

History Department Report (2023-2024)

Preliminary information

I. Department profile:

Swarupa Kamat, Head of Department and Associate Professor
Dr. Rashna Poncha, Vice-Principal (Arts) and Associate Professor
Firdos Makwana, CHB
Dr. Lata Pujari, CHB
Ms Riddhi Joshi CHB

II. Courses/Papers taught:

1. FYBA MAJOR Semester I: History of Europe (c. 1914 – 1945 CE)
2. FYBA MINOR Semester I: Ancient India from Earliest Times to the 3rd Century BCE.
3. FYBA Vocational Skills Course (VSC) Semester I: Introduction to Archaeology
4. FYBA MAJOR Semester II: Ancient India : Harappan Civilisation to the Mauryas
5. FYBA MINOR Semester II: Milestones in European History (1914 – 1945 CE)
6. FYBA Vocational Skills Course (VSC) Semester II: Introduction to India's Heritage: Rock-Cut and Temple Architecture
7. HISTORY II Semester III: Landmarks of World History (c.1300 CE -1914 CE)
8. HISTORY II Semester IV: Landmarks of World History (1914 – 1945 CE)
9. HISTORY III Semester III: History of Modern India (c. 1700 – 1857 CE)
10. HISTORY III Semester IV: History of Modern India (c. 1800 – 1947 CE)
11. HISTORY IV Semester V: Medieval India (1000 CE - 1526 CE)
12. HISTORY IV Semester VI: History of Mughal India (1526 CE – 1707 CE)
13. HISTORY V Semester V: History of Independent India (1947 CE- 1984 CE)
14. HISTORY V Semester VI: History of Mumbai (c. 17th Century to 1947 CE)
15. HISTORY VI Semester V: Introduction to Archaeology and Library Science
16. HISTORY VI Semester VI: Introduction to Museology and Archival Science
17. HISTORY VII Semester V: History of the Marathas (1630 CE - 1707 CE)
18. HISTORY VII Semester VI: History of the Marathas (1707CE -1818CE)
19. HISTORY VIII Semester V: History of the World (1945 CE- 2005 CE)
20. HISTORY VIII Semester VI: History of Asia (1945 CE – 2005 CE)
21. HISTORY IX Semester V: General Knowledge and Current Affairs

22. HISTORY IX Semester VI: Introduction to Research Methodology

III. BOS composition:

- Swarupa Kamat -Chairperson, HoD
- Dr. Rashna Poncha- Faculty Member, VP (Arts)
- Manisha Sakure- VC Nominee, HoD Khalsa College
- Dr. Jaswandi Wamburkar-Subject Expert, HoD, SNTD Women's University
- Dr. Madhumita Bandyopadhyay -Subject Expert, HoD, Smt. P. N. Doshi Women's College, (Affiliated to SNTD University)
- Dr. Kurush Dalal- Representative from Allied area, Archaeologist and Historian
- Prof. Dr. Manjiri Kamat- Meritorious Alumni, University of Mumbai

IV. Dates of BOS meetings: 30th October 2023 and 12^h April 2024

Report

1. Activities Conducted by the department:

1) A Talk on Archaeology

6th December 2023

Dr. R. Poncha

TYBA (History) and FYBSc (Chemistry) students

Resource Person: Dr. Kurush Dalal



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Sophia College (Autonomous)
Warananagar, Mumbai

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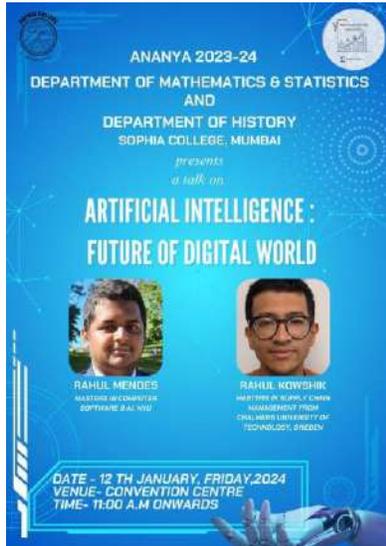
SOPHIA COLLEGE
AUTONOMOUS

A talk on archaeology
by
DR. KURUSH DALAL

On Friday 15th December 2023
at 9 am in the A V Hall

THIS IS A RUSA SUPPORTED TALK.

2. A Talk on Artificial Intelligence organised jointly with Department of Mathematics and Statistics as Ananya Event
12th January 2024
S.Kamat and Dr.Poncha
Around 50 students



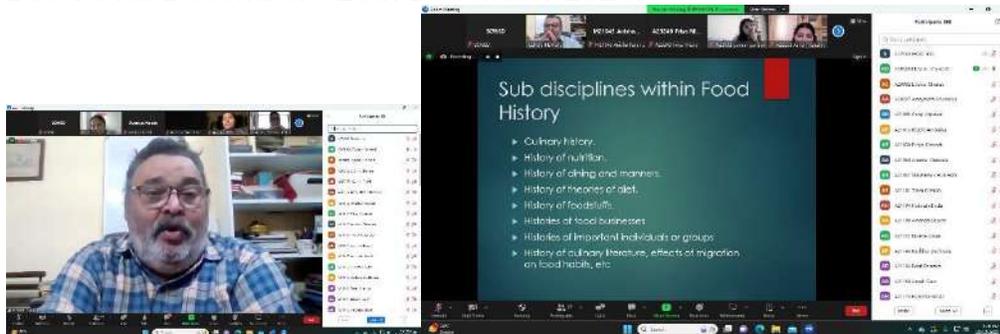
Certificate Course in collaboration with SCWSD

History of Indian Food

Total registrations: 61

Course completed: 54

Date: 11th December - 29th December 2023.




 DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF
 SOPHIA COLLEGE (EMPOWERED AUTONOMY)
 AND
 SOPHIA IRENE HEREDIA CENTRE FOR
 WOMEN'S STUDIES AND DEVELOPMENT
 PRESENT
HISTORY OF INDIAN FOOD
 Two Credits Value Added Certificate Course

Duration: 30 Hours
[3 Online Sessions + 2 city food walks]
Platform: Zoom

Fees: Rs. 3,000/- (for Sophia College students)
 and
 Rs. 3,540/- (for other college students)

Commencing from: 2nd week of December
 Session Timing: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

For more information, contact:
 scwds@sophiacollege.edu.in

Last Date of Registration:
 5 December 2023

Registration Link:
<https://forms.gle/XV7ZMhREN0j0BPhJn6>
(Click on the link for Black, Bezels)

Did you know?

- The oldest cuisines of the world can be traced back to the Mesopotamian Civilisation!
- India produces more than 70% of the spices used in the world.
- Mughal Princess Jahanara was extremely fond of wine imported from Persia, Kabul and Kashmir.
- Akbar was a vegetarian thrice a week.
- India is the world's second largest rice producer, with about 6000 varieties.
- Bhoot jolokia (Ghost pepper), one of the hottest chillies in the world, comes from North-East India and is 46 times spicier than a regular jalapeno pepper.

To Explore such mind-blowing facts, join the course
"History of Indian Food"

Field trips organised by the department:

- 1) Tata Literature Live! Evenings. A Talk by Ms Tasneem Zakaria Mehta ' Mumbai: A City Through Objects. 101 Stories from the Dr. Bhau Daji Lad Museum' 26th June 2023 at NCPA
 Dr. R. Poncha
 10 TY students



- 2) Exhibition at the Asiatic Society of Mumbai 'The Textile Manufactures of India'.
Curated by Savita Suri
Ms S. Kamat and Dr. R. Poncha
40 SY and TY students



- 3) Anil Dharkar Tata LiteratureLive! Independence Lecture. Lecture by Mr. Ravish Kumar 'The India That Inspires Me'
10th August 2023
Dr. R. Poncha and Dr. L. Pujari
15 TY DM students

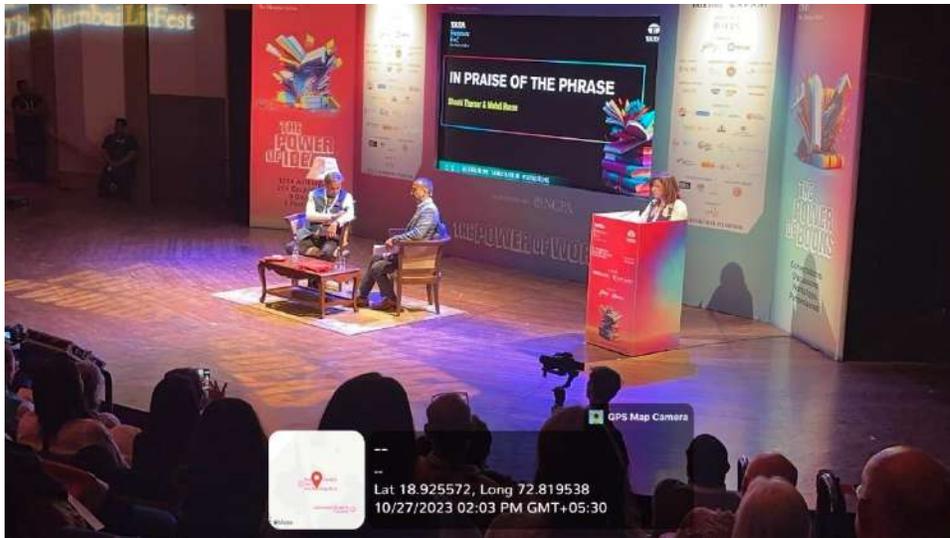


- 4) Genderlogue Panel Discussion 'Challenging Gender Stereotypes in Bollywood: Narrative Shifts and Breaking the Mould'. Organised by the Women's Centre
23rd August 2023 at Sophia College
Ms S. Kamat and Dr. L. Pujari
8 TY SM students



- 5) Tata LiteratureLive! Inaugural. Anil Dharkar Session. 'In Praise of the Phrase'
Shashi Tharoor in conversation with Mehdi Hasan
27th October 2023
Ms S. Kamat, Dr. R. Poncha and Dr. L. Pujari
14 FY students





