

ENGLISH

Department Profile:

The Department of English, N.G. Acharya and D.K. Marathe College is one of the most vibrant and sought after departments in the institution. This academically vivacious department offers students not only unique but also rich and wholesome experiences. Learning English Literature is an inimitable experience!

The USP of the department is various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities (both in the classroom and on the field) which enrich the students and prepare them for future endeavors.

Participation in seminars, conferences, attending intercollegiate events, visits to American Consulate Library events, interactions with national and international scholars brings about holistic learning for the students as well as the faculty members.

The department conducts a Certificate course “Effective Communication Skills” for all students from all faculties to equip them with basic, practical communication skills. The course aims at creating job-ready and employable students with enhanced Soft Skills. The course has been running successfully for the past three years.

Department offers Specialization in English Literature (Six Papers) at TYBA level in the Bachelor of Arts

program. It also offers “Business Communication” to the First year Commerce students and a course in “Communication Skills in English” to the FYBA students.

I/C Head, Prof Sonali Khandekar is part of the syllabus design committee for TYBA English Literature Paper VIII Contemporary American Literature. She has also

developed course material for IDOL, Mumbai University and worked as a member in several Paper Setting Committees for TYBA exams of the University of Mumbai.

Achievements & Activities

The Department of English is one of the major departments as it engages lectures with both the Arts and Commerce students. Being a language teaching department, the faculty members always think and conceive various programmes and events to train and encourage students to develop the soft skills. The academic year 2022-23 was one such busy and hectic year for the department. Despite the lack of enough workforce the department managed to engage several activities and events such as **Essay Competition, Resume Writing Workshop, Elocution Competition**, screening of the movies based on texts prescribed in the syllabus, **Alumnus Lectures, Participation in Avishkar Research Convention**, participation in various intercollegiate literary events and competitions, encouraging students to participate in seminars and conferences to encourage research activities and visits to various Literary Festivals along with the American Centre Library.

Future Plans of the Departments

- To start the master's degree in English Literature
- To conduct workshops on Communicative English for students at nearby schools.
- To conduct a "Creative Writing" course

ANNUAL EVENT

The department of English has been effectively using the Community Radio service, Acharya 90 FM. The students are encouraged to avail themselves of this opportunity to present programs on the radio. The programs are designed to introduce and to create interest about English literature amongst the listeners from nearby communities. This is not only a unique experience for them but also adds valuable weightage to their CV.

Students conducted Radio program on Acharya 90 FM



Avishkar



Resume Writing Workshop



Kala Ghoda Festival

