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*"May this year be a chapter of resilience, wisdom, and continuous self-improvement"
All the best for the **New Academic Year!!***



B. K. Birla College (Autonomous), Kalyan

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University of Mumbai has conferred
'Empowered Autonomous Status' to
B. K. Birla College, Kalyan for the period of
ten years from the academic year **2023-24 to 2032-33**



Cycle Rally on occasion of International Bicycle Day

On the bright morning of Sunday, the 4th of June 2023, the campus of B. K. Birla College of Commerce and Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation (KDMC) came alive with the vibrant energy of cyclists and environmental enthusiasts. The occasion was a well-coordinated "Cycle Rally" organized by BKBCCK in collaboration with KDMC, commemorating both International Bicycle Day and Environment Day.

The event commenced at 6:00 am amidst a palpable sense of excitement and purpose. Dr. Bhausaheb Dandge, an esteemed figure in the administrative realm as the IAS Commissioner of KDMC, graced the occasion as the chief guest. With a ceremonial flag-off, Dr. Dandge initiated the rally, setting the wheels in motion for a day filled with camaraderie and eco-consciousness.

Joining the ranks of dignitaries were notable personalities such as Dr. Naresh Chandra, Director (Education), BKBCCK, Shri Prashant Bhagwat, Nodal Officer for the Cycle Rally, KDMC and Dr. Harish Dubey, I/C Principal, B. K. Birla Night College. The rally saw enthusiastic participation from various cycling groups including the Kalyan Cyclist Foundation, Dombivli Cyclist Group, Hirkani Mahila Cyclist Group, Palava Cyclist Group, Team Bike port, and many others. Each group brought their unique flair and passion for cycling, adding to the collective fervour of the event. It also underscored the importance of preserving and protecting the environment, aligning perfectly with the spirit of Environment Day

As the cyclists pedalled through the streets, their synchronized efforts echoed a resounding message of unity and dedication towards building a greener, healthier future. With each revolution of the wheels, they propelled not just themselves but also a vision of sustainable living and environmental stewardship.

The Cycle Rally organized by BKBCCK in partnership with KDMC stood as a testament to the power of collective action and community engagement in championing environmental causes. The activity was coordinated by Dr. Vandana Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Science under the guidance of Dr. Sonal Tawde, Incharge of the department.

BKBCK Celebrates World Environment Day with Vigorous Initiatives.

On Monday, the 5th of June 2023, the Department of Environmental Science at B. K. Birla College of Commerce (BKBCK) a series of impactful events to commemorate World Environment Day, embodying the spirit of environmental sustainability. Tree Plantation and Mega Plastic Waste Collection Drive were initiatives, as the theme for the day, as declared by UNESCO was 'solutions to plastic pollutions'.

The day commenced with "Tree Plantation" initiative by students and faculty. The activity symbolized their commitment to nurturing and preserving the natural world. Adding greenery to the campus, the project also underscored the importance of reforestation in mitigating climate change and enhancing biodiversity.

Department of Environmental Science hosted a "Mega Plastic Waste Collection Drive" at the Main Building Stage. Equipped with hand gloves and plastic bags provided by the organizers, students enthusiastically embarked on a mission to rid the campus of plastic waste. The drive served as a stark reminder of the urgent need to address the pervasive issue of plastic pollution and promote responsible waste management practices.

"Seed Bank: A Green Initiative" on World Environment Day

Department of Botany stalls up seeds of vegetables.

In a bid to promote sustainability and foster a culture of environmental consciousness, the Department of Botany at B. K. Birla College took a significant step by launching the "Seed Bank: A Green Initiative" program. The stall was set up in the campus premises.

The seeds of various plants were distributed to students, faculty, and staff members. The assortment included seeds of vegetables such as pumpkin, chilly, bitter gourd, cluster beans, French beans, eggplants, cucumber, among others, chosen for their adaptability to residential spaces.

“The distributed seeds hold the promise of not only beautifying the surroundings, but also fulfilling food consumption requirements, as they can be grown in supplemented areas of residential spaces. This approach contributes to sustainable food production at the local level” said Dr. Meeta Bhot, Head, Department of Botany while interacting with the students at the stall of seed bank. “Further, the Seed Bank program will serve as a cornerstone for ongoing efforts to conserve and promote biodiversity, empower local communities, and contribute to the larger goal of building a more resilient and sustainable future” she added.

The activity was coordinated by Dr. Saheli Pradhan, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany under the mentorship of Head, Dr. Meeta Bhot.

Sunil Pathare emphasizes on 'New Age Entrepreneurship' while interacting with students

“Skills are the only ways for the students to prosper and sustain in the industry” said Mr. Sunil Pathare, Chairman and Managing Director of VIP Clothing Ltd., while interacting with the students. B. K. Birla College in collaboration with Sector Skill Council MEPSC under MSDE and NSDC, conducted an "Expert Lecture" by the distinguished industry speaker on 9th June. The event, held at the Seminar Hall, aimed to enlighten students on the theme of 'New Age Entrepreneurship' and create awareness about G20 initiatives.



