

Report of Parent Orientation and Interaction with Alumnae **Saturday, 14th October 2023, 9.45 am to 12.15 pm**

On Saturday, 14th October, 2023, the Department of Human Development organised a parent orientation for parents/guardians of students of department of Human Development studying in TYBSc, MSc1 and MSc2. This was one of a kind programme because it was a beautiful confluence of current year students, parents and illustrious alumnae meeting each other professionally over the years.

The programme began at 9:45 am with the registration of parents. After the registration, Ms. Khyati Sampat, Assistant Professor in the department, welcomed everyone and introduced the programme, which was followed by a prayer led by students.

Next, the in-charge principal, Prof. Dr. Anuradha J. Bakshi, addressed the gathering, extending a warm welcome and delivering a message focused on the institution's goals. She provided a brief overview of the National Education Policy (NEP) and highlighted key focus areas of the curriculum. Then, Ms. Rhonda Divecha, the Head of the Department, introduced the staff and shared updates about recent activities, as well as details about an upcoming extension trip and study tour. The parents were also explained the importance of sending their ward to these trips, and some do's and don't's that students have to abide by during these tours.

Next, Dr. Kamini Rege provided crucial information about attendance rules and outlined the consequences of defaulting on these policies. This was followed by a question-and-answer session moderated by Ms. Khyati Sampat, during which parents had the opportunity to share feedback and interact directly with teachers.











The programme proceeded to the next segment - the alumnae interaction. This was a key highlight of the programme, showcasing the achievements and contributions of former students. Different alumnae of the department spoke about their profiles and work, either in person or virtually, demonstrating the diverse paths they had taken since graduating. Each alumna shared her professional journey, including milestones, challenges, and successes. They discussed how their time at the institution shaped their skills and values, providing a strong foundation for their careers. Some highlighted notable projects or roles they had undertaken, while others emphasized their contributions to society through community initiatives or leadership positions. Also, importantly, they shared how education from the department helped them shape their personalities and relationships at a personal level too,

The session provided an opportunity for the audience to learn about the alumnae's diverse achievements and the impact they had made in their respective domains. It also fostered a sense of pride and connection between the alumnae, the current students, and their families. This segment was followed by a question-and-answer session moderated by Ms. Payal Maheshwari, Associate Professor in the department, where parents engaged with the alumnae, asking about their experiences and insights. This sharing concluded with a sense of admiration and inspiration for the alumnae's accomplishments.

Finally, the programme wrapped up with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Payal Maheshwari followed by an informal meet-and-greet session among parents, teachers, and alumnae. There were about 25 parents in presence, ten alumnae, of which three alumnae who could not make it to the programme had shared their video message. The programme was a

well-organized and insightful event that fostered community engagement and highlighted the institution's commitment to excellence.

The Alumnae:

<p>Welcome Dear Parents, Alumnae and Students to the Parent Orientation and Alumnae Interaction 2023</p> <p>14th October, 2023 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM</p>	<p>Our Illustrious Alumnae</p> <p>Anushri Soni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ M.Sc. (Human Development) - 2021 <p>Designation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lecturer - Department of Human Development at St. Vitthalada Thakarkary College of Home Science (Autonomous) (SNDT Women's University), Mumbai, India 	<p>Our Illustrious Alumnae</p> <p>Arwa Hamid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ M.Sc. (Human Development) - 2020 <p>Designation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Content Development Associate at LogIQids 	<p>Our Illustrious Alumnae</p> <p>Binal Dedhiya</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ M.Sc. (Human Development) - 2022 <p>Designation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Curriculum Developer (preschool) at Children's Academy 
<p>Our Illustrious Alumnae</p> <p>Chitra Pandhi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ M.Sc. (Human Development) - 2013 ✓ P.G.D in Counselling Psychology from Xavier's Institute of Counselling Psychology <p>Designation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Founder of Yogataamra ✓ Yoga & Wellness Coach ✓ CCT Level III Certified Yoga Teacher 	<p>Our Illustrious Alumnae</p> <p>Hetal Waghele</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ B.Sc. (Human Development) - 2017 ✓ M.Ed. (Special Education) - 2022 <p>Designation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Visiting Lecturer, SNDT University, Dept of Special Education ✓ Learning Support, American School of Bombay 	<p>Our Illustrious Alumnae</p> <p>Koshangi Gala</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ M.Sc. (Human Development) - 2019 ✓ Gold Medalist ✓ IQC-NET <p>Designation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Education Lead - Primary years, Finland Education Hub 	<p>Our Illustrious Alumnae</p> <p>Meeti Vaidya</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ B.Sc. (Human Development) - 2016 ✓ M.A. (Clinical Psychology) - 2018 <p>Designation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Psychologist, MPower, Aditya Birla Education Trust 
<p>Our Illustrious Alumnae</p> <p>Mansi Pandya</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ M.Sc. (Human Development) - 2003 ✓ Gold Medalist <p>Designation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Instructional Paraprofessional, Parsippany Troy Hills Board of Education (Rancocas Elementary School), NJ 	<p>Our Illustrious Alumnae</p> <p>Naushin Shaikh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ M.Sc. (Human Development) - 2022 <p>Designation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pursuing Fellowship at Teach for India, Ahmedabad ✓ Mental Health advocate on Social Media with a page titled "Petrichor Development" 	<p>Our Illustrious Alumnae</p> <p>Peurl Mascarenhas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ M.Sc. (Human Development) - 2004 <p>Designation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lecturer, Early Childhood Education, New Zealand Tertiary College, New Zealand 	

The Schedule:

Timing	Details
9.45 to 10 am	Registration – Parents
10-10.05 am	Welcome and Introduction - Ms. Khyati Sampat Prayer by students
10.05-10.25 am	Principal's welcome address and message Brief about NEP, focus areas of curriculum – Prof. Dr. Anuradha J. Bakshi, I/C Principal
10.25-10.40 am	Introduction of staff Information about recent activities and upcoming extension trip and study tour – Ms. Rhonda Divecha, HOD
10.40-10.50 am	Information about attendance rules, consequences for defaulting – Dr Kamini Rege
10.50-11 am	Q & A from parents for teachers, feedback sharing from parents - Ms. Khyati Sampat
11-12 pm	Alumnae Interaction – Showcasing of Alumnae work (in person/virtually) – Ms Khyati Sampat
12-12.10 pm	Q & A from parents for alumnae – Ms Payal Maheshwari
12.10-12.15 pm	Vote of Thanks – Ms Payal Maheshwari
12.15 pm	Parent-teacher-alumnae meet and greet

Some images of the programme:

