1. **ACADEMIC, CO-CURRICULAR, AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

* **NATIONAL SEMINAR-** 15th and 16th February, 2019

The Department of English, Ahmednagar College conducted a National seminar on Emerging Trends in Indian Literatures on 15 and 16 February, 2019. It was sponsored by Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. The seminar was inaugurated by former Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Central University, Gandhinagar. Dr. EV Ramkrishnan. He presented the key note address on the theme of the serninar. The Convenor of the seminar Dr. Simon Bernabas made introductory remarks on the theme of the seminar. Principal Dr. RJ Barnabas was present as the Chairman of the inauguration ceremony. He addressed the audience about the objectives of the seminar

Scholars from various parts of India made presentations on various issues of the theme. Eminent scholars like Dr. VB Tharakeshwar (EFLU, Hyderabad), Dr. Sachin Ketkar (MS University, Baroda), Miss. Kalyanee Rajan (Shahid Bhagat Singh College, New Delhi), Dr. Chandrani Chatterjee (SPPU, Pune), Dr. Anand Ubale (BAMU, Aurangabad) and Dr. Madhuri Dixit (Pemraj Sarda College, Ahmednagar) made their scholarly presentations. More than thirty participants presented their research papers on various issues of the theme. More than hundred faculty, research scholars and students participated in the seminar

Dr. Kamalakar Bhat, Dr Swankanth Silas Kati, Mrs. Shringar Tiwari and Dr. Parag Athawale were members of the Organizing Committee of the seminar. Mr. Ashok Borude and Mrs. Ashita Bandellu were organizing secretary and Asst. organizing secretary respectively. Participants gave their feedback on the successful organization of the seminar.

* **A VISIT TO SAWALI, AN NGO-** 3rd of September 2019

The Department of English visited Sawali, an NGO in Kedgaon, Ahmednagar, on 03.09.2019. All the staff members along with students contributed to donate stationery and food items the children at the organization. The objective of this visit was to familiarize the students with the less fortunate sections in society and to sensitize them to social realities. The children at Sawali were entertained with cultural items and games for more than two hours by the visiting students. Honorable Principal Dr. RJ Barnabas addressed the audience about the need of social work. Vice Principals Dr. AV Nagawade and Dr. BM Gaykar were also present at the venue.

* **POETRY READING COMPETITION-**3rd of January 2019

The Department of English organized Pratibha: Poetry Reading Competition on 03.10.2019. The competition was inaugurated by Vice Principal Dr. BM Gaykar. Mr. Ashok Borude, Coordinator of thecompetition, stated the objectives of the programme. Thirty-one students from various departments of the college participated in the competition. Students read their own poems in Marathi, Hindi and English on diverse themes Dr. Richa Sharma, head of the Hindi department and Mrs. Shringar Tiwari, Asst. Professor of the department of English were the judges. Dr. Sharma spoke about the importance of poetry reading. The prize winning students were felicitated at the end of the programme. Miss. Gopika Manoj, (TYBA) proposed a vote of thanks.

1. **STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Dr Simon G. Bernabas presented a paper entitled "Teaching English in the ESL Classrooms: Some Issues" at the National Seminar-cum-Workshops jointly organised by the Regional Institute of English, South India (RIESI) and the English Language Teachers Interaction Forum (ELTIF) from 28 to 30 January 2019. He was a Resource Person at the MA syllabus revision seminar held at Baburaoji Gholap College, Pune, on 24.08.2019. He was also the Convener of the two-day national seminar on Emerging Trends in Indian Literatures organised by the Dept. of English, Ahmednagar College, on 15 and 16, February 2019.Dr. Kamalakar Bhat was invited as a resource person for a national level workshop on Research Methodology at Manasa Centre for Cultural Studies, Shivmoga in March 2019.He was also invited to give a series of lectures at the PhD MPhil Coursework held at Dept of English,SPPU in April 2019 3. Invited as a Chief Guest for the Book Exhibition held as part of MILAP 2019, the literary festival organised by the Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka in November 2019 He also took part in a Panel Discussion on Girlish Karnad: Memories and Modernity at this Lit Fest. A book edited by him titled "The Word in the World: Essays and Lectures of Professor HS Shivaprakash" was published by Manipal Universal Press, Manipal. A student working under his supervision for PhD Mr. Hemant Gaikwad has submitted his thesis.