Sunil Pathare, with his wealth of experience and expertise in the industry, shared invaluable insights with over 150 students in attendance. He guided the students through the challenges and opportunities inherent in entrepreneurship within today's dynamic corporate landscape. His guidance provided students with a holistic understanding of the entrepreneurial journey and equipped them with the knowledge needed to navigate and thrive in the competitive business environment.

BKBCK embrace International Yoga Day, organising 5 days' workshop

In commemoration of the International Day of Yoga 2023, B. K. Birla College in association with UGC sponsored Centre for Yoga, Philosophy and Practice, organized a transformative 5-days Yoga workshop. The workshop was scheduled from 17th to 21st of June. The workshop promoted holistic wellness and spiritual harmony among participants.

Led by experienced instructors and practitioners, the workshop offered participants a comprehensive introduction to various aspects of yoga practice, including asanas, pranayam, and dhyan. Participants had the opportunity to explore and deepen their understanding of yoga's transformative power, cultivating a sense of inner peace, balance, and vitality. The initiative underscores BKBCK's commitment to holistic education and the promotion of well-being among its students, faculty, and staff. By offering opportunities for self-reflection, self-care, and personal development, the college continues to nurture a culture of holistic wellness and resilience.



Foundation Day of B. K. Birla College celebrated with enthusiasm

B. K. Birla College marked its 51 years of continuous glory on 17th June. The occasion was graced by the esteemed presence of Shri O. R. Chitlange, Chairman, Governing Council, BKBPS, BKBCCK & BKBNC, as Chief Guest along with Mr. Subodh Dave, Vice Chairman, Governing Council, BKBPS, BKBCCK & BKBNC, Dr. Naresh Chandra, Director (Education), BKBCCK, Dr. Avinash Patil, Principal, BKBCCK and distinguished gathering of faculty and staff.

A highlight of the event was the heartwarming felicitation ceremony, where a total of 20 teaching and non-teaching members were honoured for their remarkable dedication and service to the institution, each having completed an exemplary 25 years of tenure.

From the Degree College, the following faculties were honoured:

- **Dr. Pratibha Gadhe**, Head of the Department of Geography, BKBCCK
- **Dr. Sitaram Mhaske**, Head of the Department of Marathi, BKBCCK
- **Dr. Harish Dubey**, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, BKBCCK

From the Junior College, the following educators were recognized:

- **Mrs. Suchita Wankhade**, Assistant Teacher, Department of Biology, BKBCCK
- **Mr. Deepak Gawai**, Assistant Teacher, Department of Hindi, BKBCCK
- **Mrs. Hemlata Singh**, Assistant Teacher, Department of MCVC, BKBCCK
- **Mrs. Anupama Kamanuri**, Assistant Teacher, Department of Bifocal, BKBCCK
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From Non-Teaching Staff following persons were felicitated –

- **Mr. Sudhakar Nipane**, Jr. Clerk, BKBCCK
- **Mr. Parmeshwar Parate**, Jr. Clerk, BKBCCK
- **Mr. Atul Jagtap**, Jr. Clerk, BKBCCK (Absent)
- **Mrs. Sunita Pawar**, Peon, BKBCCK
- **Mr. Sakinder Rajbhar**, Lab. Attendant, BKBCCK
- **Mrs. Ahilya Gosavi**, Lab. Attendant, BKBCCK
- **Mr. Ramkumar Varma**, Lab. Attendant, BKBCCK
- **Mr. Ravindra Aherkar**, Lib. Attendant, BKBCCK
- **Mr. Madan Bhise**, Lib. Attendant, BKBCCK
- **Mr. Goraksingh Pardeshi**, Lib. Attendant, BKBCCK
- **Mr. Chandrakant Sonje**, Lib. Attendant, BKBCCK
- **Mr. Sakharam Sambre**, Lib. Attendant, BKBCCK
- **Mr. Harish Lakhan**, Sweeper, BKBCCK

The felicitation ceremony served as an appreciation to the dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment of these esteemed individuals. “The contributions of every member at B. K. Birla College have significantly enriched the academic and administrative fabric of BKBCCK over the past years” said Shri O. R. Chitlange while addressing the gather.

As the college commemorated this significant milestone in its journey, it renewed its commitment to excellence in education, innovation, and service to society. The Foundation Day celebration served as a poignant reminder of the collective achievements and shared aspirations that continue to propel BKBCCK towards greater heights of success and distinction.

Students engage themselves in Umbrella Painting during rainy days!

Days of rain and painting on umbrella. It smells sweet to carry the painted umbrella and enjoy the showers. Students painted the umbrellas as a part of Fine Arts workshop conducted by B. K. Birla College on Friday, the 23rd of June 2023, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the Main Lawn. The event aimed to provide students with insights into the world of fine arts and its significance in contemporary society.

Dr. Nitin Keny, Former Dean (Fine Arts) and Director of Finance at the University of Mumbai. With his vast experience and expertise in the field, Dr. Keny brought a wealth of knowledge to the session, captivating the audience with his insights and perspectives on fine arts.

