a reader would like to look it up - have included, shilpkar work using clay on glass. In addition, we have explored canvas painting and knife painting. Most of us have no idea of the how good we were with artwork until now. It was a beautiful unraveling of everybody's artistic gifts. As the months passed by, we took advantage of the arrival of festivities to learn even more. In October, we were taught the art of making alluring lanterns with glass paints, sheets and some sticks. Who knew magnificence could come out of literally nothing expensive. This was yet again, a big learning for each of us, born out of a generation that in a constant string of splurging and earning.

With the advent of the New Year, there was something already planned for us. We were introduced to the world of 'Warli'. An indigenous art form that each of us took immediate interest in. As we look back, there is so much that we have learnt and experienced, this past year.

HINDI DIVAS

Hindi Divas is celebrated on the 14th of September every year. Celebrating Languages has always brought a sense of awareness, sensitivity and immense joy to each one of us here at BTTC. This year, the S.Y.D.El.Ed. Students conducted the Hindi divas programme under the guidance of Dr. Manisha Tyagi. We know that Hindi is one of the official languages of India according to Article 343 of the Indian constitution. It is a language that is spoken in its varying dialects by a population of 125 million.



The theme of the celebration this year was, 'Knowing your states through the medium of the Hindi language.' In this energetic program, all the S.Y.D.El.Ed. Students participated and formed groups. Each group represented different states, right from starting from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. Each one entered center stage conveying through a performance, the location, culture and specialties of the land. The audience was pleasantly amazed at the diversities in their very own country. Being the Hindi Divas day, everything said and done was through the glorious Indo- Aryan Language of Hindi.

END OF AN ERA

"To part is the fate of all mankind. The world is a scene of constant leave-taking, and the hands that group in cordial greeting today, are doomed ere long to unite for the last time when the quivering lips pronounce the word – Farewell", rightly said R. M. Ballantyne, a Scottish author.

We the students of Bombay Teachers' Training College under the guidance of Dr. Mandeep Kochar, organised a grand farewell on 28th February 2019. A day filled with mixed emotions for all who were present in the college auditorium to witness the official farewell of respected and beloved director Dr. Mrs. Mintu Sinha. The auditorium was festooned with a carpet of rose petals and fairy lights. The programme commenced with students welcoming ma'am in the auditorium by showering her with flowers and singing in chorus the evergreen song 'wo haseena zulfo wali' dedicating it to her. As everyone settled, the compère gave a short gist of ma'am's journey of dedication and commitment to B.T.T.C. It was followed by a video giving a brief flashback of ma'am's glorious 24 years at B.T.T.C. To uplift everyone's spirits, few of the S.Y.B.Ed students danced to ma'am's favourite melodies. The enthusiastic F.Y.B.Ed. students were not to be left behind; they put together an enthralling performance using melodies from the '70s as well as some current songs.

Our principal in charge, Dr. Bhagwan Balani expressed his gratitude on behalf of everyone for raising the college to such great heights. He assured everyone that he would carry forward with the same vigour and zest as displayed in abundance by his predecessor. Dr. Sinha was honoured by the entire faculty, students and supporting staff presenting her with a token of appreciation and love. With this Dr. Mintu Sinha who was then in a flurry of overpowering emotions, composed herself and appreciated everyone while reminiscing her time here. Mandeep ma'am thanked her for her graciousness and wished her a blissful journey ahead on behalf of everyone.

In an emotionally surcharged atmosphere inside the auditorium, the farewell ceremony concluded with the melody, "hum rahe ya na rahe yaad aayenge yeh pal..."





*“You’ve marched on
into the world of hard
knocks with a head held
high a heart filled with
hope.”*

ALUMNI --- MEMORABILIA

A COLLEGE PAR EXCELLENCE

When I was around 21 years old, I finished with Degree College in the stream of Commerce. At that point of time I wanted them to be the last years of formal education. I suddenly felt the need to be free from textbooks, choose a career and start working.

