

Cultural Forum Annual Report 2018-19

The Cultural Forum (CF) of K. J. Somaiya Degree College of Arts and Commerce (KJSAC), is a platform that caters to the talents of the students and offers them a stage to express and explore their talents. It builds the student's persona and helps them become socially and culturally aware by giving them opportunities to express their talents and take on new challenges. The forum conducts and coordinates various events throughout the year that allow young students to gain hands-on experiences and work with diverse kinds of people. The following is an account of the events and achievements of the year 2018-19.

In August, the cultural forum conducted the annual **Talent Hunt** as well as its own yearly recruitment drive. The talent hunt provides a platform for students who might be presenting their skills for the first time in public, in front of our experienced teachers and their peers, and they are also scouted for participation in various events and fests throughout the year which will give further scope for them to explore and foster their abilities. The final working committee for the year was selected via selection interviews and comprised of students from all the classes, courses and faculties in our college. At the final count, the committee comprises of *80 Junior members, 33 HODs, and 13 Core members*. This committee functioned throughout the year under the guidance of our **Cultural Coordinator CA. Ketaki Ketkar**, the teachers committee, and with the everlasting support of our **Principal Dr. (Smt.) Suddha Vyas**.

The working of the committee began with the official Inauguration of the Cultural Forum on the 28th of August, 2018. Our Chief Guest was Shri. Vaibhav Mota, an alumnus of our college and a successful RJ, VJ, and overall Master of Ceremonies in the public field. He gave a very inspiring, encouraging and motivational speech peppered with his striking sense of humour, imparting life-lessons beyond value in an entertaining way. A graceful dance, melodious musical performances, and the repertoire of our host committee members added to the glory of the ceremony.

The theme for our annual college fest, **Hooner**, was revealed as “**Atlantis**” at the hands of our chief guest, and it shall be explained in full in the section of this report regarding Hooner. Our Cultural Coordinator also announced the appointment of Core committee members **Yogesh Suthar** as our **General Secretary**, and **Saloni Bokil** as our **Joint Secretary**. Lastly we closed with a vote of thanks by our JS, Saloni, and a video displaying the previous year's achievements of the cultural forum.



The Teachers Committee, the Core Committee, and our Chief Guest Mr. Mota, along with our newly unveiled theme: *Atlantis*

Next up was the annual celebration of Teachers' Day on 5th September, 2018, and Founder's Day on the 9th of September, 2018. Both events were conducted in Kalidas Sabhagruha. There was great pomp and gusto and this year's Teachers' Day Celebration was enjoyed even more than usual, as we had new and innovative games that brought our teachers much joy and displayed our appreciation for all their support.

Another activity in September was the **beach cleaning activity at Dadar Chowpaty** near Shivaji Park, Dadar, in collaboration with Dadar G/North Ward BMC. This was a volunteer event on **24th September, 2018** to clean the beach after Ganesh Visarjan. E-certificates were given to all the volunteers for this social activity event and we were also featured on **ABP Majha** news channel.



On 15th December, 2018, we held our annual fair of stalls organised in collaboration with Commerce Association. This year, it was bigger than ever before in its revamped avatar as "**Karnival**" and the number of stalls was 15, the highest ever as of yet. The fair provides a chance for students to bring out their entrepreneurial spirit and let it shine bright. Students are encouraged to set up stalls featuring games, offering foodstuffs or other products, in collaboration with each other. This gives a boost not just to their social skills but also their economic know-how.

Prior to our fest, we celebrated various days of joy for a blast of fun in our college such as Blue Denim Day on the 17th, Saree-Blazer and Tie Day on the 18th, and Twin Day on the 19th of December. These days were the precursor to the activities of Hooner and got all the students excited and enthusiastic for the fest.

Annual day was organized in Kalidas Sabhagruha on 24th December, 2018, immediately after Hooner, with various cultural programs by teachers and students for the TY'ians of all departments of KJSAC. It was a memorable day for all the students as various games and performances such as Mr and Ms TY'ian were held just for them.

