

Cultural Committee Report 2022-2023

This year 2022-2023, was a year of coming back from the lockdown and restart our journey back in the offline mode, from virtual to live mode of showcasing our talents and abilities. The year began with the formation of cultural committee, after many years some of the staff became the part of the committee again. We were excited to be together again. The staff included, Ms Vibha Hasija, Dr Ritu Madaan, Ms Vibhuti Khedekar from Degree College, the self-finance diploma section was represented by Mr Amrish Mangle and Ms Zahida Naqvi and Mr Shanker Pandey were from the Junior College section.

The students then joined the brigade and the cultural committee got the energy, the vibrant and refreshing vibes of the student's added the needed life the team. The student core committee was represented by Ms Janice Devassy (TY BSc FND), General Secretary, Ms Janvi Chedda (TY BSc HD), Secretary, Ms Ayesha Siddiqui SY BSc), Treasurer and Mr. Prasad (TY Graphic Designing), the Creative Head of the team.

This year started with a bang with large number of students participating in the Youth festival, organized by the University of Mumbai. Total no. of 45 students participated in 22 different events under the leadership of Ms Vibhuti Khedekar. We won prizes in two events Elocution (Ayesha Shamsi won consolation prize in the Zonal round) and cartooning, (Advika Shetty got selected for the Zonal round). This set the ball rolling and we continued with our participation in the intercollegiate fests of many other colleges, to name a few Kaleidoscope (Sophia College), Enigma (Poddar College), Aether (Wilson), Riwayat (Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work) and more. Our students won prizes in different intercollegiate events:

Hinal Waghela	Ink Your Tale	Kaliedoscope (Sophia)	Second prize
Khadija jawadwala	The Ultimate Cook Off	Kaliedoscope (Sophia)	First prize
Advika Shetty	Down The Memory Lane	Kaliedoscope (Sophia)	second prize
Misbah Khan	Shaam Shandar	Aether (Wilson)	Second Runner up
Mahima Shukla	Shaam Shandar	Aether (Wilson)	Second Runner up
Bhairvi Naik	Shaam Shandar	Aether (Wilson)	Second Runner up
Jerusha Cabral	Shaam Shandar	Aether (Wilson)	Second Runner up
Batul Ghadyali	Shaam Shandar	Aether (Wilson)	Second Runner up
Angela Varghase	Wandered Knots	Ole (Wilson College)	1 st Prize
Abigail Fernandes	Solo singing	Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work	2 nd Prize
Avantika Sahuja	Classical Solo dance	Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work	3 rd Prize

This year the cultural committee hosted the first intercollegiate event Carol Singing Competition on 22nd Dec 2022. In total 9 teams participated from 4 colleges (including Wilson College, Xaviers College of Education, College of Social work Nirmala Niketan and College of Home Science Nirmala Niketan).

Then came the much awaited event the Annual Fest of the college - Nirmal Utsav. The The Staff and students of the committee were completely committed to make this event as the most memorable event and so they put their shoes on, wore the thinking cap and started with the brain storming sessions to chalk out, how and what of the program. After 3 years of Nirmal Utsav being in virtual mode, students were extremely excited about hosting the program in live mode.

The theme of this year was **AAGAAZ** which is an Urdu term which means '**A new beginning**', and being the 75th year of our Independence, **Desi Touch** resonated in all our events. Post Covid, the committee wanted to bring new segments to the Nirmal Utsav. A three day fest was planned which included in-house (11th Jan 2023) and intercollegiate events (1st Feb 2023) and the Grand Finale of the event (2nd Feb 2023) in the form of cultural program in the Birla Matoshree Auditorium, Churchgate. Another new segment added to Nirmal Utsav was hosting of Mr NN.

4th January, 2023: The unveiling of the Banner

The first event of the fest started with a big bang which was the unveiling of the banner. It was a short gathering of students, teaching and non-teaching staff, where the banner of our fest was rolled down from the 3rd floor of the college, announcing the beginning of our fest!