10 years passed between my graduation and my entry into BTTC in the year 2009. During this duration, I did everything as I had planned. I pursued my hobbies, gave tuitions and did my B.A in English. They truly were wonderful years of achievement. But as time went by I felt that I needed to do something more. Something that would combine my abilities to teach, explore the world of knowledge and help others to explore it in return. Before long, I applied for my B.Ed course... and after much effort, I discovered BTTC. All I can say, that it was a find of a lifetime.

The thought of going back to college felt strange. When I entered BTTC's main lecture room I suddenly realized that I was one of the older students. Others were just freshers out of college- barely over 21. Well, age is just a number! I met and interacted with students from other states, speaking varying languages, from different age groups and educational backgrounds. The wonderful part was that BTTC gave me the opportunity to feel like a college student once again. Jeans, t-shirt, a bag full of books and morning musing. Our professors too were so vibrant and unique. I sat on the first bench (something I had never done in my life) through their lectures, and took part with great enthusiasm. I had many questions. What struck me was their open-mindedness towards allowing their students to ask questions, express opinions and ponder over and challenge fixed perceptions and norms. When the day was over, I spent several long minutes gazing at the studding view of the city skyline through the windows of the college.

They say that we learn by doing. BTTC provided those learning experiences that brought this motto to life. It was not a senseless stream of back-to-back lectures, heartless assignments and gruesome tests. Events like Atarchakshu, BTTC week, Annual Day, dance competitions, cultural celebrations, dramas, social service, blood donation drive, inter-collegiate events, marches for the awareness for animal rights, sports day, poster- making competitions, intra and inter-collegiate events, world environment day, micro-teaching and practice teaching modules allowed me to spread the wings of imagination and growth. It showed me that education is multi-faceted process. What amazed me so much was that we conceptualized, planned, organized, implemented and controlled these programmes on our own. We felt a sense of pride and ownership when the programme went off well. BTTC taught us that the fruit of hard work is sweet... and that the processes involved in our tasks can be fun, engaging and fruitful.

I can say that keeping up with all these programmes along was quite a challenge. Some of my friends wept. I at times, grumbled for I had only heard of the term, 'multi-tasking'. BTTC however, threw us into the lake of multi-tasking and said, "Now swim! We are there for you. We are there to guide you". I can confidently say that the college endowed me with a survival skill. I enjoyed being a part of their lectures, taking notes, maintaining subject files, making

lesson plans, taking feedback from them and then getting them approved. I enjoyed that they were both friendly, yet were particular about receiving assignment on time...especially during research projects.

As one professor said to us, that the B.Ed course has stages; namely- crawling, walking, jogging, running, sprinting and flying... where each successive stage being tougher than the previous one. But I can say that I cherished each stage. I yet cherish those bonds and keep them alive.

Our teachers were always there for us. Under the unwavering leadership of Dr. Mintu Sinha, they taught us how to fish rather than give us a fish to eat. They were approachable, patient listeners, humorous, witty, open-minded communicators and invaluable mentors. They figured out our strengths and areas that required close attention. They forced us to wonder, question, discover and learn about the seamless oceans of knowledge and education. They too were advancing themselves by pursuing their doctorate degrees. It truly proved to me that people are 'life-long learners.' My batch-mates studied hard, celebrated each day, pulled each other's leg, laughed, paid attention in class, worked with each other and supported each other in times of need. I felt that I had done and achieved so much in the ten month course. And this bore fruit. I was selected as the 'Most Enthusiastic Student of the Year' and 'Best Teacher in Geography'. I forged strong bonds with teachers, batch-mates and even the support staff and administrative staff, who are fabulous. I still cherish them today.

I admit that I now only visit BTTC a couple of times a year- sometimes to meet my teachers while at other times as a guest speaker. But the collective warmth with which everyone receives me every time I show up makes me feel like a college student again, who would give anything to go through the journey of education and rediscover the wonders of learning. To say that I am indebted to Bombay Teachers' Training College and its faculty is an understatement. I congratulate the college on completing 50 years towards being a centre for excellence in education.