We celebrated the annual festival of Makar Sankranti, on 14th January, 2019. This festival was welcomed by the "Patangotsav" kite festival, organised in collaboration with the

Gujarati Sahitya Mandal of KJSAC. This event saw hundreds of colourful kites flying through the sky to the accompaniment of DJ music, as many students came to Gargi Plaza in the evening to welcome the New Year in this traditional celebration. Our esteemed principal, Dr Smt Sudha Vyas, also joined the festival, making it even more special.



Our Principal, the coordinators of both departments, and members of both CF & GSM at Patangotsav

On 29th January 2019, Tuesday, we had Hindustan Times sponsored by Gillette come to our college, K.J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce (Autonomous). They conducted an aptitude test for students which included questions on Maths as well as English, in an MCQ format. This event was jointly organised by the Cultural Forum and Placement Cell of the college. The highest-scoring students stood the chance to win an internship with Hindustan Times. This offer attracted 450 degree college students to appear for the test. The participants got goodies as well. It was a wonderful experience & a good opportunity for all the students.

The students of various departments of KJSAC were invited by *Saam TV*, a Marathi news channel, and Yin Buzz Satellite Network facebook live on 11th February 2019 at Sakal Bhavan, CBD Belapur, for a live discussion on the topic 'Valentine's Day and Youth.' More than 50 students from the Cultural Forum, NSS Degree College Unit, Marathi Prabodhan and also the BMM faculty attended. Later, they were shown around the Sakal Bhavan & had an educative session about newspaper printing, blog writing, and also how news items are broadcasted on Saam TV. The discussion was later publicised on Saam TV.

With this, we have completed the account of all the major extra-curricular events and activities conducted by the CF throughout the year. Now, we shall turn to the account of fests: first our own Hooner, and then the participation of our college in fests organised by other colleges.

HOONER 2018

Our annual college fest Hooner was conducted from 20th - 22nd December, 2018. Our theme this year revolved around Atlantis - finding the hidden treasures of talents within ourselves, protecting the environment and our oceans, and honouring the efforts of our Naval Forces. Our events, decorations, etc. were all based on our theme. For this year's fest, we recruited 70 volunteers from KJSAC itself.

The CL Meet for Hooner 2018 was held on the 6th of December in the KJSAC Conference Room.

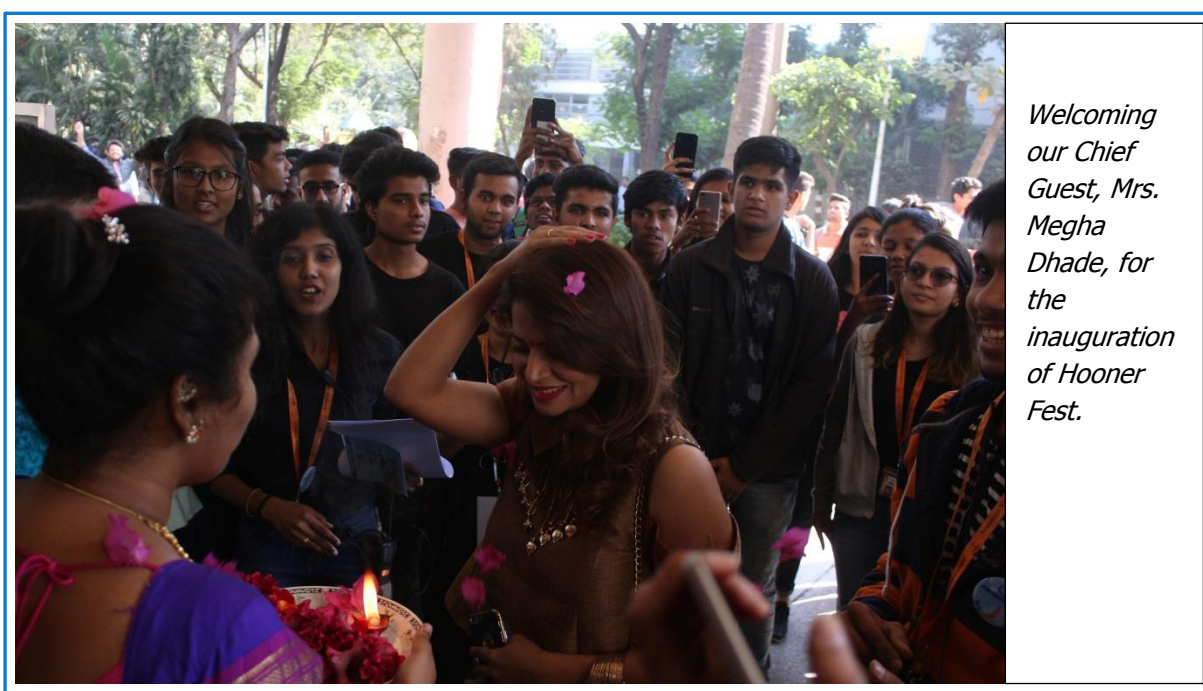


The first day of Hooner was reserved for the students of KJSAC and was strictly for intra-college events. On the remaining two days, all departments of the CF organised various kinds of events which were open to students of both KJSAC as well as other colleges.

Department	Total number of events conducted (E)	Total Entries (T)	Average Participation Per Event (T/E)
FA	6	49	8.17
Gaming	8	162	20.25
Informals	7	122	17.43
IT/ Photography	5	79	15.8
LA	6	59	9.83
PA	8	167	20.88
TOTAL	40	638	15.95

Other than students from our own college, we received participants from K. J. Somaiya College of Science & Commerce, K. J. Somaiya College of Nursing, SIES College of Commerce and Economics, SIES College of Arts, Science, and Commerce, K. P. B. Hinduja College of Commerce, Mumbai University (Fort), Jai Hind College, Wilson College, IBS Mumbai, IEBS Akademia, S. P. N. DOSHI WOMEN'S COLLEGE, S.M. Shetty College of Science, Commerce and Management, Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science and Commerce, R.D.D.A.V. College (Bhandup), Tolani College of Commerce, Model College, Joshi-Bedekar College of Arts & Commerce (Thane), B.K. Birla College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering (Fr. Agnel, Bandra), Datta Meghe College of Engineering, Nagindas Khandwala College (NK College, Malad), among others.

This year, we had the good fortune to have our fest graced by a fair number of celebrities and dignitaries. For the inauguration of Hooner fest, we invited Mrs. Megha Dhade, the winner of the first season of Bigg Boss (Marathi), as our chief guest.



Welcoming our Chief Guest, Mrs. Megha Dhade, for the inauguration of Hooner Fest.

Ms. Apurva Sawant was the judge for our solo dance competition. She is a choreographer, dancer and member of dance group Remission Gravity Family (RGF).

Our judges for the Mr. and Ms. Hooner Contest were established Marathi actress Manasi Naik and choreographer Mr. Ajinkya Thakkur.

For the solo singing contest, our judge was Mr. Abhishek Nalawade, contestant of music reality show Sangeeth Samrat.

Choreographers **Ms. Arunima Dey** and **Mr. Nimit Kotian** judged the All Style Battle dance contest. Mr. Kotian is a choreographer with more than eight years of experience who has worked in multiple major dance shows on television and had also been awarded as the Best Male Dancer in India's biggest event called "WAVES" held by BITS PILANI, Goa. Ms. Dey has been working with Melvin Louis in commercial choreography since 2011 and has been teaching dance choreography since 2012.



Ms. Apoorva Arora, an actress/model and who has acted in the films *OMG: Oh My God!* (2012), *Holiday* (2014) and *Manjha* (2017), was the judge for our multi-talent solo contest Superstar.



Ms. Rae Valentine, a singer, musician, instrumentalist and dancer, was the judge for our instrumental competition. Ms. Valentine is a performing artist who has performed at music and dance events in Mumbai and Pune. Our Group Dance contest was judged by Mr. Snehashish Thomas, dancer and contestant of dance reality television show *Dance Dil Se*.

The contingent from S. K. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce performed the best overall and was awarded the trophy for first place.

Achievements in Inter-College Fests

Apart from organising Hooper, the CF has also actively engaged with other colleges and sent participants to various fests happening all over Mumbai throughout the year. Participating in fests in other colleges broadens the horizons of the students and they discover new and interesting things. It is also a boost to one's confidence when one succeeds in front of a largely unknown audience. Below is a list of the inter-college fests we've participated in, along with the details of the fest and the Contingent Leaders (CLs) as well as Assistant Contingent Leaders (ACLs).

Name of Fest	Host College	Dates	CLs	ACLs
Youth Festival	Mumbai University	August-October 2018	Vaishnavi Ghag (SYBA)	Gayatri Borkar (SYBA)
				Saikiran Mergu (SYBA)
Enigma / Hruturang	R. A. Podar College	24th - 26th August 2018	Ameya Deshpande (TYBCOM)	Tejal Sanghvi (SYBA)
				Shatanik Nayak (SYBCOM)
Malhar	St. Xaviers College	25th - 26th August 2018	Anuja Bonavate (SYBA)	Ankit Pal (SYBCOM)
				Moumita Kander (SYBCOM)
				Dhairya Badiani (SYBCOM)
Umang	N. M. College	19th - 21th August 2018	Prachi Gohil (SYBA)	David Thomson (SYBA)
				Adhishree Shelte (SYBCOM)
Seatown	Lala Lajpatrai College	10th August 2018	Smit Radia (SYBCOM)	Sweta Sahu (SYBCOM)
Disha	S.I.E.S College of Commerce and Economics	27th - 28th September 2018	Nisha Somaiya (SYBCOM)	Parth Jain (FYBFM)
Kiran	K. C. College	27th-29th September 2018	Palak Doshi (SYBA)	Kirtan Suba (FYBFM)
Panache	Mulund College of Commerce, BMM Department	4th - 5th October 2018	Morvica Rajpurohit (FYBA)	Shivam Shinde (FYBCOM)
				Nisha Somaiya (SYBCOM)
Utkarsh	S. K. Somaiya College of Science & Commerce	17th – 19th December 2018	Dhairya Badiani (SYBCOM)	Nisha Somaiya (SYBCOM)
				Abhinav Garg (FYBCOM)
Birlotsav	B. K. Birla College	8th January 2019	Kinjal Gadhia (FYBA)	Muskaan Arora (FYBA)
Technoutsav	Nirmala Memorial Foundation College of Commerce and Science	11th January 2019	Priyanka Gadhia (FYBA)	x

Name of Fest	Host College	Dates	CLs	ACLs
Gandharva	Joshi Bedekar College, Thane	12th January 2019	Prajwal Jadhav (FYBA)	Chabil Chawda (FYBA)
FLAMES	Gurukul College of Commerce	12th - 13th January 2019	Smit Radia (SYBCOM)	Nisha Somaiya (SYBCOM)
Elysium	H. R. College	17th - 18th January 2019	Priyank Sangoi (FYBCOM)	Jimit Doshi (FYBFM)
Mridang	Reena Mehta College	18th - 19th January 2019	Divyesh Jain (FYBCOM)	Purva Seth (FYBCOM)
HR Lit Fest	H. R. College	4th - 5th February 2019	Shreya Gangal (FYBA)	Firdosi Nizam (FYBA)
				Pranati Bhatt (FYBA)
Alegria	Pillai College, Navi Mumbai	5th - 9th February 2019	Sara Bahira (SYBA)	Anjali Sharma (FYBA)

Due to the wonderful performance by the contingent as a whole, our college has been awarded the honours listed below:

Fest	College Achievement
Enigma/ Hruturang	College Rank: 1 st Place
	Sports Trophy for best performance in sporting events
	Greenathon Pre-event Highest Participation
Utkarsh	College Rank: 3 rd Place
Birlotsav	College Rank: 1 st Runner Up
Gandharva	College Rank: 2 nd Place
Elysium	College Rank: 1 st Place

We managed to send one-hundred entries for the photography pre-event in the Enigma fest of R. A. Podar College. In Hruturang competition's photography pre-event we had the photo with maximum likes and our contingent was ranked first. We also won the Mister and Miss Hruturang contest. We won both the Sports trophy and the Epic Snatch trophy of Enigma. As a result of all these small victories, we secured the first position in Podar's Enigma / Hruturang fests.



Enigma participants with the trophies



Utkarsh Team with the trophy



Birlotsav Team



Gandharva Team



Elysium Team receiving the trophy

Below is the list of all the participants who have won a prize in all the fests throughout the year.

Fests	Event Details	Rank	Winning Participants	
			Name	Class
Youth Festival	Quiz	Qualified for finals	Saikiran Mergu	SYBA
			Anand Khandare	SYBA
	Anshul Tangirala		SYBCOM	
	Piyush Mishra		SYBA	
	Mono acting (Marathi)		Bhagyashree Deshpande	TYBA
Enigma/ Hruturang	Greenathon (Men's category)	1	Trimbak More	TYBCOM
		8	Pinang Parekh	TYBCOM
	Greenathon (Women's category)	5	Pooja Mourya	FYBCOM
		7	Hanisha Bhattacharya	TYBCOM
		10	Anuja Bonavate	SYBA
	Mr. Hruturang	NA	Utkarsha Joshi	SYBA
	Ms. Hruturang	NA	Saloni Kalambe	TYBA
	Hruturang Solo Singing	1	Falguni Joshi	TYBA
	Hruturang Treasure Hunt	1	Devika Pawar	TYBA
Devanshi Gupta				
Nimrata Manku				
Akanksha Phalke				

Fests	Event Details	Rank	Winning Participants	
			Name	Class
Enigma/ Hruturang	Jurassic Word	2	Varad Joshi	SYBA
			Gayatri Borkar	
	Talespin	1	Gayatri Borkar	SYBA
	For Better or For Verse	1	Gayatri Borkar	SYBA
		2	Priyanka Gadhia	FYBA
	X Marks The Spot (LA Treasure Hunt)	2	Gayatri Borkar	SYBA
			Aiman Mulla	TYBA
	Band Event	1	Utkarsha Joshi	SYBA
			Smit Radia	SYBCOM
			Parth Shah	SYJC
	Masters of Mockery	1	Shatanik Nayak	SYBCOM
	Survival of the Fittest	1	Darshan Bandal	SYBBI
	Bucket Ball	1	Ankit Chaudhary	FYBCOM
			Tanaya Pande	TYBCOM
			Aastha Shah	FYBA
	Relay Race	1	Darshan Bandal	TYBBI
			Trimbak More	TYBCOM
			Nasaruddin	TYBBI
			Hanisha Bhattacharya	TYBCOM
	Sports Quiz	2	Darshan Bandal	SYBBI
			Bhavika Soni	SYBBI
			Ankit Chaudhary	FYBCOM
			Tanaya Pande	TYBCOM
	Instincts	1	Komal Kriplani	SYBA
	Picture Perfect	2	Yogesh Suthar	TYBA
	Mahavakta	1	Saloni Kalambe	TYBA
	Whistling Woods	1	Saloni Bokil	TYBCOM
			Om Uday Prabhu	SYBCOM
Suchi Rahesh Dedhia			SYBA	
Shagun Shekhawat			FYBFM	
Anjalikumari Sharma			FYBCOM	
Priyank Pradeep Gala			FYBA	
Jugaad	1	Piyush Mishra	SYBA	
		Smit Radia	SYBCOM	
Jungle Jingles	1	Parth Mav	FYJC (Com)	
		Smit Radia	SYBCOM	
		Parth Mav	FYJC (Com)	