A logo and an Instagram page were created for Nirmal Utsav- Aagaaz 2023.

https://instagram.com/aagaaz_2023?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y

11th January, 2023: In-house events

The list of in-house events was released shortly which was held on the 11th of January, 2023. There were multiple stalls which were put up by in house students and few outsiders. There was a dance workshop and a DJ party organized.

List of events held

1. 9 competitions

- Copy Kar Le Re Baba; Daya Pata Lagao; Host Bana dost; Mile Sur Hume Tumhare; Mehendi Heritage; Nail It; Behind the Scenes; Fashion ka Jalwa ; Paint and Pout

2. Dance workshop by Mr Prasad Parab (Creative head of the committee)

3. DJ party

More than 100 participants participated in different events. All events were judged by the in house teachers.

The DJ party was held in the evening. The DJ for the evening was DJ Tejaz. The hall was full with students and teachers. Overall it was a fun day. This was the end of our first day of the fest.

20th Jan, 2023- 31st Jan, 2023: Nirmal Utsav Days were celebrated

- Traditional Day on 20th January; Twin Day on 21st January; Tricolour Day on 24th January; Bollywood Day on 31st January.

31st Jan DJ party was organized on the demands of the students.

1st February, 2023: Intercollegiate events.

For the first time, intercollegiate events were held in Nirmal Utsav. There were 6 competitions organized. They were:

- Hunar hunt; Aaj ka Scene Kya Hai; Chitt Meri Patt Teri; Chitrakala-E- ishq; Just shoot; Product Wahi Soch Nayi

Students from **5 colleges** participated for different events. We had various stalls set up by in house students and few outsiders.

Names of colleges who participated on 1st February, 2023:

1. KC college
2. Nagindas Khandwala college
3. College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan
4. Bombay college of pharmacy
5. BK Birla college

2nd February, 2023: Grand Finale

Intense practice and rehearsals were done for this day. The college was absolutely in a festive mode and all students of cultural committee and the participants of different events had just one aim in mind “to give their best”. Each detail was beautifully looked into by the staff and students of the organizing team.

2nd of February, 2023, the final day of the event, at the **Birla Matoshree Auditorium**, was the day of culmination of our hard work as a team. Each staff of the committee gave there more than 100% to this event.

The Chief Guest for the day was **Mr. Bhaskar Das (accomplished and awarded expert advertising professional and a certified speaker of reputed B schools)**, Guest of Honor were **Mr. Savio John Pereira (Hair Stylist) and Ms. Pam Pereira (Alumna JC)**.

Wide variety of events were planned which included medley of songs, a tribute to Lata Mangeshkar, Dance Drama on Spirit of India, marking the 75th independence of India Comedy skit, Folk dances representing all four sides of the country, North, South, East and West, Fashion shows by various departments (FD and TFT), performances by the teaching and non-teaching staff, and the CC dance. The final round of Ms. And Mr, NN pageant for the year 2023 was also the part of the program. Ms.NN for the year 2023 was Ms. Khushi Savla (TY BSc FND) and Mr. NN was Mr. Prasad Parab (TY Graphic Designing).

The cultural committee team of teachers and students worked diligently to make this year's Aagaaz a memorable event. The volunteers and the participants and their mentors worked unconditionally and gave their best. It has been a truly memorable Aagaaz 2023. My sincere thanks to Graphic Designing students and staff who worked behind the scenes and took care of all minute details to showcase the event in the most beautiful and memorable way.

