



## Department of Geography

### Faculty members:

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### Background of Department:

**Year of establishment – 1981**

**Brief history -** Department of Geography was established in the year 1981. It was started with Geography paper -I at FYBA level. In 1982 Geography papers - II and III were started at SYBA level . Every year on an average 50 students opt for Geography.

**Annual programs/events/Seminars & Conference organize by Dept Any**

- **Field Visits**
  - a) **Regional Agriculture Research center, Karjat , Dist Raigad:** The objective behind this field visit to understand various types of farming, integrated Farming Management
  - b) **Yusuf Meher Ali Centre, Dist Raigad:** The objective behind this field visit to understand functioning of small scale industries and to know about natural environment.
- **Poster competitions on** the topics of resource conservation, effects of urbanization and eco-friendly lifestyles
- **Best out of waste**
- **Essay competitions on Famous Indian Historical Personalities**
- **Screening of Documentaries as follows**

- a) **Global warming and Exploring landforms** : It has helped students to understand different landforms created by water bodies and causes effects and remedies of Global warming.
- b) **Pruthvi**: It has helped students to understand various concepts related to physical geography.
  - **Participation of students in various intercollegiate competitions**
  - **The Geography department with collaboration with SOCLEEN has celebrated The World Environmental Day** : In this various guest speaker have delivered speech on Solid waste Management , Sustainable transportation system and Air pollution and human health .
  - **Participation of students in workshops** on reading and interpretation of navigation charts and Bathymetric maps and Global Positioning System : A Multidisciplinary Research Tool.
  - **Presentation of research paper in conference by student**
  - **Department has organized national conference on 'Contemporary Issues in Environment and Geography'**.

The key-note address for the day was given by Chief Guest Dr. A. D. Sawant, former Pro-Vice Chancellor of Mumbai, Former Vice chancellor of Rajasthan University and currently president of SOCLEEN on a relevant theme 'Climate Change – Science and engineering solution for sustainable development'. Dr. Shashikant Kumar, Principal of Bhaikaka Institutes, Gujarat was the Guest of Honor, who made a Power Point Presentation on 'Towards Environmental Sensitive Planning in India'.

Guest speaker Dr. Vinayak Phadke, former Head of Department of Geography, University of Mumbai delivered a lecture on 'Agriculture and Hydrological impact of climate extremes in monsoon'

Dr. Savitsmita Chawan, Professor and Head of Department of Geography, University Of Mumbai was the Chief Guest for valedictory session and made presentation on 'Historical Cities - need for Urban regeneration, a case-study of Mumbai City'.

**Current status of department & Future plans : Department is having Geography as optional subject at FY and SYBA level and Environmental studies at FYBCom level.**

- **To start Geography subject at TYBA level**
- **To develop Geography Lab with maps and instruments**

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