By: - Mr Sarosh Baria

B.Ed. Batch of 2009-10

❖ I feel nostalgic as I pen down a few lines about BTTC. I started my journey with BTTC as an intern and to my good fortune I got an opportunity to join the college as a Lecturer for B.Ed.

Working for more than 4 ½ years with BTTC gave me an exposure to teach different subjects at different levels. I feel fortunate to have met few lecturers like Dr. Balani & Dr. Meenakshi Lath from whom I learnt to be selfless at work especially for students. Also Dr. Mandeep and Dr. Lubna for being supportive and encouraging and Dr. Neelu who so gracefully joined the gang after I left. The college became by second home and I got a chance to interact with wonderful students. I also was a Phd student with BTTC under the guidance of Dr. Mintu Sinha. The short journey was full of knowledge, skills, dance, art and creative work. One of the best days of my life was the one I spent in BTTC as a lecturer and as a learner.

I hope BTTC reaches more new heights by making a mark through quality education and churning out the best teachers.

By: - Dr. Deepti Mankad

❖ BTTC was not just a college but like a second home for me. The teachers and their strong support helped me traverse this journey and build my career. My best experience was during practice teaching where I experienced teaching students for the very first time. This would not have been possible without the immense support and guidance from the staff at BTTC. It is a journey that helped me realize my true potential and taught me to face challenges head on. It has helped me to grow and made me what I am today. I shall cherish these memories for the rest of my life.

By: - Anisa Ladak

B.Ed. Batch: 2010-2011

❖ Unforgettable moments- BTTC Poem
Years have passed. Yet feels like yesterday
Where the journey began and
BTTC made possible the way.
Scared was I, on my first day.
But it wasn't the same on my last day.

So what happened is quite a story!
Which in my life bought, confidence and glory.
The troop of teachers like battalion they appear
Hard from out, but soft and supportive from near.

The challenges and pressure of work to complete.
All made me tough and capable to compete.
BTTC brings about a transition in you
And it transforms you into someone new

I owe my gratitude to this place
A heaven for learning and imparting knowledge to human race.
Love and luck to all at BTTC.

By: - Dr. Shahana Pathan
Counseling Psychologist

B.Ed. Batch: 2011-12

- ❖ I was very fortunate to do my B.Ed. from BTTC and on the occasion of 50th golden jubilee year, I would like to extend my gratitude to the entire faculty for shaping me into an able teacher. The teachers at BTTC are dedicated, approachable whose constant guidance and encouragement helped me to flourish as a confident teacher. I am also thankful to BTTC for the lifelong friends I made during the course.

Here's wishing BTTC many more glorious years and success in all its endeavors.

By:- Binita Miyani

B.Ed. Batch: 2012-13

- ❖ My memories start with the name BTTC itself. It's rare to have so many wonderful people under the same roof. I am blessed to have received the precious guidance of the esteemed Professors of the college. Every lecture, every hurdle, every event at the college has given me a chance to learn and unlearn at the same time. There is no better grind to undergo than the one at BTTC, if you wish to shine as a diamond!

By: - Ruchira Chatterjee

B.Ed. Batch: 2013-14

- ❖ I consider myself fortunate to be a part of the most coveted teachers training institute in Mumbai and I say this because I have experienced this when applying to schools for a teacher's position. It is due to BTTC that I secured a job in one of the best schools in the city. It is commendable to mention that BTTC has an association with some of the most recognized educational institutions for "practice teaching" and "campus recruitment". The courses at BTTC are designed in such a way that it prepared me to utilize my skills to create a holistic learning environment for my students. The professors at BTTC have always strived to strike a balance between curriculum and fun activities. Their relentless guidance and confidence in each of their students inspired me to work hard and be a teacher who is remembered by all. I will always be indebted to BTTC and its professor who has been a pillar in helping me reach my goals.

By: - Amina Lokhandwala

B.Ed. Batch: 2013-14

- ❖ My career journey started with BTTC. It helped me just not only to sharpen all my skills well but also enriched my creativity. The friendly teachers groomed and prepared us so well that we are now spontaneous confident teachers already set to share and teach the world. I am a proud student of BTTC who is and always be grateful to the college. BTTC not only made us the best teachers but also blessed us with beautiful staff like family. May the college always prosper and reach new heights every year.

Thank you!

By: - Ghazala Mansuri

D.Ed. & B.Ed. Batch: 2013-14

- ❖ It was a great experience and learning to be a part of this esteemed institution. The educators and the help provided by each one of them were commendable. They made everything seem easy, reaching heights didn't look like a task. Here I'm teaching in an international school for past 3 years, and everyday spent at BTTC counts in each in my school too.

By: - Aesha Shah Jhaveri

B.Ed. Batch: 2013-2014

- ❖ Bombay Teachers' Training College (BTTC) has been a home to me for that one year of my B.Ed. in 2013-14. With a plethora of eminent Professors, it has been the smoothest journey for me. With several challenges that we have to face throughout the course period, it was my teachers who never said a "No" to help us. Their guidance, the teaching methods, that immense knowledge and expertise in their fields has brought me to this stand where I am today. Well, I am a "Cambridge English Teacher" with one of the excellent schools in the city. The facilities provided to us, the extreme detailed knowledge, even if it meant repeating them to make us understand, was all always provided by BTTC. The staff here at BTTC office have always been very kind in making this journey a fruitful one. The college provides with a vast range of resources and guides to help you work on your assignments. The schools, in which we went for our practice, teaching lessons gave us a platform to explore our skills, build up the knowledge and expand our thinking.

It is pride to be associated with this institution and be one of the many in these 50 years!!

By: - Ms Neha Kharbanda

B.Ed. Batch: 2013-2014

- ❖ *"Where Dreams Come True"-- 'It's a beautiful thing when a career and a passion come together.'*

I have always been passionate about teaching. Teaching is my life source. Bombay Teachers' Training College (BTTC), my alma mater, has been instrumental in helping me convert my passion into a career.

My beliefs about teaching, and my ideas about what kind of a teacher I wished to be, were solidified during my training at BTTC. By observing my professors, I learnt the importance of developing the love of learning within students.

BTTC embodies an institution that firmly believes in providing a stimulating educational environment to all students so that they can reach their full potential. As a student teacher, I too imbibed this desire of creating a warm and caring environment for all my students. BTTC understands the importance of providing opportunities for students to be involved in the decision-making process and execution of various events. Being a member of the student council strengthened my leadership and problem-solving skills. The early morning assemblies conducted at BTTC built a culture of togetherness and fostered a feeling of 'community' within each of us. College Magazines have great educative value and as a core member of the Editorial team for our

college magazine 'Metamorphosis,' I developed a sense of responsibility and gained confidence about my writing skills. It was a platform for all students to showcase their talents and express themselves in a distinct way.

I shall always be thankful to my alma mater for all of the above, but most of all, I shall be thankful because it taught me that *"Teachers who love teaching, teach children to love learning"*.

By: - Karishma Talreja

B.Ed. Batch: 2013-14

❖ I passed out from BTTC in 2015 but the learning & memories are still fresh. In BTTC, the learning was not restricted to lectures, there were outings, activities, special guests, interactive discussions, and celebrations that helped us connect with our fellow classmates & develop individually. The faculty was approachable & the infrastructure was very well equipped with technology to enhance our learning experience. I'm glad I was a part of the BTTC family!

By: Hinal Vakharia

B.Ed. Batch: 2014-2015

❖ BTTC taught me how to learn and not just learn ,rather learn for life. The innumerable times that I found myself on the stage at BTTC, be it for dance, drama or elocutions I grew more confident. Being a part of the Student Council and the Magazine Committee was the cherry on top of the cake! Each moment spent at BTTC was grueling, and absolutely worth it.

