

RUIA STUDENTS' COUNCIL (VIDYARTHI PRATINIDHI MANDAL) 2021-22

The Ruia Students' Council, also known as Vidyarthi Pratinidhi Mandal (VPM) is the students' council of this prestigious institution, which this year completes 85 years of existence as well as excellence.

1) Constitution and Purpose of the body formed.

- ▶ In today's age of globalization and massive competition, mere academic development of a student is not sufficient to ensure a bright future and welcoming avenues for him/her.
- ▶ A student is like a piece of clay and it is the responsibility of the education system to shape this clay into a beautiful vessel which will be strong enough to endure the growing challenges. This can be achieved only if we emphasize on all round personality formation of students. Keeping this in mind Ruia College established its Students' council (Vidyarthi Pratinidhi Mandal) in 1969 which was oriented towards overall development of students, right from its inception.

Aims and Objectives of RSC

- Making a citizen out of a student.
- Realizing college goal to evolve as an institute of excellence.
- Striking balance between student's developmental needs and recreational needs.
- Organization of students for development through participation.
- Promoting leadership qualities and management skills.
- Representation of all the students and grievance redressal.
- Exploring talents and skills, equipping the students for global future.
- Developing spirit of teamwork.
- Integrating all sections of students together.

- Promoting healthy teaching-learning environment through teacher-student participation.

2) Team member in the current year (2021-2022)

Shilpa Neve (RSC Chairperson)

Dr. Manish Hate (Senior College, Vice Principal)

Dr. Varsha Shukla (Senior College, Vice Principal)

Dr. Indira Mangaonkar (Jr. College, Vice Principal)

Mr. Prashant Masali

Supriya Kale

Vaibhav Pongade

Swapnil Pradhan

Kaustubh Joshi

Students' Team

Ms. Sakshi Pethe (General Secretary, Senior College)

Mr. Sahil Tawde (Joint General Secretary, Science)

Ms. Mihika Vengsarkar (Joint General Secretary, Arts)

Ms. Achintya Kolipakkam (Finance Secretary)

Ms. Purva Gawde (Finance Secretary)

Ms. Sakshi Thakur (Cultural Secretary)

Mr. Kartik Kadam (Cultural Secretary)

Ms. Aditee Dandekar (Sports Secretary)

Mr. Harsh Rathod (Sports Secretary)

Ms. Lavanya Kale (General Secretary, Junior College)

3) Activities done under the banner of the body (100-200 words)

Year 2021-22 saw the emergence of a new era in the working of RSC body, we tried our level best to keep up with the high values of Ruia tradition and at the same time adapting with the “New Normal” with COVID- 19 appropriate norms. Our most important priority is to enhance our performance by striving towards excellence and brilliance.

- Ruia Students' Council (VPM) celebrated **Teachers' Day** on 4th September 2021 by organizing entertainment programs for the teachers through online mode.
- On the account of Constitution Day RSC in collaboration with Ruia Cell for Gender Sensitization and Equality, NCC Girl's Wing and NSS Unit organized a session on Indian Constitution: Bird's Eye View by Adv. Duhita Desai on 26th November 2021.
- In order to create a pool of talented artists to participate and perform at various intercollegiate competitions all around Mumbai, RSC organized a talent hunt called “**Talash-E-Talent**” on 25th, 26th, 27th November 2021 and events of Performing Art, Literary Art and Fine Arts were organized for freshers under Students Induction Programme as per the guidelines of UGC. It was conducted in hybrid mode that is some events were conducted online and some offline. Students were selected for the Inter-collegiate competitions such as Mumbai University Youth Festival etc. Our students have reached to the finals of many events of Youth Festival.
- Rose Week was observed where students were encouraged to spread love and happiness through various activities in the first week of December 2021.
- A act on Topic “Mard Ko Dard Hota Hai” organised by Ruia Cell of Gender Sensitization and Equality, RSC, NSS, NCC (Girls), Marathi Bhasha ani Vangmay Mandal (MVM) in collaboration with MAVA (NGO) was conducted on 4th December 2021 in Auditorium.
- REVEALING RAINBOW: KNOWING THE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE OF GENDER a webinar organised by Ruia Cell of Gender Sensitization and

Equality, RSC, NSS, NCC (Girls) in association with Gaurav Organisation on 7th December 2021.

- In order to extend the typical classroom learning to discussions and debates, RSC (Team Literary Arts) had organized '**VOX-POPULI**'- Voice of the academicians to people on 22nd December 2021 where we had invited social leaders and carried out a panel discussion on the topic '**The Changing Patterns of Marriage in Indian Society and Nuptial Stigma**'.
- Although at Ruia, we believe that college is not only three years of education but a journey that is to be celebrated which leaves a lasting effect on our life. Embracing this very idea, the students' council had based its annual cultural festival **Aarohan** on the theme '**BAND BAJA BARAAT**' to celebrate the celebratory spirit of our society. We had organized over 17 intercollegiate competitions for which we received tremendous participation from students within and beyond our college.
- We officially started off Aarohan on 23rd December with **Colosseum**-winter sports events like rink football, box-cricket, badminton, chess, table-tennis etc. in the quadrangle and junior college from 23rd - 24th December 2019.
- Samanvay: An Academic Festival was organised on 4th-5th February 2022.
- RSC (VPM) along with in collaboration with Ruia Cell for Gender Sensitization and Equality, NCC Girl's Wing, NSS Unit and Marathi Bhasha ani Vangmay Mandal on account of International Women's Day organised a session on Understanding Feminism by Adv. Debashree Mandape.
- RSC is conducting Saree and Tie Day on 19th March 2022.
- RSC VPM day was organised on 26th April 2022 to felicitate our volunteers who worked extremely hard all year to make our events successful.

4) Innovative practices of the Body

- Several awareness posters and posts were put up throughout the college campus to spread awareness on Cleanliness, Fitness, Mental Health and Social responsibility.
- Covid Vigilance Committee was appointed in order to maintain social distancing and Covid-19 appropriate norms in the College. Several posters and posts regarding the COVID-19 appropriate norms were put up throughout the college,
- Volunteers of Ruia Students' Council had also organized a blood donation drive on 18th December 2021 in collaboration with NSS which received tremendous response from students and teachers alike.