

Departmental Report
Department of English
2022-23

Preliminary information

I Department profile

Jihasa Vachharajani (Head and Assistant Professor)

Samrita Sinha (Assistant Professor)

Nishtha Dev (Assistant Professor)

Dr Elwin Susan John (Assistant Professor)

II Courses/Papers taught

CLASS: FYBA

Pape r No.	Semes ter	Title of Papers	Course Code
I	I	Introduction to Literature	SBAENG101
	II	Introduction to Literature	SBAENG201
I	I	Communication Skills	SBACOMSK101
	II	Communication Skills	SBACOMSK201

CLASS: SYBA

Paper No.	Semester	Title of Papers	Course Code
II	III	History of English Literature - I	SBAENG301
	IV	History of English Literature - II	SBAENG401
III	III	Introduction to Literary Theory	SBAENG302
	IV	Popular Fiction	SBAENG402
AC	III	Mass Communication	SBAAPC303
	IV	Mass Communication	SBAAPC403

CLASS: TYBA

Paper No.	Semester	Title of Papers	Course Code
IV	V	Indian Literature in English - I	SBAENG501

	VI	Indian Literature in English - II	SBAENG601
V	V	American Literature - I	SBAENG502
	VI	American Literature - II (1950-2020)	SBAENG602
VI	V	Literary Criticism: Theory and Practice - I	SBAENG503
	VI	Literary Criticism: Theory and Practice - II	SBAENG603
VII	V	History of English Literature - III	SBAENG504
	VI	History of English Literature - IV	SBAENG604
VIII	V	History of English Literature - V	SBAENG505
	VI	History of English Literature - VI	SBAENG605
IX	V	History of English Literature - VII	SBAENG506
	VI	Contemporary Trends in Theory	SBAENG606

III BOS composition

1. Ms Jihasa Vachharajani: Chairperson, and Head, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)
2. Ms Sanrita Sinha: Member, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)
3. Ms Nishtha Dev: Member, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)
4. Dr Elwin Susan John: Member, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)
5. Dr Marie Fernandes: **VC's Nominee** – Principal, St Andrew's College, Mumbai
6. Prof Mala Pandurang: **Subject Expert** – Principal, Dr BMN College of Home Science (Autonomous), (SNDT University, Mumbai)
7. Dr Asha Achuthan: **Subject Expert** – Associate Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences
8. Mr Jeronimo Pinto: **Representative from the Industry or the Corporate Sector/Allied Area** – Writer
9. Ms Prerana Patel: **Post-Graduate Meritorious Alumna** – Ph.D scholar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Bombay

IV Dates of BOS meetings

October 11, 2022

June 15, 2023

Report

Please note that the following are the pointers to facilitate report writing. Feel free to alter the sequence of the items. Write about the ones applicable to the department for the given academic year (AY 2022-23) and ignore what is NOT applicable. Please ADD relevant points, if not included in the list.

One or two photographs per event would suffice .

1. Activities Conducted by the department:

- Title of the activity/event
- Date (from & to)
- Number of staff members involved
- Number of students involved
- Guest/Speaker
- Geotagged Photographs (please include photographs even if they are not geotagged)

ACTIVITY 1:

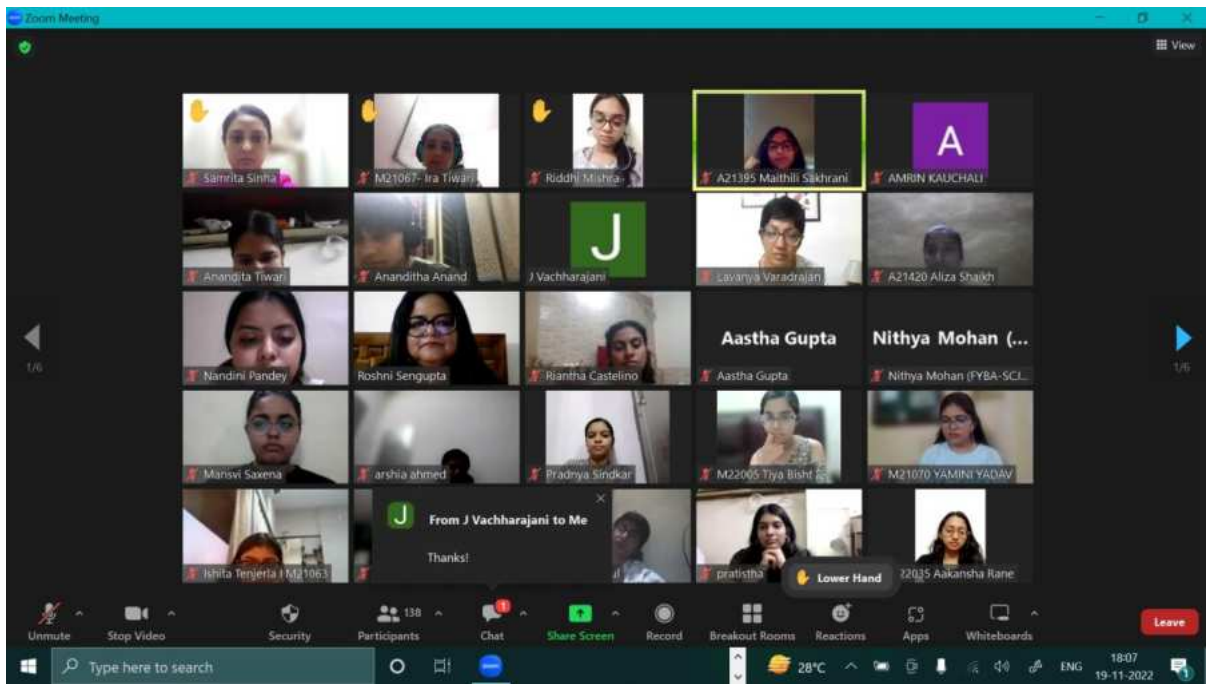
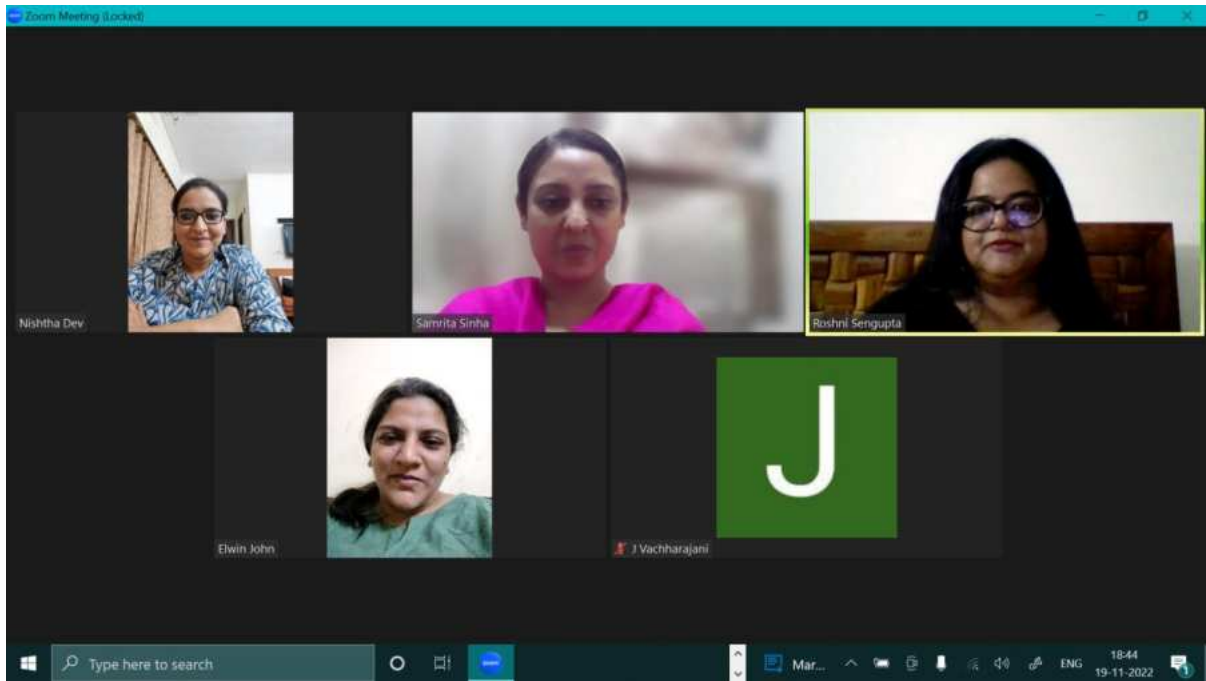
- Title of the activity/event: Workshop on “Sport, Society and Writing”
- Date (from & to): August 11 and 12, 2022
- Number of staff members involved: 4
- Number of students involved: 60
- Guest/Speaker: Dr Veena Mani, Assistant Professor, Stella Maris College, Chennai
- Geotagged Photographs:





ACTIVITY 2:

- Title of the activity/event - RUSA-sponsored guest lecture titled “The Representation of the Marginals in Contemporary Indian Cinema” conducted in collaboration with the Department of Strategic Communication and Journalism
- Date (from & to) - November 19, 2022
- Number of staff members involved: 5
- Number of students involved: 154
- Guest/Speaker - Dr [Roshni Sengupta](#)
- Geotagged Photographs:

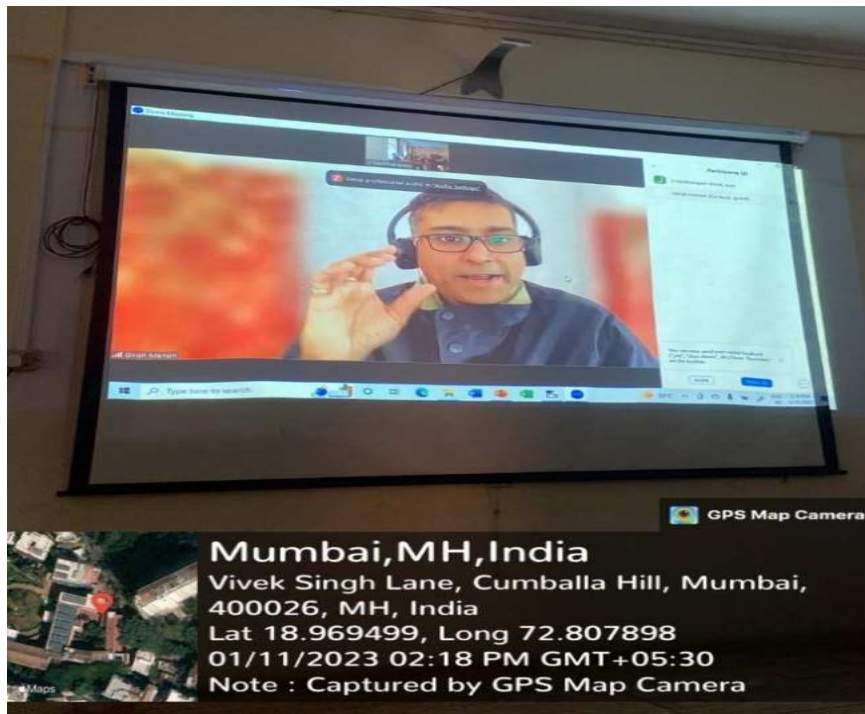


ACTIVITY 3:

- Title of the activity/event - RUSA-supported Add-on course on “Posthumanism”
- Date (from & to) - November 21, 2022 to February 2, 2023
- Number of staff members involved - 4
- Number of students involved - 56
- Guests/Speakers - Dr Monirul Islam, Dr Arka Chattopadhyay, Dr Samrat Sengupta, Dr Bodhisattva Chattopadhyay, Dr Aruni Mahapatra, Dr Dhrupadi Chattopadhyay, Dr Gargi Bendre, Dr Sucharita Sarkar
- Geotagged Photographs: NIL

ACTIVITY 4:

- Title of the activity/event: Workshop on Mobile Photography
- Date (from & to): January 11, 2023
- Number of staff members involved: 4
- Number of students involved: 58
- Guest/Speaker: Mr Girish Menon, Guest faculty, University of Mumbai
- Geotagged Photographs:





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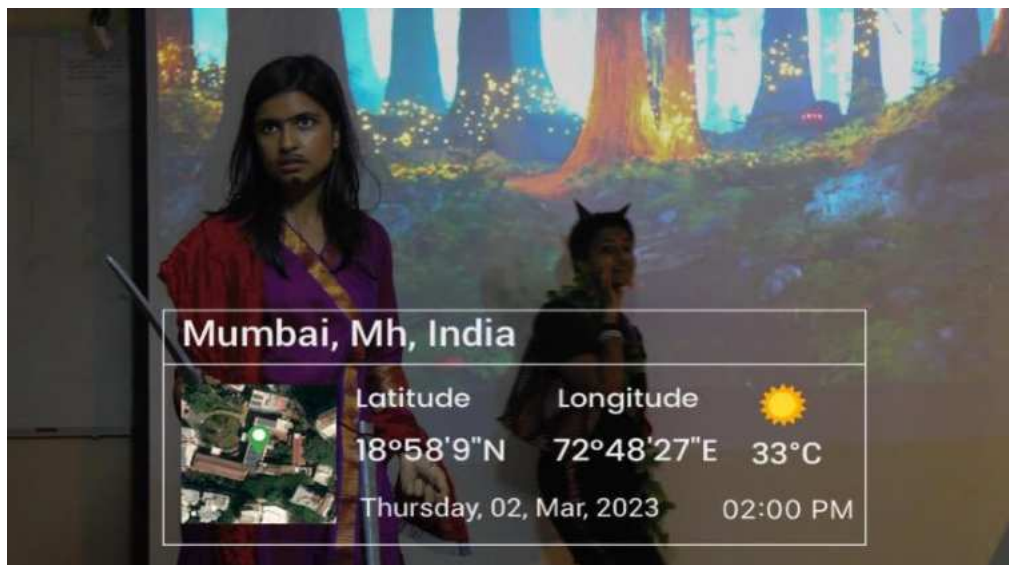
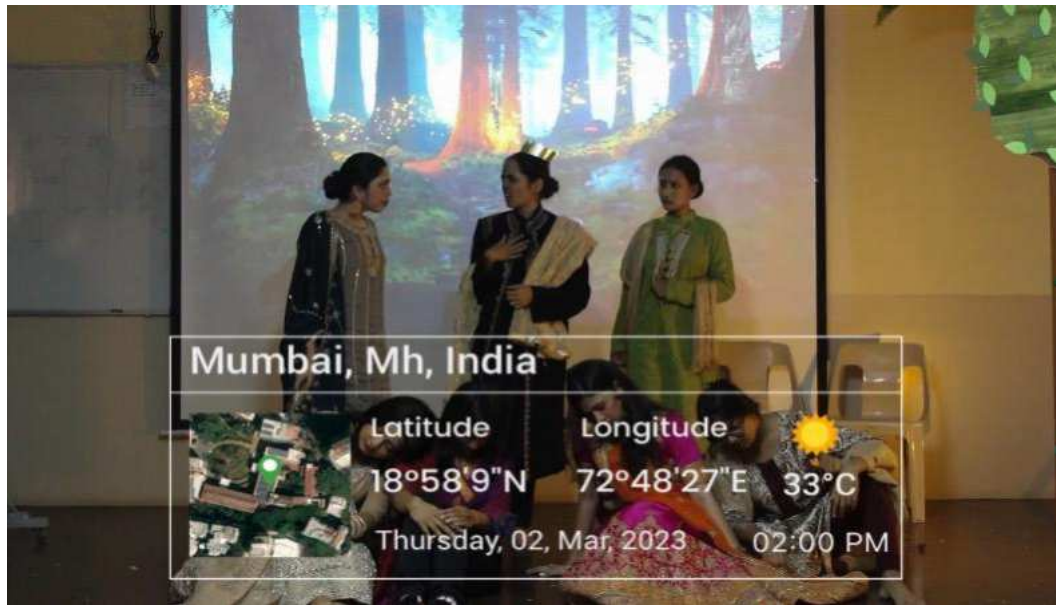
- Title of the activity/event: RUSA-supported one-day conference on “Interrogating Masculinities in Contemporary Indian Literature and Culture”
- Date (from & to): January 31, 2023
- Number of staff members involved: 4
- Number of students involved: 102 participants in all (students and staff from Sophia College and other colleges)
- Guests/Speakers: Paromita Vohra, Dr Gita Chadha, Dr Anusha Ramanathan, Dr Joseph M. T., Sarang Bhakre. Raj Kapse, Sagar Kadrekar
- Geotagged Photographs:





ACTIVITY 6:

- Title of the activity/event: An Adaptation of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (stage production)
- Date (from & to): March 2, 2023
- Number of staff members involved: 4
- Number of students involved: 22
- Guest/Speaker: N/A
- Geotagged Photographs:



ACTIVITY 7:

- Title of the activity/event: Guest lecture by Dr Dhrupadi Chattopadhyay on “Reading the Postmodern Re-Writing of the Victorian Novel: Notes From *Wide Sargasso Sea*” to the English TYBA S/M students
- Date (from & to): March 6, 2023
- Number of staff members involved: 2
- Number of students involved: 30

- Guest/Speaker: Dr Dhruvadi Chattopadhyay
- Geotagged Photographs: NIL

2. Field trips done by the department, should include:

- Name of the place
- Date (from & to)
- Number of staff members involved
- Number of students involved
- **Geotagged Photographs (please include photographs even if they are not geotagged)**

N/A

3. Special pedagogical tools used, other than the lecture method:

Use of Google Classroom, PPTs, peer learning, ICT tools, class presentations, research-based IA projects, creation of students' clubs for enhancement of communication skills in Communication Skills classes, audio clips, film screenings, performances, photographs

4. Any special programs conducted for either /both slow learners and advanced learners: N/A

5. Mentor Mentee programs conducted by the department: Tutorials, peer teaching/learning for the TYBA class

6. Research Papers Presented

[Samrita Sinha](#): "Anglophone Literary and Cultural Narratives from the Northeastern Borderlands of India: A Biopolitical Analysis" presented by invitation at an international conference organised by Stellenbosch University in collaboration with SNDT University, Mumbai, on 14th and 15th December, 2022

Dr Elwin John: "Interrogating Modernity and Humanism in Pelliserry's *Jallikattu*" at an International Conference on "Animals in the History of South Asia" held at M S University, Udaipur in February 2023

7. Research Grants Received:

Ms Nishtha Dev: RUSA Minor Research Grant

8. Research Guide for PhD students

9. National or International awards/fellowships received:

Samrita Sinha: Charles Wallace Research Grant, UK

10. Department/ lecturers having research projects funded by Government (include RUSA), Non-Government agencies, college during the year:

Samrita Sinha: RUSA sponsored MRP titled, "Registers of Protest: A Comparative Analysis of Poetic Voices of Dissent from Northeast India, Kashmir and the Dalit Community"

Nishtha Dev: RUSA GRANT FOR A MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT

11. Workshops/seminars/ Conferences conducted during the year:

RUSA-supported one-day conference titled "Interrogating Masculinities in Contemporary Indian Literature and Culture" on January 31, 2023

12. Workshops/seminars/ Conferences conducted on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), during the year: N/A

13. Workshops/seminars/ Conferences conducted on Gender related issues (IPR), during the year:

RUSA-supported one-day conference titled "Interrogating Masculinities in Contemporary Indian Literature and Culture" on January 31, 2023

14. Extension activities carried out in the neighborhood sensitizing students to social issues for their holistic development: N/A

15. E-content development: N/A

16. Capacity Development and Skill Enhancement activities organised for improving students' capabilities; like Soft Skills, Language and Communication Skills, Life Skills (Yoga, Physical fitness, Health and Hygiene) & Awareness of Trends in Technology: N/A

17. Guidance/coaching for competitive examinations and career counselling offered to students: N/A