Throughout the workshop, attendees had the opportunity to delve into various aspects of fine



arts, including its historical evolution, artistic techniques, and cultural relevance. Dr. Keny's engaging presentation shed light on the diverse forms of expression within the realm of fine arts, inspiring students to explore their own creativity and artistic potential.

By organizing this workshop, BKBCCK reaffirmed its commitment to holistic education and the promotion of arts and culture within the academic community. The workshop provided a valuable opportunity to broaden their horizons, nurture their creativity, and gain a deeper understanding of the world around them through the lens of fine arts. This workshop was organised under the guidance of Dr. Madhu Shukrey, Assistant Professor, Department of Management Studies.

Seminar Hall resonates with 'Harikirtan' on Environmental Awareness



In the days of social media where reels connect people, very few realise the essence of Harikirtan. A way to spread message by saints to Youth, Harikirtan resounded the seminar hall. On Monday, the 26th of June 2023, B. K. Birla College organized a special event titled Harikirtan in celebration of 'Ashadi Ekadashi'. The event, held from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, featured a thought-provoking session on 'Cleanliness and Environment' conducted by S. Y. B. Com student Ms. Ritika Sonar.

She raised awareness about the importance of cleanliness and environmental conservation, aligning with the ethos of and the significance of Ashadi Ekadashi in Hindu culture. Ms. Ritika Sonar, through her insightful presentation, shed light on various environmental issues plaguing our society and emphasized the collective responsibility to safeguard our planet for future generations.

Attendees had the opportunity to learn about the adverse effects of pollution, waste accumulation, and deforestation on the environment, as well as the importance of adopting sustainable practices in daily life. Ms. Ritika Sonar's passionate advocacy for environmental stewardship resonated with the audience, inspiring them to take proactive steps towards creating a cleaner and greener world.

Moreover, the event fostered a sense of community and shared responsibility among participants, encouraging them to collaborate on environmental initiatives and promote eco-friendly behaviours within their spheres of influence.

Devotees engrossed in Gyan Dindi Yatra by B. K. Birla College

Celebration of Ashadhi Ekadashi at B. K. Birla College with B. K. Birla School, Century Rayon School and Century Rayon, Shahad

On Ashadhi Ekadashi B. K. Birla College organized Gyan Dindi from College Kalyan to Vithoba Temple, Shahad. In this Dindi students at B. K. Birla College, Birla School, Century Rayon School and students from different locality had participated immensely. Shri Dattatraya Shinde, Additional Commissioner, Thane Police was the Chief Guest of the program. O. R. Chitlange, Chairman, Governing Council, B. K. Birla College, Subodh Dave, Vice-Chairman, Governing Council, B. K. Birla College, Dr. Naresh Chandra, Director, Education, Dr. Avinash Patil, Principal, B. K. Birla College, Dr. Harish Dubey, In-charge Principal, B. K. Birla Night College, Narendra Pawar former MLA, Kumar Ailani MLA, Pramod Hindurao and all other college staff members had participated. The main intention and motive for this Dindi was to create awareness about the environment.

The floats of different activities were also showcasing different aspects and participation of students shows the involvement on every dimension. The floats of B. K. Birla School, B. K. Birla College,



BITSOM & BITSLaw, Century Rayon and M-Power have added to the grace to the dindi. Students participated in traditional attire all rituals like Ringan, Lezim, Dhol-Tasha Pathak also took place Mahila Bhajani Mandal also gave their musical contribution enhanced the elegance of the program. Traditional Cultural program was conducted on the Lawn of Birla College where the students representing the units performed on the religious songs of Lord Vithala.

This Dindi shows the oneness among every member of society and the real strength of Unity. Around three thousand devotees participated which includes students, teaching, non-teaching staff and residents.

The event was co-ordinated by Dr. Sandesh Jaybhay, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, B. K. Birla College.

BKBCK Awarded 'Empowered Autonomous Status' by Maharashtra Government



In a significant development, B. K. Birla College of Commerce (BKBCK) has been granted the prestigious designation of 'Empowered Autonomous Status' by the Maharashtra Government, as per the Maharashtra Government Gazette Uniform Statute No. 1 of 2023 dated 22nd May 2023.

The granting of Empowered Autonomous Status is a testament to BKBCK's commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and institutional autonomy. This esteemed status empowers the college with enhanced administrative and academic autonomy, enabling it to design and implement its own academic programs, conduct examinations, and award degrees within the framework of prescribed guidelines.

BKBCK's Empowered Autonomous Status is valid for a period of ten years, from the academic year 2023-24 to 2032-33, providing the college with a conducive environment for sustained growth, development, and academic innovation. This recognition underscores the college's dedication to providing quality education and fostering holistic development among its students.

In addition to BKBCK, a total of twelve colleges have been selected as Empowered Autonomous Colleges, marking a significant milestone in the journey towards educational excellence and autonomy in the state of Maharashtra. This collective recognition highlights the transformative impact of autonomous status in promoting academic freedom, innovation, and quality assurance in higher education institutions.