

ARTIST GUILD- ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

Activities conducted during the year 2015-16:



Artists' Guild of Podar organized the most celebrated and the most unique form of a cultural festival, i.e. Enigma 2015 – A Mythological Saga. An Enigma is something that is very difficult to explain but R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics' Platinum Jubilee Socio-Cultural Extravaganza – **Enigma** may just only need 3 words to explain – Entertainment, Entertainment and Entertainment. Amassing a phenomenal footfall of more than 20,000 people well attended by over **60 colleges** all across the city, **Enigma 2015**, presented by **#Fame** and powered by the **Times of India** hosted more than 80 jaw-dropping events across 4 rip-roaring days ranging from performing arts to literary arts, from music to dance, from quizzes to sports, from enthrallment to enchantment. The screams of the audience were not just directed towards the mesmerizing performances, since the star-studded spotlights kept shifting from celebrities to luminaries such as Sana Saed, Ritwik Dhanjani, Asha Negi, Vivah, Nakul Mehta, Kunal Kapoor, Star cast of Meeruthiya Gangsters and of course our host – Vishaal Rasquinha.

Pro-Nights – the epitome of Enigma never fail to brim the premises with a raving audience for spellbinding events like War of the DJs or DJ Night with **Zaeden**. **Apocalypse** – A massive event for participants structured through every cubicle of Enigma. The participants, audience, dignitaries and organizers of Enigma 2015 have undeniably agreed that it was a larger-than-ever phenomenon put together by thousands of hearts in unison, a charisma of unadulterated fun. To sum it up, it was indeed an Enigma, no holds barred.

Alone Together



On the occasion of Platinum Jubilee Celebration of R.A.Podar College, an event named **"Alone Together"** in conversation with **USTAAD ZAKIR HUSSAIN** was organised by the Artists' Guild of the college! UstaadZakir Hussain graced our college on the 9th of December, 2015. PanchamNishadh was the helping hand in organising this very event. In this event, UstaadZakir Hussain shared his life's experiences, addressed the audience and narrated the twists and turns his journey took so far. Many dignitaries from the music industry like Devaki Pandit, Shashi Vyaasji, etc. were present on this special occasion. The college auditorium was fully occupied with the students from various schools and colleges to our own Podarites keeping interest in this field. Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan, The Principal of our college, felicitated USTAAD ZAKIR HUSSAIN on behalf of R.A.Podar College with a memento and thanked him for accepting the invitation. He also played tabla, which he is best at, on the request of the audience. It was a well-executed and a successful event. The audience appreciated the efforts of the college for putting up such an event.

Magic of Theatre



On the occasion of Platinum Jubilee Celebration of R.A.Podar College, an event named "The Magic of Theatre" in dialogue with Dr. Vijaya Mehta was organised by the Artists' Guild of the college!

Dr. Vijaya Mehta graced our college on the 12th of January, 2016. Pancham Nishadh was the helping hand in organising this very event. In this event, Dr. Vijaya Mehta shared her life's experiences, addressed the audience and gave her insights on the world of theatre.

Amruta Subhash hosted this event. She also sang 2-3 songs which were mesmerising. Many dignitaries from the film industry like Swati Chitnis, Kadambari Kadam, Shashi Vyaasji, etc were present on this special occasion. Many of the Alumni of R.A.Podar College also took out time from their busy schedule for the event! The college auditorium was fully occupied with students from various schools and colleges to our own Podarites keeping interest in this field! Also, some of the parents had made it to the event. Each and every one thoroughly enjoyed the evening and felt lucky & honoured to be a part of such an amazing event. Dr. (Mrs.) Shobana Vasudevan, the Principal of our college, felicitated Dr. Vijaya Mehta on behalf of R.A.Podar College with a memento and thanked her for accepting the invitation. She also felicitated Amruta Subhash for agreeing to host this event.

In the year 2015-16, R. A. Podar College has won the following inter collegiate events

- S.K Somaiya's Annual Inter collegiate festival **UTKARSH 2015**, 1st Position along with the Best College Award.
- Usha Pravin Gandhi College's **AAHAN'16**, 1st position for the fourth consecutive year.
- Joshi Bedekar College's **GANDHARVA'16**, 1st position for the fourth consecutive year.

- **Indian Peoples' Theatre Association (IPTA)** won the Best Critics Award for the play **BLACKOUT**.

Youth Festival



Mumbai University's Youth Festival is a mega cultural feast organized by the Student's welfare department of the university. It is the most reputed inter collegiate competition held in Mumbai. Around 400 colleges affiliated to the University of Mumbai participate in Youth Festival every year. This year it was the 48th year of Youth Festival. A contingent of our college comprising of 50 most talented students from the college represented the college in youth festival. The Youth Festival comprises of wide range of events, a total of 34 events ranging from namely

Music
Dance
Theatre
Literary
Fine arts.

Each department consisted of more than 6-7 wide range of events. The contingent that represented our college was successful in winning a majority of the events. The following is a list of events where our students excelled.

Skit (Marathi) 1st Skit (Hindi) 1st Mono Acting (Marathi) 2nd Mono Acting (Hindi) 2nd One Act Play (Marathi) 2nd One Act Play (Hindi) 2nd Western Instrumental 3rd Folk Dance 3rd

Event	Position
Skit (Marathi)	1st
Skit (Hindi)	1st
Mono Acting (Marathi)	2nd

Mono Acting (Hindi)	2nd
One Act Play (Marathi)	2nd
One Act Play (Hindi)	2nd
Western Instrumental	3rd
Folk Dance	3rd

Our students, Mr. Rachit Agarwal, Mr. Pranav Advani and Mr. Sanmesh Pawar represented the University of Mumbai team at States and Zonal Youth Festival this year.