

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
DEPARTMENT REPORT: 2020-21

Department profile:

Jihasa Vachharajani (Head)
Dr (Sr) Ananda Amritmahal
Samrita Sinha
Nishtha Dev
Dr Elwin Susan John

Teaching-learning and administrative work this year moved to the online mode owing to the pandemic. Technological aids such as Google Classroom, Google Meet, Zoom, PPTs etc. were extensively used by the department to conduct classes, hold meetings etc. Students were encouraged to explore online learning platforms such as Coursera. Exams were also conducted in the online mode. Mock exams were held for the students of the TYBA 2019-20 batch. The members of the department were also involved in the online verification process for the FYBA admissions.

Innovative Teaching Methods/best practices:

Dr Elwin Susan John screened silent movies in her Communication Skills classes and designed exercises on dialogue writing and creative writing based on the films.

A/V aids, ICT, film screenings:

Technological aids like Zoom, Google Classrooms and PPTs were used extensively since teaching was carried out in the online and hybrid modes this year. Features like breakout rooms and polls (offered by Zoom) and padlet were used to facilitate classroom interaction. Dr John used aids like Slido and Mind Map to make her classes more interactive. She used Wiki Page to help students prepare notes.

Ms Sinha screened parts of *Pather Panchali* and *Coalface* to facilitate discussions on concepts related to parallel cinema and documentaries respectively. Students watched the films via the sent to the Google Classroom.

Google groups: Google groups were used to share academic material, announcements related to departmental and college activities, information on job and internship opportunities, and cultural events held in the city.

Texts for IAs (FYBA English, TYBA English etc.) are taken from outside the syllabus.

N-List: FYBA, SYBA and TYBA students were asked to activate their N-List accounts at the start of the academic year. They were encouraged to make use of the facility.

Syllabus formulation:

The Department of English prepared the draft syllabi for the TYBA English courses as part of the syllabus revision process under autonomy. The BoS meetings were conducted in the online mode.

Paper-setting and Moderation:

Members of the department set question papers for and supervised the IA, SEE and the ATK/Additional exams, and assessed subjective IA papers.

Department Activities:

Nobel Oration: The department organised an online lecture on the works of the recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature 2020 Louise Glück by Dr Sonya Nair from All Saints' College, Thiruvananthapuram on February 11, 2021. Dr John was the event coordinator.

The Departments of English and History, in association with Literature Live! 360@Campus and Blank Slate Knowledge Foundation, organised an online talk by Dr Christian Busch, professor at New York University, on his book *The Serendipity Mindset: The Art and Science of Creating Good Luck*, on April 19, 2021. Ms Kamat and Ms Vachharajani were the coordinators for the event.

Committees:

Jihasa Vachharajani:

- Chairperson, Board of Studies, Department of English
- Member, Academic Council
- Member, Anti-Ragging Committee
- Member, Grievance Redressal Committee
- Member, Admission Committee
- Co-coordinator, EXAP
- Staff member-in-charge, College Magazine
- Staff member-in-charge, SCEDA

Samrita Sinha:

- Member, Board of Studies, Department of English
- Member, IQAC sub-committee
- Member, EXAP Cultural Committee
- Staff member-in-charge, Bhartiya Sanskriti Parishad

- Member, Bridge Courses Committee
- Staff coordinator, Sophia College Rotaract Club

Nishtha Dev:

- Member, Board of Studies, Department of English
- Member, EXAP Seminar Component
- Member, Examination Committee
- Member, Attendance Committee
- Convenor, Ananya Committee
- Staff member-in-charge, English Literary Society

Dr Elwin Susan John:

- Member, Board of Studies, Department of English
- Member, IQAC, Research Committee
- Member, EXAP Research Committee
- Member, Timetable Committee
- Member, Swayam Committee
- Member, Staff Action Committee

Academic Audit:

The department presented the data related to its teaching-learning as well as the evaluation processes during the Academic Audit held in February 2020.

EXAP Projects Guided:

Ms Vachharajani guided Manali Gogri, Soumi Mitra and Urja Shah for their Seminar Component paper titled “The Socio-Cultural History of Corsets”.

Ms Dev guided Aamatullah Rajotwala, Prabhtej Sabarwal and Rhea Kotrashetti for their Seminar Component paper titled “Many Voices, Many Traumas: An Analysis of Memoirs of Homosexual Holocaust Survivors”.

Papers presented:

Ms Sinha presented the paper titled, “Decolonisation of Queer Politics in Suniti Namjoshi’S Oeuvre” at the International Web Conference on Rethinking Humanities and its Entanglements, organised by Amity University, Kolkata, August 5-7, 2020.

Ms Sinha presented the paper titled, “Narrative Strategies of Decolonisation:Autoethnography in Mamang Dai’s *The Legends of Pensam*”, in the 1st Rupkatha International Open Conference on Recent Advances in Interdisciplinary Humanities (Virtual), held on August 20-22, 2020.

Ms Sinha presented the paper titled, “Registers of Protest: A Comparative Study Of Poetic Voices Of Dissent From Kashmir, Northeast India And The Dalit Community” at the Fourth Annual South Asian Studies Conference, (Virtual) organised by Ireland India Institute, Dublin City University held on April 28-30, 2021.

Dr John presented a paper titled “Dance with Acid and Fire: Gender, Disability and Burnt Identities” at a webinar organised by NIT- Agartala on April 16, 2021.

Dr John presented a paper titled “Speckled Selves: Epidermis, Disease and Identity in Narratives” at the Annual South Asia conference organised by Ireland India Institute, Dublin University on April 29, 2021.

Invited talks:

Ms Sinha was invited by the Department of English, Vivekananda College for Women, Kolkata, to deliver a lecture on “Mass Communication and Globalisation” on May 1, 2021.

Ms Sinha was invited to deliver a lecture by Wilson College and Youth4Jobs Foundation on “The Literary Trajectory of the Social Construction of Disability”, for the Certificate Course on Disability Studies, offered by Andrews Vision Centre, on June 2, 2021.

Ms Sinha was invited by the Department of English, Vivekananda College for Women, Kolkata, to deliver a lecture on “Mamang Dai’s Voice of the Mountains” on June 6, 2021.

Dr John was invited as the resource person for a webinar on “Post-Apocalyptic Narratives” by Government College, Daman held on July 21, 2020.

Dr John was the resource person for the valedictory session of the 4-day national conference on “Translating Boundaries: Nation, Culture and Body” organised by S H College, Chalakud, on March 26, 2021.

Publications:

Ms Sinha published an article titled “Narrative Strategies of Decolonisation: Autoethnography in Mamang Dai’s The Legends of Pensam.” Rupkatha Journal on Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities, vol.12, no.5, 2020, pp. 1-10 E-ISSN 0975-2935 I (Vo;.12, No.5) Indexed by Web of Science, Scopus, ERIHPLUS, EBSCO, UGC. DOI: 10.21659/rupkatha.v12n5.rioc1s18n4 <http://rupkatha.com/V12/n5/rioc1s18n4.pdf>

Ms Sinha published an article titled “Pathologies of ‘Body Fictions’: A Comparative Analysis of *Margarita With a Straw* and *Kuch Bheegay Alfaaz*” in *Female Body Image in Contemporary Indian Literature and Popular Culture*”, edited by Dr. Srirupa Chatterjee and Dr Sweta Garg, Temple University Press, 2022. (Forthcoming)

Ms Sinha published an article titled "A Racialised Pandemic and its Necropolitical Aftermaths" in an online newspaper, cnbctv18.com. <https://www.cnbctv18.com/views/view-a-racialised-pandemic-and-its-necropolitical-aftermaths-6928361.htm>

Ms Sinha published an article titled "The Subterranean Discourse of Caste Politics in *Pather Panchali*" Special Commemorative Issue: 100 years of *Satyajit Ray – the Indefinable Genius* (Issue 58). 2021.

<https://cafedissensus.com/2021/05/06/the-subterranean-discourse-of-caste-politics-in-pather-panchali/>

Awards/recognition/grants/degrees:

Ms Sinha is currently working on the RUSA sanctioned MRP on "The Biopolitics of Protest in Select Anglophone Texts From Northeast India", 2020-2022.

Ms Dev is currently working on the RUSA sanctioned MRP 2020-2022.

Webinars, lecture series, talks attended:

Jihasa Vachharajani:

May 2020:

1. May 9: Virtual Enrichment Session by Mr John Leonard Mahimal organised by IQAC, Sophia College (Autonomous)
2. May 19: "Cyber Awareness and Security for Academicians in the New Normal" by Sachin Dedhia organised by IQAC, Sophia College (Autonomous)

June 2020:

1. June 4: Vigyan Vidushi 2020 and TIFR: "Does Science Have a Gender? Reflections on Women and Science" by Prof Shobhana Narasimhan (Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research)
2. June 13: Talk on "The Food of Mumbai - Its restaurants, markets, thelas, khau gallis and kattas" by Dr Kurush Dalal as part of the online lecture series on THE –LOGY OF MUMBAI organised by The Asiatic Society of Mumbai Mumbai Research Centre
3. June 17: "Talk on "Virtual Classrooms: The New Normal" by Charu Mathur organised by USIEF
4. June 18: International Webinar on 'Partition Literature from Pakistan' organised by Department of Humanities, St.Claret College, Bengaluru; resource person: Ms Sana Munir, Author
5. June 30: The Department of English, SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), Sion (W) in association with Central Training Division of SIES Group of

Institutions organised an international webinar on "Spatial Anxieties and Estrangement During and Post-Pandemic: An International Perspective" by Dr. Peter Cunningham, Faculty, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa.

July 2020:

1. July 4 and 5: attended three online sessions of the Belongg Fest, namely, "The Individual and 'the Northeast': Negotiating Tradition, Hope, and a Fragile Peace", "No 'Child's Play': Why Diversity & Inclusivity In Children's Literature is Essential" and "Independent Bookstores & Libraries as Inclusive Cultural Spaces: The Promise & Perils"
2. July 6: Vellore Institute of Technology (Division of Social Sciences and Languages) organised an international webinar on "Medical Humanities: For the Beginners" by Professor Stuart Murray, University of Leeds (UK)
3. July 9: attended an online discussion on "Statues in Colonial Bombay & Bengal Presidencies" by Tapati Guha-Thakurta, Sandeep Dahisarkar and Dr Simin Patel
4. July 18: attended a free virtual walk of the Bassein Fort with Andre Baptista organised by the Asiatic Society of Bombay

August 2020:

1. August 7: attended virtual tour of Vile Parle organised by Sandeep Dahisarkar organised by the Asiatic Society of Bombay

Samrita Sinha:

April 2020:

1. "Remembering Bapu: Gandhi Vs. Swaraj" – Ashoka University: Beyond the Classroom Lecture Series (22nd April, 2020)
2. "Islamic Poetry: Combat with the Self" – Ashoka University: Beyond the Classroom Lecture Series (29th April, 2020)

May 2020:

1. "Cyber Awareness & Security for Academicians in the new Normal"- Sophia College IQAC (19th May, 2020)
2. "Google Classroom"- Sophia College, Mumbai (9th May, 2020)
3. "Faculty Development Programme"- Lectures series- North Storm Academy, Maharashtra (14th May, 2020)
4. "Pandemic and Post-Pandemic Reflection"- Webinar series- Bharata Mata College, Kerala (15th, 19th and 30th May, 2020)
5. "Elements of Film Theory" – Namakkal College, Tamil Nadu (24th May, 2020)
6. "Science Fiction"- Rizvi College, Maharashtra (18th May, 2020)

7. "Pandemics in Cinema: Filming the Invisible Enemy" – Columbia Global Centers (7th May, 2020)
8. South Asian Literary Festival: Meena Kandasamy and Arunava Sinha, organized by Dr. Pragya Agarwal, Author, Scientist and Speaker (28th May, 2020)
9. "The Politics of Women's Writing" – Two Day National Webinar organized by Bharati College, New Delhi (26th and 27th May, 2020)

Nishtha Dev:

April 2020:

1. "Does Morality Require God?"- 'Beyond the Classroom' Series- Ashoka University, April 4, 2020

May 2020:

1. "Pandemics in Cinema: Filming the 'Invisible Enemy'" Columbia Global Centers- May 7, 2020
2. "Google Classroom"- Sophia College, Mumbai- 9th May, 2020
3. "Concerns, Complexities and Dialogues in Religious Philosophies"- Kaash Foundation- 12th May, 2020
4. "Faculty Development Programme"- Lectures series- North Storm Academy, Maharashtra-14th May, 2020
5. "Pandemic and Post-Pandemic Reflection"- Webinar series- Bharata Mata College, Kerala- 15th, 19th and 30th May, 2020
6. "Interface: A Webinar Series on Literature and Beyond"- Ruia College, Maharashtra- 16th to 22nd May, 2020
7. "Science Fiction"- Rizvi College, Maharashtra- 18th May, 2020
8. "Cyber Awareness & Security for Academicians in the new Normal"- Sophia College IQAC- 19th May, 2020
9. "Research Writing & Enhancing Visibility" - IQAC & Library of S. P. Mandali's Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College, Mumbai- 21st May, 2020
10. "Masculinity in Malayalam Movies"- St Mary's College, Kerala-24th May, 2020
11. "Isolation and Despair at the Time of Plague"- Little Flower Degree College, Hyderabad- 29th May, 2020
12. "Significance of Historiographic Fiction in Difficult Times"- Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha- 30th May, 2020

Dr Elwin John:

May 2020:

1. Sophia IQAC webinar conducted by Mr Mahimal on "Google Classroom"

2. Web talk on “The Visible and the Invisible: How to Study a Photograph”- Tetso College, Nagaland
3. Kaash foundation webinar on “Concerns, Complexities and Dialogues in Religious Philosophies”
4. Webinar- North Storm Academy- “How to do Online course planning and design”
5. Webinar- North Storm Academy- “Best Practices of Online Teaching”
6. Webinar series by Bharata Mata College, Kerala on “Pandemic and Post-pandemic reflections”
7. Webinar series by Ruia College, Mumbai on “Interface: Literature and Beyond”
8. Webinar conducted by Cambridge University Press on “Motivating Teenagers”
9. “Science Fiction”- Rizvi College, Maharashtra- 18th May, 2020
10. Webinar- Sophia College- Cyber security
11. Webinar on “Elements of Film Theory” conducted by Namakkal College, Tamil Nadu
12. “Masculinity in Malayalam Movies”- St Mary’s College, Kerala-24th May, 2020

Quizzes:

1. “Romantic Period”- St. Gonsalo Garcia College, Maharashtra- 5th May, 2020
2. “Communication and Soft Skills Online Quiz”- St Joseph's Degree and PG College, Andhra Pradesh- 4th May, 2020
3. “Pandemic Knowledge and Vocabulary Builder”- Sanskar Sarjan Education Society’s DTSS College of Commerce, Maharashtra- 6th May, 2020
4. “Online Learning Systems” - Burhani College, Maharashtra- 8th May, 2020
5. “Teacher’s Aptitude Test”- Viva College, Maharashtra- 12th May, 2020
6. “Covid 19 Awareness”- Women empowerment cell, Govt. Arts and Science college, Nagercoil, TN- 17th May, 2020
7. “Vocabulary Quiz”, Rustamji Institute of Technology, Madhya Pradesh- 22nd May, 2020
8. “On Idioms and Phrases”- Rustamji Institute of Technology, Madhya Pradesh- 31st may, 2020
9. “Literary Theory and Criticism”- DKM College for Women, Tamil Nadu- 21st May, 2020
10. “Language and General Knowledge”- Siddharth College, Fort, Maharashtra-23rd May, 2020
11. “International day for biodiversity quiz”, Hindustan College, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu- 22nd May, 2020

June 2020:

1. Webinar- “Postcolonial Negotiations: History, Literature and Culture”- Sidho Kanho Birsho University, West Bengal- 5th June
2. Webinar- “Reflections on Post-Covid Literary Scenario”, Bhavan’s College, Chowpatty- 6th June
3. Webinar- “Postmodernism and Representation”, RR College, Tamil Nadu- 8th June
4. Webinar- “Cultural Studies”, B SS Arts College, Makani- 10th June
5. Webinar- “English Poetry: Our Educator”- lecture series, St. Philomena’s College, (10th to 12th June)

6. Webinar- "Dissent in Literature", Loyola College, Bangalore, 10th June
7. Webinar- "Gender Studies: Rethinking Inequalities", V O Chidambaram College, 11th June
8. Webinar- "Politics of language in postcolonial literature"-NSS College, Pandalam, 13th June
9. Webinar- "Poetry for the Fractured World"- Maniben Nanavati College, Mumbai- 15th June
10. Webinar- "Reading Literature through Nomadic Theory"- Farook College, Kozhikode- 13th June
11. Webinar- "Pandemics, Cultural Lockdowns and Literature"- Carmel College, Mala, Kerala- 16th June
12. Webinar- "Post Dramatic Performances"- Carmel College, Kerala- 17th June
13. Webinar- "Poetry and Society"- Anant National University, Gujarat- 17th June
14. Webinar- "Drama: What can the first scene tell Us?"- National Academy College, Bangalore- 18th June
15. Webinar- "Partition Literature from Pakistan"- St Claret's College, Bangalore- 18th June
16. Webinar- "Narratology and Cultural Studies"- Sri S Ramasamy Naidu College- 18th June
17. Webinar- "On Literary Arts"- MES Keeveyam College, Valanchery- Babitha's talk- 19th June
18. Webinar- 'Man' and 'Plague' in Literature and Theory: Story, History & Future'- St. Jerome's College, Nagercoil- 20th June
19. Webinar- "Literature and History"- MG Central University, Bihar, June 23rd
20. Webinar- "Medical Humanity"- Valluvar College- 22nd June
21. Webinar- "Migrants, Morality and Middle class"- Christ University, Trivandrum- 22nd June
22. Webinar- "Cultural Studies apropos Antonio Gramsci"- Don Bosco College- 25th June
23. Webinar- "Coronavirus terrain"-26th and 27th June- Vaze College
24. Webinar- "Revisiting Children's Literature"- 27th June- Varde College
25. Webinar- "Spatial Anxieties and Estrangement during the post-pandemic"- SIES- 30th June

July 2020:

1. Lecture series- "Re-contextualising Gender"- Mar Ivanios College- 1st to 3rd July, 2020
2. Lectures Series- Sundar Sarukkai- "Science and Society"- TISS
3. Webinar- "East- West Panacea"- Kamaraj College- 2nd July
4. Webinar- "Marxist Approaches to Literature"- 3rd July-V O Chithambaram College
5. Webinar- Walking on Water- Globalisation and History- University of Hyderabad- 3rd July
6. Webinar- "Between Bios and Technos"- Farook College-4th July
7. Webinar series- "Apocalypse Narratives"- 4th, 5th and 8th July- Prafulla Chandra College
8. Webinar- "Medical Humanities"- VIT- 6th July
9. Webinar- "Pandemic discourse and literary responses"- St Mary's College- 8th July
10. Webinar- "Fan Cultures: Different modes of Love"- 11th July- Poothotta College, Kerala
11. Webinar- "Post Pandemic Cultural Orders and Possibilities"- 13th July- Alphonsa College
12. Webinar- "Cultural and Ethical Trajectories of Contemporary Travel Writing"- St. Aloysius College- 13th July
13. Webinar- "Women's Paintings"- 14th July- Gurudev College
14. Sophia College- Centa Training- 13th, 15th and 17th July
15. Webinar: "Religion, society and religious conflicts" Sudhir Kakkar- 15th July- Bharati College, Delhi

16. Webinar- "Contemporary Feminism: Politics and Priorities"- 22nd July- Neeramankara College
17. Webinar- "Decolonization in Literature and Cinema"- 22nd July- VIT
18. Webinar- "Online Resources for Higher Education and Research"- 23rd July-Baselious College
19. Webinar- "Translating Indian Literature"- Don Bosco, Sulthanbathery- 27th July
20. Webinar- "Disabled Bodies and Embedded Self"- S B College, 28th July
21. Webinar- "On doing CS"- Ideal College, Kuttiyady- 29th July
22. Webinar- "Ethnoliterature with South Asian Literature in Context"- SN College, Kollam- 30th July
23. Webinar- "Community, Images and Narratives"- Jesus and Mary College- 30th July
24. Webinar- "Transgressive Illusions and Radical Visions: Circus in 20th c Children's Literature"- Kongunadu Arts and Science College-31st July

August 2020:

1. Webinar on Fulbright Fellowship- Mumbai University- 5th August
2. Sophia College IQAC training on the use of Zoom- 5th August
3. Webinar- "Humanities in Crisis"- Khanna College, Allahabad- 4th august
4. Webinar- "Psyche behind lockdown art and literature"- St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor- 11th August
5. Webinar- "Body and Literature"- KK Das College, Kolkata- 20th August
6. Webinar- "Journeying through Wonderlands"- Shyamaprasad College, Delhi- 21st August

Workshops, lecture series, training courses, certificate courses attended/completed:

Jihasa Vachharajani:

June 9 to July 2, 2020: Tarabai Modak Lecture Series on the theme "Science and Society" by Prof Sundar Sarukkai organised by the Azim Premji School of Education (APSoE) in partnership with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Barefoot Philosophers and Cadence Institute for Excellence and Social Empowerment (CIESE).

July 13, 15 and 17, 2020: attended the CENTA Online Teaching Course (Technology Module) organised by Sophia College (Autonomous), Mumbai

June 28 to July 2, 2020: attended an online workshop on "Interactive Online Teaching Platforms" organised by St Xavier's College, Mumbai (Autonomous)

July 2 - 17, 2020: completed a two-week Faculty Development Programme on "Advanced Concepts For Developing MOOCS" organised by the Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, and sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India,

July 6 to July 17, 2020: "The Studying Food Workshop" organised by Mythopia

January 29, 2021: Sophia College (Autonomous) IQAC webinar “Looking Ahead: NAAC 2023”

February 16-18, 2021: Sophia College (Autonomous) IQAC Annual Conference "Autonomy - The Path Ahead"

April 10, 2021: RUSA-sponsored IQAC Staff Enrichment Program - "Bloom's taxonomy for Constructing MCQs" by Dr Vini Sebastian, St Xavier's Institute of Education

April 16, 2021: RUSA-sponsored IQAC Staff Enrichment Program - “Learning Outcomes for Constructing MCQs” by Dr Andrea Coutinho and “Developing Assessment Rubrics” by Mr Ivan John from Sophia College (Autonomous)

Dr John:

Dr John completed an FDP of 12 weeks on the NPTEL Swayam courses, titled “Text, Textuality and Digital Media”, in December 2020.

Dr John attended an international workshop on “Research in the Humanities in the 21st century” in February and March 2021 conducted by S B College, Kerala.

Dr John attended the international workshop on “Memory Studies” organised by the Centre for Memory Studies, IIT- Chennai, from April 26 - 30, 2021.

Postgraduate teaching/evaluation and/or guidance/mentorship provided to postgraduate students:

Ms Sinha was invited as a visiting lecturer by the Department of English, S.N.D.T University to teach the Semester III optional paper on 18th and 19th Century Novel to M.A Part II students.

Ms Dev was invited as a visiting lecturer by the Department of English, S.N.D.T University to teach the Semester III optional paper on 18th and 19th Century Novel to M.A Part II students.

Research:

Ms Sinha is currently pursuing her Ph.D. from S.N.D.T University under the guidance of Dr Mala Pandurang and has appeared for her first RAC meeting in May, 2020.

Membership in Academic Bodies:

Samrita Sinha:

Ms Sinha is currently a member of ICALALS (Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies), an officially recognised Indian Chapter of International ACLALS.

Nishtha Dev:

Ms Dev is currently a member of ICALALS (Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies), an officially recognised Indian Chapter of International ACLALS.

She is also a member of the Indian Network for Memory Studies.

Dr John:

Dr John is currently a member of ICALALS (Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies), an officially recognised Indian Chapter of International ACLALS.

She is also a member of the Indian Network for Memory Studies.

Other activities:

All the members of the department mentored the TAs (Ms Samreen Sajeda, Ms Aayushi Sharma and Ms Shadab Zaveri) who helped them with departmental work in the academic year 2020-21.

Ms Vachharajani took an online viva for Ms Shadab Zaveri and Ms Marlyn Pereira, the interns of SNTD Women's University who worked under her during the academic year 2019-20, on June 11, 2020

Ms Sinha was invited to be a reviewer for *Sambhashan*, a free, open-access, online journal of the University of Mumbai, in August 2020.

Ms Sinha was invited to be a reviewer for "Vantage: Journal of Thematic Analysis" Maitreyi College, Delhi University, in October 2020 (ISSN: 2582-7391).

Ms Dev co-organised an essay- writing activity with Ms Sangeeta Dubey for Sophia College students in the last week of May for 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' venture under State Project Directorate (SPD) Maharashtra, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in the last week of May

Dr John judged an e-poster competition on "The Right to Choice: The Legal Age of Marriage in India" organised by the Department of Education on February 10, 2021.

Dr John reviewed a research article for a journal by the Kaash foundation.