- 6) 18th Mani Kamerkar Endowment Lecture "Rebels Against the Raj" by Ramachandra Guha
8th December 2023
Dr. R. Poncha, Dr. L Pujari and Ms F. Makwana
FY, SY and TY Students





7) Visit to CSMVS - saw the exhibition "Ancient Sculptures India Egypt Assyria Greece and Rome - took students around the museum.
13th December 2023
Ms S. Kamat and Dr. R. Poncha
SY and TY DM students



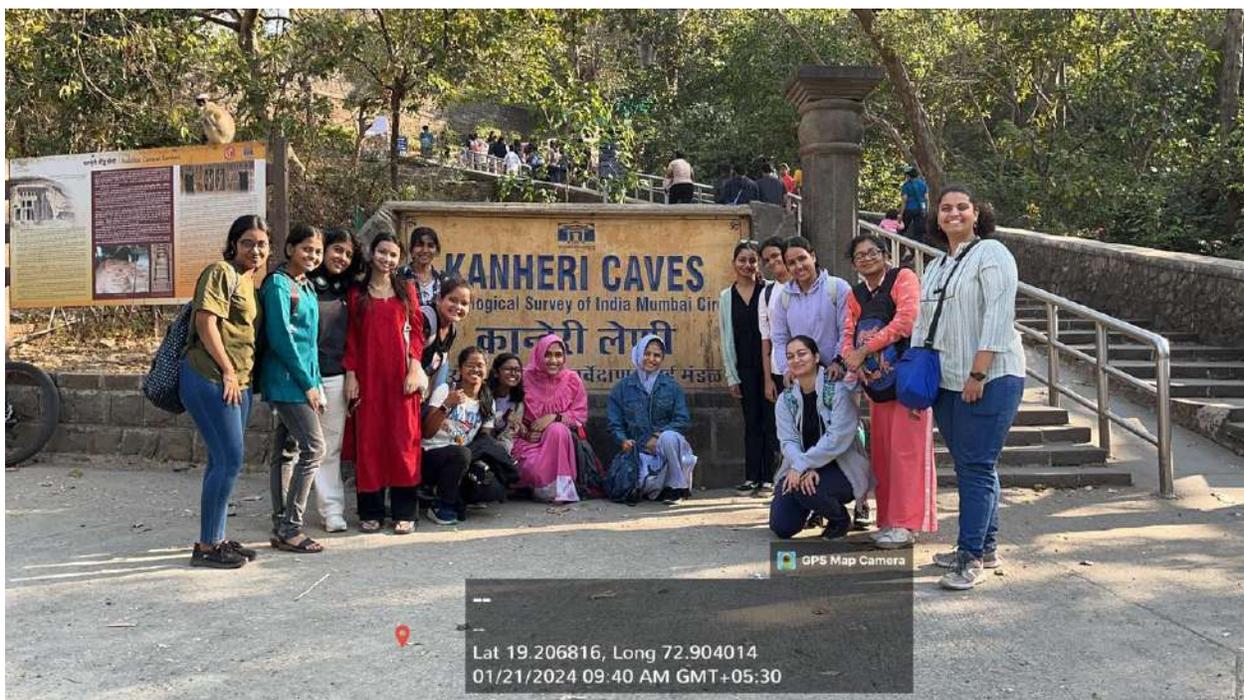


8) East Indian Village Walk at Marol with Ginelle Ebnett
17th December 2023
Ms S. Kamat
11 TY students





9) Visit to Kanheri Caves with Ms Riddhi Joshi
21st January 2024
Ms S. Kamat
15 TY students



10) Visit to Elephanta Caves

27th January 2024

Dr. R. Poncha

37 FY and TY students and 5 ex-students of TY (2022-23)



11) Visit to the David Sassoon Library to see the exhibition of Old Bombay photographs and prints and lithographs by Rajan Jayakar and Mrinal Kapadia

27th January 2024

Dr. R. Poncha

15 FY and TY students



12) Lecture at University Convocation Hall by Prof Mary Beard, "The Shock of the Old."
Organised by the CSMVS and the History Dept of the Mumbai Univ. 2nd Keynote
lecture as part of the Exhibition "Ancient Sculptures India Egypt Assyria Greece,
Rome."

13th February 2024

Dr. R. Poncha

32 FY, SY and TY students



13) Visit to RBI Museum and short Heritage Walk around Fort area.

24th February 2024

D. R. Poncha

5 TY Students



14) Educational Field Trip to Pune in collaboration with the Economics Department

1st-2nd March 2024

S.Kamat & Firdos Makwana

38 TY students



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

Maps, PPTs, Online Videos/Films, Articles (PDF and online) were shared in the Google Classroom.

5. Mentor Mentee programs conducted by the department.

Swarupa Kamat was the Mentor for some FY students

Publication

Dr. Rashna Poncha

Rashna Poncha, co-Editor of the English translation of '*Mumbaino Bahar by Ratanji Faramji Vatcha*', published by The K R Cama Oriental Institute, Mumbai, March 2024. ISBN No.978-93-81324-22-6