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			Name	Class
Malhar	Acrelay	3	Aditi Chikne	TYBCOM
			Hanisha Bhattacharya	TYBCOM
	Surprise Box	3	Nikita Walve	SYBBI
			Yogesh Suthar	TYBA
Seatown	Stand Up Comedy	1	Akshay Mane	SYBA
Disha	One Eyed Jack	2	Parth Jain	FYBFM
			Umang Patadia	FYBCOM
	Decor o'Crystal	1	Amit Jatolia	FYBA
Kiran	RC Football	1	Raj Ganatra	FYBMS
			Abhinav Garg	FYBMS
			Abhishek Gupta	FYBCOM
Utkarsh	Psychonauts (War of DJs)	2	Harshal Shikotra	SYBCOM
	Canva (Book cover design)	1	Karishma Chandwani	FYBA
	Pac- it-up (Man Vs Food)	2	Priyank Sangoi	FYBCOM
	Just a Rant (JAR)	1	Gaurav Gotmare	FYBA
	Pixel Art (Mehendi)	2	Karishma Chandwani	FYBA
	Verbal Tetris (Incomplete Story)	1	Mayur Bhanushali	SYBA
			David Thomson	
			Darshit Shah	
	Pixel Pirates (Treasure Hunt)	1	Hritik Bangar	SYBCOM
			Partita Mirani	
			Raj Shah	FYBCOM
			Debarghya Bhattacharya	
	Top 5 Contingents	1	Dhairya Badiani	SYBCOM
Nisha Somaiya				
Anuraj Ranjan				
Anshul Tangirala			FYBCOM	
Purva Seth				
Birlotsav	Best Out Of Waste	1	Yogesh Suthar	TYBA
			Priyanka Gadhia	FYBA
	Story Writing	2	Priyanka Gadhia	FYBA
	Photography	2	Abhinav Pednekar	TYBCOM
	Minute To Win It	1	Palak Doshi	SYBA
			Kirtan Suba	FYBFM
	Sketching	1	Karishma Chandwani	FYBA
Technoutsav	Presentation	2	Dimple Purohit	FYBA

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			Name	Class
Gandharva	Story Making	1	Kinjal Gadhia	FYBA
	Flashmob	1	Anadi Shrivastava	TYBCOM
			Divya Ambre	TYBA
			Dishank Rathod	SYBCOM
			Sahil Ripote	SYBA
			Monisha Chauhan	SYBCOM
			Shreya Bangera	SYBA
			Riya Rathod	FYBCOM
			Tanya Tiwari	FYBA
			Dhruv Chaubey	FYBMM
			Janvi Bejugam	FYJC
			Nandini Singh	FYBA
			Bhavik Panchal	SYBCOM
			Divyesh Jain	SYBCOM
Hrithik Bangar	FYBCOM			
Trialathon	3	Simran Dalvi	FYBCOM	
FLAMES	Carrom	1	Adhishree Shelte	SYBCOM
Elysium	Turn Over A Leaf	1	Akshada Madkaikar	FYBA
			Kinjal Gadhia	FYBA
	Neon Carrom	2	Harshil Bhatia	TYBCOM
			Surajram Maourya	TYBCOM
	Andhadhun	1	Simran Dalvi	FYBCOM
			Rohit Mishra	TYBCOM
			Yash Mishra	TYBCOM
			Harshil Bhatia	TYBCOM
			Surajram Maourya	TYBCOM
	Artefit	1	Muskaan Arora	FYBCOM
			Chabil Chadwa	FYBCOM
	Hogathon	2	Yash Mishra	TYBCOM
	Deewar-e-Yoga	1	Jimit Doshi	FYBFM
			Anuja Bonavate	SYBA
			Mangesh Giri	FYBCOM
Kinjal Gadhia			FYBA	
Fitness Trivia	1	Yash Mishra	TYBCOM	