

This academic year, the P.N.G. Language Lab conducted the three credits strong BEC preparatory course (August-September, 2023). In the examination conducted by the Cambridge University, of the fifteen students who appeared for the exam, seven got "Distinction" (would be like the Indian "O"), four "Pass with Merit" and four passed with first class. This was the last batch of the non-AI, traditional mode. This year, in tandem with the Heritage Collective, the P.N.G. Language Lab, continued the customary tradition of celebrating the World Mother Tongue Day, entitled 'Aikyam', through a varied combination of activities.

The F. [Y. B. Com](#) students who are studying German as their second language put up five playlets. The themes of these plays ranged from a fairy tale by the Grimms Bruder to a very funny interview. Relationships as the real magic, the dream professions, a reunion such were the other themes. The young students used ppt's, stage property and their own acting skills to en'live'n these themes.

The World Mother Tongue Day programme, which as per the tradition began with Saraswati Pujan, had an interesting second half wherein the Heritage Collective students recited in local Indian languages (including Sanskrit, Hindi, Marathi, Manipuri, Punjabi, Gujarati, Tamil, among others) the Preamble to the Constitution which celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary this year.

Next, all these first time voters took a solemn pledge to assert their right to vote in the coming, and following, general election(s).

Under the guidance of the Principal, Dr. Rajesh Kuchekar, Prof. Rajeshree Gokhale, Prof. Neetika Sharma and Prof. Pratima Agnihotri honed the students' attempts. The presence of senior professors from the college, Prof. Sathe, Prof Varsha Deshpande, Prof Nirmale and Prof. Darekar enthused the students more, and further.

In brief, the programme, which had to be postponed, given the beginning of the H.S.C exam on February 21, took a great leap of faith on the rare leap day, February 29.

For the successful run of all such Language Lab programmes, as usual, we thank the Principal, the Vice Principals, the Co-Ordinator, the BBA/BBA-IB section, and the Head, BCA section.

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