**HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION**

The History and Political Science Association has always taken initiatives in the interest of the students of the faculty of Arts. Its activities include field visits, discussion forums, quiz competitions, organizing youth parliament, assembly visit and encouraging students to participate in various inter-collegiate events and competitions.

In the academic year 2021-22 the Association organized its activities keeping in mind all the Covid-19 protocols. On 3rd February 2022, the Association organized a Documentary Screening in association with the College Library. The Documentary, ‘Secrets of Sinauli’ was screened in the library. The documentary was produced by Discovery Channel and presented by Manoj Bajpayee. It depicts the Archaeological site of Sinauli in Uttar Pradesh. The significance of the site is that the earliest evidence of Chariots was discovered here. The site was excavated by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in 2005-06 and belongs to the Late Bronze Age. The documentary was presented in Hindi language so as for easy understanding of the students. Students enjoyed the practical demonstration of the Historical information. A question and session was conducted after the documentary screening.

Another important activity of the year was the screening of the Movie, ‘Modern Times’. The movie screening was conducted on 5th February 2022. The movie was released in the year 1936 and has the legendary Charlie Chaplin as the Protagonist. The movie is an excellent commentary on the ideas of Modernism, Industrialization, Capitalism and Socialism. The Black and White although more than 70 years old still resonated with the young audience and helped them to understand the Global Economic forces of the 20th Century. It certainly was humorous but at the same time was a subtle commentary on the time. Students were impressed as well as inspired by the ability of Charlie Chaplin to create such a great artistic masterpiece.

During Aroma Festival the Association conducted a competition titled, ‘Street Smart’ on 11th March 2022. The activity was a unique one. The competition involved student groups from the classes of F.Y.B.A, S.Y.B.A and T.Y.B.A to study the various important streets in the city of Mumbai. Students visited important roads like the Nepean Sea Road, August Kranti Marg, Marine Drive etc. They visited the roads, took photographs and inquired about the historical, political, economic and cultural importance of the roads. It was a unique competition. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

An innovative activity for this year was the conduction of guest lecture in collaboration with MCGM-R North Ward regarding Municipal Services in Mumbai on 15th March 2022, Shri. Kailash Patil spoke about the Municipal Taxes levied on the Mumbaikars while on 16th March 2022 Shri. Lavlesh Kewat spoke on Water Department and Shri. Sanjay Chavan gave information regarding the Solid Waste Management Dept. This was an eye opener event for the students who realized the tremendous efforts which have to be taken for the common citizens by the Muncipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai.