

## **Bal Utsav 2014-2015**

For the Department of Human Development, current academic year ended on a wonderful note. On 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, TYBSc, MSc part I and part II students (40 in all) of Department of Human Development had organized Bal Utsav for 46 underprivileged children in the college hall. The event was successfully executed under the guidance of two staff members, Dr Anuradha J. Bakshi and Ms Khyati Sampat.

The event began at 8:30 am where the two mascots (our two TYBSc students) welcomed the children. After a quick prayer, the children were offered healthy breakfast, sponsored by Kelloggs and one TYBSc student, which they relished to the core! The children were looking forward to the recreational session that was next on the list. Be it playing energetic games, exploring the books, conversing with their friends with the use of puppets, or trying their hands at the art and craft corner, they enjoyed it all. What a sight it was to see their energy levels and of course, broad smiles on their faces!

Next on the agenda was the much awaited visit to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Fort. After quickly orienting the children about code of conduct at the Sangrahalaya, the children were taken in taxis to the Sangrahalaya. Children safety was ensured at several points. All were very excited to know what is in store for them once they enter the Sangrahalaya. All children in four groups started exploring and satiating their curiosities! The children were taken through different sections by the Sangrahalaya guides, namely, Natural History, Arms and Armour Gallery, Pre and Proto History and Indian Miniature Paintings. After spending about 90 minutes, we headed back to the college with rich learnings!

After reaching college, the children had a short resting period. After their brains got some food for thought, it was time for their stomachs to get some delicious food! The lunch time began. Children indeed enjoyed the scrumptious meal sponsored by the students and their families. The department students then had organized a short quiz where they asked the children questions based on what they saw at the Sangrahalaya. Most of the questions got answered accurately. This showed that the children did grasp a lot of enriching information!

After the lunch, the event ended at 1:30 pm with a prayer. The children shared how much they loved the activities planned for them. Takeaways too were sponsored and given to all the children as they left the college hall. The students shared that this was one of the most fulfilling events while in college. The smiles and joys on the children's faces was the biggest reward for all the hard work put in by the students and teachers. After all, happiness is.... seeing someone smile and you know you are the reason for that smile!