By: - Samina Agwan

B.Ed. Batch: 2015-17

❖ An institution excels because of its faculty. Likewise what make Bombay Teachers' Training College stand as an epitome in the field of Teachers' Training is its unmatched faculty. Unknowingly, our day-to-day activities are derived from the lessons learnt in the spacious 9th floor classroom. They are handy tools always at our dispersal. Our professors while guiding us through the B.Ed. Curriculum silently imbibed in us the quality of being a good human. We did feel the pressure as the training was too rigorous. But, in present times I am able to shoulder all responsibilities assigned to me effortlessly. Silently, we learnt to overcome constraint. When I reflect on myself 4 years ago and now, I find a lot of improvement within me, a person who is more compassionate and diligent.

With heaps of gratitude, I wish to thank BTTC and my dear professors for bringing out the teacher in me. Your guidance and support will stay with me forever.

By: - Arva Mithaiwala

B.Ed. Batch: 2015-17

- ❖ *“The institution is a small building of numerous experiences and valuable lessons”.*

The lessons taught where for school, but they didn't ended there. They helped me in journey called life. The class, the professors, infrastructure, office bearers and all those who helped me through the special and precious part of absorbing the knowledge.

An extended thanks to the BTTC family for the self-confidence you engrained in me and making me believe in me once more.

By: - Avni Lilani

B.Ed. Batch: 2016-18

- ❖ BTTC has undoubtedly taught me great lessons in life. The biggest of them is learning to be patient and striving till my level best, it's been a tough journey but with the Friends and amazing teachers it passed away soon.

All depends on how positive you take life!-

By: - Arsheen

B.Ed. Batch: 2016-18

“Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, caliber and future of an individual. If the people remember me as a good teacher that will be the biggest honor for me.”

- Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

ARTICLES FROM THE STUDENT COMMUNITY

*Let your voice echo, even if you think it's just the
mountains that hear you*



DEAR FIRST YEARS – AN INKLING OF WHAT IS TO COME

Ticking off that checklist of desires, when you're in your second year on the verge of completing your professional Teacher Training course, a job is really high on your agenda. Having been on a rollercoaster ride learning to be a teacher, facilitator, and guide, the result then is more than just a grade on your mark sheet. It is being recruited into a school that fits your ideologies and expectations.

Schools themselves have evolved immensely over the years. From the State and National to the International boards the methods of teaching are being rethought at every turn. For us, it all boils down to what we want and what we get. Somewhere there needs to be a reasonable exchange.

This is also a time when friendships, emotions, and time management are all at stake. Everyone around you is getting a job or at least getting calls and maybe you're not. It can be quite frustrating. Schools release vacancies as per their schedules. So hang in there. Everything will work out in time. Or running around managing your daily college timetable and giving demos in several schools can test your grit. After all you have been trained to give your best under extreme pressure. You've got to be good at it by now. Another factor for this confidence that you will be placed comes from the very fact that you bear the esteemed privilege of being a student of Bombay Teachers' Training College. That can work like a charm on your resume.

The criteria for a job, for you could be growth potential, a particular board, the school environment, the payscale, travel convenience, or something as simple as the general vibe. For the school, the criteria could be qualifications, teaching experience, manner of presentation, basic etiquette, content knowledge, ability to think critically, be creative and so on. When all these parameters coincide, you're hired!

All those sleepless nights, re-writing of lesson plans, meeting assignment deadlines, surviving research will bear fruit. Just keep at it. In the meantime, work on adorning your resume by participating in everything that college organizes; research about the schools you would want to apply to (it's never too early to start) write what you feel, read more than just your syllabus and talk. Contribute in class every day. When you're used to answering questions, expressing your opinions at the interview will be a cakewalk.

Just remember, no school or student is bad, you need to be everything your student needs you to be. Be an artist, be a performer, be a drama queen, be hilarious, be the life of your institution, that's when you'll know what more you can be.

Regards,

A Happy New Recruit.