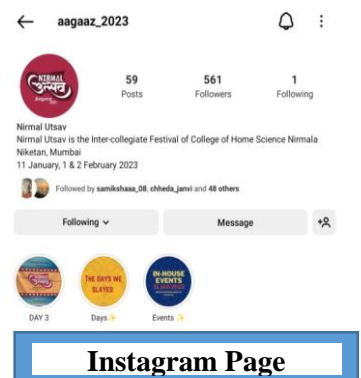
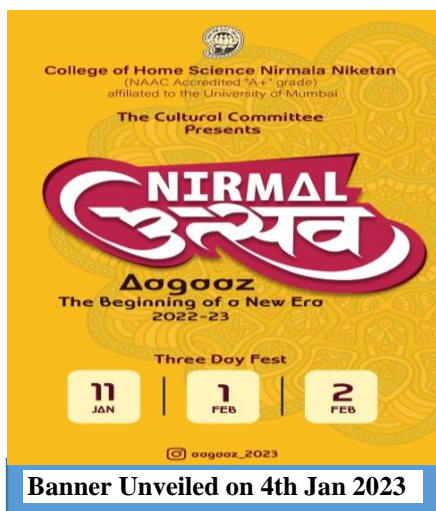
I proudly conclude that this years' Nirmal Utsav AAGAAZ 23 has had many new beginnings:

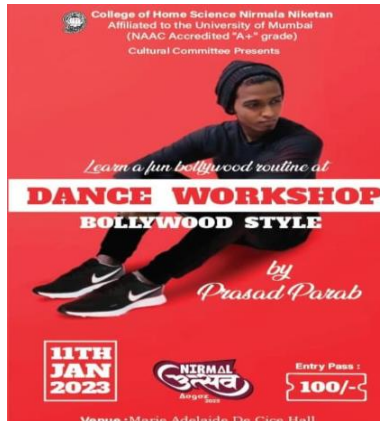
1. For the first time in NN history more than 175 participants performed on the Stage.
2. For the first time in NN history we hosted Mr NN pageant.
3. For the first time, almost all events had mix of participants irrespective of the section or the class they were studying in.
4. For the first time, in many events the teachers participated along with the students as a participant.

One of the major reason along with the dedication, commitment and hard work of the team for the success of cultural committee events has been the dedicated efforts of our student treasurer Ms Ayesha Siddiqui. With her positive, proactive and never dying spirits we collected Rs. 1,61,810/. The committees total spent 245827, out of which 92260 was paid by college and rest 153567/ was paid by the committee. The balance Rs 8243/ would be carried to next year.

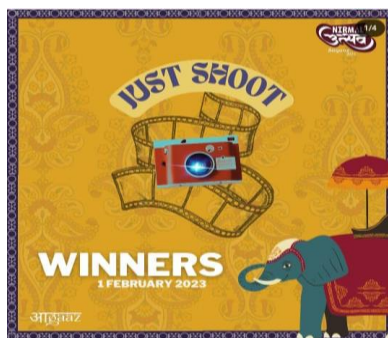
With this level of josh and spirits of all who have been a part of the committee as members or participants, I am sure Cultural committee is going to reach newer and newer heights in coming years. Overall, the Cultural committee has been a combination of hard-work, dedication and commitment of the students and faculty. May this be the beginning of the many Nirmal Utsavs to come. The benchmark has been set very high for coming years.

Ms Payal Maheshwari
Cultural Committee Convenor





GLIMPSE OF 11th Jan 2023 – 1st Day of AAGAAZ 2023



GLIMPSE OF 1st Feb 2023 – 2nd Day of AAGAAZ 2023



Prayer Dance



Rajasthani Dance



Spirit of India



Non-Teaching Staff



Tribute to Lata Mangeshkar



Comedy Skit



Miss And MR NN Winners



Rejoicing Moment: Cultural Committee

Icing on the cake was that our event got featured the Gujarati Mid-day times.

'Nirmal Utsav' celebrated at Mumbai's Nirmala Niketan College: Students showcase their talents

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The college annual festival 'Nirmal Utsav' was grandly organized by Nirmala Niketan College of Home Science, located in New Marine Lines and affiliated to Mumbai University. The fest provided an opportunity to students to showcase their dynamic talent in terms of literary arts, performing arts, fine arts etc.

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