- *Angela George*

THE WORLD AROUND MY OWN

*As I walk home, in a world of my own..
Thoughts pouring in my head..
Self doubt, and feeling like a disgrace...
The blame game starts and the world seems like a misplace...
Am I? In the right place or am I? In a WORLD living through disgrace...
I feel broken, no where to be...
No home to go too...No place to be..*

*As I sit there, I see a young man carrying his disabled brother in his arms...
Like something so precious, that he would never want to be part...
To protect him, even though they may be poles apart!
His love, draws me to think...
To see the cloud with the silver lining...*

*As I smile, looking at this...
There's a child who's big black eyes..
Stare right back in my soul..
Telling me this it's okay to sometimes feel broken
I see the way he wipes the tears from his mother's face..
Who's beaten, black and blue
And looks like a disgrace..*

*This makes me reflect, on thoughts of my own
To never feel ungrateful for the things that I own
To love and be loved, Is what I was taught
To give one cheek for the other, Is what I always thought..
No matter how big the burden, it always passes through time..
And I lift myself, through the turmoil
As I tell myself this...
There's always gonna be another mountain...to climb
Breathe...let go and live life..one day at a time!!*

-Kelly Gracias

**SEARCHING SHADOWS
(ENGAGING ME)**

*Walking in this endless labyrinth
I search perhaps in vain
Eternity seems to have come too soon
I have yet to rid the stains
My days appear long, almost endless
The nights have no more faces*

*Time & space seem paltry emotions
Looking for a mirror to unstitch this
mystery
I'm engaging me*

*I slide deeper & deeper in this abyss
Yet I see no rainbow
Is there light at the end of this tunnel
Will I see its bright glow?
I'm here and my search I can't stop
It's here, but can it be found?*

*Time & space seem paltry emotions
Looking for a mirror to unstitch this
mystery
I'm engaging me*

*Darting blind & unruly, I grope this dark
Need a star to light the way
Hidden voices scream out my name
They tell me prosaic tales
Searching and unravelling new enigmas
Uncouth & wise in here I feel*

*Time & space seem paltry emotions
Looking for a mirror to unstitch this
mystery
I'm engaging me*

*Walking again and again in this labyrinth
Such a search never ends
Eternity seems to have no meaning
To seek is to rid the stains
Days appear long and short and endless
Phantasms are the night's faces*

*Time & space seem paltry emotions
Looking for a mirror to unstitch this
mystery
I'm engaging me*

- **Indrani Sakorka**

FEAR IS THE CREATION OF YOUR MIND

Disquietude gradually develops and stays with us forever if we don't take a charge of our own minds. The soma is bestowed on us by the almighty and mind is just a gadget that we are supposed to make use of wisely. We often forget the wonders of controlling the mind and ruling the roost with the abilities that we possess or acquire over the period of time. Fear just creeps in the moment we let loose the string we've been holding on so tight. We consternate ourselves by overthinking and be terrified of the things that are just there in the universe with us, that are meant to be a part of our lives. *What comes to your mind when you hear the word 'FEAR'?* Do you start thinking of the things that bring you the emotion of fear or the situations that have developed that feeling in your mind? Some have the fear of water and some, the fear of height whilst some of us simply have the phobia of fear itself. In this world full of opportunities, we choose to let our insecurities overcome the scope of growth and suffer a huge setback.



It's all an illusion that your mind creates or wait that you let your mind fabricate for you. What are you afraid of? What do you fear? When you have been given the ability to create the reality, to choose your actions that will set your mind free of any thoughts that question your strength and sanguinity.

Maneuver your mind in the direction that the end result leads to your furtherance. The question now arises; how do we accomplish this task? It definitely is not a cakewalk when it comes to gain mastery over the emotions that have been pulling you down and staggering your growth.

The first thought that you need to stick by is that you rule your mind and body and with that being said, you reign over your emotions. You have got the power to channelize your thoughts in the right direction. Meditation can prove to transmute angst to placidness. You will gradually find yourself in a place where you no longer experience the feeling of fear. zMeditate the moment you wake up and before going off to bed at night. Close your eyes and think yourself as a free spirit who can't be weighed down by the sense of foreboding. Choose the path of courage over fear and liberate yourself from the ponderous postulation.

-Harshita Advani



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